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BILKINS AT JAMESTOWN.

Social Row the Biggest Hunk in the Pile—President as Full of Speeches as is Mr. Bryan—That Great Announcement and What it Means—Bilkins May Come to the State Fair.

Jamestown, Va., Oct. 9th.
Correspondence of the Enterprise.

I hev bin watching' the big show here an' I reckon you would call hit awl gude. But the sosial row wuz the biggest hunk in the pile. Them fellers got their Virginia dander up an' they piled hit on. Take the sosial plum erway frum a Virginia man an' he won't eat anything. If any ov them happen ter git up ter that grater an' better world they will probably try ter run things sure.

I am stayin' here a gude deal longer than I expected ter stay bekase Preserdent Roosevelt iz still trottin' erround makin' speeches an' carryin' on. Hit iz no use fer me ter go ter Washington until he gits back home, fer I can't git them letters ter the furrin potentates till he cums home. Preserdent Roosevelt iz gittin' az full of speeches as my friend William Jennings Bryan. Both ov them need bleedin'.

I see that the North Carolina State Fair iz ter be in seshun at Raleigh next week. If I don't hear frum Washington I may run down an' be thar ter give William J. Bryan a bear hunt. He writ me that he'd enjoy hit a whole lot an' sorter hinted that az I am chief manager of Preserdenshial bear hunts, I orter try ter be thar an' run things fer hiz benefit. When Preserdent Roosevelt wuz at Raleigh last Fair they wuz not but one bear in Pullen Park at Raleigh. Now they iz three, fer I seed them myself. Hit will be jist like Mr. Bryan ter want me ter let him shoot awl three ov them in the hunt so he kin claim that North Carolina give him three times az much bear shootin' az hit did Mr. Roosevelt. But I will see him in Durham County before I will discriminate. He favors 16 to 1. I will do this—I will let him shoot 16 times at 1 bear.

I see that Mr. Bryan will make an important announcement on November 25th. I kin see through that. He iz goin' ter claim that I give him a bear hunt an' that he killed three bears ter one killed by Mr. Roosevelt. He will hev ter promise ter appint me minister ter Utah if I do that.

I will think over hit a day or two and may deside ter run down ter Raleigh next week an' see that Mr. Bryan hez a gude time an' then go ter Washington. I'd like ter visit the Fair an' see awl the nabors anyhow, an' I reckon Betsy would be glad ter see me an' Bob once more. But hit awl depends on how the drap falls. If Betsy happens ter be ready ter buy a new dress an' wants me ter make a voluntary peace offerin' she will be poewrful glad ter see me.

I see that a rich man in Philadelphia is goin' ter spend half a mill-yun dollars in takin' friends erround the world. Az I am gittin' ready ter go anyhow, I'd like ter be one ov his special friends. But I guess they will start out with a ship-load ov wine an' lick an' ride erround on fine boats and trains jist fer a frolick while I am goin' ter see the hole show, or find out why. That crowd won't hit nothin' but high places an' when they git back they will be tellin' their

friends that "Paris, the capital of Africa, was the most beautiful city we saw on the whole trip." Rich folks air mity ignorant at times.

I am nothin' but a plain ole sitizen frum the Terrible Creek naborhood. But if I go erround the world I'll see every mouse an' rattlesnake frum Bilkinsville ter the Northeast corner ov China, an' I won't ride on any special trains onless the Sazar ov Russhy gives me an' excursion while I am stoppin' with him. He owns the rodes an' kin afford hit.

ZEKE BILKINS.

The Proud Apple; or, Beauty is But Skin Deep.

Two apples were lying under an apple tree. One had a fine, smooth and red skin and the other was rough and ugly and had no rosy cheeks. The red apple said to his plainer sister:

"How dare you show your face so near me? Do you not know that my skin is fair and my flesh as fine again as yours?"

"It may be so," said the modest apple, "but you know I did not make myself, and am not to blame. He who makes all things gives to each some quality different from the rest. You have a fair skin and decay soon; my skin is harder, and I last all winter. Indeed, I think I saw a worm eat into your heart this morning atter he had tried in vain to get through my skin."

Children who are proud of their clothes or their beauty are like this fair apple; for, though no real worm eats into their hearts, envy and pride enter and prevent them from being happy or beloved.

C. H. WILLIAMS.

First Occurrences.

The first horse railroad was built in 1826-1827.

The first sulphur match was made in 1828.

The first steel pin was made in 1830.

Ships were first "copper-bottomed" in 1837.

Envelopes were first used in 1839.

The first shoe black appeared in 1750.

The first anaesthetics were used in 1844.

The first steel plate was made in 1830.

Coaches were first used in England in 1869.

The Franciscans arrived in England in 1224.

The entire Hebrew Bible was printed in 1488.

The first daily newspaper appeared in 1702.

Christianity was introduced into Japan in 1549.

The first telescope was used in England in 1608.

Omnibuses were introduced in New York in 1830.

The first temperance society was organized in 1808.

