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IF THERE, WHY NOT HERE?

Saturday we published an editorial from the Philadelphia Press, one of the leading Republican papers of Pennsylvania...

"Experiment and experience may show that change and modification are necessary. As Puerto Rico improves, its rights, privileges and immunities will improve..."

The meaning of this is that intelligence should rule, although the intelligent may be small in number compared with the total population...

Senator Butler and some of those who are co-operating with him got together in convention at Raleigh Wednesday...

As far as the ticket nominated is concerned it was probably as good as the machine managers could find in the limited number they had to select from...

The really notable feature of the proceedings is the platform which shows the trickery, insincerity and demagoguery characteristic of every thing that Marion Butler has a hand in...

It was the race-line, the color line, the handful of white people against the mass of copper colored natives. This, this eminent Republican organ says, is right in Hawaii...

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If he believes the amendment as proposed is unconstitutional, that they are trying so hard to defeat it? Don't it look like a waste of time and labor to be rallying their forces to fight a measure which they declare cannot stand if carried?

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and the antagonism between the races.

It does not appear on the face of it that it was the race difference more than the illiteracy of the great mass of voters that caused the ballot to be withheld from them...

If this is right in Hawaii, in Porto Rico, (where the same methods will be adopted), and right in the Philippines, where, if we hold on to them, qualified suffrage will be adopted...

STRONGER THAN THE TICKET. It is universally conceded that the ticket nominated by the Democratic Convention at Raleigh is a strong one...

It is a fact that many people of wealth and education have been indifferent to the education of the masses. But the present campaign compels even this small class to be some advocates of universal education...

There is no doubt of our success, but every lover of the State owes it the duty to work now until the election; to work earnestly and in all charity to settle the matter by such a majority as shall render it hopeless on the part of any party ever to return to existing conditions.

While Lord Rosbery, of England, has been in public life for twenty years and filled some eminent positions, it is said that even his intimate friends have never been able to learn what his real opinions are on anything...

Fortunately for Miss Helen Gould she has a secretary who is able-bodied enough to go through her daily mail. Last week she received 1,303 letters, nearly all of which contained requests for money for various objects, aggregating about \$1,700,000.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that any citizen of that State who chooses has a right to utilize the United States flag as an advertising medium. If, as they say, trade follows the flag, why shouldn't the hustler boost his trade with it?

The wife of a Massachusetts man eloped and served him the mean trick to elope with his best set of false teeth. But as she "took snuff" he didn't expect any better of her. His principal loss is his false teeth and other trinkets she carried away.

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MISS LIZZIE STRUTHERS, Miss Mamie Morrill and Masters Arthur and David Struthers left yesterday afternoon for a few days' outing at Mr. Wm. Struthers' farm at Grists, N. C.

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Boer Women Found Among the Dead on the Battlefield. LONDON, April 21.—A letter from a nurse in a hospital at Cape Town corroborates an unpleasant feature of the war. The letter says that the medical officers, for sanitary reasons, forced a number of Boer prisoners to bathe in the river behind the hospital. Two of them absolutely refused to strip, and when forced to do so it was found they were women in men's clothes. The writer adds: "Quite a number of the dead on the battlefield have been found to be women, similarly disguised, and, worse than all, it has often been these women who have been guilty of atrocities, such as killing the wounded."

Representative Klutz, of North Carolina, introduced in the House a bill repealing the bankruptcy law and repealing the war revenue stamp laws.

COL. ROGER MOORE

Died Very Suddenly at His Home in This City Last Night at 11 O'clock.

A STROKE OF APOPLEXY.

Stricken to Death Just as He Was Retiring as Usual for the Night—Long Career of Usefulness and Good Words—A Christian Man.

It will be with the most sincere sorrow and deep regret that the people of Wilmington and his numerous friends and acquaintances in North Carolina will receive this morning the announcement of the death of Col. Roger Moore, which occurred Saturday night at 11 o'clock at his home in this city, No. 118 Chesnut street.

