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ABOUT THE ISSUES.

Some of the Democratic papers which did not support Bryan because he would not renounce his adherence to the free coinage of silver, in discussing the result of the election, say it was hard to make a successful fight against "prosperity," but that McKinley deserved to be beaten and, with other issues and a candidate not so closely identified with the silver question, he might have been defeated. They forget that they had said "prosperity" was a mighty hard thing to fight against, especially, they might have added, when backed by such hustling, unscrupulous managers as Mark Hanna with millions of dollars at his disposal.

But how about the issues? The Kansas City convention, although it reaffirmed the declaration of the Chicago convention on the silver coinage question, subordinated that to the question of expansion at the muzzle of a gun, which it proclaimed to be the "paramount" question, and so did Mr. Bryan in his speeches subordinate it to the "paramount" question. But the Republican leaders would not permit it to be subordinated, made it the "paramount" issue and really fought the campaign on that.

What other issues were there to be made? The Democratic convention subordinated the silver issue to placate the gold Democrats, and even with that some of their organs kicked against Bryan and the party because he and it didn't recant previous declarations on the money question. We came as near doing that as we could by subordinating it to other issues. We took up the war of "criminal aggression" as the paramount issue on which most of the gold Democrats agreed with us; and the Trusts, on which they nearly all agreed with us; and did our level best to make the campaign on these, but the Republican managers dodged both and made their fight on the dangers of free silver, which was not really an issue, and made their fight on that and on the "prosperity" which the McKinley administration had brought the country. What nonsense, then, to talk about other issues or other candidates. The Republican managers fearing to go before the people on the issues the Democratic party presented, went down into the ground and dug up the issue which they had persistently declared buried four years ago.

What other issue was there for the Democratic party to make? It took the two questions that most immediately and vitally affected the American people and made issues of them—the Philippine question, which carried with it as a collateral issue (to quote Mark Hanna), a large standing army and imperialism; and the Trust question, which carried with it as a collateral issue a high protective tariff, tariff for protection only, a trust-breeding tariff. Here were issues enough, issues in which every man, woman and child in the country was more or less interested, and yet they didn't win.

What other issue could we have found, or if we had found it how could we have prevented the Republican leaders from dodging it and digging into the ground and resurrecting some other issue, as they have been doing ever since the war between the States?

In view of previous campaigns and the one preceding the election of Tuesday it is nonsense, we repeat, to talk of "other issues" or other candidates. The fact is if we had taken the Decalogue as our platform and Moses as our candidate, things being as they are now, with Mark Hanna's methods, Mark Hanna's campaign fund, and the elements of population that he had to manipulate they would have beaten us, the Decalogue and Moses.

That "prosperity" figured largely in the result there is no doubt. The party that is in power nearly always gets the credit and the benefit of whatever prosperity may prevail, as it is held responsible for whatever adversity may come. The man who thinks he is doing pretty well, who is making more money than he had

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been making before, who is better able to pay his debts if he has any, and to buy and pay for what he wants must have some very potent reasons given before he will cry for a change and vote for it. This is one of the reasons why the Republican party is as strong as it is in the rural regions and in the agricultural States of the North. They have profited by the higher prices for farm products, and they don't care a continental how long the war lasts in the Philippines or how many men are sacrificed in it as long as they get ten cents a bushel more for their wheat or corn, or a couple cents a pound more for their beef or pork.

This may look like heartless, brutal selfishness, but it is a fact, nevertheless, although not a creditable fact. This selfishness, appealed from every stump, mercenary selfishness, was the cardinal principle and corner stone of Mark Hanna's prosperity fake with which he glorified the McKinley administration. With the credulous to believe the Republican fakirs on one side, and the selfish schemers who were personally profiting by having the Republican party in power on the other, these supplying the immense amounts of money to be put "where it would do the most good," no issue that could have been thought of could have defeated Mark Hanna and the knavery, money, and assertiveness that stood with and behind him. It was simply an invincible combination. Issues had much less to do with the result than the money, organization, brass, assertiveness, hypocrisy and aggressiveness of the cohorts that under the unscrupulous and conceded able leadership of Hanna and his staff won.

