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East Carroll, and Madison, the negro

vote before the amendment was adopted amounted to between 12,000

and 15,000. Under the new consti-

tution there were not more than twenty negro votes cast, and in those

parishes there were not to exceed 1,500 white votes registered and cast."

Governor Foster, Governor Heard,

General Jastremski, Mr. Sanders

and others that instead of disfran-

chising any native white man or any

other reputable white man who has

in him the elements of good citizen-

ship, it ensures them the ballot and

makes the "grandfather clause" a

roll of honor, upon which many of

the best and most prominent citi-

zens of the State, well educated, are

enrolled. It elevates the white voter

because it frees him from attending

political meetings and mixing with

negroes or coming into collision with

them, and from walking to the polls

alongside of a negro to cast his vote

and have that vote when cast nulli-

fied by the vote of a sable denizen,

who knew no more of the imagr-

tance of what he was doing than

gorilla would if he were in the same

place. By eliminating this element

the ballot is dignified and the men

who cast it have more respect for it.

in North Carolina, where every

native white man who is of age now

or will come of age before the

amendment is voted upon will be a

voter and continue to be a voter, as

will every white resident of this

State from other State or other

countries who is now entitled to

the ballot. It disfranchises no white

man and will hereafter disfanchise

none who does not knowingly and

voluntarily disfranchise himself.

There will be few in North Caro-

lina who will do that and those few

will be persons who set no value

The man who asserts that this

amendment will disfranchise any

white North Carolinian by birth or

adoption asserts what he knows to

A CAMPAIGN DEVICE.

In speaking of the constitutional

amendment recommended by the

Republican members of the Judi-

ciary Committee of the House of

Representatives, we characterized it

as a campaign dodge to tide the

party over the next campaign by try-

ing to make it appear that the Re-

publican party is opposed to trusts,

and desires to do something to

remedy that evil. As showing how

this scheme is viewed by some of the

papers in the North we clip the fol-

lowing from editorials in the Phila-

delphia Times, Independent, and the

Philadelphia Record, Democrat.

The Times, quoting the amendment,

"This is vague and ineffective to the point of foolishness, but that does not

matter. If anybody should say that it

is unnecessary, that Congress has

abundant power in the premises it it

chose to exercise it honestly, and that

the reason all so called anti Trust leg-

islation has failed is because it was on

the wrong basis and was not meant to

succeed, he would be denounced at

once as a defender for the Trusts. Or

if the Democrats should refuse to vote

for this amendment on the very proper

constitutional ground that, if it means

anything, it enlarges the powers of

Congress without safe restraint, they

could be held up to scorn and reproach

as having opposed the stern measures

against Trusts which the Republicans

this absurd form of words will ever

become operative. It is for campaign

purposes only. It might-if the com-

mittee on rules agree—get a two thirds vote in the House, but it is highly im-

probable that it would have any such

vote in the Senate or that it will be

voted on there at all. Even were it

passed, its ratification by the neces-

sary number of States would be still in

the distant and uncertain future. This

harmless device for the campaign.

Though it is entirely understood that

nothing will come of it, stump speeches

may point to it with pride as evi-

dence that a Republican Congress is

not only opposed to Trusts but anxious

to be given power to regulate them.

And not having this power, it would

be manifestly improper for Congress to

do anything until this amendment can

be incorporated in the Constitution,

and the subject may be sismissed

It is a great scheme for making a

record cheaply and harmlessly. In-

stead of dissolving monopolies by

abolishing the artificial laws that have

created them the whole matter is thus

indefinitely adjourned, on the plea

of lack of jurisdiction. The people

cannot expect Congress to do any

thing until they have conferred on

the necessary power, and meanwhile

the Trusts go on their way rejoicing.

It is possible that some few people

may be thus imposed upon, but it is

expecting a good deal of popular cred-

The proposition to amend the Fed-

al Constitution so as to enable Con-

gress to deal more effectively with the

Trusts, which has been favorably re-

ported from the House Judiciary Com-

mittee, is so obviously a campaigning move to cover the flank of the Repub-

lican party during the coming Presidential contest that it will fail to make

a serious impression upon the public

mind. The task of amending the Con-

stitution is one of the greatest practi-

cal difficulty, and requires years of effort. The tendency toward the en-

largement of Federal power is viewed

with alarm by the great majority of people. The fact that Congress has

steadily refused to exercise the power

to doubt the propriety of further grants

come of the proposed amendment after it shall have done its duty as a cam-paign expedient. It will be quickly laid on the shelf alongside of 'recipro-

"It is safe to say that nothing will

which it already possesses to deal with the Trusts in itself furnishes a reason

from practical legislation.