The first almanac was printed by George Von Furbach in 1460.

Percussion arms were first used in the United States in 1830.

The first glass factory in the United States was built in 1780.

The first complete sewing machine was patented by Elias Howe in 1846.

Morse successfully operated the first telegraph instrument in 1835, but did not demonstrate it to the world until 1842.—Chicago Record.

THE STATE FAIR.

Opens Monday and Will Be in Full Blast Until Saturday—Many Special Attractions—A Record-Breaking Crowd Expected All the Week.

With good weather, and that may be expected, the State Fair will probably eclipse all previous Fairs in point of attendance. It will last an entire week and this will give a better chance to handle the great crowds expected.

On Thursday, October 17th, at noon, Hon. William J. Bryan will deliver one of his great speeches.

Many new and novel attractions are billed in addition to the fine display of agricultural and manufactured products.

Francis Ferraris' great Trained Wild Animal Show will be on hand. It will be worth a long trip to see this.

Demarest's Great New York Equestrian Combination will be here all the week and will attract great crowds.

Numerous other attractions are billed. In the city splendid theatrical plays will be on every night, and those who enjoy that will have a great opportunity.

On Wednesday the corner-stone of the magnificent Masonic Temple will be laid. The building is already in progress, and by next week the concrete frame-work will be five stories in height and the visitor can begin to judge what it will be when it reaches the full height. This building will cost, when completed, \$125,000. At least 5,000 Masons are expected to attend the ceremonies, and will march in full regalia. No such meeting was ever before held in this State.

The hotel and boarding-house facilities will be better this year than ever before by far, and many private homes will be thrown open to visitors.

The street car facilities have been almost doubled in Raleigh since the last Fair, and the crowds can be handled much better. But, of course, no one need expect to visit the city when a large crowd is present and find all cars running on time to the minute, or to find them uncrowded on such an occasion.

Several thousands of dollars worth of improvements have been made at the Fair Grounds this year and the grounds are now in excellent condition in every respect. Rain or shine, the Fair will not be interrupted.

"Meet us at the Fair."

It's a Mistake.

Public opinion all over the country is increasing that a great mistake has been made in dealing with railroads too hastily in enforcing the 2 1/2 cent passenger rate. Railroads are valuable in making taxable assets for our State. Our fight ought to be more railroads and better railroads. But at the same time they should be made to tote fair with the public.—Shelby Aurora.

Uncle Sam is gathering crops worth \$7,000,000,000. That means about \$80 worth of farm produce for every inhabitant of the country. As a producer of real wealth the farmer is still in a class by himself.—Philadelphia Press.

ROWLANDS ACQUITTED.

Jury Found the Evidence Insufficient—Out Several Hours, However.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning court was convened to hear the verdict of the jury in the Rowland case. "Not guilty" was the answer in regard to both of the defendants, Dr. and Mrs. Rowland.

They were released from custody at once, and soon afterward began preparations to go to Vance County, where they are spending some time with relatives of Dr. Rowland.

The attorneys began their speeches Friday afternoon and did not complete them until a late hour Saturday night. The jury retired to the jury room at once and began to discuss the celebrated case. It is said that a verdict was agreed upon in a very short time. But, it seems, that the jury decided to wait until Sunday morning to return the verdict, probably thinking that the Judge had retired and would not wish to be disturbed at such an hour.

Mr. Walter Clark, Jr., made the opening speech for the State Friday and was followed by Col. J. C. L. Harris for the defense. At 9 o'clock Saturday morning speaking was resumed. Mr. Elmer Shaffer spoke for the State. He was followed by Mr. T. T. Hicks and Mr. Walter Watson for the defense. Solicitor Jones followed for the State. Mr. J. N. Holding and Major S. G. Ryan then spoke for the defense and Col. T. M. Argo closed for the State. The charge of the Judge occupied about an hour.

When the verdict of the jury was given Sunday morning the court-house was filled with people. Mrs. Rowland and her sister, Mrs. Levane, fell into each others' arms and wept when the verdict was announced. Dr. Rowland, who had remained calm and collected during the entire trial, also broke down and wept. A large portion of the crowd in the court-house applauded the verdict, but quiet was restored when the Judge ordered the arrest of any person making a further demonstration.

The Enterprise predicted the acquittal of the defendants some time ago, the prediction being based entirely upon the weakness of the evidence so far secured, though a number of circumstances appeared to fit well together.

Dr. Rowland returned to Raleigh this week, but has not announced his plans for the future, so far as we know.

Time to Take Notice.

When a girl invites a young man to her home for dinner, and he is told that she did the cooking, it is time for him to sit up and take notice.—Durham Sun.

Doctors who plead guilty to Professor Osler's charge that they smoke too much may allege that they compound for their own indulgence by forbidding it in their patients.—New York World.

Comparing the cities of the country, the Census Bureau announces gravely that New York has the most expensive government. Wouldn't it be nice if this were news to Maphattan tax-payers?—New York World.