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### PASSING OF THE INDIAN.

Old Time Customs Fast Passing Away—The Indian Chief Has Lost His Glory.

Washington Post.  
"The Indian chief of to-day is robbed of all his glory and poetry. He is nothing more than a ward-heeler for his people. His power is practically all gone, but he is something of a leader and acts as a sort of spokesman and schemer for his people." This was the estimate placed on the leaders of the red men by Mr. J. H. Montearth, who has charge of the Blackfeet reservation in Northern Montana, is a guest at the Ebbitt House, and will remain in Washington for several days looking after Indian affairs. "All the war chiefs of the Blackfeet are dead," Mr. Montearth continued. "The last great chief was Laine Bull. He has been dead many years. The present chiefs on the Blackfeet reservation have never distinguished themselves in battle. White Calf is the best known Blackfeet chief who is now living. He is more than seventy-five years old, and has considerable influence among the members of his tribe. He has three wives, which is a sign of his importance. His favorite wife is "Yells in the Night." He likes her so well that he permits her to do all the work around his home. Another one of his wives is "Wades in the Water." Plural marriages are prevented on the agency now, but White Calf had all these wives when the reservation came under government control and no attempt was made to interfere with his household.

"Little Plume, Wolf Tail, and Runaway Crane are other influential Blackfeet chiefs. None of them has as much influence, however, as White Calf. Age is supposed to add much to the wisdom of a chief. Still this old leader finds himself on the level with the humblest men of the tribe when he deals with the government. His ration ticket calls for no more provisions than that of his subjects. It is amusing to hear the various stories which the chiefs create for the purpose of getting more rations. But Indians are all the same in Uncle Sam's eyes. He treats them all alike.

"The Blackfeet will soon disappear. At one time the reservation contained nearly 7,000 Indians. Now there are only 2,100 Indians. The Indians who are on the agency have intermarried for so many years that many of them are weaklings. When they were in their savage state they roamed about and and marriages were entered into with members of other nations. The more enterprising Blackfeet have left the reservation and are making their own way in the world. The indolent ones are contented to remain on their old hunting grounds and let the government take care of them.

"Most of the young Indians have come to the conclusion that they must work and are taking care of cattle and making some attempt at farming. The older ones still live in idleness. The Indian schools maintained by the government are well attended and the government employes have very little trouble keeping the young Indians in school. Years ago many of the men who went into the far North with the Hudson Bay Company married Indian women. For the most part these men were a thrifty lot and did much to improve the condition of the tribes. Of late years, however, a worthless lot of men have married women on the reservations that they might get hold of lands and receive supplies from the government.

"If the Indians on the reservations continue to decrease as rapidly as they have in the past quarter of a century, the government will have but few wards to care for. Reservation life has no charm for the better class of Indians, and the worthless redmen are dying off and intermingling with the whites so rapidly that they will soon be a race of the past."

### The Oratory of Senator Pettus.

Washington Post.  
Senator Pettus solemnly arose as if to address the Senate. His tall and venerable form towered above his colleagues. The Senate became silent, waiting for the words of wisdom which should fall from his lips. With every eye upon him, Mr. Pettus reached around into the tail pocket of his long frock coat and drew forth a plug of tobacco. Then he took a chew and sat down without saying a word. Everybody smiled.

### GOVERNOR AYCOCK AT CHARLESTON.

He Makes a Taking Speech and Shares Honors with the President—Our Military Make a Fine Show.

Charleston Post.  
Charleston, S. C., April 9.—This has been the greatest day since the opening of the exposition, and North Carolina contributed very largely to the tremendous celebration. Tar Heels are greatly in evidence on every hand, and when the formal welcome to President Roosevelt was made at the exposition grounds fully five thousand North Carolinians were present.

In the grand military parade which passed in review before the President and party, who occupied a conspicuous position in front of the auditorium, the militia from the old North State made the most creditable showing. The soldiers from North Carolina reflected great credit on their splendid commonwealth. In the reviewing party was Governor Aycock.

