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STRANGE QUESTION FOR BRYAD TO ASK.

Col. William Jennings Bryan says this in the last edition of the Commoner, June 10th:

By the way, what right have men who have been persistent bolters when things did not go to suit them to demand that there be no be no bollers when things do go to suit

Col. Bryan ought to be able to answer his own question, for he bolted and voted for General Weaver instead of the regular Democratic nominee. The Sound Money Democrats bolted from Bryan and voted for Palmer and Buckner, and now Col. Bryan proposes to bolt the St. Louis convention if it doesn't fall down before him.

If anybody has been more vindict ive against bolters than Col. Bryan we would like to know who it is. He bitterly denounced those who couldn't swallow the Chicago and he was nominated, and in the present campaign he has been so perverse in his intolerance that he has all along demanded that the Democracy nominate no man who did not support Bryan in 1896 and 1900. The Democrats of the United States have agreed upon Judge Parker, who did vote for prepared to repudiate the man who supported him and kept his Democracy on straight.

been clear all along that if he could the platform and nominee, he was | ments every few days. prepared to bolt. The fact is that Democrats feel that they are free and independent and generally do as they please. They bolt platforms, repudiate candidates and scratch tickets, and this is why it is not resolved into the monstrous machine that the Republican party is to-day. This is the reason why Bryan can not make it a Bryan machine to do his bidding, and this accounts for the strenuous bucking and impending bolt of the Nebraskan, who bolts himself but denies others the same

The real trouble with Col. Bryan is that he insists that Bryanism is Democracy and denies to the party the right to say for itself what its principles are and what its policies shall be. In the Commoner this week Col. Bryan carricatures the "reorganization" as "Wall Street," because the party refuses to champ the Bryan bit. He will find out on the 6th of July at St. Louis that the party is not reorganizing, but will purge itself of socialism and populism. It is simply coming out in Edamental garb, and Col. won't know it with its old

No Me nocrat denies the right of to bolt, and nobody cares if he does bolt under the circumstances. The Democratic party of America does not deny the right of any free American to do as he pleases in politics. The party lays down its platforms and men can get on or off them, just as it suits them.

VIRGINIA'S OPPORTUNITY LOST.

We confess to disappointment that under the lead of Senator Daniel the Virginia Democratic State convention declined to endorse or instruct for Judge Parker for the nomination for the Presidency at | Develop N. C. Water Power. the national convention of the party at St. Louis on the 6th of July. We the people of Virginia as expressed in the leading papers of the State that the convention would instruct or at least endorse Parker. Both United States Senators Daniel and Martin spoke against instruction or endorsement, but the able and brilliant Braxton, one of Virginia's biggest men, favored expressing preference for Parker. We had hoped to see Virginia set the pace for the safe candidate, but we had overlooked the fact that Daniel and Martin, who are most mud was flung at Maj. Stedman in the likely affected by their com-radeship in the Senate with Senator with Msjor Stedman."

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ed to the distinguished Marylander if the circumstances are favorable. We Mass Meeting in Greensboro would not be surprised to see the Last Night for Organizadelegation standing by Senator Gortion of a Club. The fact that Virginia did not set

DR. BATTLE'S GREAT SPEECH,

Words of an Elequent and

True Man-Other Notes.

[Special Star Telegram.]

largely attended and enthusiastic mass

meeting of the citizens of Greensboro

was held here to-night for the purpose

of organizing a Stedman Club. The

organization was perfected by electing

Judge R. O. Strudwick as president

and six of the leading citizens of

Greensboro as vice presidents. En-

thusiastic speeches were made by

prominent persons present, showing

that the universal feeling here is that

Stedman will be nominated. A most

thrilling and affecting speech was

made by Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, pas-

tor of the First Baptist church, a

neighbor and an old friend of Major

Stedman. This speech was so striking

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentle

men: When, twenty years ago, I left the arena of political discussion, after

a taste of the sparkling chalice that young ambition held out, it was with a

full purpose of heart to return to it no

more. If the invitation to speak this

evening had presented to me no higher

object than the promotion of the po-

itical aspirations of any man, how

ever worthy, I should have courteous-

ly declined it. But, sir, as I under-

stand it, I am here to bear testimony in

the interest of truth, and on behalf of

that which every generous nature pas-

sionately loves-fair play. As regards

Charles M. Stedman's party loyalty,

others must speak, but I do not deem

t inappropriate that I should tell you

the things I know in relation to his

this presence and at this time that we

have communed together in sacred

to me upon the verities of our holy

christianity with a reverence almost

too deep for words. Major Stedman

has not been a model church man as

regards attendance on the stated min-

istry of the word, and this may have

been used to his prejudice; but I know

(for he has spoken freely to me on the

sabject) that his high ideal of what

such an one ought to be, and his mod-

a mistake I think it was,

ments, have deterred him

and who abhors hypocrisy.