The Record says:

is precisely what recommends it as a

"Of course it is not expected that

upon citizenship.

As it is in Louisiana so it will be

We see by the testimony of Ex-

We have quoted freely from the letters of Mr. Josephus Daniels, giving the testimony of prominent citizens of Louisiana as to the working and the good effects of the suffrage amendment to the constitution of that State. We have done this because this testimony is valuable and because Louisiana presents an an object lesson for the white men of North Carolina. We have quoted much in reference to the illiterate voters of that State showing how the amendment protects them and insures their right to vote, and how every white native of the State and other white men who were entitled to vote before the adoption of the amendment are protected in their full citizenship, the only white men disfranchised being of a disreputable character such as no community would like to make citizens of if there was a way to prevent it.

The so-called "grandfather clause" of the Louisiana amendment is broad enough to cover every native | be false and does so only to deceive born white man and every other others. resident of the State from other States or other countries, who is respectable enough and good enough to be entrusted with the ballot.

We have quoted so freely on this head because the effort is being made by the opponents of our amendment to create the impression that it will disfranchise white men who cannot read and write, apparently oblivious of the fact that no Democrat would be fool enough to advocate a measure that would disfranchise Democrats, and deprive his party of the votes of white men on which it depends for success. The Democrats of Louisiana didn't do that; the Democrats of North Carolina would not do it, nor would the Democrats of any other Southern State, for the Democratic party was and is the white man's party and has depended and must depend upon the votes of white men.

As further testimony to the working of the "grandfather clause" we quote from the interview with Hon. Jared H. Sanders, for twenty years a member of the Legislature, of which he is now speaker, and a member of the constitutional convention, in which he made one of the most powerful speeches made in that body in advocacy of the "grandfather clause." Being asked by Mr. Daniels how it worked he replied:

"How does it work? I know hundreds of white men who cannot read and write who vote and vote intelligently. They vote now just as well as they did before the constitutional amendment, and now they are not in danger of an unworthy negro's voting to kill their vote. They vote and their vote counts. I live in St. Mary's parish, the home of the three big party leaders, Governor Foster, Democratic leader; Mr. Pharr, who was the Populist candidate for Governor in 1896, and their leader; and Senator Caffery, leader of the Gold Democrats. That parish has a large negro population, but in the recent April election only three negroes registered, and only of them voted, and he claims to be an Indian. We cast as big a white vote as ever. There was no discrimation, educated and uneducated white men yoted, and it was a . hot fight between white men. In 1896 there were about 3,000 negroes who voted in this parish. There was absolutely no intimidation and the election was perfectly fair. With such Caffery and leaders as Senator Captain Pharr against us, we had a entire ticket. Before the election some of our opponents talked about fraud, etc., but they were given representation at all election precincts and they cannot say a word now except that upon an appeal to the white electorate of the parish they were defeated. "The negroes took no interest in the election as is shown from the fact that only three registered. The Fusionists did not try to help the negroes to vote. their ticket, it would unite the whites in opposition. There was no com-plaint about the vote and the better element of the negroes are glad that the amendment was adopted, and do not hesitate to say so."

Speaking of other parishes besides St. Mary's, the one in which he lives, Mr. Daniels quotes the substance of Mr. Sanders' testimony thus:

Speaking of conditions in other parishes, Mr. Sanders instanced the parish of Calcasieu, that borders on the State of Texas, which is largely populated by Western white men, some of whom are unable to read and write. They registered under section five and voted all right—and vote the Democratic ticket mostly. In the belt of counties embracing such parishes as Tensas, Concordia,

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cit,' 'international bimetallism' and other like toys with which scheming

many warnings to look out for the

ANOTHER "ACCLAMATION"

Nomination by acclamation seems

to be the order of the day this year

in the Republican conventions in

this State. The State convention

rushed all its victims through by

acclamation. The Congressional

convention for the eighth district,

which met at Wilkesboro Thursday,

followed suit and put Spencer

Blackburn through by acclamation,

which was virtually putting states-

man Linney, the bellowing "Bull of

the Brushies" out by acclamation.