Col. Moore was in his usual health during Saturday and his family and intimate friends were totally unprepared for the shock which came in the knowledge of his death Saturday night, which was due to a stroke of apoplexy and which came after taking a bath and just as he was retiring for the night.

Col. Moore was one of the best known and the most universally esteemed of Wilmington's citizens. Prominent in the commercial life of the city, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a loyal son of his county, State and country, there are none who knew him but who were his admirers.

Col. Moore was born of notable parentage, July 19th, 1838, and was therefore in the sixty-second year of his age. He has been a life long resident of Wilmington, and has been always prominently identified with the commercial interests of the city.

Col. Moore was twice married and leaves a number of surviving immediate relatives to whom is poured out the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends not only in Wilmington, but in the State. His first wife was Miss Rebecca Smith, daughter of the late Thos. Smith, and she has long since passed into rest. As a result of this union there was only one son, the late Roger Moore, Jr., who died after his advancement to manhood. His second wife was Mrs. George B. Atkins, daughter of the late Capt. B. W. Berry, whom he married about twenty-nine years ago, and she, with two daughters and four sons, survive him. The sons are Mr. Quincy Moore, Mr. Henry Moore, Mr. Edwin Moore and Master Leslie Moore. The daughters are Miss Annie Moore, who is in college at the University of Chicago, and Miss Ella Moore, who is at home with her parents. He also has a sister, Mrs. Bettie Petteway, who is now visiting in Raleigh.

Col. Moore has been a faithful and devoted member of Grace Church for a period of twelve years and has for a considerable portion of the time served as a steward. Rev. J. N. Cole, his pastor, in speaking last night of his connection with the Methodist church, said that he had held every position of honor and trust in the gift of the congregation. He has also held positions of prominence in the Conference and was one of its most valued workers. He was a member of several fraternal and benevolent orders, among them being Cornellius Earnest Council, Royal Arcanum. He served gallantly in the Confederate army and was Colonel of the Third North Carolina Cavalry. His benevolence and charity were well known, and no deserving request was ever refused at his hands. For some years he has been a director of the Associated Charities, an official in the Seaman's Friend Society and his good works were not alone confined to these institutions. For years he was Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department of the city and for a number of years he has been a member of the Board of County Commissioners, having been for the past four years its chairman. He was also at the time of his death chairman of the Board of Hospital Managers and of the County Auditing Board. He has also held various other positions of trust and responsibility which are not now recalled.

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SHOT FOUR TIMES.

Negroes Had Quarrel at Hilton Lumber Company's Mill in Which One Was Shot Four Times.

Last night about 10 o'clock in the yards of the Hilton Lumber Company, Elliott Whistberg, a young negro who came here several months ago from Sumter, S. C., and who is employed by the Cape Fear Lumber Company, was shot and severely wounded in four places by Will Johnson, a colored employe of the Hilton Lumber Company. Whistberg was brought to police headquarters by an associate and after an examination by Dr. McMillan, he was sent to the City Hospital, where the bullets were extracted from his flesh. Johnson was later arrested by the police and placed in the lock-up. He does not deny the shooting, but says that Whistberg came to him at his work and attempted to make trouble over a woman, who was present. He attempted to get him away from the lumber yard, he said, and upon his refusal to do so an altercation ensued, in which Whistberg was wounded as stated.

One of the balls entered the left jaw, another the right side, a third the right hip and the fourth penetrated the calf of the negro's right leg. The wounds are from a 38 calibre revolver and are dangerous. Whistberg says that Johnson emptied his revolver at him and that four of the five shots fired hit him.

