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W. O. GARDNER,
Mountain Island, N. C., July 2, 1908.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

J. M. SHUFORD.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

J. H. RUTLEDGE,
June 2nd, 1908.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

T. E. SHUFORD.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

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FLAGS OF THE NAVY.

How 46 Stars in Banner Affect Ships—Making Emblems Great Work
New York Press

On July 4 a new star was added to the blue field of the American flag, and each ship in the navy has discarded one \$40 flag and several less costly ones to make room for the new flag. For months past needles have been flying in the naval flag making establishment and the star-cutting machine was working overtime to supply the navy with flags of the new design.

The flags for the American navy are made at the naval flagmaking establishment, one of the departments of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Some idea of the size of this establishment may be gained from the statement that the flag outfit of each battleship consists of 150 different flags and that this outfit is practically renewed every three years. More than 50,000 flags are turned out each year at a cost to the government of about \$75,000. The cost of each flag outfit is \$2,500, but as some flags wear out before the three years are up, the hundred dollars more.

The ships of the navy must be prepared at all times for all forms of extras run the total cost to a few ceremonial and official occasions. They must be prepared to properly greet all high rank officials of any nation who may come aboard and they must be prepared to observe the proper etiquette in foreign waters. As the flag plays an important part in all of these ceremonies, each ship must be equipped with the flag of every nation, numerous official ensigns and a large assortment of flag signals.

There are 43 flags in the foreign complement. These are each 25 feet long and 13 feet wide. Many of these bear curious designs and a few of them have animal shapes and therefore are difficult to make and require considerable time. The most expensive foreign flag is that of the Republic of Salvador, which costs \$52.50 to make. It takes one woman 16 days to make the centrepiece of this flag, which is all done by hand. Next to the Salvador flag that of Costa Rica is the most difficult and tedious. This ensign, which also has an elaborate centrepiece, costs \$45 and requires nearly as long a time to complete. These centrepieces are hand embroidered with silk costing \$9 a pound, and are executed by a separate corps of women who do nothing else.

Next to the flag of the Republic of Salvador in point of costliness is the ensign of the Empire of China. The grotesque mythological monster which is the prominent feature of this flag is composed of more than 100 pieces. The dragon is ten feet long and requires 12 days to complete, and the entire ensign costs \$51. The flag of Siam costs \$38, the monster white elephant which forms the centrepiece of the flag adding considerably to the cost.

The largest flag made is that of the United States, which is 36 feet long and 24 feet wide. It costs \$40. But the flag requiring the longest time to complete is the President's flag. It takes one woman a month to embroider the coat-of-arms which forms the centre of this ensign. This flag is made in two sizes, 10 feet by 14 feet and three feet by five feet, and in the larger flag the eagle is life size. Thousands of white stars are used in making the United States flags and up to a few days ago these stars were cut by hand. They are now cut by a machine that cuts in one hour more stars than can be used in a week.

The material for these flags comes from Lowell, Mass., and costs the government about \$50,000 a year. The bunting must come up to the prescribed standard as to fastness of color and tensile strength, therefore samples of each shipment are tested by the master flagmaker and his assistant, the quarter woman flagmaker. It is tested for durability of color by first washing with soap and water, then with salt water and finally by exposure to the weather for ten days. The warp must withstand a strain of 65 pounds and the filling must withstand a 45-pound strain.

The floor of the flagmaking establishment presents a mass of lines and angles, seemingly struck at random, but each line serves as a guide for the cutting of some national flag. The flags are cut on this floor and some of the stitching is done there also. The final sewing, however, is done on motor-driven sewing machines, through which women operators feed the strips of vari-colored bunting. About 50 women and a few men are employed throughout the year making the naval flags and for this work they receive from \$1.20 to \$2 a day.

The Prohibitional National Convention has been in session at Columbus, Ohio, since Wednesday. The Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association is in annual session at Asheville this week.

WINSTON CHURCHILLS NOVELS

They Form an Interesting Series Dealing With Different Periods of American History.
The Bookman.

We do not know that Mr. Winston Churchill has ever avowed an ambition to become the American Balzac, but there is a curious symmetry in his literary career which suggests the possibility of a far reaching plan. Beginning with Richard Carvel, he evidently set himself to the representation of certain important epochs in American history. The Crisis, dealing with the Civil war, and the Cross, which pictured the westward development of the United States, completed a trilogy which fairly represented the most important moments in the first one hundred years of our history as a nation. This was in itself a scheme of some magnitude but Mr. Churchill followed it up with Coniston, in which he set forth a typical example of the political development of the country immediately after the Civil war. Up to this point he had never dealt with a strictly modern theme except in his first book, The Celebrity, which was, so to speak, a mere by-product and had no special relation with the rest of his work.

