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AS SEEN BY NORTHERN EYES

The Montgomery conference, being the first of that kind held in the South and the first held any where which was not influenced more or less by political considerations, has attracted considerable attention in the North, and evoked much comment, and what is remarkable is that the comment by leading Republican papers is mainly of an approving kind, when the contrary might have been expected, judging from the usual manner of noting discussions of the race question in the South. But, as we have heretofore remarked, even the Republican partisan organs are learning something and are becoming more rational, conservative and liberal. As an illustration of this we quote the following editorial from the Philadelphia Press, which is somewhat significant inasmuch as the Press is owned and controlled by a member of Mr. McKinley's cabinet, Postmaster General Emory Smith, and may therefore be considered, to some extent at least, an organ of the administration. Commenting upon Mr. Herbert's address the Press says:

The address of ex Secretary of the Navy Herbert pefore the Montgomery race conference is an indication that the discussion before that body will be conducted on a high level and in a broad and liberal spirit. All the ideas advanced by Mr. Herbert on this momentous and perplexing problem may not receive the consent of a majority of the intelligent, fair minded men i the country. But his evident sincerity and the moderation with which he states his opinion will win for him an audience which no violence of lan guage and extreme views could have gained. It is a distinct advance that so broad and impartial an address by a Southern man on the race qustion could have found utterance in the

"Mr. Herbert treats the three lead ing phases of the race problem—the suffrage, lynching and the education of the colored man. Not all will agree with him that the granting of th right of suffrage to the ex-slaves has failed entirely as an educating force. While it may not have accomplished all that its advocates confidently hoped for, it has been a factor in helping to elevate those of the colored race who have risen. Mr. Herbert would have shown more fairness, perhaps, on this point by admitting that so far as colored suffrage has been a failure it is due in a large measure to the refusal of the Southern whites to give the col ored voter a helping and guiding hand. They surrendered him to the control of the worst influences or used him only as a means of corruption. Some recognition of this fact ought to be made in treating of the results of

colored suffrage.
"On the lynching and educational aspects of the race question Mr. Herbert's attitude is, in the main, just and fair. He deplores mob law and believes that it would be less prevalent were justice more sure and speedy and were courts less willing to admit delays on technical errors and let the guilty go free by reversing judgments. Speedier and prompter punishment by the courts, Mr. Herbert believes, would secure heartier co-operation among law-abiding colored men against the crimes of their own race. As to the education of the colored man Mr. Herbert takes the position which all impartial and well informed people have reached, that it must be industrial to begin with. Mistakes have been made in this way, and much time and money have been spent in educating the colored man's intellect when his hand should first have been trained. But this mistake is not irreparable, and the experience gained in the past can be a guide for

gomery conference start out in so promising a spirit. There may be some jarring notes before its sessions are ended, but they are likely to be in a minority. If nothing else should come to the meeting except exSecretary Herbert's address it will have good cause for assembling. The discussions will undoubtedly aid in disseminating broader and more enlightened opinions on the race ques tion, a question which has given the wisest and most sagacious statesmen profound concern."

This is a remarkably conservative article coming from a Republican organ, but there are some parts of it which show that the writer does not fully comprehend the relations be- there was no scramble over them is tween the white men of the South and the negro, when he virtually asserts that it is the fault of the white men, or Democrats (which is the same thing) that the negro vote has been solidly wielded against them. It was the Democrats' fault, this writer says, because they did not make any effort to win the negroes and draw them from under the influence of the Republican leaders, and to themselves. This shows that he doesn't understand the negro nor the situation, past or present, as it applies to the relations between the

the Republican ticket will be McKinley and Root, a sort of "root hog or negro and the Democratic party. Ever since the enfranchisement of

