

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

State Ticket.
For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court: **WALTER CLARKE**, of Wake.
For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: **HENRY GROVES CONNOR**, of Wilson.
PLATT D. WALKER, of Mecklenburg.
For Corporation Commissioners: **RUGENR C. BRIDGINGFIELD**, of Wake.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction: **JAMES Y. JOYNER**, of Guilford.

For Judges of Superior Court:
2nd District: **K. E. FEEBLES**
4th " **C. M. COOK**
6th " **W. E. ALLEN**
8th " **W. E. NEAL**
10th " **E. F. LONG**
12th " **N. E. JONES**
14th " **W. E. COUNCIL**
16th " **M. H. JUSTICE**
18th " **FRED MOORE**
19th " **G. S. FERGUSON**

Congressional Ticket.
For House of Representatives (9th Congressional District): **EDWIN YATES WEBB**, of Cleveland.

12th Judicial District.
For Solicitor 12th Judicial District: **JAMES L. WEBB**, of Cleveland.

County Ticket.
For State Senate 22nd District: **STONEWALL JACKSON DURLAM**.
For House of Representatives: **WILLIAM THOMAS LOVIE**, **JOHN F. JEFFRE**.
For Clerk of Superior Court: **CHARLES C. CORNWELL**.
For Sheriff: **CHARLES E. ARMSTRONG**.
For Register of Deeds: **MILES A. CARPENTER**.
For Treasurer: **JAMES R. LEWIS**.
For Coroner: **W. MERRICK ADAMS**.
For Surveyor: **JACOB KISER**.
For County Commissioners: **J. D. ROLLAND**, **J. E. CONNELL**, **JOHN M. GASTON**, **JOHN D. B. MCLAIN**, **R. A. WHITE**.

A PROFESSIONAL NUPTIALIST.

The Rules and Regulations of Esquire W. O. Bailes Relating to Knots Tied "Across the Line."

In South Carolina no marriage license is required of parties who desire to go to housekeeping on a basis of pure love. Hence, many North Carolina couples near the border skip across the line either unbeknownst or unbeknownst to the old folks and are joined together by some kind and obliging magistrate or notary public of the Palmetto State. Some of these officers do a thrifty business, being at the command of their esteemed customers at all hours of the day or night. Among these is a magistrate just across the line near Pineville, W. O. Bailes by name, who styles himself "a professional nuptialist." He advertises for business and has a most unique professional card containing "A Matrimonial Psalm," and the Squire's terms, rules and regulations. This card he hangs out, hands out, sends out, and encloses with his correspondence. One of these cards was recently enclosed in a letter to the Governor of South Carolina, and in the Fourth of July procession at Gastonia a few weeks ago an occupant of one of the carriages produced and read Esquire Bailes' card greatly to the merriment of the company in that vehicle.

This is the way the card runs: "Go to Squire Bailes to get married. "The greatest of all ambitious philanthropists and professional nuptialists. "Marriage Fees—to those that can't pay more, \$1.00; common fee, \$2.00; secret service, \$5.00; advertising price, \$3.00; rich man's price, \$10.00. "Printed marriage certificates in different styles and sizes free. Have nobody but Squire Bailes. "It is more popular to be married by him now a days than all the license you can get. Don't be married at home; it is no enjoyment. More people get married in South Carolina to its population than any other state in the Union. "It is nothing unusual to see a half dozen couples get married there any Sunday. Sunday is his biggest day and he is therefore always at home. He marries nearly 200 couples every year. "He is situated most conveniently, just across the state line 11 miles south of Charlotte, and one west of the Ville of Pine. Call and see me, I am not hard to find. My ceremony is easy but binding and treatment kind. "Phone, hotel and livery accommodations. "Here's a sample verse from the psalm: "Tell me not in idle words, Marriage is an empty dream: For the girl is dead, her's single, And things are not as they seem." Hunter Sharp, of North Carolina, has been appointed by the President as interpreter of the United States consulate at Kobe Japan.

BEAR FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt Will Have a Chance at Bruin if he Accepts Senator Fritchard's Invitation.

Ashville Citizen, 7th.

Senator Fritchard has invited President Roosevelt to hunt bear with him in the mountains of the Western part of this State. That there is both bear in the mountain and excitement and danger in the hunt is shown by the experience of Mark Reece, a famous hunter in the Blue Ridge, as recently related by the Waynesville Courier.

