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FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1908.

Beginning next Tuesday, the 7th, all eyes will be turned toward Denver where the Democrats will be gathered to name a man to enter the arena with Taft for the presidency. Bryan and his forces claim to have enough instructed votes to put the Nebraskan in on the first ballot. This is denied by the Johnson and Gray followers. For the past week or more readers of the daily papers have had all sorts of speculation dealt out to them and it is sufficient undetermined to cause thousands to keep their eyes and ears open, awaiting the result. At this distance it looks very much like Mr. Bryan will be the nominee though there is a possibility of its being Johnson. At any rate the Denver convention is not going to be a tame cut and dried affair like that other one recently held in Chicago.

Sunday School Picnic.

There will be a joint Sunday school picnic at High Shoals Saturday, the 4th. The Sunday school pupils will form in procession and march in a body from the church to the High Shoals Park where the day will be spent in enjoying the usual picnic festivities. A band will be on hand to furnish music for the occasion. Rev. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia, will attend.

Eighty-Ninth Birthday.

At the home of Mr. Michael Kiser on route two from Bessemer City, on Saturday, July 11th, Mrs. Catherine Fronsberger will celebrate her 89th birthday. The Gazette is requested to say that a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and bring their baskets and enjoy a big picnic dinner. This is an annual event and has heretofore been enjoyed by many people every year.

Gaston Watermelons.

The Gazette is in receipt of a note from Mr. W. G. Flowers, who lives on route two from Gastonia, in which he states that they ate ripe watermelon Tuesday morning from their own patch. This is the first home-grown melon of the season, so far as The Gazette has learned. Can anybody in the county beat this? If so we would like to know it. Up to the present time no home watermelons, we believe, have been seen on the local market.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt are making preparations to close their estate at Biltmore for a year during which time they will be absent abroad.

Engineer B. M. Stults, for six years in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, running out of Raleigh, was shot and killed by Turner Smith at Raleigh early Wednesday morning. Stults, it is said, was attempting to enter Smith's home at the time he was shot.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

All eyes are westward-ward watching the completion of still another transcontinental railroad. There is great interest in the West, its lands and the struggles. The National Magazine has been telling its readers a great deal about the "new pioneers." In the June issue there is an article on "Making Opportunities for Homes in the West," by Editor Joe Mitchell Chapple. It has many elaborate illustrations showing products and results all the way from a little apple tree less than six feet tall, bearing seventy-four large and sound apples, to a steamboat loaded with western home-seekers on one of the large lakes in the Rockies.

Protracted Meeting.

Rev. W. R. Ware, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, will commence a protracted meeting at the Old Mill chapel Sunday night. He will be assisted by Rev. J. C. Harmon, pastor of Franklin Avenue Methodist church. Mr. Harmon will fill the pulpit of Main Street church Sunday night and the Franklin Avenue church pulpit will be filled by Mr. J. H. Separk. The meeting at the Old Mill will probably continue for a week or more.

Death of an Infant.

The grim reaper Death has again laid tribute on the home of Mr. C. C. Johnson who was only a few weeks ago called on to suffer the loss of his wife. This time the death angel took his youngest child, Reese Ayers, aged four months and 20 days. It died yesterday evening at 8:45 o'clock and the little body was taken on No. 36 this morning to Charlotte there to be laid to rest beside its mother. The body was accompanied by the father, his sister, Miss Bessie Johnson, and Miss Lennie Clesmie. The sorrowing father has the sympathy of many friends in his second sore bereavement.

Craig More Popular Than Ever.

Mr. Locke Craig is to-day more popular in western North Carolina and in the State than ever before. He fought a good fight and he kept the faith. Never before in the State's history was a Democratic candidate so shamefully slandered and traduced by fellow party men, but Mr. Craig and his followers have nothing of which to be ashamed; and notwithstanding many provocations will give the ticket loyal support.

The "Working" Habit.

"Some men prefer to spend their vacation puttering around their house," says John T. McCutcheon in the July Appleton. "They leave their work for a two weeks' rest, with the conscientious intention of sitting around, smoking or reading or lying in the hammock in the little back yard. They do not care to leave town. On the first day they rest, according to plans and specifications. On the second day they do a little digging in the garden. On the third day they get out some tools and repair all the furniture on the place. On the fourth they go down to the office to see if there is any mail. On the fifth they repair the roof, and so on, until they are doing two men's work around the house. It is the habit of work that has become so fastened upon them that they cannot be happy unless they are busy."

Perfectly Awful.