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the negroes Democratic speakers and WHY IS THIS THUS? writers have done all they could con-The Philadelphia Press is a subsistently and honorably do to draw sidy boomer and is very much inthe negroes from under the influence terested in Mark Hanna's ship subof the men who controlled them, sidy bill, in behalf of which it puts have times without number pointed in the following plea: out to them how they were being "In thirty-five years we have paid over \$4,000,000,000 to foreign ship owners for doing for us the greater part of our ocean carrying trade. The amount paid in that way increases used and their confidence abused by the men they trusted, and showed them how these men were the only persons who profited by the votes of every year. Our merchants who want to reach South American mar-kets have to ship by way of Europe, and so with markets in various other the negroes, and for all the good thus accomplished they might as parts of the world. Are we as a nation to permit this obstruction to our trade to continue, and to pay \$5,000,000,000—the estimate of the National Association of Manufacturers—to forwell have been whistling against a mountain with the expectation of lifting it from its base. If the negroes listened to them that was all, eign ship owners in the next twenty

a Democrat. Thirty odd years of en-

franchisement and political training

has not changed them a particle in

this respect. They are still suspi-

cious of Democrats, and still trust

and follow only the white men who

call themselves Republicans, and

these have really more influence,

when they train with them, than

men of their own color have. This

is the reason, and not because Demo-

crats have not tried to win the con-

fidence of the negroes, that the ne-

groes have solidly voted the Repub

lican ticket and still continue to

There are several other reasons,

but this will suffice to show that the

writer in the Press does not fully

understand the negro as a voter, and

has therefore shot wide of the mark

in accounting for why the Demo-

crats have failed to capture the ne-

It was natural to expect that just

after emancipation and enfranchise-

ment the negroes would look to the

white Republicans as their friends

and leaders, because they believed

they owed their freedom to them,

but another generation has grown

up since then and the white leaders

control them as absolutely as they

did they confiding freedmen fresh

from the plantation. The Press

may learn something about this after

a while, as it seems to have learned

that "mistakes" were made in the

treatment of the negro and in his

education, when they undertook to

educate the head and neglected the

hand, on which Dr. Dudley Warner

commented freely in the address

from which we quoted yesterday.

But our Northern Republican

friends are beginning to learn some-

thing about the race problem, and

this is a decided gain as a result

FIGHTING FACTIONS.

The managers of the late Repub-

ican convention at Raleigh stirred

up a hornet's nest when they ignored

Governor Russell and failed to en-

dorse his administration. The

Governor got even by issuing that

swinging "interview" on Pearson.

the alleged framer of the platform.

who was selected to read it because.

no doubt, it was thought he could

read his own writing better than the

Following the Governor, J. C. L.

Harris, who appeared in the con-

spokesman and was also sat upon.

comes out in an interview in which

he predicts the defeat of the Repub-

lican State ticket by at least 40,000

majority. Harris is an old stager,

although not a very old man,

and he has had some experience

in running the machine, is pretty

well acquainted with Republicans

throughout the State, and has a

pretty good idea of the feeling since

that convention met, which was a

cut and dried affair, and represented

nobody but the Federal and other

office holders who bossed and ran it.

The fact that all the nominations

were made by acclamation and that

proof positive that the fellows who

did the nominating didn't expect to

elect the ticket, and hence predict-

ing its defeat is a pretty safe busi-

ness, although 40,000 is a pretty

hefty majority in this State. But

every Democrat should exert him-

self and work to make the majority

as large as possible, for the deeper

the Republican party is buried the

harder it will be for it to get out of

Governor Roosevelt's uncle thinks

the grave.

vention as the Governor's friend and

other fellows could.

of the discussion.

do so.

for they would go right along, form five years? That is the outlook it the Republican party does not re-deem its pledges and extend the pro-tective principle to our merchant marine in the foreign trade, the only great national industry now con-ducted on a free trade basis." under these same leaders no matter how worthless, trifling or disreputable they might be, and when election day came vote solidly as they were told to vote, against the best The very "protection" to which and most honored men in the comthe Press here alludes, was one of munity, and their friends, the very the principal things that knocked men they could go to for counsel the bottom out of the American when they needed advice or for asmerchant marine, for when iron sistance when they got into trouble. ships took the place of wooden ships They would go to their Democratic friends, who were often it made the tariff duties on iron and other ship building materials so their employers for advice and for help, and trust them high that Americans could not afford to have ships built in this country, in anything and everything, but and they could not buy them in any when it came to being guided by them in politics they drew the line other country and sail them under the American flag. One of the reon that, and would listen to and folsults of this has been, according to low the meanest scalawag outside or the Press, that we have paid in inside of a penitentiary before they thirty-five years the sum of \$4,000,would the most respected and hon-000,000 to foreign ship owners. ored man in the community if he was

> for protection? But we are still, it seems to contribute \$5,000,000,000 more unless we consent to chip in \$9,000,000 a year to shipping trusts for the next twenty years, as a starter. This will make all told \$9,000,000,000 to boon the ship building business in this country.