Reece lives in a little cabin on the headwaters of the Pigeon river in Haywood county. The little clearing in the forest is entirely surrounded by towering mountains, and the fastnesses thereabouts are infested with black bear. Friday old Mark started out with his three dogs to look for big game and soon the dogs rounded up an old black bear and three cubs nearly grown, all of whom took to the trees.

Reece shot the old bear dead, and as the carcass tumbled to the ground the cubs started after their parent. By yelling at the top of his voice Reece managed to keep them up the tree for a time, his object being to summon help and capture them alive. At last they came down and Reece shot the first one dead. Then he dropped his gun and when the second bear alighted he threw his arms about his neck, hoping to choke the bear into submission. But bruin was big and strong. It threw Reece to the ground and fell upon him.

Then ensued a terrible fight. Reece's clothing was torn into shreds, his flesh clawed and gashed and his body covered from head to foot with blood and dust. Finally the desperate man got a firm grip on the bear's throat and clung to his savage antagonist until his grasp began to tell. The bear relaxed his attacks, his head dropped and he toppled over, his tongue hanging from his mouth, while Reece, nearly dead from loss of blood, scrambled to his feet and secured bruin with a rope.

When he reached the settlement neighbors formed a party and, following his trail to the scene of the conflict, returned with the trophies of his bloody battle—the old bear, the dead cub and the now thoroughly subdued 200 pound youngster.

"Tom" Lawton is going to act as Roosevelt's guide, and he says he'll get the third cub for the President if he wants it.

WANTS TO BORROW MONEY.

But Cuba Can't Do It Without the Consent of the United States.

Baltimore Sun.

The Cuban government, according to Havana dispatches, is preparing to issue bonds to the amount of \$35,000,000. One loan, of about \$4,000,000, it is stated, will be applied to the aid of the sugar producers and agricultural industries generally. The other loan is chiefly for the benefit of the Cuban soldiers who fought in the revolution against Spain—the so-called "Army of Liberation." The sum of \$23,000,000 is designated in the bill passed by the Cuban Congress as the maximum amount to be devoted to this purpose. In addition, the indebtedness which the revolutionary government contracted is to be paid out of the proceeds of this bond issue. During the last insurrection in the island the revolutionists maintained a junta in New York which contracted debts to the amount of about \$3,000,000. If the plans of the government of the republic are carried out, this obligation will be discharged.

If Cuba were independent in the full sense of the word, there would be no question of the right of its government to issue as many bonds as it could sell. But the United States, before giving Cuba the limited freedom which the people of the island now enjoy, assumed the right to control the debt-making power or the Cuban government. This is specifically asserted in the following clause in the Platt amendment—the bill passed by the United States Congress defining the conditions upon which the Cubans are to have self-government: "The government of Cuba shall not contract or assume any public debt, to pay the interest upon which, and to make reasonable sinking fund provisions for the ultimate discharge of which the ordinary revenues of the island, after defraying the current expenses of the government, shall be inadequate."

Before the Cuban government can negotiate a loan as large as that which is contemplated, it may be necessary for it to secure the consent of the United States. That may seem to be a harsh and unjust demand for this country to make on a weak and impoverished people who are in great need of financial assistance. Cuba accepted qualified independence, however, upon certain conditions, one of which was that the United States might exercise supervision over its finances. The time has passed for discussing the justice or the injustice of these conditions. The fact is that the United States has the right, and will probably exercise it, to veto any bond issue by Cuba which may seem to be unwarranted by the finances of the island. A debt of \$35,000,000, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent., would involve an annual interest charge of \$1,750,000. This would be exclusive of the sinking fund. Can Cuba bear such a burden in the present depressed condition of its chief industries? That is the question which the Congress of the United States may be called upon to decide early in the next session.

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PROOF AGAINST YANKEE LEAD

The Wonderful Endurance of Mr. Hugh Torrence, a Confederate Veteran of Gaston County.

Charlotte Dispatch to Atlanta Journal.

Among the attendants upon a barbecue and political speaking in an adjoining county to the one in which this city is located last Saturday was a farmer named H. A. Torrence, a Confederate veteran, who was during the civil war twice officially reported dead, and who was twice shot through the head with minnie balls, and yet who is now able to work on his farm, attend public gathering and do almost anything else that he wants to, with the exception of reading, his eyesight allowing him to write, but not read.

Mr. Torrence, while fighting at Gettysburg, was shot squarely through the head, the ball passing through the right eye and going out the back of his neck. He was left for dead by his comrades, and he lay on the field amidst the thousands of dead bodies until next day, when he regained consciousness.

