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This Date in History—Sept. 3.

- 1688—Richard Tarleton, most noted English comedian before Shakespeare's time and jester to Queen Elizabeth, died.
1688—Sir Edward Coke, the famous English lawyer and defender of the people's rights, died; born 1552.
1736—Matthew Boulton, partner of James Watt and most equally celebrated inventor, born at Birmingham; died 1806.
1762—New style in the calendar adopted in England and her colonies; 11 days added to all previous dates of that century.
1871—One of the most frightful river collisions on record took place on the Thames at London; the favorite river steamer, Princess Alice, carrying 700 or 800 excursionists, was run down and cut in two by a screw collier; over 700 persons drowned.
1884—General Ambrose Everett Burnside, commander of the Army of the Potomac at the battle of Fredericksburg, died; born in Indiana 1824.
1884—Jonah Parsons Cooke, Harvard's great chemist, died at Newport, R. I.; born 1827.



COOKE

The Dutch have conquered Holland. Vermont has gone Republican, and there is every reason to believe that Maine and Massachusetts will do likewise.

The official statement of the condition of the Treasury for the month of August shows a continued deficit and a constant outflow of gold, which may be expected to be the case until Bryan is elected and the financial policy of the country materially changed.

Bryan's eloquence is waking up the voters in New York and Ohio, and his example has aroused the leaders of the opposition to McKinleyism all over the country.

It begins to look like the Armenians were the aggressors at the recent riots at Constantinople; but the Turks have taken bloody reprisals, all the same. The best way to stop the murderous business would be to divide the 'sick man's' estate between Christian nations of Europe, and restore a beautiful and fertile country to some of the blessings of civilization.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, who was the chief advisor of Li Hung Chang in his negotiations with Japan for peace at the close of the late war in the East, says that he is confident that the Chinese ambassador's visit to this country will prove very beneficial to the business world, especially in the line of ship-building, as he believes it is the intention of Earl Li to greatly strengthen his country both in its naval and commercial equipments, which would mean a good deal of work for builders in this line in Europe and America.

Mr. Bryan's reception at Columbus, Ohio, is said to have been the largest and most enthusiastic of any given him since he started out to enlighten the people in regard to the free coinage of silver as laid down in the Chicago platform. His tour through Northern and Western New York into Ohio has been a triumphal procession all the way, and the leaders of the Democratic party are so encouraged by the developments made during its progress that they have decided to make a determined effort to carry the Empire State for the Chicago nominees, of which they are now very sanguine.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

The Republicans pretend to be certain of carrying the Middle Western States for McKinley and protection, but the information from the headquarters of the opposition is just the reverse of all these claims. Mr. Bryan's enthusiastic reception at Columbus, Ohio, where he was met by enthusiastic delegations from various parts of the State, shows in what direction the political winds are blowing, and point with the same unerring accuracy that the needle does to the pole to a public sentiment in the Buckeye State largely in favor of Bryan and free silver. In Illinois and Indiana there is the same enthusiasm. The free silver sentiment is increasing in those States continually, with the prospect that all losses to the Chicago ticket from the bolt of gold Democrats will be more than compensated by the defection of Republicans who favor silver coinage on the basis of 16 to 1, and will give their support to the Chicago ticket.

How the Republicans can get any comfort out of the situation is past the comprehension of those who study the matter without bias or prejudice; for it is evident to all who read and think that the people of the West and South are practically unanimous in support of Bryan, and that the visit of the latter to New York has effected a wonderful change for silver on the people of that State. On the whole, as the campaign progresses, the friends of silver coinage have everything to encourage and nothing to depress them.

They know that the election of McKinley will make no change in existing conditions, for the protection that he advocates has been tried and found wanting in all respects. Over-production and monopolies are the natural results of the policy he represents, and his election would be but a repetition of the Homestead and other strikes which followed fast upon the enactment of the McKinley tariff. Besides all this, a hostile Senate would balk any legislation in direction of extreme protection, and this would render all his efforts along that line utterly abortive, while the people would be left to struggle and groan under the added weight to existing burdens.

It may not be a good plan to swap horses while crossing a stream; but with two pulling in different directions at such a time, an exchange of both for a tried and trusted steed would be decidedly preferable to a balk amid stream, with the danger of an upset and the loss of everything in the vehicle. Such at present is the situation in regard to Mr. Bryan and his running mates. A change is urgently needed, and should be made at once without hesitation. It would put the silver forces in fine running shape, and bring about inevitable success; whereas at present there are elements of danger in both of the candidates for Vice-President to Mr. Bryan and the free coinage movement which imperatively demands quick and heroic treatment.

THE EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDE.

Any one who is a daily reader of the papers cannot fail to be struck with the great number of suicides chronicled by them this summer. Scarcely a day passes but that one or more cases of self-murder are reported.

Some years ago there was an article on this subject in one of the leading reviews in which the writer held that suiciding went in cycles; that there would be intervals perhaps of several years, during which time, barring an exceptional case here and there, there would be no crimes of this sort committed, and then all at once a tidal wave of self-destruction would sweep the country. Our observation, since reading the article referred to, is that to a very large degree the author was right in his assertion. If it be true then that suicides sweep the country like an epidemic, then like all epidemics there must be some cause for the present one.