Thirty-five years ago the protective

policy which the Press lauds began.

Isn't this paying a pretty big price

Wouldn't it be cheaper and more sensible to revise our shipping laws and permit Americans to buy ships where they pleased, and sail them under the American flag, and thus save not only the \$5,000,000,000 but the \$180,000,000 it is proposed to contribute to American ship owners?

As a joke the Republicans in one of the strong Democratic wards of Toledo, Ohio, nominated Joe Quang for alderman. Joe, who didn't eatch on to the joke, accepted and went down in his wallet, a la Mark Hanna. Now there is a split among the Democrats, and Quang's prospects for election are good, and then Joe will have the joke on both the Republican jokers and Democratic wranglers.

Madam Rebusse, queen of the Paris pickpockets, has at the age of 64 just been sentenced to a three years term in prison. She has been convicted 35 times and each time sentenced to prison at hard labor. Her sentences in the aggregate would amount to more than 100 years. She is such an enthusiast in her profession that she returns to it as soon as she gets out of prison.

A short while ago Postmaster General Smith complimented the "excellent working of the postal system in Cuba. It now appears that some of the officials have been working it for a lot of money, the shortages in their accounts being somewhere about \$80,000 so far discovered. One of them, an Indiana man, has been arrested charged with getting away with \$36,000 of it.

While in Memphis, the negroes of that city gave Admiral Dewey an enthusiastic reception. The principal speech on behalf of the negroes was made by a negro lawyer, who addressed Dewey as "our great sailor statesman," intimating as broadly as the occasion would permit that the negroes would like to see him running the ship of State.

The Philadelphia Press prints the pictures of three persons, two men and one woman, who are trying the starvation cure for ailments. The picture of one of the men was taken on the fiftieth day of his fast, of the other on the thirty-sixth day, and of the woman on the twentyseventh. Their clothes seem to fit them as well as they ever did.

Webster Davis while talking for the Boers, says President McKinley but that promotion swelled his head; is not responsible for the Transvaal policy, but it is the fellows around him. That's what's the matter with McKinley, he has too many awfully bad advisers, and he is wax in their hands. He may mean all right, but he manages to get all wrong.

When Mark Hanna was asked what he thought about Neely, the Indiana man who is charged with getting away with \$36,000 of postoffice money in Cuba, replied that he didn't "know a d-d thing about Neely," and wasn't bothering his head about him. Hanna has enough to bother him on other lines.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1900.

ELECTION CONTEST IN THE HOUSE.

Representative Crawford from the Ninth N. C. District Unseated by Republicans.

BY A VOTE OF 129 TO 127.

Pearson Sworn in Amidst the Hisses **Democratic Members and Spectators** in the Galleries-Debate in the House-Crawford's Speech.

[Special Star Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10.—The louse to day, immediately after the reading of the Journal, resumed consideration of the Pearson Crawford contest. By consent of the minority the "Duke of Richmond Hill" was allowed to address the House. The Duke opened up by saying that his case depended on these propositions, viz; That every citizen is entitled to an equal construction of the law; that where fraud and bribery were shown, the vote should be thrown out; that contestee (Crawford) should not be allowed the benefit that comes from a fraudulent letter with his (Pearson's) name attached. He said he had no criticism to make of Governor Russell's interview, but that he did criticise the men who misrepresented the matter to the Governor. He said he was sorry the city of Asheville was disfranchised but excused the disfranchisement by comparing it with the Kentucky situation and the Goebel

law. Taken all in all, his speech was very nearly as bad as the one delivered by Roberts of Massachusetts during yesterday's debate. He dwelt at great length on the grand old Republican party and his love for the mountaineers of his district, who, he said, even in the days of secession. had stood loyally by the Union and the Republican party At times he nearly whined, reminding his listeners of a starving man pleading for something to eat. In fact, he said very little about the case, but a great deal about

the g. o. p. and his love for his party. He was followed by Representative Crawford, who, in the time allowed him, made an eloquent and forcible speech. While Representative Crawford was speaking not a man left his seat on either side of the House, but to the contrary all were of attention. His speech was said by many mem bers to be equal if not better than the one delivered by Representative Commack, of Tennessee, in the Fifty-fifth Congress, under similar circumstances, and to many who had never heard him speak it was a revelation.

