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THEY ARE LEARNING.

Experience is a good teacher when people are disposed to learn. Sometimes it is a very costly teacher.

For a long time the majority of the people of the Northern States viewed the negro problem from a distance and discussed it from the standpoint of sentiment.

Year by year the floating negroes have been drifting into some of the Northern cities, and congregating as they do in Southern cities.

Among the perplexing problems, upon the solution of which depends the health and happiness of the American negro, is the problem of the American negro.

In Chicago the condition of the colored man is rapidly becoming serious. He must live, and to live he must have work.

Just after the war, when there were few negroes in the North, and they "lost themselves," as the negro Congressman White expresses it.

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AND CONTINUOUS migration of negroes into the Northern States they would find it a much more perplexing problem than it now is.

It is a much more perplexing problem than it now is, and they could not manage it as the South does, because they would not know how to go about managing it.

The first step in that direction would be to remove the negro entirely from the domain of politics, and thus deprive him of the opportunity to make a fool of himself.

Too many negroes in the labor market means competition of negro with negro, in which both suffer. In the country, away from the temptations, enticements of the towns.

That was a very sensible resolution adopted by the meeting of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture, at Raleigh, urging the cotton planters of the South to distribute their sales throughout the year instead of rushing their cotton in and dumping it on the market.

When the marketing season opens too many of our planters find themselves in the need of money to meet obligations contracted. They have to sell whatever the price may be, but if prices start off well there will be a rush any way, the planters who are not in an independent condition.

Last year Wisconsin produced \$30,000,000 worth of butter and \$30,000,000 worth of cheese, and Wisconsin is one of those States where cattle must be housed and handled most of the year.

It is said that Senator Teller is the only one of the sixteen original Colorado Republicans who left the Republican party on the silver question who hasn't gone back. It is very hard to prevent wicked old sinners from backsliding after conversion.

EX-SENATOR EDMUNDS' IDEA.

Ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, has done a good deal of anti-expansion talking, has made some of the strongest arguments against it, and has stood practically with Senator Hoar in protesting against the administration policy of expansion.

"The Philippine Islands belong to the United States by all rules of international law; we bought and paid for them and the inhabitants of those islands are citizens or subjects of the United States just as surely as you and I are."

"We should maintain an interest there. As for throwing them over, as the Democratic platform proposes, I am opposed to any such proposition. If we should do that I firmly believe that within at most three years the islands would be in the possession of England, Germany or Spain, and I should not like to see that."

This is simply the chicanery of an unscrupulous advocate, who in the exigencies of a case will throw the equities overboard and swallow himself. There is no doubt that under international law the Philippine islands may belong to us, but it isn't a question of international law, but a question of right and honesty and of national good faith and honor.

He thinks that a year ago we might have said to the Filipinos, "If you'll stop fighting, we will," &c., and that the Filipinos would have accepted that proposition at that time. That is precisely what Bryan proposes to say, if he be elected, and what ground has Mr. Edmunds or any one else to assert that they would not accept such a proposition? It is an unwarranted assumption that they would not.

MARKETING COTTON.

With all his astuteness, legal lore, etc., Mr. Edmunds is not only inconsistent with himself but illogical.

RECEIPTS 9,005 Bales Short of Last Year.

Wilmington's cotton season for 1899-1900 closed Friday and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, secretary of the Produce Exchange, was busy yesterday getting up the figures for his usual complete and thoroughly accurate report.

Those who long for the defeat of Bryan and Stevenson, whether they call themselves Populists, Republicans or Democrats, wish to see the full negro vote polled in North Carolina. Real Democrats should, therefore, be on the alert. The work of organization should be pushed vigorously.

It is said that in his letter of acceptance McKinley will make copious quotations from his messages and speeches, and other utterances. He will also make copious omissions. No allusions to "criminal aggression," "plain duty," or anything of that sort.

TRIAL AT WARSAW.

George Butler, Ex-Congressman Fowler and Others Charged With Criminal Libel.

THE HEARING POSTPONED.

An Effort Will Be Made to Have Case Bound Over to Sampson Superior Court, But Prosecution Will Fight This Move.