A SPLENDID ENDORSEMENT

The large majority, somewhere in the neighborhood of 50,000, cast in the primaries for Hon. F. M. Simmons as the choice of the Democracy of the State for U. S. Senator, is not only a well deserved tribute from his fellow Democrats, but it is a splendid endorsement of his management of the State Committee in three campaigns. The result is no reflection on his unsuccessful competitor, for the large vote he received is testimony enough of the appreciation of his services to the party, but the majority of the Democrats in the State felt that the party was indebted to Mr. Simmons for the earnest zeal with which he had repeatedly served it, and the self-sacrificing devotion he showed, and felt that he was entitled to the reward he had so well earned.

They felt, too, that in view of some of the unfortunate criticisms which had been made of Mr. Simmons course, which in the past had brought us victory, a failure to endorse him would have been practical self condemnation as well as condemnation of him, for we knew the man when we repeatedly, and without his seeking, and against his wishes, called him to the responsible post which he so loyally, industriously, tirelessly and zealously filled, and we rejoiced over and reaped the benefits of his work.

Under these circumstances we say that a failure to endorse him, would have been self condemnation by the Democracy of the State as well as condemnation of him. The enthusiasm with which the earnest Democrats in the State rallied to him proved that they had no idea of doing either.

But in thus endorsing Mr. Simmons the Democracy of the State is not merely rewarding services rendered regardless of his fitness to fill the honorable and responsible position for which they have named him, for he is as eminently qualified for this as any man within the borders of the commonwealth. A good lawyer, a studious and a hard worker, a forcible speaker and able debater, of pleasant address and agreeable manners, and with all this with a heart filled with ardent love for his native State, he is in every way competent to represent her and her Democracy loyally and ably in the United States Senate and we predict that he will not only do honor to them but make a Senator that they will feel proud of.

We congratulate Mr. Simmons on this splendid testimonial of appreciation from his fellow citizens, and congratulate the Democracy of the State on this emphatic endorsement of him and vindication of themselves.

Referring to the report that some of the Western Republicans are booming Hanna for President in 1904, he said he heard of it, but has had his fill of politics and doesn't want to be President. As McKinley can't run again, now watch and see him stock the cards for his friend Mark—who doesn't want it.

Matt Quay, of Pennsylvania, has walked John W. Wainwright's log, and has a dead sure thing on re-election to the Senate. It is hard to down Matt in that ballwick.

SOME MORE PROSPERITY.

Right on the heels of the victory of McKinley and the Trusts the Chicago Meat Trust puts up the price of beef, pork and mutton one cent a pound, which on a basis of last year's business means a net grab of \$39,000,000. By the time this raise trickles through the consumer it means that he will have to pay from 10 to 25 per cent more for his meat than he paid the day before the election, according to the kind and quality. If he is satisfied with the ordinary common cuts it means about 10 per cent. If he wants anything choice it means about 25. This advance, they say, is not a result of the election but simply a coincidence. Of course that is all it is, but we venture to remark there will be a good many of such "coincidences," and we venture to remark further that if Bryan had been elected and the Trusts turned down there would have been no such coincidences.

As might have been expected, there has been no advance in the price of cattle, hogs or sheep, so that the stock raisers do not share in this whiff of prosperity that has struck the Meat Trust. In as much as so many of them voted for McKinley and the Trusts they may think they were entitled to some of it. They may go on thinking that way as far as the Meat Trust is concerned, and that's all they will get out of it. The Trust has them by the top-knot, and they shouldn't squeal, at least those of them who voted for McKinley and the Trusts shouldn't. The election of McKinley and the practical endorsement of the Republican party and Republican methods has put the Trusts in the automobile for the next four years and they are going to spin along hilariously, regardless of whom they run over.

HON. JOHN D. BELLAMY.

It was a foregone conclusion from the time that Hon. John D. Bellamy was re-nominated for a second term in the House of Representatives that he would be re-elected. The Republican committee went through the formal farce of re-nominating Oliver H. Dockery, who, notwithstanding his previous sad experience and the way he was trampled out of shape at the last election, accepted in a ponderous document, which would have served all practical purposes if it had been condensed into two words, "I accept."