REV. H. W. SMITH TO WITHDRAW. Will Leave the Presbyterian Church as a Protest Against the C. Confession. The following press telegram from Little Rock, Ark., will be read with interest by the friends and acquaintances of Rev. Hay Watson Smith, who for several months supplied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church of this city just after the resignation of Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge to become pastor of Warren Memorial church, Louisville, Ky. "Rev. Hay Watson Smith, lately called from Greensboro, N. C., to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church here, announces his withdrawal from the Presbyterian ministry as a protest against the Westminster Confession of Faith. He will probably join the Congregationalists."

Rev. Mr. Smith is a son of the late Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith, of Greensboro, and a brother of Dr. Henry Louis Smith, vice president of Davidson College. He was graduated from Davidson College and after his temporary pastorate here he went to Little Rock, Ark. He was subsequently tendered a call to the First Presbyterian church of this city, but for some reason it was never accepted nor declined.

STRAWBERRY SEASON LATE. The Situation is the Trucking Belt Around Savannah, Ga. (Savannah Morning News.) Savannah's strawberry supply has been unusually late this season owing to the cold spell of a few weeks ago, which destroyed numbers of the blossoms and young fruit, but now that the berries have begun to come to market, the outlook is for a plentiful supply of an unusually good quality.

Last year the berries were for sale as early as April 1st, that is, the locally grown fruit, usually esteemed best, which is the first installment of these berries were received only last week. Of the finer qualities of strawberries grown on the farm around the city leaders are now receiving 20 and 25 cents a basket, while the commoner Florida product bring only 15 cents, and are at some places sold as low as 10 cents.

Nearly all of the truck farmers in this vicinity grow berries, having anywhere from one to three acres. Their general opinion is that the berries, though late, will be plentiful and that the supply will more than equal the demand. With the increased number in the market the prices will of course go down, but the berries during the most plentiful season often selling as low as half of the prices charged for them now.

Cotton and Naval Stores. The following comparative statement of the receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the week and past crop year was yesterday posted at the Produce Exchange: Week ended April 20th, 1900—Cotton, 200 bales; spirits, 78 casks; rosin, 447 barrels; tar, 1,322 barrels; crude, 112 barrels. Week ended April 20th, 1899—Cotton, 261 bales; spirits, 142 casks; rosin, 3,385 barrels; tar, 1,318 barrels; crude, 78 barrels. Crop Year to April 20th, 1900—Cotton, 274,078 bales; spirits, 215 casks; rosin, 3,923 barrels; tar, 4,071 barrels; crude, 216 barrels. Crop Year to April 20th, 1899—Cotton, 288,940 bales; spirits, 359 casks; rosin, 10,301 barrels; tar, 5,323 barrels; crude, 196 barrels.

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AUSPICIOUS OPENING.

The American Fruit and Produce Travellers Are in Second Annual Session.

Most Important Meetings for the Year Will Be Held To-day—Express Service to Baltimore is Considered Inconvenient. ENTHUSIASTIC ATTENDANCE.

The second annual meeting of the American Fruit and Produce Travellers' Association convened in the rooms of the Merchants' Association in the Seaboard Air-Line building on Front street last evening at 8:30 o'clock there having been a good attendance of members all of whom were thoroughly enthusiastic for the success of the Association and keenly alive to the importance of the various discussions pending.

Mr. J. H. Johnson, of Providence, R. I., and president of the Association, called the meeting to order and Mr. R. Franklin, of Baltimore, the secretary, was present in his official capacity. Routine business incident to the opening of the sessions was for the most part considered in the earlier part of the evening and several matters under this head, of interest to members only, were taken up and disposed of.

The matter of the express service contemplated by the company for the strawberry season was considered under the head of new business and upon motion a committee consisting of Mr. Sam Westbrook, of Wilmington, Mr. George R. Sterling, of Baltimore and Mr. E. H. Quinn, of Newark, N. J., was appointed to confer with Mr. J. J. Croswell, route agent of the Southern Express Company, relative to a more convenient schedule of their trains entering Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. It was cited that under the schedule contemplated by the Express people which will leave Wilmington at 7 o'clock P. M., berries shipped at that hour will not reach Baltimore until 3 o'clock on the following afternoon and consequently too late for the morning market when the fruit would be fresh and in demand by people doing their marketing at an early hour. The new schedule proposed by the association is to have the express leave Wilmington at 8 o'clock in the morning arriving at Baltimore soon after midnight the following day, when it could be taken from the cars and ready for the market first thing in the morning.