Mr. R. T. L. doesn't seem to have

added to his reputation even among

the Republicans of his district by

the way he has been befouling his

nest and slandering his own State in

the partisan opposition he has been

making against the constitutional

amendment and in his efforts to help

Pearson to steal and crawl into

Spencer got there by acclamation,

which means that the fellows who

put him in by acclamation didn't

expect to see him elected, or there

wouldn't have been any acclamation

in the proceedings. When it comes

to offices with a comfortable salary

attached there is never any accla-

mating done in Republican conven-

tions when it is thought there is

Blackburn is the orator who dis-

tinguished himself at Newton some

time ago, when in making an anti-

justified the assassination of Goebel

fate. When a convention nomi-

majority of the fellows who did it

were doubtless federal officeholders,

one of whom Spencer is. It was

empty honor to one of the gang,

whose mouth has given him promi-

FARMERS AND THE TRUSTS.

There is not an implement the

farmer uses the price of which has

not been advanced, materially ad-

vanced, within the past two years,

and the farmers have to pay the ad-

vanced prices because they are in the

power of the trusts, which control

all these implements from a hoe to a

threshing machine. The increase is

from five to ten per cent., which in

the aggregate makes a very large

sum of money squeezed out of the

farmers by combinations which had

gotten rich on the prices that pre-

Of course the trusts will explain

these increases of prices by saying

that they have to pay more for the

materials they use, and for labor,

which may be true, but the increase

in the materials is out of proportion

to the increase in the prices of the

articles they make; but if this were

true and that were the reason for

the advance, the trust would still be

in it, for the materials they use are

controlled by trusts, which put up

prices, not because it is necessary,

but because they were in a position

to be able to do it. If the products

of the farm had increased in price

in the same proportion, the farmers

might be able to stand it, but wheat,

corn and other staple crops, with

the exception of cotton, are lower

now than they were two years ago,

when the foreign demand gave them

a raise. These boom prices have

dropped, but they are still paying

boom or trust prices for everything

Some people are disposed to be

entirely too previous in tackling pos-

sible trouble, as was that New York

farmer who got to studying the

coming eclipse of the sun, imagined

that it might be accompanied by

atmosopheric conditions that would

ruin his crops, and sneaked out and

hanged himself. There was no

need of his being in a hurry at all

for he could have done the hanging

act just as well after the eclipse, if

it did have those atmospheric condi-

John D. Rockefeller says the pur-

suit of riches is not wrong. That de-

pends on the way they are pursued

Some men pursue them honestly,

others by squeezing eyery body they

can, and others with a Winchester

or six shooter. But allowing that

John is right and pursues in a law-

ful way we still insist that when a

fellow's income reaches \$75,000,000

a year he ought to quit the chase

and give some other fellow a chance.

That was a right cute trick of

Senator Clark, but the probabilities

are that the Senatorial dignitaries

who want to shut him out will stack

the cards so that his trick will not

count.

tions hitched to it.

they buy.

vailed before these advances.

nence and some notoriety.

any chance to scoop anything.

Crawford's seat.

throw dust in the eyes of voters."

bunco men.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1900.

political adventurers have sought to BEFORE SUMMER SEASON. Bunco, a regular bunco game, but Cape Pear Chapter Daughters of the Conone that won't work because it is federacy Elected Officers and Chose too thin, and the people had too Delegates to State Convention.

LAST REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of The Con federacy-the last meeting until after the Summer season-was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the assem bly room of the W. L. I. armory.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. M. Parsley, who was too unwell to attend the meeting, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, the vice president, presided, and as the session was the last of the fiscal year much of the time was taken up in the hearing of reports from the several officers.

Upon motion it was decided to contribute to Henderson, N. C. Chapter the amount of \$10 toward a fund which that organization is receiving for portrait of the lamented Governor Zebulon B. Vance, "the war Governor of the State."

One application for membership was received, after which the annual election of officers took place, which resulted in the selection of those who served during the past year with the exception of Miss Kate Harlowe, the very efficient secretary, who declined re election. Mrs. Jno. S. Watters was elected in her stead.