Now comes the news that his new book, Mr. Crewe's Career, which is to be published this spring, is a story of the present day and has for its background the political life of a generation succeeding that of Coniston. Primarily, of course, it is a story of character, as all of Mr. Churchill's books have been, and the "love interest" is said to have received more attention than in some of his earlier novels. But secondarily, Mr. Crewe's Career is to be an exposition of the political game as it is played to-day. Without doubt Mr. Churchill, who is of an observing turn of mind, has found plenty of material in his own experience as the candidate for the governorship of New Hampshire. The fact that he is receiving his full share of abuse in certain New England newspapers indicates that he has fairly qualified as a political expert and that he has become a factor in the politics of his State. If only he has "let himself go" in his new book, Mr. Crewe's Career may be expected to furnish an amount of amusement and instruction greater than that afforded by any of his stories of the past.

THE COUNTRY'S EXPORT.

Considerably Smaller Per Capita Than Those of Other Nations.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The merchandise exports of the United States have been increasing so rapidly in recent times that the per capita grows from year to year. Fast as population is expanding our exports are growing faster still. They amount now to \$20.41 per man, woman and child of the population. But the exports of several of the other countries are much greater, proportionately. Those of the United Kingdom have a per capita of \$37, Germany's of \$23, France's of \$34, while some of the smaller countries, like Switzerland and Belgium, leave us far behind on the per capita basis. Canada likewise is ahead of us on this point.

This is of no particular consequence except as an argument for an extension of our trade, so as to give more work to our industries. The reason why many other and much poorer countries beat us in the proportion of their products which they export is that our people consume far more at home than do other peoples. In the diversification of our industries which the tariff system has brought we have placed mills in all the foreign regions, and in this way we have built up home demand for farm and factory products which is far more profitable than is the foreign market. This is one of the triumphs of Republican policy.

Nevertheless, the time has come when intelligent effort on a large scale to enlarge our foreign markets must be made. The recent business scare emphasized that necessity. Our imports sharply dropped last December, while our exports increased. Ever since then the imports are at figures much below those of a year ago, but our exports also have fallen in the past few months. An increasing foreign market is more necessary in times of industrial stagnation, like the present, than in days of great business activity.

Struck by Lightning.
Cherryville Eagle, 15th.

The house occupied by W. H. Dixon, who lives just below Cherryville, was struck by lightning Monday afternoon doing considerable damage, breaking dishes and demolishing the house. It is stated that the lightning rods broke and the lightning first entered the living room, shocking several members of the family severely; however, all soon recovered from the shock.

SUICIDE AT SHARON.

York County Farmer Takes His Own Life.
York Enquirer, 14th.

Mr. John C. Whitesides, a farmer of the Sharon neighborhood, committed suicide last Friday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. The deed is directly attributable to mental derangement.

About a year ago Mr. Whitesides began to give unmistakable evidence of serious mental disorder. The derangement was of a decidedly homicidal tendency, and it was deemed prudent to send him to the State hospital. After a few months there were evidences of improvement that seemed to indicate that he could be brought home with safety and this was done. But of late there have been renewed manifestations of the old trouble.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Whitesides picked up his gun and started out of the door. Mrs. Whitesides did not notice him until he had gotten past her and then she attempted to follow. He raised his gun, pointed it at her and told her to go back in the house, saying that he would kill anybody who attempted to follow him. She turned back to the house and he fired his gun; but it is not thought that he fired at her, because had he done so and missed, the charge would surely have taken effect in the house.

After leaving his wife, Mr. Whitesides went up toward a cotton house about a hundred yards away and after a few moments there were two reports from his gun. First there was one report, then an interval and then another report. It was a single barreled gun, and had to be reloaded after each shot. When found a little later, the unfortunate man was lying insensible with a part of a charge of shot in the back part of his head. There were a few scattering shot about one ear; but it is believed that the first shot must have missed entirely and that the fatal wound was produced by the second shot. He lived about six hours after the shooting.

Mr. Whitesides was about 45 years of age. He was not especially well-to-do; but was in comfortable circumstances. He leaves a widow and eight children.

NOW 39,329 R. P. ROUTES.

Department Has Now Nearly 1,500 Petitions Before It.