The most highly praised and much talked of speech in the auditorium this morning upon the occasion of the formal welcoming of President Roosevelt was the one delivered by Governor Aycock in his characteristic style. His speech, patriotic in its every feature, was interrupted by frequent applause from an ocean of people that filled the vast auditorium. When he concluded his address all North Carolinians in the auditorium rose to their feet in the midst of cheering, waving of handkerchiefs and tossing of hats. His speech was one of the main features of the day, and Governor Aycock is receiving showers of congratulations.

President Roosevelt, in the beginning of his speech, made the following remark: "I have but one complaint to make; the Governor of North Carolina has said many things that I had to say." And this statement was borne out by the President's repeated references to Governor Aycock's speech. The Governor's greeting to the President was appropriate and eloquent.

Tomorrow is North Carolina day, and her militia will form at the Argyle Hotel and march to the exposition grounds, where appropriate exercises will be observed in the auditorium. The Governor and Col. E. Robinson will be among the speakers.

The Governor's staff is holding an informal reception at the Argyle Hotel tonight. The United States ship Hornet, which had a mishap to her machinery, will be repaired tomorrow preparatory to the return of the North Carolina Naval Brigade. The boys had a terrible experience at sea.

### How North Carolinians Fought.

Kinston Free Press.  
Congressman Warnock, of Ohio, a grizzled veteran of the civil war who wore the blue, paid North Carolina a handsome tribute while speaking to the Army appropriation bill. He was discussing the great conflicts of the civil war, and in advertising to the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment at Gettysburg, said:

"That I regard as one of the most remarkable instances in all history. That regiment was 820 strong. It had 86 killed and 502 wounded, making a total of 588, or 71.7 per cent. That was in the first day's battle; but the most remarkable part of it is that this regiment, in the third day's fight, turned up with a little remnant of 216 men out of their 820, participated in that gallant charge and came out with 80 men left (applause). That I regard as the most remarkable loss in all history. There was a company in that regiment (Capt. Tuttle's company) that went in with three officers and 84 men. They came out of that with only one officer and one man. Another remarkable fact about that contest was the greater loss of officers in proportion to the enlisted men."

### \$3,000 for a Shave.

Winston Sentinel.  
A report comes from Durham that J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, while in Durham on a visit to his father, Washington Duke, sent for a colored barber to come up and shave him. The barber is a prominent member in St. Joseph's colored Methodist Church, which had an indebtedness of \$3,000. During the shaving process the duke were made known to Mr. Duke, who, when the operation was over, tendered his check to cover the indebtedness. John Merrick says it is the largest price he ever received for a single shave.

### STRAWBERRIES ARE RIPENING.

The Eastern Crop the Biggest Ever Grown There—The Growers Expect to Begin Shipping the Latter Part of This Week.

Wilmington Messenger.  
We learn that strawberries in the Rocky Point section are ripening slowly but the growers hope to be able to make shipments the latter part of the present week. The Middleton, Excelsior, Brandywine and Lady Thompson are the principal berries grown at that point and they will ripen in the order named. The early fruit was badly damaged by the recent frosts and cold weather but the vines are now showing up nicely and full of berries.

The city is now full of the representatives of the produce commission houses of many cities in the north, who always come here at this season to look after the berry crop. They tell us that they have been through the berry growing section from Chadbourn to Goldsboro and that the recent frosts have done little or no damage except to delay the ripening of berries. The weather has been so cold that shipping will not commence generally until April 10th and probably not before the 25th.

The representative of one of the largest commission houses who deal with our growers, said yesterday that he never saw a finer prospect for strawberries. He says the crop of this section will be the largest in the history of berry growing in eastern North Carolina.

### An Admirable Speech.

Atlanta Journal.  
The address which President Roosevelt delivered at Charleston yesterday was creditable alike to his head and heart. It was admirable in form and expression and it abounds in sentiments which are becoming to the president of the whole country.

The president began his speech with a very graceful acknowledgment of the honor which Charleston had done him and in declaring his devotion to all sections of our country, he made some happy allusions to his maternal ancestry and the ties of kindred which bound him to the South.