He said he had been honestly elected and showed to all present that the district was Democratic. He told of his other campaigns, wherein he had defeated Senator Pritchard and Judge Ewart, who, he said, had never thought of crying "fraud;" that Pearson had belonged to every party and that he had voted for Grover Cleveland and for himself (Crawford); that he believed Pearson would try to again join the Democratic party, but that if he did the statute of limitations would be against him, for which he thanked the good God above. He dwelt at some length on Representative Driscoll's refusal to sign the report unseating him.

During the explanation he was interrupted by Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Insular Committee, who asked if it were true that Representative Driscoll refused to join his colleagues. His answer seemed to satisfy Representative Cooper, for he afterwards refused to vote to seat Pearson, on the ground that the case was too rotten to suit his

In speaking of Governor Russell's interview, he said that although he did not always admire his views, that he had always admired his honesty and stability. He denied the inthat Governor Russell has siven out his interview a world impeachment by the Legislature.

In closing, he said he would rather have the respect and good will of the good people of his district than be in the position of the contestant (Pearson) holding a seat in Congress dishonestly and against the will of the people. He said that such a man should have a monu ment with these words inscribed upon it. "Here lies a man who, to gain seat in Congress, disfranchised and defamed the honest people of his dis-

Representative Linney closed for Pearson in a tirade against the Democracy of North Carolina. His speech was evidently for home consumption and contained nothing relative to the case. He said that when he first heard of Governor Russell's interview he thought it a joke and that in his estimation Russell was crazy. That he was a good Republican in the ranks that Russell was only sore because Pearson's resolutions at Raleigh did not contain his name.

During Linney's speech he was surrounded by White, Pritchard and Pearson, in close, confab. Immediately after Linney's speech the minority resolution favoring Crawford retaining his seat was voted on. The votes as announced showed a tie, being 128 to 128. The House then took up the majority resolution favoring Pearson which was adopted by the close vote of 129 to 127.

The chair then announced that through an error the first vote had been announced as 128 to 128 when it should have been 128 to 126.

cans were able to marshal one absent | SATISFACTORY RATES member into the House, thus seating Pearson. Every Democrat was present or paired, with the exception of Daly of N. J. and Noonan, of Ill., who by their action received very adverse comment. Several of the Republicans refrained from voting or

were absent intentionally. Several of the Republican member afterwards expressed themselves as really favoring Crawford but no daring to go on record in his favor. Representative P. C. Smith, of Michi gan, speaking of the matter, said: "In my estimation Crawford was honestly elected and is a good fellow, while have nothing but contempt for Pearson; but I could not afford to vote against the majority of my party. am not the only Republican who en terjains this opinion of him. He is political turn-coat."

DEMOCRATIC STATE

in Session at Raleigh--Central Committe is the Twelfth District.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. U., May 10 .- The Democratic State Executive Committee met to-night at 8 o'clock in the Senate chamber and was in session till midnight.

There were present in person and by proxy twenty-eight out of the thirty six members of the committee. Chairman Simmons presided and M. Pearsall was secretary. Commit

teeman Duncan McEachern resigned and Mr. W. H. Bernard, of the Wilmington STAR. was elected to succeed

A central committee was chosen composed of the following members: Cyrus B. Watson, Winston: Thos J. Jarvis, Greenville; Theo. F. Davidson. Asheville: James H. Pou, Raleigh; J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; E. J. Hale, Fayetteville; J. S. Carr, Durham; E. C. Smith, Raleigh; J. S. Cunningham, Cunningham; Geo. Warburton, Rockingham; F. A. Woodard. Wilson: Claudius Newbern; Jas. A. Lockhart, Wadesboro; R. L. Holt, Burlington; C. C. Lyon, Elizabethtown; R. J. Brevard, Charlotte; Frank S. Spurill, Louisburg; Chas. M. Busbee, Raleigh; W. R. Allen, Goldsboro; R. R. Cotton, Faulkland; S. S. Holt, Smithfield; W. B. Rodman, Washington; O. H. Guion, Newbern; M. H. Justice, Rutherfordton; E. F. Lamb, Elizabeth City; S. A. Ashe. Raleigh; H. A. London, Pittsboro; A. W. Haywood, Burling ton; N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; Dr. T. E. Green, Weldon; Jno. R. Webster,