After a consideration of this important matter to the travelling men, an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon another session will be held and still another this evening. It is earnestly requested that as many members representing Eastern houses as possible will arrive here this afternoon in order to take a part in the deliberations of this evening. Matters of vital importance to all travelling produce men are to be considered and a full attendance is desired.

The association now has a membership of upwards of one hundred and fifty travelling men in good standing and a good work is being accomplished. The organization was formed on April 23rd, 1898, and has enjoyed a constantly increasing membership since. Under the administration of President Johnson and Secretary Franklin the Association has been kept "red hot" with enthusiasm and it is now upon a much more substantial basis than ever before. A handsome button wrought in the national colors, red, white and blue, and bearing the initials "A. F. and P. T. A." has been designed by Mr. Johnson and is worn by members as an insignia of membership. The central figure is a large red apple and under it the design of clasped hands, making a very pretty emblem.

The object of the association, as outlined in a neat little book distributed to members, is for mutual protection and benefit, making its members free from the reproach of low and questionable practices characteristic of irresponsible parties and bringing about a standard of responsibility upon the part of members which will be recognized by growers. It also seeks to bring about honorable methods in soliciting, eliminating the practice of visiting fellow solicitors and resorting to questionable methods in securing consignments of truck.

The association has already accomplished a great work and in succeeding years it gives promise of widening its influence and bringing about still greater reforms in the profession. Probably the most important action of last night's session was the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted after lively balloting as follows: President—Mr. J. G. Thompson, of Philadelphia, representing Brown and McMillan, Philadelphia. Vice President—Mr. A. J. Carey, of Cleveland, Ohio, with J. J. Pitts & Co., of Philadelphia. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. R. Franklin, of the firm of Sterling & Franklin, Baltimore.

After the election of the officers the question of naming an executive committee came up and after a discussion the appointment of same was delegated to the newly elected president, Mr. Thompson. The contest waxed warm over the fight for the next place of holding the meeting. The matter was finally left with the executive committee to determine.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

More Than Two Thousand Missionaries Present at the Opening Session in Carnegie Hall.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, April 21.—With an ex-president of the United States—Benjamin Harrison—to bid them welcome, there are gathered to-day in Carnegie Hall more than 2,000 missionaries from almost every quarter of the globe. For ten years preparations have been under way for this meeting, known as the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions. It is the third of its kind ever held. Every branch of the Christian Church is represented except the Roman Catholic, the Greek, and that branch of the Anglican Church known as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The great hall was completely filled when ex-President Harrison began his address of welcome. On the platform were many clergymen and statesmen of world wide fame. Seated with the great body of the delegates were many workers from foreign lands whose bright costumes added a dash of color to the scene. Following General Harrison's address the Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., chairman of the general committee, welcomed the delegates. Responses on behalf of the delegates were made by the Rev. R. Wardlaw Thompson for the British delegation; the Rev. Joseph King, of the Australian delegation; and the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M. D., D. D., for the missionaries generally.

The rest of the session was devoted to the report of the general committee presented by the Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D. D., secretary of the committee. In the evening an enormous crowd of people went to Carnegie Hall in the hope of getting admission to hear the national welcome extended to the delegates on behalf of the nation by President McKinley.