The president's appeal for broad patriotism which shall ignore past differences and set the faces of all citizens of the United States toward the future of our country will touch a responsive chord in millions of hearts in the South, as well as in the North.

These words are worthy to be remembered and cherished by every patriotic American citizen: "All of us, North and South, can glory alike in the valor of the men who wore the blue and of the men who wore the gray. Those were iron times, and only iron men could fight to its terrible finish the giant struggle between the hosts of Grant and Lee. To us of the present day, and to our children and children's children, the valiant deeds the high endeavor, and abnegation of self shown in that struggle by those who took part there in will remain forevermore to mark the level to which we in our turn must rise whenever the hour of the nation's need may come."

In his treatment of the Cuban problem President Roosevelt showed a breadth of view and indicated a firmness of purpose that deserves the commendation of the country. His clear declaration that the government should be held absolutely impartial between all sections, all honest interests, and all classes of citizens was one of the noblest parts of a speech that contains much that is entirely praiseworthy.

We do not wonder that the vast assemblage which heard the president's address received it with enthusiastic demonstrations of approval. The applause that greeted it has extended far beyond the scene of its delivery. Indeed, it may be said to have extended to the limits of the republic. It was a speech addressed to the whole country, not to the people of Charleston and their visitors alone. In it there is much which the nation may well lay to heart and by which it may profit greatly.

The liquor dispensary at Waynesville, which is the drink supply depot for Haywood county and much of the surrounding territory, does a big business. The gross receipts for the year ending March 31 exceed \$19,000 and the net profits were nearly \$7,000. The expense of carrying on the business, including manager's salary, rent and miscellaneous items, was only \$1,200 for the year.

### COTTON SUPPLY RUNNING LOW

Consumption Continues at the Present Rate There Will be None Left by July, as Receipts are Falling Off.

Dispatch Charlotte News.  
New York April 10.—The highest prices reached this season for cotton were yesterday recorded and the market closed at the top. Yesterday's advance is, in my opinion, but a foretaste of what is yet to come.

The figures of the visible supply on Friday will, I think, be startling and sensational. K. G. Dunn and company say that their reports indicate a decrease of acreage for the next crop, with smaller sales of fertilizers and a backward season.

My own very exhaustive inquiry fully confirms this. The new crop is nearly three weeks late and the indicated acreage is six per cent. less than last year. The world consumes 225,000 bales weekly. If the crop shall prove to be three weeks late then an additional 775,000 bales will be required out of this year's supply, already manifestly inadequate.

If consumption continues at the present rate there will be no cotton left by the 15th of July, as receipts are falling off with an unanimity and abruptness that is entirely confirmatory of short crop estimates.

Two years ago cotton sold at over eleven cents a pound upon a situation much less acute than will almost certainly develop this year.

It seems idle to anticipate the culmination of the present advance as long as the consumption continues undiminished.

### McKinley's Doctor Bill.

New York Tribune.

It is expected that when Secretary Cortelyou returns next week from Canton, he will have all the bills caused by the illness, death and burial of the late president in hand and will be ready to present an itemized account to Senator Hanna, who will introduce a bill for an appropriation to defray these expenses. How much the account will amount to is not known within \$80,000 or more, though that it will exceed several hundred thousand dollars there is no doubt. It is not believed that the charge of any of the attending surgeons and physicians will be exorbitant, as was the case when congress volunteered to pay the doctors who attended President Garfield, and, therefore, it is thought that all the bills presented will be paid without question. It is understood that Senator Hanna has been giving this matter his personal attention for the past month or two, and that he has given everybody connected with the case to understand that no excessive charges or fees will be considered. This has had the effect of keeping down the bills appreciably, so that when they are presented to congress there will be no unseemly dispute over them. Every item of expense connected with the heroic efforts made to save Mr. McKinley's life, as well as the cost of his burial, including the special train that bore the body and family party from Buffalo to Washington and thence to Canton will be embraced in the bill presented to congress. General Grosvenor will look after it in the house and Senator Hanna will attend to it in the senate.