The fact that it was again Bellamy against Dockery gave more life to the campaign, for the Democrats who felt all along that Mr. Bellamy would be elected then resolved to give Mr. Bellamy a big majority—not only as a testimonial to him, but as a rebuke to Dockery for his groundless contest against Mr. Bellamy and for his slanderous charges against them, and right emphatically did they do it by giving him a majority this time more than twice as large as they gave him two years ago. This ought to satisfy Mr. Bellamy, who will go back to Washington with this overwhelming vindication of himself and of his district and the friends who supported him, and it ought to satisfy Oliver H. Dockery, too.

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota isn't demoralized. He says somebody is going to build up a new party which in four years more will grow big enough to knock the stuffing out of the Hannaites. He is hankering for another whack at Hanna.

Dr. Pritchard, a Boston statistician, has figured out that in 2900 the population of this country will be 40,000,000. Will not Presidential elections be howlers then? The farmers need not lose heart, for they will require lots of seed to feed and clothe that crowd.

Wesley Walters, of New York, who is 94 years old, has voted in eighteen Presidential elections and has voted for every Republican candidate, winding up with McKinley. What a hopelessly incorrigible old man.

Don Dickenson, of Michigan, wants the party "purged of Bryanism." The party was purged of Dickensonism four years ago. As a claimant on the Democratic party, Don has knocked himself out.

If the McKinley administration doesn't wind up the Philippine racket pretty soon, the men who did such lively predicting on that score will be put down as robust prevaricators.

The champion tomato vine so far reported was in New Jersey. The owner of it says he picked from it in one day 233 tomatoes, and it wasn't a right good tomato day either.

The fact that Bryan ran about 60,000 behind the Democratic candidate for Governor in New York State, shows that there was considerable knifing done.

THE ELECTION IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

Result as Declared Yesterday by the County Canvassing Board and the County Democratic Executive Committee on Tuesday.  
Bryan Has 2,187 Majority; Bellamy, 2,270; Simmons, 518—Little Variation from the Sem-Official Count.

PRECINCTS.	Bryan Electors.	McKinley Electors.	J. D. Bellamy Dem.	O. H. Dockery Rep.	F. M. Simmons	Julian Carr.	Scattering.
First Ward—First Precinct.	217	217	107	110			
" " " " " " " " " " " "	96	96	59	38			
" " " " " " " " " " " "	104	104	58	46			
Second Ward.	338	338	262	95			
Third Ward.	434	434	295	139			
Fourth Ward.	311	311	239	72			
Fifth Ward—First Precinct.	228	228	130	159			
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Cape Fear Township.	45	45	31	17			
Harnett Township, Delgado Pre.	60	60	29	34			
" " " " " " " " " " " "	69	69	48	11			
Masonboro Township.	62	62	58	4			
Federal Point Township.	4	4	1	1			
Total.	2,247	60	2,287	17	1,428	910	

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Called to Meet in Raleigh November 20th.  
Senator-elect Simmons—Wake County's Vote.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., November 8.—The State Democratic Executive Committee is called to meet here on Thursday, November 20th, to transact certain business incident to the close of the campaign. On that day, also, the Senatorial vote will be officially canvassed and the result declared by the sub-committee, composed of Messrs. C. M. Busbee, J. S. Manning, H. A. London, Jas. H. Pou, B. S. Royster and E. L. Travis.

Senator-elect Simmons is suffering from an attack of sciatica, brought on by exposure on election night. He is confined to his room, and fears he may not be able to fulfill his promise to make the opening address at the Newbern Fair.

No successor to Judge Buxton, as Supreme Court reporter, has yet been selected, but it is probable that Attorney General Walser will be chosen. He wants the place. It pays from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Official vote of Wake county is as follows: Bryan, 4,774; McKinley, 3,947; Bryan's majority, 827. For Congress—Pou, Democrat, 5,666; Giles, Republican, 3,793; Jenkins, Populist, 185. Senatorial primary—Carr, 2,335; Simmons, 2,544.

CAPT. RODERICK MACRAE

Passed Away Last Night at His Home in Wilmington After a Lingering Illness—Esteemed Citizen.

It will be with the profound regret that the friends in Wilmington and this section of country will learn this morning of the death of Capt. Roderick MacRae, which occurred last night at 11:30 o'clock at his home, corner of Fifth and Orange streets. While his death was not wholly unexpected on account of the long duration of his illness, it will nevertheless come as a shock to those who knew and admired him for his sterling traits of character and genial and solid disposition and other essential virtues which go to make up the whole man.