Reidsville; Wm. M. Webb, Morehead It was decided to nominate candidate for Judge in the I welfth Judicial district to succeed Norwood. Judge Moore was elected by the Legislature to succeed him, but some question having been raised as to the length of the term by such election, it was decided to be best to nominate a candidate to be regularly voted for at this election. Each county in the district, will at its convention, express a choice and the committee will then declare him the nominee of the party. Judge Moore will probably be

Mr. Aycock, nominee for Governor, was present at the meeting, as was also Messrs. Franklin McNeill and Samuel L. Patterson.

THE STRAWBERRY MOVEMENT.

Estimated That 200,000 Crates Have Been Shipped from Wilmington's Belt.

Saturday's strawberry shipments were not so large as usual on Saturday, but quite a large number went forward by the Fruit Growers' Expres and the Southern Express Company. While no definite figures are obtainable, the shipments by the Fruit Growers' Express yesterday from the territory contiguous to Wilmington aggregated about eighty cars, or 24,000 to the about the Southern Express shipments will provide increase the number to 27,500 crates.

It is generally conceded that present season has been profitable to the berry growers and they have enjoyed unsurpassed refrigerating facilities through the medium of the Fruit Growers' Express. The service afforded by the Southern Express Company has also been excellent and there are no shippers by this route but sing the praises of Mr. J. J. Croswell, the enterprising route agent on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, who by personal effort and solicitation has done much for his company and for the people.

It is believed that as yet no consignments have been sold at a loss and all appear satisfied with the magnificent schedule maintained by the transportation companies.

It is estimated that as many as 200, 000 crates were handled from the Wilmington trucking belt during the as \$5.00 per crate of 32 quarts would bring \$600,000. Most of the shipments this season have been to New York.

Virginia Wants to Come.

Eule State Office 1

Manager James Sinclair, of the W L. I. base ball team, is in receipt of letter from Mr. J. Lardner Humbert manager of the University Summer team, saying that the Virginia boys are expecting to take a Southern trip in June and would like very much to arrange a game for Wilmington. Manager Humbert states that he can show fast ball and wants a guarantee of \$150.00 for a game. The date for the W. L. I. and O. A. N. contest Between the two votes the Republi- has not yet been decided upon.

ON THE RAILROADS.

The Interstate Tournament Officials Have Every Assurance of Low Passenger Rates for the Firemen.

Capt. James D. McNeill, president of he State Firemen's Association, and Col. W. J. Woodward, chairman of the transportation committee for the tournament July 10th to 13th, inclusive, yesterday had a conference with Mr. H. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, in regard to rates for the big event.

Capt. McNeill said that the conference was entirely satisfactory in every particular and that with the rate secured Wilmington would overflowing with visitors on this occasion. Mr. Emerson, he said, promised the association a rate of one cent per mile each way for firemen and the transportation of all apparatus free. These rates will also be in vogue for the ge eral public on the principal days of the tournament. and on all other days the rate will be one fare for the round trip. These, he said, were the same rates as afforded by the railroads upon the occasion of the tournament at Greensboro last

Speaking of the prize list, Capt. Mc Weill said that it was absolutely the best ever offered in the State in many particulars and that it was one that would be certain to bring the firemen here from four or more States. He is thoroughly enthused over the prospects and as a friend expressed it yes terday "he is the only original McNeill on the market."

In view of the very active interest taken in the tournament by its clever proprietor, Mr. R. M. Wallace. The Orton has offered a rate of \$150 to the firemen on this occasion and in this instance the degree of enthusiasm of Mr. Wallace may be measured by the fact that this will be the only deviation from the regular rates ever made by this popular holstery in the history of his management.

The first day's session of the big reek will be taken up with the usus meeting of the State Fireman's Association which will probably be held in the Court House. Then will follow the days of the contests and spectacular events, all of which will appear from the official programme to be issued a few days latter.