The matter of the election of dele gates to the national meeting of Daughters of the Confederacy, which will be held in Montgomery, Ala., on the second Wednesday in November was deferred until a subsequent meeting. The following were, however, elected to the State convention, which assembles at Raleigh on the second Wednesday in October.

Delegates-Mrs. W. M. Parsley Mrs. Jno. James, Mrs. M. S. Willard Mrs. W. L. Harlowe. Alternates-Mrs. A. A. Watson, Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael; Mrs.

amendment harangue he virtually Gabriel Holmes and Miss Mary Meares. in Kentucky and threatened Demo-A very pleasant incident of the meeting was the announcement that Eugene crats in this State with a similar S. Martin, Esq., who has always taken nated him, by acclamation or any to the Confederacy, had presented to other way, it advertised the stuff the museum of Cape Fear Chapter a of which it was composed. The very valuable triune picture of Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. The portraits were painted in England and were brought the ring paying a doubtful and over to the United States by a blockade runner during the war. They came into possession of the lamented Capt. G. L. Dudley and afterwards into the hands of the late Alfred Martin father of Mr. Eugene Martin who presented them yesterday afternoon and which, of course, were received with the greatest appreciation by the

WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

managers of the museum.

Various Institutions in the System Will Close This Week-Annual Address at Tileston by Col. Waddell,

This week will witness the closing of all the Wilmington public schools and appropriate exercises for the occasion will be held at each of the fine institutions in the system.

On Thursday at Hemenway school from 11 o'clock in the morning to 1 o'clock in the afternoon there will be an exhibition of the work done during the term in the several class rooms. and on Friday at the same hours there will be similar exercises at Union school.

On Friday evening at 8.15 o'clock the most elaborate exercises will take place at Tileston High School. The annual address will be by Col. A. M. Waddell, and there will be other features of especial interest.

Patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited to be in attendance upon the exercises.

The colored schools will likewise close on Thursday and Friday of this

LYCEUM STOCK COMPANY.

Bids for Engagements Being Received from Other Points by Proprietors.

The Charlotte News of the 18th inst.

Mr. James K. Collier, of the Collier & Cowan Lyceum Theatre Stock Comoany, arrived here this morning from Wilmington, and has arranged to have his company here soon, nightly, at the park auditorium. Mr. Collier's company will give a change of bill nightly mostly vaudeville. The company is said to be a good one, and, as it is

popular priced, the attendance will no doubt be large. Messrs, Collier & Cowan also are in receipt of a telegram from Woener & Tuckfield, managers of the Highland Park, Jackson, Tenn., in which they ask for terms for a Summer engagement of about ten weeks. According to their request, Messrs. Collier & Cowan wired an offer and furnished them with particulars by letter.

Excursion to Norfolk

Thos. H. Knight, the well known colored excursion manager, is billing the town for a special trip via the Seaboard Air Line to Norfolk and return May 28th. The train leaves Wilmington at 6 o'clock in the morning, and separate cars are announced for white and colored passengers. A game of base ball between the Wilmington and Norfolk teams is one of the advertised attractions.

- Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, will unveil a monument to their late sovereign, Wm. Ulrich, some time during next month. Messrs. Thomas R. Post, J. W. Fleet and Benj. Bell are a committee to arrange for the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASE.

Democratic Member Declared Entitled to Seat-Bills Introduced in the House by N. C. Representatives.

[Special Star Telegram.] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.-The House Elections Committee No. 1 today took up the Walker-Rhea contested election case, from Virginia, and in a minute session decided by vote of seven to two that Judge Rhea, the sitting Democratic member, was entitled to the seat. Representative Linney was one of the two

members voting against Representa-

Representative Atwater to day introduced a bill appropriating \$20,000 for the improvement of the approaches to the National cemetery at

Representative Thomas to day, in the House, after a hot fight, secured the passage of a bill appropriating \$6,000 for the Odd Fellows Lodge at Newbern, for the destruction of property by troops during the civil war.

Representative Bellamy to-day pre sented to the House a mass of petitions from the druggists of his district pray ing for the repeal of the stamp tax on

Representative Crawford, who has been confined to his bed for several days as the result of a surgical opera tion, is recovering rapidly and hopes to be about in a day or so. He intends leaving for North Carolina the middle of next week.