Capt. MacRae had been confined to his home for the past five months with a complication of diseases which, combined with kidney trouble, from which he suffered for several years, caused his death. During the period of his last illness he was despaired of several times, but upon each occasion until the final summons came, by his remarkable fortitude and patient endurance, he rallied and talked cheerfully of his condition.

Capt. MacRae was a son of the lamented General Alexander MacRae and was born in Wilmington sixty-two years ago. He was raised in the Episcopal faith and always exhibited in his daily walk and conversation a rare reverence for justice, honesty and truth, which guaranteed for him the highest esteem in which he was universally held. Soon after receiving his education he was called to the service of his country and fought valiantly as a member of the Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment. After more than a year in this command he entered the blockade service and commanded the blockade runner Owl, from this port, serving in this hazardous capacity until the cessation of hostilities.

DR. STRANGE ACCEPTS THE CALL.

Notifies St. Paul's Vestry, of Richmond, That He Will Come.

Mr. W. C. Bentley, register of St. Paul's church, received a letter from Dr. Strange yesterday morning accepting the call to this city. Mr. Bentley replied last night acknowledging receipt of the welcome intelligence, and urging Dr. Strange to take up the work here as soon as possible. While nothing definite has been settled in regard to the time of Dr. Strange's coming, it is believed that he will arrive about the middle of December. Arrangements have been made for supplying the pulpit until that time.

Dr. Strange's decision is regarded as absolutely final by the members of St. Paul's vestry, and it is not believed that his determination will be shaken by the further conference with the vestry of the Wilmington church, arranged with a sub-committee at the request of the entire vestry.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Canvassing Boards Met Yesterday to Canvass Vote in the Counties.

THE SENATORIAL PRIMARY.

Official Declaration in New Hanover—Brunswick Goes Republican, But the Democrats Give Simmons a Large Majority.

The County Canvassing Board, composed of one of the number of registrars and judges of election in the several wards, precincts and townships in the county, met yesterday at noon in the Grand Jury room at the Court House but were unable to canvass the vote or declare the result in the absence of returns from the Second Precinct of Harnett township. An adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock this morning and Mr. W. A. Wright was sent to the missing precinct to ascertain the cause of the failure of the election officers there to send a representative and returns as required by law.

All the other wards and precincts were represented and Mr. T. H. Pickett was made chairman of the board and Mr. W. A. Wright, clerk. The result of the canvass to-day will not materially change the figures of the entire county as presented in the STAR in tabulated form the morning after election.

The Senatorial Primary.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock in its headquarters in the old Court House for the purpose of canvassing the vote in the senatorial primary. The following result was officially declared as required in the plan as adopted by the State Executive Committee:

	Simmons.	Carr.
Cape Fear township.	31	17
Harnett township.	48	11
Delgado precinct.	29	34
Masonboro township.	58	4
Federal Point township.	1	1
1st ward, 1st precinct.	107	110
1st ward, 2d precinct.	59	38
1st ward, 3d precinct.	58	46
2d ward.	262	95
3d ward.	295	139
4th ward.	230	110
5th ward.	130	159
6th ward, 2d precinct.	117	110
Total.	1,428	910

Majority for Simmons, 518.

Col. Waddell received one vote in Fourth ward.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Tarboro Southern: Will Powell, colored, was brought here to-day from Rocky Mount, and lodged in jail for having committed an unseemable crime upon his daughter.

—Lunenburg Times: The Populists out a small figure in the election last Tuesday. Jenkins was the Populist candidate for Congress, and he only got 183 votes in Franklin county.

—Mount Airy News: The talk now is that Mr. Airy is to become a great furniture manufacturing city. We are already branching out in this direction. A large factory for the manufacture of furniture and one for the manufacture of stoves are in operation, and considerable other wood-working machinery is operated here.

Chatham Record: The Populist candidate for Governor, Mr. Barker (Weaver) received 2,085 votes in Chatham, and this year the Populist candidate for President (Barker) received 1,800 votes in Chatham. The Populist party in Chatham county is shown between the vote in 1896 for Governor (Guthrie), which was 1,211, and the vote last Tuesday for Governor (Guthrie), which was 1,800, which was not half as many.

—Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mrs. Thomas D. Jarman died at her home in South Wadesboro, aged about 60 years. The 8-inch ship, which the Anson Oil and Gas Company has had bored on its lot at the depot is 350 feet deep, with a capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 barrels of water. The water is of excellent quality, both for drinking and manufacturing purposes.

Mrs. Frances A. Lang, wife of Mr. J. H. Lang, of Burnsville township, died suddenly early last Sunday morning. She was sleeping with her little granddaughter, and while in the act of getting out of bed was taken by a severe heart attack and fell back on the little girl. The child, as soon as she could disengage herself, ran out and gave the alarm, but just as Mr. Lang reached the bed his wife breathed her last.

—Fayetteville Observer: A tramp, claiming to be a book agent and operating on Person and Cool Springs streets, was cleverly trapped last night by night officer Mackey, to whom the matter was reported about 9:30 o'clock. The man, who had two copies of a subscription set of Reader's novels and a "prayer book," was out talking "orders," pay what you please down and get your books later. On being arrested, he could not recall the books he was selling, except the "prayer book." The man was taken to the police station, where the two novels proved to be the property of Mrs. Herring, who keeps a boarding house near Liberty Point, who testified that her having been taken, while the "prayer book" turned out to be a pocket copy of a Masonic manual, well preserved, but with no name save the label of E. J. Hale & Co., Printers and Publishers, Fayetteville, N. C., from which it can probably be identified. On examination this morning the party was bound over to the Criminal Court.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

The Dividends Paid This Year Amount to \$46,800,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 10.—The census office announces the population of Colorado to be 539,000 against 412,198 in 1890. This is an increase of 127,802 or 30.9 per cent.

The population of the State of New Jersey as announced by the census bureau is 1,883,669, against 1,444,383 in 1890. This is an increase of 439,286 or 30.3 per cent.

The population of the State of Idaho as announced by the census bureau is 161,072, against 84,585 in 1890. This is an increase of 76,487 or 90.7 per cent.

PORTO RICO ELECTIONS.

Republicans Elected to All Offices—Legislature to Meet Next Month.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The Secretary of State has received a dispatch from Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, announcing that the election passed off with entire quiet and order. Fifty-eight thousand votes were cast, nearly all Republican. The Federalists withdrew at the last moment, and cast very few votes. Degetan, a Republican, was elected commissioner. Every member of the Legislature is Republican. The Legislature is to meet on December 3d.

DR. STRANGE'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Resolutions Expressing Sense of Personal Deprivation and a Tribute to His Consecrated Thirteen Years of Service Adopted by Parish.

The formal acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Dr. Robert Strange as rector of St. James' Episcopal Church by the vestry of that parish was yesterday announced, and it goes without saying that the whole people of Wilmington will endorse the sentiment expressed in the following:

With a reluctance, springing from the knowledge of the loss to the congregation of St. James', and with a deep sense of personal deprivation, the vestry feels it incumbent upon them to accept the resignation of our rector, the Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., tendered to take effect on the 18th day of December, ensuing.

After thirteen years of service, consecrated to the service of God and to the parish, our parting with him will be marked by heartfelt regret, but believing that workers in the Church of God should consult the necessities of his vineyard at large rather than their preferences for labor in any particular portion of it, and feeling that our Rector has come to the conclusion to change his field of usefulness only after long and prayerful study, we recognize the necessity of setting aside our own wishes and desires, and concur in a decision which proceeds, we are sure from the highest and most conscientious motives, and which, in his part, a surrender of personal feelings to the demands of duty.

We hoped and believe that in a wider sphere the talents with which God has endowed him will find larger opportunities for service in Christ's kingdom, and trust that he and those to be under his care will increase and prosper in all good works.

Of his labors in this Parish there is little need to speak, and yet we must bear testimony to their value. A wise rector, a devoted pastor, a tender and untiring friend, loving in his ministrations, judicious in his counsels, he has endeavored himself to his congregation that the bonds which unite us will be broken in sorrow and distress. The services of the church have been conducted with dignity and decorum, his sermons have been wise, timely and true, his conduct as a minister and as a man has been without blemish, and has commanded respect, and brought him love and admiration in and out of his parish.