Capt. McNeill left yesterday afternoon for Lake Waccamaw to join his daughters, the Misses McNeill, who are there on a visit to their sister. Mrs. M. S. Kirkland. He will return to Fayetteville to morrow and immediately begin a tour of the State in the interest of the tournament.

RUSSELL'S FRIEND HARRIS

Predicts the Defeat of the Republican State Ticket by at Least Porty Thousand Majority.

[Special Star Telegram, RALEIGH, N. C., May 11 .- In an

authorized interview to-day J. C L. Harris a close personal friend adviser of Gov. Russell predicted the defeat of the present Republican State ticket by at least 40. 000 majority. Speaking of the failure of the convention to endorse Gov. Russell, he said: "The action of the convention absolves every friend of Gov. Russell from obligation to support the Republican State ticket, if they see fit to take this course."

"Will any of them break tha course?" he was asked. "I have no doubt they will," he replied. "It is difficult to see how any friend of the Governor can support that ticket without endorsing the action of the convention toward the Governor. Any of his friends who do this will thereby stultify themselves."

"Will you support the Republican State ticket?" "No, am not going to yote for it."

Mr. Harris said further that if he had been given a hearing, as he desired, in the State convention, he would have told the convention that "the nomination of a State ticket and the refusal to endorse the Governor would probably result in a disaster real to that which overtook the ticket in 1892, — I that this result, happening in the month of Awgust, before the presidential election of November, would make it utterly impossible to carry the State for McKinley."

He says of the attack made in the hands of Democratic speakers puts the Republicans in an utterly indefensi ble position. Republican speakers, can only discuss on the stump what they think the Democrats will do, while the Democrats can point to what the Republicans have already done, in the Ninth district, toward disfranchising the white man."

Steamship Aquila Here.

The Norwegian steamship Aquila, of the Sprunt Line, arrived in port yesterday morning from Bremerhaven, dermany, and after receiving coal from the A. C. L. chute she will take a berth at the Champion Compress for a cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, operators of the line to which she belongs. The Aquila is of 1,407 tons burthen and is in charge of Capt. Andreassen, as master. She sailed from Bremerhaven, April 21st for Wilmington. Mr. Henry B. Peschau went aboard of her on her last clearance from this port and is now travelling extensively in the old country.

Secretary Root has sent to the Senate a report showing that 386 claims, aggregating \$142,555, have been filed for private property taken and used during the war with Spain.

Picture of Hon. George Davis Received

Pormally Yesterday Afternoon by

Daughters of the Confederacy.

Quite a number of members of Cape

Fear Chapter Daughters of the Confed

eracy, Cape Fear Camp No 254, United

Confederate Veterans, and other inter

ested friends assembled at the Wil-

mington Light Infantry armory yes-

terday afternoon at 5 o'clock to be

present at the exercises attendant upon

the presentation by a number of public-

spirited citizens of a portrait of the

Hon. George Davis to Cape Fear Chap-

The occasion was one of especial in-

terest and pleasure to those who had

assembled and the formalities of ex-

tending to the ladies the sacred charge

The large picture, elegantly framed,

was in waiting in the assembly room

of the armory and the presentation ad-

dress was by the Rev. Dr. Carmichael.

Chaplain of Cape Fear Camp of Vet

erans and an intimate friend and ad-

mirer of the distinguished Southerner

whose splendid likeness was presented.

Dr. Carmichael's speech was especially

pleasing, eloquent and replete with

beautiful sentiments regarding his de-

voted friend and distinguished Wil-

As Dr. Carmichael was speaking

and the climax in his remarks was

reached, Master Robert Cowan Davis,

grandson of Hon. George Davis and

also grandson of Col. Robert H.

Cowan, unveiled the handsome por-

trait and Dr. Carmichael in conclud-

ing made more directly the speech of

presentation, which abounded in beau-

tiful thought and commemoration in-

Mrs. W. L. Parsley, president of

the Daughters of the Confederacy, in

a few well received words of grateful

appreciation, accepted the gift in be-

half of the organization, after which

those present were given an opportu-

nity of reviewing more closely the

splendid work of art, which was exe-

cuted as STAR readers will remember,

After the exercises the portrait was

securely packed and will be forwarded

early this week to Richmond where

it will be presented by Dr. Carmichael

to the Confederate Museum. Mrs.