FLOODS IN MISSISSIPPI. Damage to Property, Estimated at Fully Three Million Dollars. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—The floods which commenced the early part of the week have already caused, on a conservative estimate, fully \$3,000,000 loss in Central and Southern Mississippi, to say nothing of the damage sustained by the railroads. The extent of the losses has not yet been fully realized and it may be some days yet before an accurate total can be reached, as mail communication has been entirely cut off between those localities which have suffered most. In Louisiana, too, great damage was done by the unprecedented rains, but in that State there are more infernal than positive. A special from Columbia, Miss., fixes the loss in that little town and its immediate vicinity at \$500,000.

No Change in Situation. JACKSON, Miss., April 21.—With the exception of a heavy rainfall now in progress, there has been no change in the flood situation to-night. Pearl river fell four inches during the afternoon, and if the rain proves of short duration and local in nature the water will be subsiding rapidly in the inundated district by to-morrow. The Illinois Central railroad is now getting its trains through to New Orleans.

THE PLAGUE IN MANILA. Total Number of Deaths from the Disease 119 Chinamen and 66 Filipinos. By Cable to the Morning Star. MANILA, April 21.—The sudden deaths of Filipinos and Chinamen in Quisapo market have led to an investigation showing that fifteen cases of the plague, fourteen of which were fatal, had occurred within a week. The market is located in the center of the city. In black rotten wooden buildings, the keepers of the stalls live there with their families huddled together in great filth. Some of the victims were stricken and died within an hour. There have been several deaths in other sections of the city recently which have been traced to infection from the market. After all the market people had gathered together today the health officers threw a guard around the buildings, and will keep the inmates quarantined there for a fortnight. They will then burn the market. The total number of bubonic deaths are 119 Chinamen and sixty-six Filipinos. The plague elsewhere has been suppressed. Not one infected person has been in the Chinese district for ten days past.

CHICAGO STRIKE VICTIMS. A Thousand Workmen and Their Families Threatened With Starvation. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, April 21.—Starvation has become a factor in the building trades strike. President Carroll, of the building trades council, estimate, that 1,000 workmen are in actual want and that with their families 4,500 persons are now in the acute stage of suffering as victims of the strike. The labor leaders recognize this situation and are making plans for relief on a large scale.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increase \$3,944,075; loans, increase \$5,800,900; specie, increase \$4,536,100; legal tenders, increase \$1,423,200; deposits, increase \$3,500,000; circulation, increase \$360,300. The banks now hold \$14,894,350 in excess of legal requirements.

Pender County Smuggling. Drs. George F. Lucas and W. D. McMillan returned yesterday from Edgecombe, Pender county, where they went to look over the smallpox situation there. Five new cases were found but they are all in the two houses where the members of the family of the first patient were quarantined, and neither Dr. Lucas nor Dr. McMillan consider the likelihood of an epidemic very great. Dr. McMillan speaks very complementarily of the zeal and prudence of Dr. Lucas in managing the case, and it is believed between the two that the contagion there will soon be stamped out.