George Butler, a brother of Senator Butler, Ex-Congressman Jno. E. Fowler, Ex-Representative Cicero Johnson, and thirteen other Populists were brought before Justice of the Peace J. F. Woodward yesterday at Warsaw at 10 o'clock on the charge of criminal libel. It was claimed by the prosecution that Butler wrote for the *Caucasian* an article in which he charged Democrats with openly and boldly stealing one thousand votes and in which he compared them to the lowest criminals.

There was a large crowd present to hear the trial, the Democrats numbering about one hundred and the Populists fully as many. In order to give all an opportunity to hear the proceedings Justice Woodward held the trial in the big strawberry shed near the depot. Despite the large crowd present there was no disorder of any sort and the proceedings passed off without any startling developments.

Senator Butler was not present to hear the proceedings against his brother, although he returned Friday from Chicago and was at his home about seven miles away. His father-in-law, Col. E. L. Faison, of Elliott's, and his private secretary, J. B. Hoover, were both present.

The attorneys for the defense contended that the trial could not legally be held in Duplin county as the defendants lived in Sampson, and as the paper which the alleged scandalous article appeared in some times published in Clifton. The prosecution on the other hand claimed that the trial could be held in any county where the paper circulated. This was the view which the magistrate took after hearing both sides and he ruled accordingly. Then the defense stated that they were not ready for trial as they did not have all their witnesses present. To meet their convenience the hearing was postponed after argument until Monday, September 10, at 10 A. M. at Warsaw.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH.

Elected Elder J. W. S. Harvey Assistant Pastor Last Friday Night.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Second Advent Church, held Friday night, Elder J. W. S. Harvey was elected assistant pastor, to occupy the pulpit during the absence of the regular pastor. Mr. Harvey was elected by a unanimous vote, and his election meets the approval of all who know him. He is a gentleman of the old school, who, through his patriotism, will allow nothing, cost him what it may, to come between him and his convictions. He is one of the pioneers of Adventism in the South, having been united with the church at Wilmington for over twenty years, since which time he has been a most zealous worker for the advancement of the Christianity in this city. The STAR congratulates the church upon her selection, and wishes Mr. Harvey success.

CITY TAX BOOK.

Capt. A. L. DeRosset yesterday turned over to the city the tax books for 1900. They showed gross taxable property to amount to \$7,171,838. This amount was divided as follows: Real estate, \$5,404,138; personal property, \$438,368; solvent credits, \$191,118; stock of incorporations, \$397,852; stock in trade, \$376,945; incomes, \$120,056; money, \$173,038.

There has been a healthy increase in practically every item over last year's figures.

Arrived in New York. Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., received a telegram yesterday, stating that Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles and Miss Lucile W. Murchison had just arrived in New York on the steamship *Deutschland*, which broke the record for the fastest time across the Atlantic on that trip. The party has been making a tour of England, Scotland and France. Mr. Giles was one of North Carolina's commissioners to the Paris Exposition.

Harbor Master's Report. The report of the harbor master for the month of August is as follows: American—4 steamships, 5,040 tons; 1 brig, 350 tons; 4 barges, 2,396 tons; 3 schooners, 988 tons. Total, 12 vessels, 8,674 tons.

Foreign—2 barques, 825 tons. Total American and foreign—14 vessels, 9,499 tons.

BRYAN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Situation and Prospects as Seen by a Correspondent of the New York Herald.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Tuesday.—If the November election depended entirely upon national issues the State of North Carolina might well be placed in the doubtful column. Local questions, however, have assumed an importance which obscures questions of national politics, and the indications are now that because of these local questions W. J. Bryan will surely carry the State.

The State election, which was held on August 2, resulted in the defeat of more than sixty thousand for the Democratic candidate for Governor, but the most sanguine Democrats do not expect a majority of more than fifteen thousand in November for the National Democratic ticket. The burning issue, of course, is the race question. If the thoughtful and conservative elements in the State had its way this question would not obstruct itself into the national campaign, but as the hope of the Republican party lies in organization and local questions, those who will be disfranchised in 1902 it is almost impossible to keep it out of the discussion.

But many Republicans are very sanguine regarding their success in November. They will appeal to the negroes to roll up a big majority against the party which cast them out, for the effect this might have upon their political future.