Wallace Carmichael, as a representa-

tive of the Daughters of the Confed-

eracy, will accompany Dr. Carmichael

and le present at the exercises there.

DIED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Away at Kelley's, N. C.

cott of this city, and Mrs. Leonard, of

Kelly's, and one sister, Mrs. Catherine

Rourk of Shallotte Brunswick county.

Friends in this city will learn with

regret of the death of Mrs. J. M. J.

Hersman, which occurred yesterday

evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of

her grandson, Mr. G. A. Cardwell,

No. 316 Ann street. Mrs. Hersman's

death was the result of la grippe and

the infirmities of old age, she having

been in her seventy-eighth year. The

remains will be taken on the after-

noon A. C. L. train to-day to Rich-

mond, Va., where the interment will

Capt. Herbert Ward, of the steam

tug Buck, which is now engaged in

freighting rice from the plantations

up Town Creek, asks the STAR to state

that this water course has been great-

ly improved recently by the govern-

ment engineering force. A good depth

is one of the features of the improve-

ment, and then, too, suitable buoy

marks are left for the proper direction

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 12.

Editor Morning Star .- I agree with

your correspondent about it being the

duty of our people in this favored land

of ours, where actual starvation is ab-

solutely unknown, to help to feed

soma of the millions of people who are

actually starving in India. Only, I

by a community like ours. Your cor-

espondent seems to have overlooked

the fund that was raised and sent off

by the Messenger a week or so ago, which amounted to something over \$100. I contributed what I felt able to

it up to \$100; and if you will make it

up to \$500, I will make my contribu-

up to \$500. I will make my contribu-tion \$25. The trouble about such sub-scriptions is that many people think if they can't give much, they need not give at all; when, in fact, a large num-ber of small contributions aggregate as much as a few large ones. Urge every-body to contribute, if only a small amount each. Five cents will save a child's life! It seems to me the Chris-tian churches all ought to take up see.

tian churches all ought to take up spe-cial collections for this great and ap-

The executive committee of the

Southern Educational Association

have decided to have the next annual

convention of the association in Rich-

mond, Va., on December 27th, 28th

and 29th.

pealing need.
Yours, for charity the world over,

Town Creek Improvements.

as to the channel.

ities of one of her years.

Death of Mrs. Bersman.

by Mrs. Devereux Lippitt. Wilming

ton's accomplished artist.

mingtonian.

ter Daughters of the Confederacy.

were very pretty and appropriate.

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NO. 30 PORTRAIT PRESENTED.

— Carthage Blade: Mr. Neill Tyson died last Sunday of heart disease at his home in the neighborhood of White Hill Presbyterian Church. He was one of the oldest citizens of that

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury Sun: Dr. E. Rose Dorsett is interested in organizing a stock company for the establishment of a furniture factory in Salisbury. It is probable that his efforts will be successful.

— Chadbourn Messenger: Mr. Hamilton Dyson, a well-to-do farmer, and a leading member of the Freewill Baptist Church, aged 82 years, died, after a lingering illness of several weeks, at his home near here, Wednes der May Oth day, May 9th. - Rockingham Anglo-Saxon

Alex Jacobs, who was sent up from our last court to Anson chain gang for 12 months, passed through town Tues-day night. He cut an 8 inch post to which he was chained, in two Monday night with a pocket knife and made his scape. He seems to be a pocket knife expert. He carved his way of the guard house at Gibson, when first arrested with a knife.

- Smithfield Herald: Reports from the various sections of the county show that the tobacco conditions are quite favorable at present. The crop is about planted and all prospects are favorable. — The amendment grows in favor as the time passes, and it seems probable now that its majority in this country will exceed that given to the regular ticket, as many Republicans will support it who would hardly vote for the Democratic nominees.

- Rocky Mount Argunaut: From further observation we are satisfied that the tobacco acreage in Nash county will be cut about fifty per ent. Plants are very scharce, a good nany beds being a total failure. Our obacco farmers have taken the right way to elevate the price of bright to-bacco. — A special excursion will arrive here from Brookly, N. Y., con taining members of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and other nterested in astronomical science in ime to take the total eclipse of the sun which occurs on May 28th. Rocky Mount has been selected as one of the most advantageous points on the line of total eclipse.