W. L. Parsley and wife, of Wilmington, were callers at the Capitol to-day. J. M. Vanhoy was to day appoint-

ed postmaster an New London, Stanly

ANOTHER CAPE FEAR STEAMBOAT.

Merchants & Parmers' Transportation Co. Will Complete New Craft August 1st.

Mr. T. D. Love, general manager of the Merchants and Farmers' Transportation Company, returned yesteray from a trip to St. Paul's, Robeson a lively interest in matters pertaining | county, where he purchased from the St. Paul's Lumber Company a large bill of material for the construction of a new steamboat for the Cape Fear river trade, which his company will begin building at a very early date in order to have it completed and in operation August 1st.

> The new steamer, though large, will be of light draught and built for fast schedule in order to handle truck and passengers at the greatest possible con-

> The lumber for the boat is of first class North Carolina yellow pine, and admirably adapted for boat building. New machinery throughout will be installed in the new boat, which bids fair to be the "Queen of the Cape Fear."

Funeral of Mr. Henry B. Jewett. The funeral of the late Henry B.

Jewett was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the services having been conducted in a very impressive manner by Rev. Milton A. Barber, the rector, assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson. The interment was at Oakdale cemetery and many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave by sorrowing friends. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Hicks Bunting, H. M. Foard, John Wright, H. P. West, W. W. Jones and Charles M. Whitlock.

Dr. R. D. Jewett, of Winston, a brother of the deceased, and Miss Mary B. Jewett, of New York, a daughter of the deceased, were present to attend the funeral.

County Road Improvement.

The force of convicts at work on the Castle Haynes county road, under the direction of Capt. John Barry, have completed permanent improvement to the section between the railroad and the Mill Creek bridge. The work is said by competent judges to be first class in every particular, and the phosphate rock from the mines of the New Hanover Land and Improvement Company is being used as fast as it can be distributed by Mr. T. A. Watson, the contractor for the hauling. Thus far nineteen car loads, of an average of thirty-two tons each, have been used and the material is said to be of very excellent quality for the use to which it is being put.

Locke Craig at Payetteville. The Fayetteville Observer has the following notice of the speech of Mr.

Locke Craig at that place: "Hon. Locke Craig made a speech of near two hours length last night at the Court House to a delighted audience of ladies and gentlemen. It was a masterly effort, and was generally regarded as a more lucid exposition of the purpose and effect of the Amendment, as well as of its lawfulness, than any other speech so far delivered in the State. Throughout, it was enivened by a number of brand new jokes and humorous stories, told in Mr. Craig's inimitable droll style. So that, what with the logic and what with the fun, all his hearers were charmed into the forgetfulness of the

Received Splendid Appointment.

passing of time.

merited success.

Dr. Thos. M. Green, whose graduation with honors at the University of Maryland was noted in these columns several days ago, has received the very desirable appointment of resident surgeon in the hospital of the institution from which he received his degree. He is a son of Dr. W. H. Green, of this city, and has numerous friends here who will learn with pleasure of his

- Contractor D. Hanna has been awarded the contract for laying the foundations for the new store of Mr. D. L. Gore on Front street.

SECRETLY MARRIED.

Miss Simms, a Baptist University Student, and John Birdsong, of A. & M. College. [Special Star Telegram.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 17 .- To-day at Hillsboro, Miss Callie Simms, a student in the Baptist Female University here, and Mr. John Birdsong, student at the A. &. M. College were secretly married by a justice of the peace. Students at these two institutions went with the Tabernacle Sunday School on picnic to Col. Carr's farm, near Hillsboro, and these two took advantage of the occasion to get married. Miss Simms is the daughter of a Baptist minister at Franklin, Macon county, and is not yet 18 years old. Mr. Birdsong is twenty years old and a resident os this city.

Testimony for complainants was today taken before standing master Shepherd in the Blackwell Durham Tobacco case. Defendent Guthrie will have a hearing on July 1st. No facts of special importance were brought out

Engineer Injured.

From a private letter received in the city yesterday it is learned of a most disgraceful occurrence at Hamlet Wednesday night. Capt. John Galvin. the popular freight train engineer on the Seaboard Air Line railroad between Hamlet and Wilmington, was shot and severely wounded about the legs by a resident of the village without the slightest provocation.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening Capt. Galvin had started for his engine to make the usual run to Wilmington. When a short distance from home he was fired upon with a shot gun and both legs below the knee were badly lacerated and torn and the bones shattered. Capt. Galvin's assailant said that he had nothing against the wounded man; some one had been around his home recently and he just fired away at the first man he saw pass. The offender has been jailed.