Charleston Gazette.
I'd rather pull a donkey's tail Or ride to church upon a rail. Or walk to meals behind a snail, Or take my rest within a jail. Or bare my head to falling hail, Or get rich quick at auction sale, Or play the Jonah to the whale, Than live on this full dinner pail.

Thirty gauging stations are being maintained by the United States Geological Survey and the State Survey co-operating, on the principal rivers and streams in the State which daily measurements have been made of the height of the river surfaces; and occasional measurements of the flow and volume of water have been made by means of electric current meters.

CLEVELAND'S CABINETS.

Eleven of the Members Dead and Ten Yet Living.

O. O. Stealey, in Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Cleveland, though in his seventy-second year, survived one-half of his official family during his two terms as President. Two of his Secretaries of State, Bayard and Gresham, are dead, and Richard Olney remains. Two of his Secretaries of the Treasury, Charles S. Fairchild and John G. Carlisle, are alive, and Daniel Manning is dead. His two Secretaries of War, Endicott and Lamont, are both dead. His four Secretaries of the Interior, William F. Vilas, Hoek Smith and David R. Francis, are alive, and L. Q. C. Lamar is dead. Of his two Secretaries of the Navy, one, Mr. Whitney, is dead, and the other, Hilary A. Herbert, is living. Of his two Secretaries of Agriculture, Norman J. Colman is living and J. Sterling Morton is dead. Of his four Postmaster Generals, William F. Vilas and Don M. Dickinson are living and Wilson S. Bissell and William L. Wilson are dead. Of his three Attorneys General, Richard Olney and Judson Harmon are living and Augustus H. Garland is dead; which makes eleven dead and ten living. His runningmates in 1884 and 1888, Hendricks and Thurman, are both dead, and Mr. Stevenson is living. Mr. Stevenson now has the distinction of being the only living ex-Vice President of the United States.

Garland, Bayard, Gresham, Manning, Endicott and Lamar lived to be past three score years, some of them reaching three score years and ten. Whitney, Lamont, Morton, Bissell and Wilson died in the prime of life. Don M. Dickinson, twice a Cabinet officer, is now in a sanatorium with little hope of recovery. He was 63 last January. Norman J. Colman, now in his 83d year, is, of course, in a very precarious condition, being ten years older than the oldest member of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet. Next to Mr. Colman in age comes Hilary A. Herbert, who was born in 1834, making him 74 years of age. Mr. Carlisle is 73 September 5th. Mr. Olney is just ten days younger than Mr. Carlisle, having been born September 5th, while Mr. Carlisle was born September 15th, 1835. Mr. Vilas is 68 in July next. Mr. Fairchild is 67 in April. Mr. Judson Harmon is 62 and Dave Francis will be 58 in October. Hoek Smith is 53 in September, which makes him the youngest living man of the Cleveland Cabinets.

SPEECHMAKING CANDIDATES.

William Henry Harrison the First Presidential Candidate on the Stump.

It was important to have for running mate to Mr. Taft a spellbinder, inasmuch as the President's heir is, on the stump, no match for his probable opponent. Governor Guild would have proved ideal in this respect. But Sherman is no amateur, and no doubt will be required to bear the brunt of the oratorical contest impending, for it is not likely that Mr. Taft, warned by his Memorial Day experience, may choose to avoid formal speeches during the campaign, as did his illustrious predecessors, George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The latter, so the Federalists said, could not talk if he wanted to. Even when elected, instead of addressing Congress in person, as his predecessors had done, he sent his written message because, as his opponents charged, he was incapable of making a speech.

Neither Madison nor Monroe went on the stump, and John Quincy Adams was so reluctant to make an appeal for votes that he was even refused to contradict campaign slanders about himself.

No man was ever more bitterly assailed than Andrew Jackson when he first ran for President. He was excoriated personally and abused politically, but, although he doubtless would have liked to silence his slanderers with a pistol shot, he maintained a dignified silence, so exalted was his opinion of the office to which he aspired. During his second campaign he was again bitterly assailed, but made no reply, leaving that task to his supporters.

Van Buren, silent in two campaigns, as candidate of the Democrats, was also silent when he ran on the free soil ticket.

According to Charles M. Harvey, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the first candidate for President to appear on the stump was William Henry Harrison. He is said to have been effectively humorous. Lincoln was one of his boomers, too, but had not then attained any distinction as a politician or orator. Harrison spoke in Dayton, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Vincennes.

