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THE POLL TAX PERIL.

A few days ago the STAR called attention to the alarming fact that thousands of the white voters of North Carolina have failed to pay their poll tax.

The above statement of the situation as it appears now, with only six more days left in which to pay the poll tax, makes it incumbent upon the Democratic leaders in every county of the State to do some earnest and effective work in procuring the payment of the poll of all delinquent Democrats.

The activity of the Republicans in three or four of the Congressional districts of North Carolina indicates that they have strong hopes of electing at least two Republican Congressmen.

If the Democracy does not win in this campaign they will be in a position four years from now to know why they can't elect a President.

Judge Parker has been heard from. He has raised a kick about paying \$1.40 a bushel for rye to be sown on his plantation.

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If you are not satisfied with your lot in life, you might exchange it for the chances of some fellow who hasn't got any lot.

THE LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Echoes of Friday Night's Meeting and the Developments During Saturday.

PRIMARY OFFICERS NAMED.

Polling Places Designated—County Ticket on Tapis at Oath-taking in Court House. But Committee Divided on its Propriety—Other Notes.

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A. C. L. SUIT COMPROMISED.

Verdict for the Defendant in Another Damage Case.

The \$80,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Susie O. Holmes, of Florida, against the Atlantic Coast Line, was compromised before it came up for trial in Columbus county Superior Court at Whiteville last week.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

The United States Supreme Court has affirmed a judgment for \$6,500 in behalf of Mr. Legare Carson, of Gastonia, for the loss of an arm while compiling cars on the Southern Railway.

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POLITICAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

Bourke Cockran Defended Himself from Charges Made by Mr. Dalzell of Iowa.

HEPBURN AND KITCHIN.

Charge That He Had Worked for Hire to McKinley's Election. The Senate Proceedings.

Washington, April 28.—Two of the "heavy-weight" speakers of the House of Representatives held sway in that body today. Incidentally, the bill for a commission to investigate the question of ship subsidy was passed, 144 to 118.

Representative Hephburn, of Iowa, first aroused and held Republican enthusiasm at a high pitch. After an hour and a half he yielded the floor, which was taken possession of by Bourke Cockran, of New York, who brought from his Democratic colleagues the most brilliant and cheering Mr. Cockran spoke for two hours.

The feature of the day, which was clearly of the sensational order, was the charge that he had worked for hire to McKinley's election. This was a bitter with resentment and scorn.

Mr. Hephburn referred to the criticism of the President by Mr. Kitchin yesterday. The gentleman who made it was in a bitter with resentment and scorn.

Referring to "the alleged quotation from the President," that "there is a strain of barbarism running through the people of the South," Mr. Hephburn said the gentleman had sought to place the responsibility for this barbaric spirit upon the President of the United States, placing him as one who had advocated lynching and the justification of the horrid outrages which take place in the section of the country from which the gentleman comes.

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THE BANKS OF THE STATE.

Healthy Increase in Resources and Deposits. Baptist Female University.

Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—The Corporation Commission issues a statement showing that at the close of business March 28th, there were 169 State, private and savings banks doing business in the State with \$99,691,536 resources, an increase of \$4,606,177 over the past year.

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REGARDING COTTON CULTURE.

Report of the British Board of Trade on Conditions in India, Egypt, South Africa and the United States.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, April 28.—The Board of Trade has issued a report on cotton cultivation in the British Empire and Egypt, especially compiled by Wyndham E. Dunstan, director of the Imperial Institute. In general terms Mr. Dunstan considers that the cotton area of India, especially Burma, will be increased as much as the bulk of Indian cotton is not suitable for the British market, the problem in that country is the possibility of cultivating cotton of a longer staple.

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WATCHMEN FIGHT THIEVES.

Desperate Encounter in Chicago Street. One Man Killed and Two Men Fatally Injured.

Chicago, April 28.—One man was killed, another fatally wounded, and a third severely injured in a fight between watchmen and thieves in the stock yards to-night.

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CALIFORNIA AIR SHIP.

Second Ascention Made by Dr. Greth at San Francisco—Travelled About Four Miles.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Dr. August Greth, inventor of an airship which several months ago was steered with fair success, though it finally landed in the bay, made a second ascention to-day in his aerial vessel. It was his intention to sail over the business portion of the city, but in this he was thwarted by a heavy breeze that was then blowing, and drifted slowly with the wind until it disappeared in the smoke hanging over the city.

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