Washington, July 12.—The July report of rural delivery, made public by the fourth assistant Postmaster General to-day, shows that from 57,464 petitions referred, 15,943 adverse reports have been received; 39,229 routes established—600 of which have from time to time been discontinued, leaving in operation 39,329 routes. Of this number 38,668 render daily service and 661 tri-weekly service.

The 39,329 routes were being served by 39,195 carriers. On many tri-weekly routes one carrier renders the service by alternating the trips, thereby earning the same pay he would receive if serving a daily delivery route of equivalent mileage.

After deducting assignments for establishment of rural routes on August and September 1, there will remain for action nearly 1,500 petitions which department officers say will be disposed of as rapidly as possible.

It was recently indicated that the exigencies of the rural service would require carriers this year to complete their leaves of absence by November 1, but Assistant Postmaster DeGraw is authority for the statement that no change is now contemplated in the standing rule under which carriers after twelve months' service are entitled to fifteen days' leave of absence with pay, "to be taken at any time during the year when postmasters can best spare them," which rule, Mr. DeGraw added, is essential to good administration, as it enables carriers on difficult routes to obtain relief during periods of intense weather—hot or cold—thus enabling recuperation at times when it is desirable, and in many cases, quite necessary from the viewpoint of health.

Mr. J. Ralph Rankin was elected to succeed Mr. W. C. Abernethy, and Mr. S. E. Mauney was elected to succeed himself, both for the term ending May 1st, 1909.

Bills to the amount of \$2,401.34 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

CRUSIER PRAIRIE ARRIVES.

Naval Reserves Embark To-day for Cruise in Chesapeake Bay.

Charlotte Observer.

Beaufort, July 15.—The Observer correspondent, from the ramparts of old Fort Macon, watched the auxiliary cruiser Prairie come in this morning. She let anchor three miles from Beaufort and near the sea buoy. Six divisions of naval reserves go aboard to-morrow about noon. The Beaufort division takes 36 officers and men. Adjutant General Robertson is here to look after the embarkation. The cruise will be in Chesapeake bay and will last ten days at least.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jenkins on Monday, July 13, 1908, a daughter.

BRYAN'S PROPERTY.

Not a Rich Man, Though He is Fairly Comfortable.
Indianapolis Star.

According to the hasty estimate made by the county assessors, W. J. Bryan stands eighth in the list of Lincoln's wealthy men. Mr. Bryan's possessions as estimated in the list filed in the court house, total the modest sum of \$84,000. This total is made up of the following items: One hundred and thirty-five acres of farm land (fifty acres in the name of Mrs. Bryan), \$29,125; House at Fairview, 21,000; Improvements, barns, etc., 2,325; The Commoner, 19,250; Personal Property, 12,800.

The latter item is made up of the following as returned by their owner: Household goods, \$3,500; Jewelry, 400; Twenty-one head of cattle, 1,200; Dogs, 40; Cash on hand April 1st, 2,100; Piano, 500; Pictures and engravings, 1,000; Agricultural tools, 150; Four horses, 800; Notes, 1,000; Firearms, 150; Diamonds, 300; Six vehicles, 600.

In Nebraska the law is that everything shall be assessed at its cash value, but as a rule the valuation made represents about three-fourths of the true value. If this rule holds good in the case of Mr. Bryan, his possessions in Nebraska, real and personal, are worth actually slightly in excess of \$100,000.

NEW PUMPS.

Electric Pumps and Additional Filter Tank Being Installed at the City Power House.

The city water and light station, or power house, is quite a busy scene these days. Workmen are busy installing the three new electric pumps which are to take the place of the steam pumps now in use to supply pressure to the city water mains. Two of these have a capacity of 500 gallons per minute each with a pressure of 80 pounds; while the third furnishes 500 gallons per minute with a pressure of 100 pounds. The steam pumps will be kept connected up for use in case the electric pumps should get out of running order.

The filtering system is also being improved by the building of an additional filter tank in the north room of the power house. A sedimentation tank, constructed of Florida cypress, will be built on the outside of the power house, through which the water will be run before it enters the filter proper.

The city has only recently completed the laying of a twelve-inch main from the intake on Long Creek to the station, and when the improvements now under way are completed, Gastonia will have a water system which will bear comparison with that of any city of its size in the State.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

New Policeman Elected—Important Ordinances Passed.

The city council met in regular session for July last Tuesday night, at the city hall with all members present except Dr. J. M. Sloan, who is out of the city.

An ordinance was passed forbidding drays to stand on South street between Main avenue and the railroad. An ordinance was also passed requiring all owners of houses of all kinds to place the numbers which have been assigned to them by the street commissioner within the next 30 days.

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