

And the Democratic presidential nominee also appears to be something of a "man on horse-back."

A New York paper remarks that Roosevelt, so long in the public eye, is now eclipsed. And the New York editor has it down about right. Parker as a figure of public interest has made the strenuous occupant of the White House a back number.

In this issue, on the fourth page, is an interesting personal narrative by an old soldier of his experiences at the battle of Chancellorsville. We invite his comrades to read it and to prepare for our columns accounts of their own experiences in the war. The time for the annual reunion of the veterans is near at hand and these war stories will be read with interest. We have two more on hand.

It has been pointed out by the Charlotte Chronicle that a number of northern states go Republican in close elections by virtue of their negro vote. Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio are mentioned among states of this class, and with such in mind the Chronicle says that "if Mr. Roosevelt is made President it will be done by negro votes." By which state of affairs we are moved to suggest that somebody one of these days is likely to "do" the President on his own territory with this very race racket he's making so much ado about. It occurs to us that it has not been so many moons ago since there were bad race troubles in all three of these states, and when upon the heels of these troubles a few of the boys of Senator Sherman's bellwether slip out and teach the big fellows in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois how to work the negro racket to Democratic advantage, it will be good-bye to their Republican majorities.

#### The Way of a Woman.

"Can you tell," he was asked, "why when a woman will go to a department store and have one of those things sent out, she will trip down barefooted in white from her head to her feet and will load herself down with paper bags filled with onions and other dirty vegetables?"

"I cannot," he replied, "except that it is the novelty of the thing. It's a great feat, though, undoubtedly. Women have a great notion that they will not get the best food unless they pick it out themselves, and after they have done that they seem to think they must keep their own eyes and hands upon it until they get it home."

"I can tell you one thing about the Washington market," he volunteered, "that I guess you do not know."

"What is that?"

"That is, that trade is a whole lot more something about the first and the middle of the month than it is at any other time. Somehow, money seems to get out of circulation along about the first and just before the fifteenth."

"Oh, yes," he went on; "the women come down here just the same. But instead of buying, they merely stop and ask the price of things. I understand, of course, because I can always tell, anyway, by the expression on a woman's face whether she is going to buy or not."

The Southern of War.

The head of one of the most famous fighting leaders in Chicago was on a hot place. "The Southern of War" was a writer in the July Review. It is said that at a recent family gathering at the home of a great grandson of the great grandfather's name that he had about a very profitable had contract with a representative of the United States government to the supply of facilities with Japan.

"Gladly" about the small boy, "if you will let me and let me know that, will you be the Southern of War?"

#### Building & Loan Company.

We call attention to the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Southern Mutual Home and Real Estate Company.

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#### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

David Houston, of Marion, a switchman on the Southern, fell from the side of his car and was literally ground to pieces by a moving car in Asheville Wednesday.

The Russians at St. Petersburg have received and are circulating reports that the Japanese lost 30,000 men by explosion of mines in their assault on Port Arthur.

It's a stand-off between Cleveland and Bryan in the matter of convention ovations and they both ought to be wearing the smile that won't come off.—Charlotte News.

Howard A. Banks, one of the State's leading newspaper men, and of late editor of the Asheville Gazette-News has accepted the editorship of the Morning Gazette, the leading daily of York, Pa.

Mr. N. H. Hailey of Lenoir, died last Sunday evening of pneumonia. The Topic says: The deceased was for a long time agent of the railroad company at Lenoir and manager for the telegraph company which position he held at his death, in both capacities he was well known throughout the county. He was a member of the Town Board. He was in his 47th year.

A Fort Mill special to Charlotte Chronicle says: The Catawba river here is fairly alive with fish. The like has never been known before and there have been fishing parties galore. Even the ladies are anxious to go in scining and let their escorts remain on shore and do the cooking as they see how easy it is to catch fish. Several parties have also met with unusual success in Sugar creek. By some the abundance of fish here has been attributed to the dam across the river as it is said to stop or hinder them in their movement up the river.

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the State University has declined a call to be President of the University of Tennessee.

#### Rev. Mr. Vipperman Returns.

Wilmington Star, 12th.

Rev. Judson L. Vipperman, the talented young pastor of Brooklyn Baptist congregation, whose resignation was regretfully accepted by the church conference some time ago, will preach the farewell sermon to his people on next Sunday night, and on Tuesday following will leave with his family for his former charge at Dallas, Gaston county, N. C. When Mr. Vipperman left the congregation there some years ago the church said it would not call another pastor but would hope and pray some day for Mr. Vipperman's return. Their hopes and prayers have now been answered and Mr. Vipperman will return. His departure from Wilmington is regretted by all denominations.