A careful analysis of the cases recorded this summer by the press will show that the cause assigned for at least 60 per cent. of them was financial embarrassment of some sort. Since these cases are not local, or are confined to no particular section of our country, might it not be fairly inferred that there is some national cause for these embarrassments which have led to so many untimely deaths? Truly 'the times are out of joint,' and that the people as a nation, believe the money question to be at the bottom of the whole thing, witness the unparalleled interest now taken in the present political campaign. The world has never seen it equalled. The silver party to-day owes its popularity not so much to its leaders as to the inborn conviction of its adherents that it is the one relief offered them from the evils of a financial stress which holds them in its grasp with ever-tightening grip, a stress which drives men to madness and to self-destruction.

LET BOTH WITHDRAW.

As the campaign progresses evidences of the misfit of the Democratic nominees for President and Vice-President become daily more apparent. Mr. Bryan is beyond all question the man for the occasion, so far as the head of the ticket is concerned; but it is equally as apparent that in the selection of Mr. Sewall for the second place a serious blunder was made. Personally he is a gentleman of unquestioned integrity and in all respects eminently worthy of the respect and esteem of his countrymen; but as the Dem-

ocratic candidate for Vice-President upon the platform adopted by the Chicago convention he is strangely out of place. That platform has as its leading principle the free coinage of silver on the ratio of 16 to 1 and the issuance of all money by the general government. It opposes the issuing of money by banks and opposes monopolies and trusts of all description, and yet Mr. Sewall is president of a national bank and a member of a ship-building firm that has descended from father to son for several generations. He belongs to a State that is hopelessly Republican, and therefore adds no strength to the ticket from any hope that his selection may change the result in Maine. Both from association and environment he represents the opposite of all that the platform embodies and his nomination has brought into ridicule the principles there laid down. His place on the ticket is therefore a constant menace to its success, and his early withdrawal or removal by the national committee is to be most earnestly desired.

On the other hand, but for the fact that he has openly renounced his Democracy, Mr. Watson, the Populist nominee for Vice-President, would be far less objectionable as the only running mate of Mr. Bryan. His views are more in line with the Democratic platform, and in many respects he would be a decided acquisition to the Chicago ticket. His selection in the place of Mr. Sewall would, however, never be consented to by the great majority of that party, and in view of the necessity for harmony he, too, should withdraw or be removed from the Populist ticket, to be followed by an agreement on some desirable man by the national committees of the two parties. Such a man could be found in the person of Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, an original advocate of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and a man eminently qualified for the position of Vice-President.

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THE SUPERSTITIOUS NUMBER.

Car Thirteen Killed Little Annie Tracy and Two Others. Annie Tracy, aged thirteen years, of No. 3914 Longshore street, Tacony, was run over and fatally injured by a trolley car of the Holmesburg, Tacony and Frankford line at State road and Longshore street yesterday. Little Annie had been on an errand to a neighboring physician and had stopped at the blacksmith shop of her father on her way home.

When she left her father she started to cross over the State road immediately behind a wagon loaded with hay, which was passing, and did not see the approaching car, which ran her down. The wheels passed over both her thighs crushing them. Immediately opposite her father's blacksmith shop stands engine company No. 38, and in front of it at the time of the accident patrol wagon No. 15, of the Frankford district, was standing.

The mangled child was quickly picked up, and the patrol wagon was driven with all haste to the Episcopal Hospital. There the physicians saw at once that her injuries were fatal. She died within a few hours after being admitted. The car which ran over Annie, No. 13, has a superstitious record. It was this car which ran over and killed Miss Barnes on Bristol turnpike early in last June, and later on ran over and mangled the legs of Harry Sichel near the same spot, from the effects of which he afterwards died in the Episcopal Hospital.—Philadelphia Record.

SPANISH BUN.

Cream together half a pound of butter and a pound of sugar, four eggs, beaten together; one cupful of milk, half a pound of currants, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder mixed with one and a half pound of flour, retaining one quarter of a pound of flour to mix with the currants. Be sure to prepare the currants the day before you wish to use them, so that they will be perfectly dry, or they will fall to the bottom of the bun.

Boating on the lake at Crystal Spring. ITS VALUE RECOGNIZED BY PHYSICIANS.

As a rule I am opposed to proprietary medicines. Still I value a good one, especially when such is the source of relief from pain. As a topical (external) application I have found Chamberlain's Pain Balm the best remedy I have ever used for neuralgia of any kind. I have conscientiously recommended it to many persons. William Horne, M. D., Janesville, Wis. Sold by the Chas. Lyle Drug Company.

AN OLD DOCTOR'S FAVORITE.

Dr. L. M. Gilliam, who practiced medicine over forty years, originated, used and claimed that Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which has now been in use about fifty years, was the best Tonic and Blood Purifier ever given to the world. It never fails to cure the most malignant ulcers, sores, rheumatism, catarrh and all skin and blood diseases. Beware of substitutes. Use this standard remedy. Price per large bottle, \$1.00. For sale by druggists.