We commend him to the love and care of those whom he now goes to serve, and to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Strange returned to the city yesterday morning from Richmond where he has been "looking over" his new field there. The Richmond Times says that he will preach his first sermon in that city on December 23d.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

Republicans Claim That McKinley Will Have 308 Votes—Nebraska Still Doubtful.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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DEMOCRATS CLAIM KENTUCKY

Bryan's Majority 7,635 and Beckham's 4,110—Republicans Say Frauds Were Perpetrated.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 9.—With unofficial returns from every precinct in Kentucky, the Courier-Journal puts Bryan's majority at 7,635 and Beckham's at 4,110. The county boards canvassed the returns in every county in the State to-day and fifty counties out of the 119 from which official returns have been received to-night did not materially change the majorities stated. There is no doubt that the full official returns will vary somewhat from the unofficial figures. It is hardly possible that the majorities of 7,635 and 4,110 will be wiped out, however, unless the unexpected shall happen in the counties where the official returns are not in.

Leslie Coombe, chairman of the Republican campaign committee, to-night made a statement concerning the Kentucky election in which he says the committee has discovered great frauds perpetrated by the Democrats in various sections of the State. He enumerates specific cases of alleged fraud and concludes: "There is no question that if the face of the returns could be seen by the people we can make specific exposures that will show he has been defeated, not by a majority of the voters in Kentucky, but by the fraudulent use of the advantage given the Democratic party by the Goebel election law."

HON. WM. J. BRYAN

Declined Offer of Editorial Position on a Denver Paper.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

DENVER, COLO., November 10.—Wm. J. Bryan has declined an offer of an editorial position on a Denver afternoon paper at a salary of \$10,000 a year. In his reply, which was telegraphed from Lincoln, Neb., to-day, he says: "I shall remain here and in the future, as in the past, defend with tongue and pen the principles which I believe to be right and the policies I believe to be wise."

A RAILROAD WRECK

On the A. C. L. "Short Cut"

Near Hope Mills at Noon

Yesterday.

SPIKE PLACED ON THE TRACK

Engineer, Fireman and Postal Clerk Injured—Engine and Four Coaches Demolished, Nobody Killed—Bloodhounds on Trail of Rascal.

North bound passenger train No. 78, on the Atlantic Coast Line, was wrecked at Hope Mills, a small station seven miles south of Fayetteville, about noon yesterday, by an obstruction placed on the track and tied with a handkerchief. The engine and four cars were derailed and more or less damaged. Engineer Frank McGowan, of Florence, his fireman, and a postal clerk were injured; the two latter slightly, and the former probably seriously, but the extent of his injuries could not be learned last night. Wrecking forces were immediately put to work on the wreck and they succeeded in clearing the track at an early hour this morning. The passengers and the injured men were taken to Fayetteville on a special train. The railroad company is making every effort to apprehend the perpetrator of the terrible deed. Bloodhounds were put on the trail soon after the accident.

The wreck occurred about a half mile from the station in a deep cut just at a sharp curve in the road. It is said that the train was running at a fair rate of speed at the time. The obstruction and handkerchief used in accomplishing the crime were found after the wreck. Parties who saw the wreck say that the track was torn up for a distance of about fifty yards and the engine was completely turned around. How the engineer and his fireman escaped tragic death seems almost miraculous. Both remained on the engine and the cab was literally demolished and they had to be taken out of the ruins.

A special train was sent from Fayetteville as soon as the news was received there. Among those who went to the scene of the disaster were Drs. McGowan, of Fayetteville, Dr. Nixon of the A. C. L. relief department, and the Sheriff of Cumberland county, who carried down several bloodhounds. The injured received every possible attention. None of the passengers were hurt but being slightly bruised and shocked.

A wrecking train was sent out from Florence and arrived at Hope Mills a few hours later. General Manager J. R. Kenly left Wilmington on a special train for the wreck a few minutes after the accident was reported.

The bloodhounds took the trail at once and the posse which followed them expected to run down the villain in a few days. It is a good clue to the wrecking party. The forces succeeded in clearing the track at an early hour this morning and traffic was resumed.

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