#### A Gracious Act.

A noble woman of Wilmington, Mrs. James Sprunt, who is spending the summer in Maine has given for the Summer the use of the handsome Sprunt cottage at Wrightsville Beach for such of the patients of the hospitals as may be convalescing and in need of the restorative properties of the fresh air from the salty ocean, and for the nurses and other attaches of the hospital, whose constant duties at the bedside of the sick and afflicted during the hot Summer months make it necessary to their well-being that they should have some rest and recreation at the seashore.

The Wilmington Star says: The cottage is very handsomely furnished and not only is it placed at the absolute disposal of the hospital authorities to be put to such use as may be deemed best, but accompanying the generous offer is a donation of \$500 in cash for the maintenance of the cottage during the Summer.

The tickets are Parker and Davis, Democratic; Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Republican; Watson and Tribbles, Populist; Swallow and Carroll, Prohibitionist; the negro party, Scott and Payne.

#### At the Churches.

St. Michael's church—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. and service at 3 by Rev. Father Anthony, O. S. B. Subject of sermon: "The Mercy of God is above all His works."

Communion at Belmont Presbyterian church on 3rd Sabbath of July. Preaching on Friday and Saturday mornings. Dr. Jno. M. Grier of Caldwell will assist the pastor.

Communion at Lowell Presbyterian church on 5th Sabbath of July. Services will begin on Wednesday night previous. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, of Fort Mill, will assist the pastor.

Communion at old Gosben on 4th Sabbath of July. Preaching on Friday and Saturday. Revs. R. A. and C. Miller, W. H. Wilson, and R. Z. Johnston are expected to conduct the services. Hour of services 11 a. m.

#### WAX FRUITS FOR JAPAN.

Philo Collection to Be Sent by the Agricultural Department.

An return courtesy to the Japanese government the United States, through the department of agriculture, is now to present to the agricultural department of Japan a fine collection of the native fruits of Japan and other fruits indigenous to the United States, says the Washington Star.

At the time of the Columbian exposition at Chicago the Japanese government had on exhibition there a fine collection of the native fruits of Japan and at the close of the exposition sent a large part of them in a handsome native made case to the agricultural department in Washington. They are on exhibition there at this time and have been of valuable assistance to students of the fruits of that country.

Those which are to be sent by the United States to Japan are to be made of wax and painted to resemble the natural fruit, and so close is this resemblance carried out that it is almost impossible to determine the real from the artificial article when both are placed side by side. The Japanese work is done in much the same fashion as that by the artisans of the department in Washington, and the collection bears striking testimony to the handwork of these artists of the orient.

In making the artificial fruits a mold is made in plaster of Paris. This is halved and white beeswax introduced to fill part of the mold. The latter is then turned on its axis until the wax cools, when the mold is opened and the hollow shell of wax removed. It is then the exact shape of the fruit which was placed in the mold to get the design. The artist then takes charge of the artificial fruit and paints it to an exact likeness of the original. This work is the most remarkable of all the details of making the artificial fruit and is done under the direction of Colonel Brackett, who has charge of the division of pomology and who made the first collection for the centennial exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. Colonel Brackett has had great difficulty in getting capable artists to do this work at the salaries paid by the government, and in this line is an interesting story of Paul de Longpre, the now world famous water colorist.

There are two artists and several experts at work now on the collection destined for Japan, and it will be ready some time early in the fall and be sent to that country. In the collection are pears, apples, peaches, quinces, plums, oranges, melons and the like, the whole probably numbering when completed more than a hundred varieties of our native fruits.

#### Short Arms as Well as Short Legs.

An interesting suggestion was made recently in the London Chronicle, writes a correspondent, that the Japanese should give their legs a chance and rise to the height of the western nations. This was to be effected by sitting on chairs instead of the floor, so as no longer to cramp or atrophy the tendons, for it is the leg that makes the principal difference in stature. But short arms are not brought about by sitting on the floor, and the Japanese seem built to be short by the taken of the extraordinary brevity of their arms. They are the arms of a people doomed to remain little, and how they cope with the iron, the furnace and the cannon of their "civilization" is a wonder.

#### Subscribe for THE GAZETTE.

State Auditor B. P. Dixon and Hon. C. B. Watson have been invited to Boston and will probably go to attend the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which meets there in August.

#### Value of Milk Diet.

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One of the most valuable foods for the nerves is milk, for those who can digest it. A person whose nerves are played out can not revive himself quicker than by living for a time exclusively on milk, heated but not boiled, sipping very slowly a tumblerful every few hours. Milk, however, is a food that easily disagrees with grown people. Before starting on a milk diet, you should fast for a day or two, and wash the stomach out thoroughly with hot water.

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