Pender Smallpox at an End.

Drs. George F. Lucas, Superinter cent of Health of Pender county, and Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health of New Hanoyer, returned yesterday from Edgecombe, where they went to look after the smallpox patients there. Dr. Lucas has been very successful in the management of the disease and has discharged all the patients from the houses where they were detained. To make sure that the disease is absolutely wiped out, he and Dr. McMillan fumigated all the negroes who had been in detention, burned the house, bed clothing and every thing else that had been in contact with the disease. Dr. Lucas and his county are to be congratulated on the successful termination of the epidemic, and Dr. McMillan and New Hanover are to be congratulated that the disease did not creep over this way.

The River Steamboats.

The steamer Hurt arrived yesterday from Fayetteville after having laid up there for repairs for several days. She presents a handsome appearance with a new coat of paint and other improvements. The Hawes arrived last evening also from Fayetteville and will now resume her trips up Black River, probably leaving to-day.

Capt. T. J. Green was in charge of the Hurt yesterday instead of Capt. Robeson, who was detained at home by the critical illness of his brother inlaw, Mr. E. J. Fuller, who is quite well known in Wilmington.

Sampson's County Convention. The Democratic County Convention of Sampson was held at Clinton Tuesday. The following nominations were

For Senator of the 14th District-J. For Representatives-L. L. Mathews and A. P. Spell.

For Sheriff—A. H. Herring. For Register of Deeds-H. J. Hines. For County Commissioners—J. A. Ferrell, Josiah Baggett and W. I.

For Surveyor—Billie Robinson. For Coroner—Dr. R. H. Holliday.

For Indian Famine Fund.

The New York Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of a recent date contains the following item:

"We have received a contribution of \$25 towards the Indian famine fund from Mr. D. L. Gore, of the D. L. Gore Company, Wilmington, N. C., and forwarded the same to Messrs. Brown Bros. & Co., of the committee of one hundred. We shall be glad to receive and acknowledge any addiional sums.

Old Landmark Removed.

The old fountain in the middle of Market street near Front was yesterday torn down to make way for the street paving and will be moved to Dock street near Front. The fountain was placed on Market street during the administration of the late Col. E. D.

Died at Burgaw.

Mr. John W. Cowan, a prominent man of Burgaw, died at his home there yesterday morning after a brief illness. He was 76 years of age and had been for a number of years a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church at his home. He will be buried at Burgaw to-day in the family burying ground. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D. P. McGeachy.

- Mrs. Henry Helm Clayton, wife of Professor Clayton, director of the Blue Hill Observatory, near Boston, Mass., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wertenbaker at the U.S. Marine

NO. 3

NEW BANK FOR MAXTON. Organized With Capital Stock of \$17,500 Speaking on Constitutional Amendment by Major London.

Mate Library

[Special Star Correspondence.] MAXTON, N. C., May 17 .- Major Henry London of Pittsboro made one of the clearest and most eforcible arguments in support of the amendment to an intensely interested audience to-nigh. He is arousing a determination on the part of white men to stand by their race and to treat as negroes those men with white skins who prefer to vote with the negro rather than with their own race. Robeson will vote to eliminate the negro from the political problems of the State.

At a meeting of the directors of the Maxton bank, being organized, held here this week it was decided to proceed with the building. It is expected to be ready for business in July. The capital stock is \$17,500, with the following stockholders: Steed & Curtis, J. W. Carter, A. J. McKinnon, L. T. Cottingham, J. W. McRae, J. C. Mc-Caskill, W. S. McNair, J. S. McRae, J. B. Weatherly, John Leach, A. C. McKinnon, Dr. J. D. Croom, A. H. Currie, E. McRae, J. M. Burke, G. B. Patterson, McNair & Wooten, A. J. Cottingham, J. T. Pool, T. B. Pace, A. M. McNair, John H. Cook, P. A. Fore, J. T. John, Jr., and W. J. Edwards

The following are directors, with five more yet to be chosen: W. J. Edwards, J. W. Carter, J. S. McRae, A. J. McKinnon, W. S. McNair, L. T. Cottingham, John H. Cook, J. B. Weatherly, J. T. John, Jr., and J. M.