SPRITS TURPENTINE. Fayetteville Observer: Miss Mary O'Brien, sister of Rev. Father O'Brien, of the Catholic church of this city, died last (Thursday) night from a severe attack of pneumonia. Rocky Mount Motor: The answer from over fifty farmers who have been interviewed this Spring in the effect that the tobacco crop will be largely diminished and cotton lake its place. Concord Times: The Cannon Manufacturing Company has just completed a great well, which has proven to be a success. It is 530 feet deep, and yields 180 gallons of water a minute. Alamogordo Herald: Eleven hundred stumps—\$22 worth—were picked up beside the railroad by a colored man, who found this place and Haver a few days ago. It is supposed the person or persons who robbed the postoffice here lost them. Charlotte News: Columbus Wilson, white, was killed yesterday afternoon on the Southern Railway near Grover. The man was sitting on the cross ties, apparently asleep. Engineer W. M. Linberger was pulling freight No. 72 into Grover. He did not see the man until too late to stop the train. The engine struck him, killing him instantly. Henderson Gold Leaf: In some sections of the country around Henderson it is said that more cotton and tobacco will be planted this year. We suppose the reason for this is in an account of better prices for cotton, and demand by the Henderson cotton mills for the fine texture of the staple produced in that part of the cotton growing country. Mount Olive Advertiser: The strawberry crop along the Wilmington and Weldon railway will be somewhat less than last year, the decrease at Mt. Olive, however, will be comparatively slight. It is expected by those who have been over the territory, the berries look more promising, both for quality and quantity at this place, than they do at any other point in the berry belt. Stanly Enterprise: Mr. Jonathan Burley brought us a bird of a peculiar species the other day. It resembles the English sparrow, but it is unlike the sparrow in its features. It has quite a tinge of red. It is neither a red bird, thrush or sparrow, but resembles all in certain respects. The bird is a great destroyer of the blossoms. Mr. Burley says there is quite a number of them in his section. Troy Examiner: Last Friday evening, Will Cagle, who for distinction is known as "Fish Billy," and two negroes were engaged in an altercation at Steeds, this county, and both negroes drew pistols; one of them was prevented from using his, the other fired at Cagle, but in so doing he became the cause of his own death. Cagle drew his pistol and shot down the one who shot at him, the ball entering the side of his head. He lived about three hours and died. Monroe Enquirer: A few years ago the Populist county convention would fill the court house. The Populist State convention met at Raleigh yesterday. Did you hear of any convention being held in this county for the purpose of sending delegates to that convention? So complete has been the route of the Populists in this county that they cannot muster enough men to hold a convention. The people soon tired of the Republicans in this county and are done with them. Raleigh News and Observer: The increase in the sale of commercial fertilizers in this State, as shown by the agricultural department's books, is enormous. Seven years ago the sale was valued at \$45,000,000, now they will probably reach at least \$200,000,000. Already they amount to 193,380 tons. The tonnage tax is 20 cents, and the receipts aggregate \$38,676 in this county. This cannot muster enough men to hold a convention. The people soon tired of the Republicans in this county and are done with them. High Point Enterprise: Mr. D. G. Davis of Beaufort county, the enterpriser that last week he killed an owl that measured 42 inches from tip to tip and 23 inches in length. — Charles Moore an employe of High Point Chair Company, brought a cat to work this week. He had a chair post embedded in the middle of which was a flint rock. There was no knot in the wood and there was much conjecture on the part of the workmen how the rock got in the wood. ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Financial Plan for Reorganization of the Company—An Issue of Five Per Cent. Preferred Stock. BALTIMORE, Md., April 20.—The financial plan for the reorganization of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company provides for an issue of 5 per cent. preferred stock not to exceed \$30,000,000, and \$30,000,000 of common stock, or so much thereof as may be necessary to make the change for the outstanding stocks of the roads united. There will also be an issue of 4 per cent. certificates of indebtedness not to exceed \$30,000,000. In the exchange holders of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of South Carolina preferred stock will receive for each share 150 per cent. in certificates of indebtedness of the new Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Holders of the common stock will receive for each share one and one-half shares of preferred stock and one-half share of common stock of the new company. Holders of the stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of Virginia, will have the right to exchange their shares on the basis of one and one-half shares of preferred and one and one-half shares of common stock of the new company for each share of old stock. Wilmington and Weldon stockholders will receive for each share of preferred and two shares of common stock of the new organization. DISOUSED AS MEN. Boer Women Found Among the Dead on the Battlefield. LONDON, April 21.—A letter from a nurse in a hospital at Cape Town corroborates an unpleasant feature of the war. The letter says that the medical officers, for sanitary reasons, forced a number of Boer prisoners to bathe in the river behind the hospital. Two of them absolutely refused to strip, and when forced to do so it was found they were women in men's clothes. The writer adds: "Quite a number of the dead on the battlefield have been found to be women, similarly disguised, and, worse than all, it has often been these women who have been guilty of atrocities, such as killing the wounded."