FATAL FREIGHT WRECK.

Engineer, Pireman and Pive Tramps Killed--Fire Follows Collision--Loss Estimated at \$185,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Through the negligence of a tower man who lay asleep at his post, a disastrous and atal freight train wreck occurred here ast midnight in a tunnel on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. An engineer and a fireman were killed and five un-

known tramps are supposed to be dead

timated at \$185,000. The man who is responsible for the accident, Frank Lamtell, surrendered himself late this afternoon and is now under arrest. The bodies of the dead are buried beneath the wrecked cars and cannot e recovered until the fire, which folowed the collision, is extinguished. bout thirty firemen of the city fire department were either burned or overcome by smoke while fighting the

lames. None of them, however, was

seriously injured. Every night a train known as the New York express leaves here for New York. Last night the train was made up in two sections, the first section Aged Mother of Mr. R. M. Wescott Passed containing forty three cars. When it reached the tunnel the engine was unable to pull it up the grade and seven-teen cars were detached and left stand Friends of Mr. R. M. Wescott will ing about midway in the tunnel, while the others were drawn through. It deeply sympathize with him in the loss of his aged mother, Mrs. L. G. Weswas the duty of Tower Operator Lamcott, relict of the late Jno. L. Wescott, tell to set a red semaphore at the Callow Hill street entrance to the tunnel. whose death occurred Thursday after-Being asleep, as he admits, he failed to do this, leaving the white light in view. At 11.30 o'clock the second section of noon at 4 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice J. Leonard, at the freight, comprising thirty-eight cars, approached at the rate of thirty Kelly's, Bladen county. Mrs. Wescott was in the eighty fourth year of her miles an hour. Engineer Laub, seeing age and death resulted from the infirmthe white light, gave the locomotive extra speed in order to carry the train The immediate surviving relatives are up the grade. The rapidly moving train collided with the standing cars in son and daughter, Mr. R. M. Wes-

the tunnel with terrific force. Fire immediately broke out and three oil cars, each containing four thousand gallons of oil, exploded Soon the wreckage was a mass of flames. The fire department was called out and, though the firemen have been at work all last night and all to day, it has been impossible as yet to extinguish the flames. Owing o the heat and smoke and gaseous air in the tunnel, the firemen could enter the tunnel only a short distance without being overcome. Holes were dug in the streets to make ventilators and the roof of the tunnel blasted but to no

Shortly after the collision Lamtell disappeared and could not be found until he gave himself up late this afternoon. When questioned he said: "I did it. Why the white signal re-mained in place I do not know, but it was there and the train went through as usual. I was asleep or dosing and why I cannot say, except that I feel myself overworked; but I am ready to stand the censure and take what comes to me. I have no excuse to

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Liquor Traffic Discussed and Condemned. The Century Movement-State's Rights in Church Affairs.

PATRICINGS, ARK., May 12.-Debate on the liquor traffic began in the Southern Baptist Convention to-day, Rev. Dr. J. B. Cranfel, of Texas, introducing a resolution declaring the antagonism of the Southern Baptists to the traffic in every form. Congress was denounced for nullifying the law abolishing the canteen, and the establishment of the army canteen and sa-loons were declared to be blots on our civilization. The resolution will be think, at least \$1,000 ought to be raised adopted.
This morning's session was largely

devoted to the discussion of the century or 1900 movement, which aims to make the year memorable in the Church's history. It is proposed to that fund, but I will also contribute ten have committees in Church associa-dollars to your fund if you will make tion States hold meetings to let the people know just what wand what they should do.

The afternoon session was taken up in a discussion of the 20th century movement and Sunday school board report. There was a lively discussion over the report of the centennial com-

Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, a venerable delegate from Richmond, Va., stirred up a lively debate by declaring for States' rights in church affairs. He said the proposed board of nine would be a homeless concern which would assume to dictate to churches and State associations what they should give to missions.

Labor troubles at Tampa, Fla., have taken a turn for the worse. There is now a general strike in all the fac-tories of the Havana-American Company and fully 1,000 people are out.