Polk kept in the background during his canvass, and Clay, his opponent, refused many appeals to take the stump. He wrote letters, though, and one of them, that on Texan annexation, cost him the prize he coveted.

At Charlotte this week the State Dental Association is holding its annual session. Jim Neely, alias "Chicken Jim," a convict in the Mecklenburg county camp was shot and killed by guard Sam Patterson Wednesday. He was attempting to make his escape when killed.

VALUE OF WATERPOWER.

What This Great Natural Resource Means to North Carolina—Bulletin of the North Carolina Geological Survey.

There is perhaps no natural resource so valuable to the State in connection with her industrial development as her waterpowers. In central and western North Carolina there are abundant waterpowers, many of which have been most advantageously developed, while others are still unharnessed.

Of all the Southern States North Carolina stands first in the number and magnitude of her available waterpower and when all factors regarding the development and utilization of the waterpowers are considered, there is perhaps no State in the Union equal to North Carolina in this respect. The value of the numerous waterpowers that exist within the State cannot be overestimated. This refers particularly to the great number of small waterpowers from a few horsepower to several hundred horsepower which are to be found on all the small streams in all parts of the central and western portion of the State and which are sufficient for the requirements of some local industry. They can usually be developed by a man or company of moderate means and their development and utilization will mean that many small manufacturing establishments will be scattered throughout the State, whose operations are not dependent upon any fuel.

Many of these waterpowers, which formerly could not be utilized on account of their location, can now be developed and used to advantage by installing at the waterpower an electric power to the point of consumption. There are many towns in North Carolina that are now without electric lights or power which could, at comparatively small expense, obtain the same by the development of waterpowers that are sufficiently large for the purpose, and located close to them.

In order to draw more particular attention to these waterpowers of central and western North Carolina, a new bulletin is now being prepared on the Waterpowers of the State as a supplement to Bulletin No. 8, which was published ten years ago. During this time a large amount of new information has been collected relating to the flow of the principal streams and tributaries so that it will be possible to prepare tables giving the amount of available water that a stream will carry and how much this can be increased by storage and reservoirs. The value of this publication will be found chiefly in the fact that it will present the results of careful scientific investigations carried on through a term of years so that the results given regarding the available power at all seasons of the year as computed from the known fall of the amount of water in the stream at that point may be relied upon as accurate.

THE TWO CONVENTIONS.

Mr. Dooley's Opinions of the Way Both Great Parties Act.

"Mr. Dooley," in the American Magazine.
"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "I'd like to go out to Denver. No, I didn't go to that recent Roosevelt gratification meeting in our beautiful city. I never wanted to go to a Republican convention anyhow."
"This no good."
"There's a sign on the dure readin' 'This way to the candidate,' a Republican clergyman prays to a Republican Providence to keep us Dimmycrats out of offices intended for us by Republicans, th' platform is taken out of th' can an' passed around among th' dillygates, th' convention nominates a man that ivrybody outside iv New York knew was goin' to be nominated a year last Christmas, ivrybody sings 'Th' Star-Spangled Banner' an' other Republican ballads, an' this goes to their peaceful an' highly unorthodox homes an' begins to pile up thin returns from Northern New York an' Western Pennsylvania that will cause th' Dimmycratic hosts in th' streets next Hicton night to assault th' United State mail wagon. Ye say there were ructions at th' convention th' other day. I don't believe it. If there were they were conducted according to Roberts rules iv order."

"But 'tis different with us Dimmycrats. Nobody ever knows what we are goin' to do, an' we don't. We may fight on th' sidewalks an' embrace on th' platform, an' fight again on th' way home. No wan can say what any ten Dimmycrats will do when they gather together for th' good iv th' country in a hall."
"Yes, sir, I want to go out to Denver, an' I wud go, too, if th' railroad iremen wud adopt this let-us-alone policy, an' not chuck lumps iv coal at a gentleman on th' blind baggae."

"Faith, I can see th' Dimmycrats now gatherin' from far an' near. Bands are crashin' down th' street, good Dimmycratic bands, playin' out iv chune an' so that nobody can keep step with their music, if anybody wants to, which nobody does. Ye have to put yer name down days in advance to get a drink at th' bar. Th' lobbies iv th' hotels are full iv Tammany men, splendid fellows in stovetop hats an' with acetylene lamps in their shirt fronts, an' they are tellin' how ivrything is iv ye know how."

A handsome silk State flag will be presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the cruiser North Carolina Saturday at Beaufort.