### Conditions Changed Since "We Were a Boy."

Burlington News.  
When we were a boy, in studying geography, North Carolina's products were put down as "Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine." We did not believe she was noted for anything else, not even for her blockade corn whiskey. But such is not the case to-day. She is coming to the front; instead of being known for her products of tar, pitch and turpentine, she is known abroad for her splendid products in fruits, minerals, woods and for her manufacturing enterprises, splendid climate, hospitable people, and her brave spirit in overcoming difficulties. The South is fast commanding the respect and admiration of the North, and it will not be long until the old tar, pitch and turpentine State, shall stand at the head in commercial and industrial activity and be not far behind in all those things that stand for high citizenship.

### Good Times Likely to Last.

St. Louis Republic (Dem.)  
This hopefulness of even better times than have been the rule for the past few years is good spring medicine. This is no time for business pessimism. The energies of the country are still operating at full tilt and getting results which surprise other nations. As long as present conditions continue the hum of the factories and crowded stores must be considered as accurate barometers of business and not mere incidents of a boom.

The Southern Railway will at once build a large freight depot at High Point and when this is finished will build a fine passenger depot.

### MISS STONE ARRIVES.

Will Go to Boston and Later Proceed on Lecture Tour.

Charlotte News.

New York, April 10.—Miss Ellen Stone arrived on the Hamburg-American liner Deutchland today. She will go directly to Boston and take rest and will then start on an extensive tour under the management of Maj. Pond.

Great crowds of persons, including clergymen and missionaries were out and greeted Miss Stone.

Miss Stone said today: "I firmly believe it was the dear little baby born to Madame Tsika soon after we were taken that prevented our being slain. The brigands had a superstition that to hurt the baby would be to bring a curse upon them. So to this fact we owe our lives."

### Desperate Tactics For Subsidy.

St. Louis Republic.

There would be little occasion for surprise if the Senate friends of the ship-subsidy bill should attempt to hold up the isthmian canal or river and harbor bill in the Senate, in order to compel the House to take action on the subsidy measure.

The backers of the latter are determined that it shall become a law during the present session of Congress if such a result is possible to desperate effort. They realize that public sentiment in this country demands the defeat of the ship-subsidy bill, but they are just reckless enough to defy public sentiment in their resolution to serve the syndicate organized to profit by the proposed bounty. They made a concession to public sentiment in the Fifty-sixth Congress, withdrawing the bill because of the popular condemnation. They realize that the failure of the measure to pass both houses of the Fifty-seventh Congress will probably mean permanent defeat.

So insolent are these ship-subsidy Senators that they cannot reconcile themselves to the thought of being obliged to bow to the will of the people. There is a "graft" of nearly \$200,000,000 in the bill, a little group of monopoly millionaires being the direct beneficiaries, and the thought of the syndicate losing this big plum angers the co-operating Senators beyond measure. True the people of the United States would have to pay this \$200,000,000 tax, but to the thinking of the ship-subsidy syndicate and its friends in the Senate, this is what the people are for—to pay taxes for the further enrichment of syndicates. Therefore the ship-subsidy Senators are inflexible in their determination to force their measure through the House.

Public opinion should be brought to bear on the Senate to further enlighten that body as to what the people want. Just the moment the fact becomes apparent that the isthmian canal or the river and harbor bill is to suffer if the House refuses to pass the ship-subsidy bill the Senate must be made to understand that the people command their representatives to serve them, not to serve the syndicates at their expense. The issue is clearly drawn and the necessity of defensive action on the people's part is plain.

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### Ping Pong.

Trotman Cor. Statesville Landmark.

We'd like to know whether or not they play ping pong in Statesville. There are two families in this vicinity who play. They're awfully nice people and are very popular but are just simply a little too-too. With them the whole world is ping pong. They have it on the brain.

## HEADWEAR

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Immediately after Easter is when the real spirited selling of Millinery begins. Scores of New Patterns have been added to our stock during the past two weeks, and we are prepared to serve the trade with the latest creations.

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