est estimate of his own spiritual attain

"A mistake it may have been,

he mistake of a man who detests cant

"He a skeptic. It is not true. As

well might you attempt to convince

me that Charles M. Stedman is false to

the memory of his mother, as that he

does not, with every faculty of his

mind and I trust all the power of his

heart, adore the God of the Bible and

the Saviour of the race. I do not

theorize. I testify. Speak of charac

ter, it is a melancholy commentary

upon the evil days on which we have

fallen in the Old North State when

such detraction can be shot at such

character without exciting an out-

deign to greet no other stranger

watches for his coming, as he daily

passes by my home on his way to his

an infant's unerring instinct for

the tender, the loving, the noble and

the true. His is a nature that might

wear the shield of Bayard or Sidney's

"Mr. Chairman, I count it an honor

election, his grey locks shall wear

of a grateful people in appreciation o

generation can pay tribute but a little

ment of its own unsulfied whiteness.

I shall ever love and admire the char

DOUBLE TRACK POR A. C. L.

Line Between South Recky Mount an

Elm City to be Paralleled.

acter of Charles M. Stedman."

noon June 20th.

Acme Tea Chest Co. Fire

there during the Summer.

Charles M. Stedman my

office, and runs to meet him with

'Why, sir, my baby boy, who wil

burst of public indignation.

bu

"I may be permitted to declare, in

moral and religious character.

that it is reported below in full:

GREENSBORO, N. C., June 9.-A

ker's nomination, makes it all the more necessary for North Carolina Good Mag is Defended from Villainous to instruct at the State convention Attacks of Maligners - Eloquent to be held at Greensboro next week. We trust that our politicians will show more political acumen than those of Virginia. Commenting of the STAR's editorial a few days

Parker, the Raleigh Post says: The view that Judge Parker could at the present time stampede the country, electrify it with enthusiasm and put the rest of the candidates out of business with a ringing declaration, is the strongest card in favor of the New York judge. It looks like a case of the office seeking the man, and it is a refreshing and unusual speciacle North Carolina people can take a large measure of restful pleasure at such a sight-and do something to help

ago in favor of instructing for Judge

Gorman, the delegates would be

placed in their control to be deliver.

Quite a number of North Carolina papers favor instruction or endorsement, and we are pleased to add the Lexington Dispatch to the list. The Dispatch says:

The Democracy of this State is prac-tically solid for the nomination of Judge Alton Brooks Parker, of New York, tor Presidents, at St. Louis July 6th. Then why not send an instructed delegation ?

We would like to know why not

The Washington Post notes that a New York society woman took s million dollars and her pretty nineteen-year old daughter to Europe a few days ago. She said she went "on business" and the Post adds that "it is not difficult to guess what the lady's business is." Whuh! and here we are marked down to \$999,999.99, with a gnarled old family tree to go

Says Charity and Children: "The Chronicle says that Charlotte has a man who can show two million for every one million that any other man in the State can show. Name your man." The Chronicle simply copies the above and heads it "W.E. Holt." We guess he always got Holt Bryan, but the 16 to 1 statesman is of a winning hand in all his deals.

The North Carolina papers keep Brother Phillips, of the Raleigh The course of the events has de- Morning Post, on his feet to bow and monstrated that Col. Bryan has at- scrape over the nice things they are tempted to usurp the dictatorship of saying about him. The notices conthe Democratic party, and it has stitute so many "fill-ups" as to overtax the new editor's space, so he not be nominated himself or dictate has to make editorial acknowledge

> Although we must frolic just little as we go, We worry o'er the trouble that we meet here below; But when Parker gets elected We will never be dejected; For we will laugh and laugh till our diaphragm is sore, To witness Teddy's flight to the celling from the floor.

An Exchange says: "Bryan has his eye on the nomination for himself." Then he is using both his eye and foot in this campaign, for he knows that he has been doing his best to put his foot on the nomination for Parker.

Who is it that started the report that Washington has been dead ever since 1799? Why it was only a few days ago that we received a letter from Washington.