In addition to this negro vote and the regular Republican vote they hope for strong reinforcements from the disfranchised Populists and from the conservative Democratic element, which is large in this State. A large proportion of the democrats are very anxious to avoid the race question in November, for the reason that they believe it is a settled fact that the negroes have been disfranchised, and that the negroes toward whom they have the kindest feelings in all matters except those political.

The factors which favor the Democrats in the national election in North Carolina are two. First, is the party of disfranchisement; second, a Democratic Legislature has enacted an election law which puts the ballot and the election in the hands of the Democrats, so that it would be extremely difficult for the Republicans to develop sufficient strength to overcome Democratic manipulation.

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.

A Circular to the Democrats of North Carolina—Meeting Called for the 26th Instant.

Recently the Honorable William J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President, the Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, Honorable James K. Jones, Chairman Democratic National Committee, and the Honorable William R. Hearst, President National Clubs, issued the following, to wit: To the Democrats of the United States: In order that the light of the principles of the country from republican policies may be carried on everywhere with vigor and earnestness, we urge all citizens throughout the United States, who are willing to meet in their respective communities on Saturday afternoon or evening, September 16, 1900, for the purpose of organizing clubs in their respective communities where such clubs have not already been organized. These organizations being Democratic, should avoid ostentation and extravagance. The program to be carried on by American citizens in behalf of American principles, and there should be no delay in perfecting club organizations.

There are in North Carolina about one thousand white supremacy clubs. It is recommended that wherever these clubs now exist, that they meet on one or the other of the days above mentioned, and that the members of the present national campaign in Bryan and Stevenson clubs, under the general plan of organization under which they have heretofore operated. The additional white supremacy clubs heretofore mentioned, it is recommended that there be organized in every county a club, to be composed exclusively of white men, and that the chairman of the executive committee shall be ex-officio chairman of the county club. For the purpose of appointing delegates at large to the convention of the National Association of Clubs to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., on October 3rd, for the purpose of holding a great mass meeting in the State's Capital to ratify the nomination of Bryan and Stevenson, and for the transaction of other business connected with club work in the State, a State convention of the Democratic Clubs is hereby called to convene in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday, the 26th of September, and each precinct club is hereby requested, at its first meeting, to select delegates to this convention and elect one delegate for every ten members to the National Convention. Each club shall be entitled to one delegate to the several conventions for every ten and fraction over five names on the club roster.

When a club is organized, the secretary requested to once send to Hon. W. R. Hearst, President National Association Democratic Clubs, No. 1370 Broadway, New York City, and to F. J. Simmons, Chairman of State Executive Committee, Raleigh, N. C., name of the club, roster of officers, date of organization and number of members.

F. J. SIMMONS, Chairman State Executive Committee.

ED. CHAMBERS SMITH, Vice President North Carolina and member Executive Committee National Association Democratic Clubs.

The vigor and enthusiasm with which the Newbern Journal is supporting Bryan and Stevenson is fearful to behold. If that ticket is elected Bro. Stevens ought to have a place in the Cabinet.

A BIG MONTH'S WORK.

Many New Cars Were Turned Out from the Atlantic Coast Line Car Shops During the Month of August.

From the Atlantic Coast Line car shops yesterday the general manager private car was turned out fresh and bright after a thorough overhauling. All the interior wood work has been revarnished and everything inside of the car put in apple pie order. Monday night the president's car will be out, after having received the same treatment.

The work at the Coast Line shops for the last month has been phenomenally extensive. About 330 men are employed, and they have been busy as bees all the time. Six standard new cabooses were turned out for a single item. These are for the use of freight conductors. They can be seen in the yards, and really look nice enough for passenger cars—in fact, they are reproductions of the old time passenger cars.

In addition to these, ninety-nine standard Atlantic Coast dispatch cars were built. These are far superior in make and finish to the ordinary box car, being built for the transportation of fruit and equipped with ventilating arrangements. There has also been a good deal accomplished in the way of building flat cars.

ON BOARD ALGONQUIN.

Deputy Sheriff Millis Went to Make Arrest and Didn't Make It.

COULDN'T SERVE WARRANT.

Went Away and Came Back Again—This Time the Cattle With the Man That Was Wanted Safe Aboard Was Steaming Down the River.