On the complaint of the Trust Company of America the Norfolk & Southern Railway was Wednesday placed in the hands of receivers by United States Judge Edmund Waddill at Norfolk. This company has extensive lines in eastern North Carolina.

The State Bar Association is in session this week at Morehead City. During Wednesday's proceedings a topic of live discussion was the great delay on the part of the State in getting the acts of the Legislature published. One speaker declared that North Carolina is way behind all other States in this matter as it is often from five to seven months after the Legislature adjourns before the lawyers can get hold of the printed acts.

MILLIONAIRE HUSBANDMAN.

How George W. Vanderbilt Makes His Farm Pay.

At Biltmore in North Carolina, George W. Vanderbilt has spent over \$2,000,000 in creating the greatest estate in America. He has torn down a mountain, built a great castle and owns 17 square miles of mountain country. These miles, however, are all under the most careful cultivation, either as farms, grazing or timber lands.

The owner of Biltmore has the faculty of picking the right men for the right work. He induced a "book farmer" from Louisiana to come into the Carolina mountains and take charge of the fields, flocks and herds. That was 11 years ago, and until Arthur S. Wheeler began riding up and down the hills and through the bottoms he had never known of agriculture except from the printed page. He tested the soil of the few little worn-out plantations on the estate, he examined the hill sides. He brought into play his knowledge of fertilizing the earth, of crop rotation, of the fodder and grain which might grow here, and especially of the live stock which might thrive and yield a profit. He decided that high grade Jersey cattle would pay, in milk and butter, also hogs and poultry, and that the product of the soil should be first for their benefit. So the bare hills became pastures and lots for the swine to range, ample shelter being, of course, provided. The poultry farm was stocked with record egg layers of high degree, also pigeons, for squabs are profitable. Modern incubators hatched chickens by the hundreds. Everything, however, was conducted on strictly business lines. Each Jersey has her own stall and a page in the dairy record. Every time she is milked the number of quarts she gives are marked on the record, as is also the butter test—the quantity of butter which the cream would make. All the ensilage and other fodder she eats in a day are debited against her. When a hen in the poultry house wants to contribute to the egg fund she enters a "trap" nest by which she shuts a gate which keeps her a prisoner until the poultry keeper finds her. He looks at the number on the leather band around her neck, takes the egg, and then releases her. Each hen also has a record page according to her number, and the number of eggs she lays in a month or year of her life are noted on the book at the farm office.

Seventy-five farm hands are needed for all purposes, including the milking, which is done by hand. The creamery has such a mechanical system that in it three men prepare over 1,000 quarts of milk daily in bottles, in butter and in ice cream, the yield of the cows ranging from eight to 15 quarts or more a day. The Asheville people who boast of having a Vanderbilt for a milkman have to pay 11 cents a quart as it comes from the shiny yellow wagons bearing the sign Biltmore Dairy, and think it is cheap.

THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

His Path, Unhappily, Leads But to the Grave in North Carolina.

Charleston News and Courier.
They have moving picture shows in Charlotte, and what they call "The Great White War." One of the series of pictures reeled off during the recent State convention were pictures of "The Blue and the Gray," at the exhibition of which, we are told by The Charlotte Observer, "women and children cried and strong men brushed their tears unbidden from the corners of their eyes on the quiet." As the show concluded, we are told by The Observer, the night after Col. Ashley Horne, an old Confederate soldier, had been defeated for the nomination of Governor, one of his enthusiastic and loyal supporters, himself a former Confederate soldier, arose and said: "It's a lie. We fight sympathetically, yet in less than an hour, within two blocks of this building, a Confederate soldier was defeated for the high and honorable office of Governor by a gentleman born since the war. Be consistent and save your tears." The incident is worth noting, probably, even if it never occurred, to illustrate the truth that the fashion of this world passeth away. Only yesterday, so to speak, in South Carolina Wade Hampton was defeated for re-election to the United States Senate by an even less worthy man than the nominee for Governor of North Carolina. The path of glory leads but to the grave."

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MOST UNSATISFACTORY.

Characterizes Fiscal Year Just Closed, From the Standpoint of Uncle Sam's Money Drawer.

Washington, D. C., July 1.—From the Treasury standpoint the fiscal year just closed has been a most unsatisfactory one. Since about the middle of October last, when the period of money stringency set in and the consequent depression in business began to be felt, there has been a constant falling off in government revenues up to the month just closed. For June a surplus is shown of nearly \$4,000,000. This fact, however, is not significant, as June is a failing a surplus month. Nearly all appropriations become available on the first of July and this year Treasury officials are looking forward to a deficit larger than usual. The amount of cash now in the treasury vaults and available to meet expenditures is about \$70,000,000. In addition to this there is on deposit with national banks about \$153,844,000. A considerable portion of this sum is likely to be called into the Treasury within the next very few days, and it is thought that the amount will not be less than \$50,000,000.