SALEM NEWS

Miss Blanche Hubbard, of Catawba, is in Salem visiting friends. John Logan has returned from a visit to his uncle's at Union, W. Va. Miss Blanche Daniel, of Bedford City, is in Salem visiting Mrs. Roy Moore.

Mrs. Pond, who has been living on the Boulevard, has moved away from Salem. Miss Berta Martin has returned to her home in Pulaski, after a short stay in Salem.

Prof. C. B. Cannaday has returned, after several weeks' canvassing in the interest of the college in Southwest Virginia.

C. A. Penick, of South Boston, who has been a student at Roanoke College for the last two sessions, is in Salem visiting friends.

Miss Virginia Mitchell, sister of John M. Oakey, has been called to Salem to visit her daughter, who is sick at Mr. Oakey's.

The F. J. Chapman "Dixie" farm, one mile west of Salem, was sold Tuesday at auction, and purchased by W. H. Tinsley for \$1,500.

Joseph D. Logan has returned to his home at Union, W. Va., after a pleasant visit in Salem to Geo. W. Logan and Col. R. H. Logan.

Mrs. Austin, of Roanoke, moved yesterday into the house of G. J. Ligon, on West Main street, and expects to open a boarding house.

Mrs. W. O. Ballard and Mrs. Jennie Graham, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Rosalia Ayres, of Roanoke, are visiting friends and relatives in Salem.

Mrs. Peel and sons, Alfred and William, returned to Salem after having spent a very pleasant summer at Follingsdale, Montgomery county.

James Chalmers and J. W. Allemon left yesterday for Buena Vista in order to attend the Roanoke district Methodist conference, now in session there.

Miss Maggie Whitesell left Salem yesterday for Buena Vista, where she will attend the Methodist conference, and afterwards spend some time visiting friends in Augusta county.

M. G. McClung and family have returned from a very pleasant visit to Mr. McClung's old home at Franklin, Va. Mr. McClung is looking well and says he weighs heavier than he ever has before in his life.

Dr. Martin, professor of physics and chemistry in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, at Lynchburg, was in Salem yesterday, and while here paid a short visit to different members of the Roanoke College faculty.

John Turner and wife, of Roanoke, were in town on Tuesday, and Mrs. Turner tipped the scales at 375 pounds. Her husband, who looked little more than a mere boy by her side, also pulled the scales down for 200 pounds.

Prof. L. McReynolds and brother, John McReynolds, Mrs. L. McReynolds, and her guests, Miss Nelson, Mrs. and Miss Horine, leave Salem to-day for the Luray Caverns; on their return the party will also visit the Grottoes and Natural Bridge.

A pleasant party of young people assembled at the home of Rev. Geo. J. Hobday, near the Baptist Orphanage, Tuesday evening. The pleasant hours were passed away with games, music and conversation, until refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and fruits were served, and when the party dispersed all expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening.

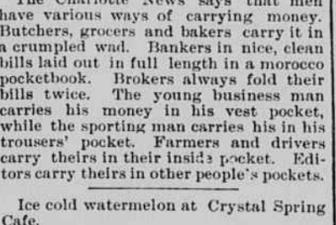
CONDENSED TESTIMONY.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Worth, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at Massie's Pharmacy.

WHERE PEOPLE CARRY MONEY.

The Charlotte News says that men have various ways of carrying money. Butchers, grocers and bakers carry it in a crumpled wad. Bankers in nice, clean bills laid out in full length in a morocco pocketbook. Brokers always fold their bills twice. The young business man carries his money in his vest pocket, while the sporting man carries his in his trousers' pocket. Farmers and drivers carry theirs in their inside pocket. Editors carry theirs in other people's pockets.

Ice cold watermelon at Crystal Spring Cafe.



J. & J.'s Corn Cure.

Every bottle guaranteed. Price 15 cents a bottle. Made only by JOHNSON & JOHNSON, Pharmacists, Corner Salem Ave. and Jefferson St. ROANOKE, VA.

Advertisement for Pain-Killer, listing ailments like Cramps, Colic, Croup, Coughs, Toothache, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Bowel Complaints. Includes a testimonial and price information.

Advertisement for LOVE'S WAY, a love charm. Includes a testimonial and contact information for J. E. Rogers.

Advertisement for REBEKAH SANITARIUM! A Private Retreat for the Sick and for Surgical Operations. Includes details about hospital advantages and contact information for Dr. C. G. Cannaday.

Advertisement for NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK OF ROANOKE, VA. Lists capital, surplus, and directors.

Advertisement for F. W. BROWN, Hardware, 9 Jefferson Street.

Advertisement for Cutlery of good material and well made, listing various types of knives and shears.

Advertisement for CATOGNI BROS., listing various building materials and services.

Advertisement for North Carolina Long Leaf Pine and all kinds of builders' material.

Advertisement for BLACK STILL REIGNS, a hosiery product. Includes details about a popular vote and where to purchase.

Advertisement for SUBURBAN TOBACCO FARM, a new industry for which a great future is expected. Includes details about tobacco growing and contact information.

Advertisement for CASTORIA, a product for infants and children. Includes a testimonial and contact information for J. E. Rogers.