Deputy Sheriff George W. Millis tried to serve a warrant Saturday afternoon on board the United States Revenue Cutter *Algonquin* and was denied the right. He went to find out if the law backed him up in insisting on the right to serve the papers and after satisfying himself that the law was on his side went back to the cutter—when behind the bird had flown or what amounted to the same thing the *Algonquin* had left port.

More in detail the account of the affair is as follows: Mr. Millis had a warrant for the arrest of William F. Fieldman, a coxswain but at present serving as quartermaster. The warrant charged Fieldman with committing assault and battery on John Brown, a young white man in the employ of Mr. F. A. Montgomery.

Mr. Brown states that he was going around taking orders Friday afternoon and was sitting in his buggy in front of Williams Boat store on Water street when Fieldman came up and struck him in the face two or three times. He got out of his buggy and ran, thinking that discretion was the better part of valor, particularly as his assailant was a much larger man. He stopped as soon as he saw that the quartermaster wasn't following him. He stated to a reporter that he didn't know why Fieldman attacked him unless it was because the quartermaster thought that he was one of a crowd of boys who "guyed" him on Castle street. He denies that he was one of the party.

The warrant was sworn out before Justice Bornemann. Deputy Sheriff Millis expected no trouble and went cheerfully to the performance of his duty. He boarded the ship with a light heart, but his feathers fell when he gave his warrant to the officer of the deck to read and saw him walk off without returning. The officer's intentions were good, however, and in good time, forth came a lieutenant with the warrant in his hand. The deputy relented and told him he was there to serve the warrant. The officer said that he couldn't serve it. Mr. Millis wasn't prepared for an emergency of this sort and after arguing a little left in order to fortify himself legally. He told Sheriff MacRae of the trouble he had had and the sheriff consulted lawyers and government officials and found out what he believed all along that he had a right to insist on the man's being given up for trial. He and Deputy Millis then went down to the cutter's wharf only to find that the vessel had proceeded down the river. The officers are bent on making the arrest just as soon as the cutter ties up at her wharf again, and any one who knows the determination in Sheriff MacRae's make up can well believe that he will carry out his intentions. Not only this, but the officer officers who, as alleged, refused to allow the arrest to be made will be dealt with. It is believed that there is a law which makes dismissal the penalty for the offense referred to.

ROBERT WESLEY WHITE.

Died of Hemorrhagic Fever Friday Night at Georgetown—Remains Laid to Rest in Oakdale.

Mr. Robert Wesley White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White, died in Georgetown, S. C., at 11:30 o'clock Friday night of hemorrhagic fever, and his remains were brought to Wilmington Saturday afternoon, accompanied by his wife and father, Mr. J. A. White. The death was unusually sad, as Mr. White's brother, Mr. Geo. W. White, preceded him to the grave by only a few days.

Mr. White died in the 39th year of his age. At the time of his death he was chief electrician for the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company at Georgetown. He was at one time a travelling salesman for Mr. Chas. Whitlock and was also at one time in the service of the Street Railway Company. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Cora Varner, of Winston, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White, and Mr. Preston G. White, a brother, and two sisters, Misses Annie B. and Mary White.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Sanford Express: There is talk of a railroad being built from some point on the Aberdeen & Asheboro railroad to Jackson Springs before the next season opens at that popular health resort.

Carthage Blade: On last Friday the little son, aged 7 years, of Mr. A. W. Cagle, who lives near Carthage, was bitten by a poisonous snake, from which the child died next day. A physician was sent for, but for some reason the doctor did not arrive until next morning, when it was too late to save the little sufferer.

Durham Sun: H. B. Bagwell, the celebrated watermelon raiser of Garner, Wake county, planted fifty acres in watermelons this year, and notwithstanding the very dry weather that has prevailed, raised over five hundred that weighed more than fifty pounds each. Some tipped the scales as high as seventy pounds each.

Mount Airy News: The produce dealers are making things hum and scattering lots of money among the farmers, which is helping everybody. The apple, potato and cabbage crop in fine in the counties of Patrick, Carroll, Grayson and Alleghany and along the foot of the Blue Ridge in Surry.