"When I came to myself," said the old soldier, "I at first thought I was blind, but after working with my left eye I managed to see things around me, and I got to my feet. I saw a few Yankees at a distance and they motioned me to come to them. I went and they took me to a hospital, where I remained until I was exchanged and able to go home. I had been reported dead, and my folks had worn mourning for me for six months when I walked in upon them."

After remaining at home for some time, and despite the fact that he had only one eye, Mr. Torrence yearned for the life of a soldier, and rejoined his regiment. In the fighting around Richmond he was again shot in the head, the ball entering near where the former one had made its exit, and coming out through the right eye, in the same place where the first ball entered. Again the official report from his officers placed Mr. Torrence upon the list of the killed, and once more the folks at home mourned for him, and wore black, but, in due time he reappeared among them and has been there ever since.

In his section Mr. Torrence is known as a man whom Yankee lead could not kill, and his case is a remarkable instance of physical endurance.

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Charlotte, North Carolina.

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H. B. McDOWELL, Proprietor.

Fall in Hammocks.

Summer is going and with it our splendid stock of hammocks. We do not wish to carry a single hammock over to next season and so not only a part of summer has gone but a big lump out of hammock prices has gone with it. We are cutting to cost and have only these left:

Two \$2.00 Hammocks to go at	\$1.60
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Buy quick, bring the cash, and enjoy the comfort of a good hammock the rest of the summer. Sooner you buy, the more service you'll get this summer.

Marshall's Book Store,
ON THE CORNER.

Increasing Southern Production.

Raleigh Morning Post, 9th.

The Post's Baltimore special in yesterday's issue to which attention was directed, was a magnificent exhibit of the rapid development of the South in all material prosperity. It will bear repetition:

Population, 1880, 16,369,960, 1900, 23,548,401; increase per cent 44.

Value of manufacturing product, 1880, \$457,454,777; 1900, \$1,463,643,177; increase per cent 220.

Value of agricultural products, 1880, \$660,131,452; 1900, \$1,271,654,273; increase per cent 92.

Value of mineral products, 1880, \$17,000,000; 1900, \$109,348,990; increase per cent 541.

Total value of products, 1880, \$1,134,580,229; 1900, \$2,844,646,440; increase per cent 157.

And don't let us forget that North Carolina is full up with the best in percentage of increase all along the lines.

Adopts an Orphan Asylum.

Niles, Mich., Dispatch, 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shandrow, of South Haven, have adopted a whole orphan asylum, 22 boys and girls, some of them old enough to attend school.

Shandrow has made more than a competence on his fruit farm and tried to assuage a lifelong regret for children never born to him by writing to the Smith Foundling Hospital in Minneapolis, asking it to send him several children for a summer outing, with the privilege of adopting any of them. The management promptly forwarded the visible supply of children over three years of age.

Truth in This.

Charlotte Observer.

All property should be forced to pay its full tribute to the government, but when the tax assessor devotes more attention to what industry and ability accomplish than to the property itself an injustice is committed and a premium placed upon bad management. There should be no loophole left for the tax-dodger, be he mill-owner or farmer, and the laws should be so arranged and enforced that the authorities would have a complete oversight of assessments of one as the other. Unfortunately such is not now the case in North Carolina, and to this fact may be attributed, to some extent, the failure of the revenue law of the last General Assembly to raise sufficient funds to run the State government.

Stung to Death.

Yorkville Yoman 6th.

Mr. John L. Starr, of Bethesda township, had a fine mule stung so badly by bees that it died last week. A boy rode the mule over to a neighbor's house and thoughtlessly hitched it up near some bee hives. In a short while one stung the mule and he began to make things pretty lively, kicked over a hive, we believe. The bees then made common cause against the mule. The animal swelled up terribly and suffered a great deal before death came at the end of three or four days and ended its misery.

How the Strike Bill is Footed.

Wilmington Messenger.

In the meantime the public have to go deeper down into their pockets every time they buy a ton of coal.

AUGUST CLEARANCE SALE!

\$45,000 worth of Furniture, Carpets, etc. offered during this month AT SPECIAL SALE PRICES.

This sale is for the purpose of reducing our large stock and to increase cash sales during this month. This is the grand opportunity to furnish your house handsomely from the finest stock in the South at a saving of 1/4 to 1/2 less than other dealers' prices. It will pay you to come hundreds of miles to take advantage of this great reduction sale.

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