Gumption on the Farm.

July Farm Journal.
A farm is worth twice as much as it is worth in dollars and cents. Slowly and steadily all day long accomplishes more than hurry and worry for a short time and then quit. One gets less tired for the same work accomplished.

If there are any vacancies in the cornfield, fill them with beans or something that can be turned to account. Keep every foot of your farm growing something that will help.

Now don't find fault with your wife because she doesn't keep pie baked all the time. Anyway, too much pie is not healthy. An Indiana man died after eating seven pies.

Stir the earth. Remember that as agitation is the death of all political wrongs, so is it death to weeds. Man never devised a more useful implement than the hoe in its various forms.

Your greatest aid in the harvest is your faithful team. See to it that your horses are not rested by flies, and that they are properly fed and watered. They have well earned humane treatment.

Don't be afraid of overdoing the cultivation of the corn crop. When there is a lull in other work, if the stalks are not so high that there is danger of knocking them over run the cultivator through the field once more.

If you want nice bright hay that the cattle will eat up clean, and that will do them the most good, don't wait till the blossoms have dropped out and the stalk is dry and hard; cut your grass when it is crisp and juicy.

You are not done with your summer's work unless you have cut out the brush and stuff from the corners of the fences. Perhaps you have some that will cut a little grass. Save it all, you will need it before next spring.

We have usually succeeded best in having our hay baled up as soon as the stacks are out of the sweat; then we sell at once. After this time the hay doesn't do good, and more waste must be cut from the outside of the stacks.

When the day is particularly hot and trying, and things seem to go at cross purposes, think of something pleasant. Just draw a mental picture of the after-harvest outing that you and your good wife and your boys and girls are going to have. Remember that love sweetens labor.

If a farmer is not better than other men, it is his own fault, for he lives closer to the heart of Nature. He hears the voice of God every day, in sweet communion with the trees, the brooks, the sky. He beholds the glory God has painted; he smells fragrance from heaven. How can he help being good?

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," and the hard times have eased the demand on the labor market, so that it is now possible to get workers, and the farmer and his wife may be able to find some one to help, if it is only long enough to tide over the extra work that harvest makes in field and house.

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COMING EVENTS.

- July.
7th—Democratic National Convention, Denver, Colorado.
15th—National Prohibition Convention, Columbus, Ohio.
11th—Reunion of Confederate Veterans, Lincoln.
18th—Annual Picnic and Confederate Reunion, Stanley.
23rd—Presentation of Silver Service to Cruiser North Carolina, Beaufort, N. C.
September.
14th—Gaston Superior Court Convenes at Dallas.
October.
12-14th—North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh.

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No. 9, southbound, daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.
No. 63, southbound, mixed, daily except Sunday, arrives 4:50 p. m.
No. 42, northbound, mixed, daily except Sunday, leaves 5:00 a. m.
No. 61, southbound, mixed, daily except Sunday, leaves 8:30 a. m.
No. 60, northbound, mixed, daily except Sunday, arrives 5:00 p. m.
No. 8, northbound, Saturdays only, 6:45 p. m.
No. 8, southbound, Mondays only, 11:45 a. m.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

- NORTHBOUND.
No. 44 arrives at 5:03 a. m.
No. 36 arrives at 9:12 a. m.
No. 42 arrives at 11:44 a. m.
No. 18 arrives at 5:25 p. m.
No. 40 arrives at 11:00 p. m.
- SOUTHBOUND.
No. 39 arrives at 7:04 a. m.
No. 37, flag stop for through passengers, arrives at 11:44 a. m.
No. 11 arrives at 12:50 p. m.
No. 41 arrives at 6:25 p. m.
No. 35 arrives at 10:17 p. m.
No. 43 arrives at 11 p. m.

The Piedmont Buggy Company, of Monroe, has just turned out what is believed to be the first auto-buggy manufactured in the South.

Mr. Zeb Waiser, of Lexington, is mentioned as a possible candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Soon after the convention at Denver the State Democratic Executive Committee will meet to elect a successor to State Chairman Hugh Chatham, of Elkin, who adheres to his determination to resign. It is stated that Mr. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, will probably succeed him.

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