Mr. W. J. Edwards has been elected president. The cashier, vice president and other officers will be elected

Maxton is moving upon all lines.

Sacred Concert Rehearsals.

As the date approaches for the sacred concert at Fifth Street M. E. Church, the rehearsals are made more frequent and nothing will be left undone in the way of practice. Mr. Charles E. McMillen, director of the music, requests that every participant in the concert be present for each rehearsal from now until the date for on Tuesday and Thursday nights of week beginning at 8.15 o'clock.

Trolley Poles for South America.

The brig St. Mary, Capt. Goldthwait, cleared yesterday afternoon for Santos, Brazil, with a cargo of 1,337 trolley poles and 424 pieces of timber and lumber which will be used in the construction of a new South American street railway by the San Paulo Light and Power Company. The cargo is valued at \$6,866.65 and the vessel will be towed to sea to day.

Back From College. Messrs. Jos Price and Joe Watters, Wilmington students at St. Mary's College at Belmont, which was burned yesterday, will return to their homes to morrow. An account of the coeffagration is published in the telegraphic columns of the STAR this morning. News of the burning was first received in the city yesterday by a private tele gram to Rev. Father Dennen.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE BURNED.

Pive Story Building at Belmont, N. Loss \$100,000 -All the lomates Escaped Unhurt,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 19.-Fire that is believed to have originated by spontaneous combustion in a sparrow's nest under the eaves of the five story college building of St. Mary's monastery, at Belmont, at 4 o'clock this morning, destroyed the main building and the entire west wing, with a magnificent tower, involving a loss of \$100,000 upon which there is an insur ance of only \$15,000. All the furniture in these two large

building was consumed by the flames. Students' beds, wardrobes, desks, li brary and museum cases, apparatus in scientific department, and the entire college library are in ruins. The boys trunks were stored in the attic, all of which were lost. Chemical extinguishers were used in abundance and there was no scarcity o' water. The students quickly arose when alarm was given, each carrying in his arms all his belongings, they marched to the outer buildings in the rear of the church. In the meantime all curiosities, fine paintings, and books were removed from the burning buildings and conveyed to safe quarters.

Right Rev. Bishop Haid, president of the college, intends rebuilding at for the autumn session in September. At a called meeting of the college faculty this afternoon, it was decided to dismiss the students early this week, as the regular session was to end June 12th. There were 150 students in the building, many of them from Northern States.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Cunard Liner from New Orleans Bound South Africa.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SAN DOMINGO, May 19 .- Passengers arriving here on board the Spanish steamer Maria Herrera brought news Hall and has offered a refreshing of the grounding of the Cunard Line draught for thousands of wearied dray steamer Carinthia at Point Gravois, on the south coast of Hayti. The Carinthis asked for assistance for the purpose of taking off animals on board, but the Maria Herrera was unable to aid her. The Carinthia may be floated if assistance is sent to her in reason-

able time. It was reported this morning that the Carinthia had run ashore at full speed. She had on board 1,450 mules, destined, it is believed, for South Africa. The Carinthia cleared at New Orleans, May 11th, for Cape Town. She is a steel twin-screw steamer of 3,623 tons.

The dead body of an unknown white man came ashore at Nag's head, N. C., life saving station. The clothing indicated that the dead man had been a fisherman or a oyster man. In the pockets were found three five dollar notes, one two dollar note and \$2.91 in change. The body was buried he will remain in Canton until about in the sand on the beach,

- Favetteville Observer: Mr. E. W. Rhodes, who recently attempted suicide by cutting his throat at Godwin, will live. The fearful gash is healing, and the state of his mind seems to be better. It is thought that he will have to be sent to the asylum.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Monroe Journal: The Monroe Oil and Fertilizer Co. has just sold to a firm in Liverpool 500 tons of cotton seed meal. This will make twenty five car loads and is worth about \$18,000. A special train, appropriately decorated with streamers, etc., will be made up to transport the meal to Norfolk.