Nashville Graphic: Tomie Williams, colored, was brought here Monday and put in jail by Constable W. Strickland of Jackson township. Williams is charged with assault with intent to kill Manoah Bisette, a white man, who was shot and killed in a quarrel with the negro. It is said that the negro went to Mr. Bisette's house early Sunday morning and, without provocation, attempted to kill Mr. Bisette with a shot gun, firing one load after another. A number of the shot took effect in Mr. Bisette's side and face, but none of the wounds were of a serious nature.

Monroe Enquirer: The criminal docket for Superior Court, which convenes week after next, is very large. Fifteen prisoners are now in jail awaiting court. A little 4-year-old son of Louis Wells, of Rockingham, while visiting at Mr. J. T. LeGrand's yesterday, found a shotgun and accidentally shot himself through the head with it. Death was instant. Instantly after the lightning struck Mr. Alice Vann's residence on Tuesday night. A feather bed in an upstairs room was set on fire, and on the next morning the bedstead split. None of the inmates of the house were shocked by the stroke. The bed caught on fire from the underside, and it is supposed that the springs of the bed becoming over-charged set fire to the bed tick.

Tarboro Southerner: Within the last week or ten days W. H. McNair, on his farm a few miles from here, has lost fourteen head of grown cattle from tick fever. A report of these died last Friday and Saturday, when he sent for Dr. Curtis, State veterinary surgeon, who came out and yesterday examined the animals. He gives it as his opinion that the cows died of tick fever. Mr. McNair says that by looking closely under the hair of the animals he has found ticks that can be found. These ticks came from Martin county on cattle brought from that place by Perry Jenkins. Prior to the arrival of these Mr. McNair's cattle had been immune, but they had become immune.

Clinton Democrat: Mr. Robert H. Matthis died at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Matthis, near Clinton, last Saturday morning. Mrs. Bettie Pifer Norman, wife of Mr. B. F. Norman, died at her home at Spring Hope on the 22nd inst., after a lingering illness. A regret to learn of the death of Mr. Henry Crommie, at his home at Garland on last Saturday. He had been in declining health for several months. The first bale of new cotton, sold on the Clinton market was on last Friday, the 24th of August. It brought 95 cents. Mr. W. L. Williams, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Sampson county, who has the position of store keeper and grocer at the store of Sells' distillery near town, lost a \$1,000 bill on the streets in Clinton on last Thursday evening. He was carrying it in his pocket, and it slipped out and fell on the ground at the pump in front of Mr. E. Herring's store. The loss was soon discovered and a diligent search was made but without success. Mr. Williams spent a sleepless night, the fact that he was a poorer man by \$1,000 being a waking nightmare. It happened, however, that a crippled negro boy, Ford Brewington, who lives near town, found the bill soon after it was dropped. He thought it was a Confederate bill and took it home with him. He told of finding the money and of its being a bill. It was a gold certificate and looked something like a Confederate bill. When it became known that Mr. Williams had lost a bill of money those who heard Ford speak of his find were satisfied that it was Mr. Williams' bill. And sure enough it was Mr. Williams' bill. We are glad that the boy gave it up readily. He was liberally rewarded.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN D. BELLAMY.

He Will Make a Vigorous Campaign in the Sixth District.

Congressman Jno. D. Bellamy will make a vigorous campaign, beginning Sept. 10th, the time fixed by the State Executive Committee for the national campaign in this State to open. He will not depend on the majority won in the previous congressional contest, but will go in to make it still larger. Of course he is confident of re-election but prefers to be on the safe side and to avoid all possible danger arising from apathy or disaffection of any sort. Therefore he has made up his mind to go up and down the old Sixth from the tenth of September up to the sixth of November, not neglecting any section. He will make out his own itinerary and will have it prepared in the course of several days.

Health Officer's Report.

The report of Dr. Charles T. Harper, city superintendent of health, for the month of August, shows the following: Deaths 51; of which the following were reported: 30 colored. There were 68 births, 24 white infants and 44 colored. There were four quarantines for contagious diseases, 1 being for diphtheria and the other three for scarlet fever.

Register of Deeds Biddle yesterday received the transfer of a tract of property on the northeast corner of Sixth and Castle streets, from Junius Davis, receiver, to T. H. Wright, for \$1,072.50.

The STAR guesses that the recent census will show that the population of Wilmington, not including the suburbs, is about 24,000.