- Winston Sentinel: The case against Postmaster R. S. Templeton, of Mooresville, was tried before two magistrates Tuesday and resulted in acquittal. Detective Bower was made to pay the cost, \$5.55. The charge against Mr. Templeton was receiving and retaining money after office hours. It was shown that Mr. Templeton did as any other postmaster would have

done under like circumstances. - Monroe Enquirer: We notice in one of our northern exchanges that quarter of a dollar and a dime has been found in a horse's shoulder, and that there is a great deal of discussion as to how that money got into the horse's flesh. Dr. J. B. Ashcraft says that he has cut more than one piece of silver money from horses' shoulders, and that the money is put under the skin by superstitious fools who believe that it is a cure for shrinkage

of the muscles of the shoulder. — Mount Holly Advertiser: Every-one is pleased with the results from the strawberry crop. Prices have ruled satisfactory, transportation and refrigeration service the best by far ever granted our growers and the ship ments almost equal in quantity to last year. All in all, it is the most renumerative season in five years. -Last Tuesday when strawberries were selling at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per crate, Mr. Robert Kornegay sold some at \$4.50 per crate, and the purchaser expressed the opinion that he would make a handsome profit on his investment.

- Sanford Express: Work on the veneering plant is being pushed and with a few more weeks of good weather the building will be ready for the machinery to be installed. — Cobb & Thompson Company, of this place have enlarged their Wood Works, and are putting in machinery to manufacture sash, doors and blinds. They employ quite a number of hands and are kept busy filling orders. -Express learns that the body of a dead man was found in Cape Fear river at Buckhorn Falls on last Saturday. The head and one arm were gone and only a shirt and pants were found on the body. The body had been in water for some time and was so badly discolored by decay that it was impossible to tell whether the man was white or colored. No one was able to recognize him as his head was missing. There seems to be a mystery connected the concert. Rehearsals will be held with his taking off which may never be solved.

A TYPICAL CONVENTION

Abe Middleton Ram It On a Back Street [Clinton dispatch to the Raleigh News and Ob-server, 18th.]

The Republicans of the Third district held their convention here to-day, but did not nominate a candidate for Congress. White, a negroloving Republican of Bladen, was put up as elector. There were about twelve whites and thirteen negroes in attendance. The meeting was controlled by the negroes-the whites had to take a back seat. A. Bryan, the negro from Craven county, was

secretary. They would not hold their convention in the court house, but went out on a back street and held it in the negro Odd Fellows' Hall.

The few whites that were here were postmasters and office holders under Russell. The postmasters at Fayetteville, Warren and other places were here, but Abe Middleton controlled them.

To close the ball Robt. Hancock, of Craven, and Dave Sutton, of Bladen, engaged in a rough and tumble fight on the hotel porch where everybody could see them. Hancock went before the mayor and submitted. They appeared to have taken on too much white lightning and the white juice did not suit them.

One white Republican was heard to say that it was the first convention he ever attended that was ruled by negroes, and that Pritchard's and Butler's speeches in the Senate declaring no negro domination in North Carolina were untrue as to the Third district. He was thoroughly disgusted with the proceedings of the convention.

The white people are waking up and are coming to the rescue of the State. You may put Sampson down 500 majority for the amendment and the Democratic ticket.

IN VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

Desperate Negro Convict Cut the Throat of Another Negro Prisoner, Causing Instant Death.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., May 19.-William Woodson, a negro convict in the penitentiary, this morning, about 8:30 o'clock, cut the throat of Ambrose Ferebee, another negro convict, caus ing death within an hour.

Last night Woodson had a difficulty in his cell with a convict of the name of Jim Jones, the latter beating Woodson, who grabbed a brick. This was taken away from him by Ferebee and a negro named Montgomery.

This morning all the men marched into the shoe shop to do their duties. Ferebee had a few minutes leisure and was reading his testament when Woodson grabbed a knife from one of the benches, crept up behind Ferebee, caught him around the neck, pulled his head back and cut his throat from ear to ear.

Woodson, as soon as he had slashed Ferebee, ran through the where Jim Jones was employed and made a vicious lunge at the prisoner, which Jones dodged. He was then

Will Visit Ohio in June for a Rest of Several Weeks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 19.-The President has decided to go to Canton late in June for a rest of two or three weeks, and incidentally to attend the monster non-partisan celebration which is being arranged for July 4th. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinley, and if nothing of special importance occurs, which would necessitate his earlier return,

PRESIDENT McKINLEY