Candidate Roosevelt asks the con fidence of all good people. The gold brick seller also gets in his game by working the confidence racket.

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that love means the same thing in all languages. All babies also cry in the same language.

Sensation Palled to Develop.

George W. Jones, colored, under the double charge of bigamy and abandonment and non-support, was tried by Justice Bornemann yesterday. He was found not guilty, but by mutual agreement between the parties Jones is to pay the woman \$1 per week. No evidence could be found to substantiate the charge that Jones had married a second wife. The negro was represented by Herbert Mc-

Washington correspondence: "Under the laws of the District of Columhad inferred from the sentiment of bis, Hugh McRae and H. A. Pessey, of Washington, D. C.; C. P. Bolles, Jr., and M. F. H. Gouverneur, of Wilmington, N. C., and Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, have formed a limited partnership, the general business of which will be the acquiring of such real estate in the counties of Auson and Richmond in North Carolina as may be desirable for the development of certain water power on the Pee Dee river."

Med Slinging Begun, The Littleton News-Reporter says editorially: "Mud slinging has begun by some gubernatorial candidates or their friends. A batch was received under the leadership of Senators by this writer a few days ago. The

Jury Unable to Agree Saturday in Case of L. D. Royster, of

A MISTRIAL WAS ORDERED.

Pete Evans, Wilmington Negro Charged With "Crimping," Escapes With Pine Which He May Not Have to Pay. Appeal to Higher Tribunal.

New Hanover County.

The United States District and Circuit courts, Judge Thos. R. Purnell presiding, took a recess for the term early Saturday afternoon. Before taking the recess, however, the circuit court docket was called over and all cases which had not previously been disposed of at the present term were continued. Several motions were heard and orders made thereon. Witnesses, jurors and a majority of the court attendants left in the afternoon for their homes. Of the court officers, Mr. George Green, of Newbern, who kindly came over to the relief of Mr. W. H. Shaw, who was too much indisposed to attend to the arduous duties of clerk, was still in the city last Monday for the purpose of winding up the business incident to a close of the court. Mr. Green made many new friends and cemented the ties of friendship with many old acquaintances while here. He is a clever and capable court officer and assisted no little in the dispatch of the business of the term during the past week.

At 11:30 o'clock members of the jury who remained out all night in the case of L. D. Royster, of New Hanover county, charged with "making opportunity to defraud" while government store keeper at Horrell's Greenfield distillery some time ago, came into court and reported that they were unable to agree. A juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered. Defendant was required to give bond of \$500. for his appearance at the next term and was Howed 30 days in which to execute the same, present bond to remain in force until the new bond is filed. There was a motion by C. M. Bernard. Claudius Dockery and A. J. Marshall, Eigs., counsel for defendant, to not pros, but the same was denied as was also a motion for removal to Raleigh. By consent of the District Attorney and counsel for defendant the case was set for trial on Wednesday of the next term at Wilmington. Bond for defendant's appearance was at once

During the morning session the motion for a stay of judgment in the case of Peter Evans, of Wilmington, charged with "crimping," was argued by Woodus Kellum and Brooke G. Emple, Esqs., for defendant and District Attorney Skinner for the government. Judge Purnell signed an order fining Evans \$100 and declaring the same recoverable only by civil suit. The District Attorney took an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond. Defendant gave nominal bond of \$50 for his appearance at next term. The order of Judge Purnell in the case is as fol-Defendant is indicted under section

10 of the Act of Congress Dec. 21st,

1898, sub-sections a. d. c. and convicted

under sub-section s., the court holding

there was no evidence which would wa rant a conviction under the other friend; and whether, at the coming counts in the bill. The part of subchaplet placed there by the suffrages section a. under which defendant is convicted is as follows: "If any person shall demand or receive, either intrinsic manhood and that historic directly or indirectly, from any sea heroism to which we of a younger while longer, or, when nature's great ment as seaman or from any person on his behalf any remuneration what debt is paid shall wear only the ornaever for providing him with employment, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100." Other sub-sections of the ac provide for fine and imprisonment. but the punctuation and power of the Act seems to make the sub-section under which defendant is convicted independent of other provisions, so that they cannot be read into the subsection. Penal statutes are strictly construed. From the first part of this In order to relieve the congestion of section makes other acts a misderaffic between Selma and Pinner's meanor, but that provision would Point by reason of the joint use of the seem to exclude the construction that A. C. L. track by both the Atlantic this is also a misdemeanor. Applying Coast Line and Southern railway this rule, the court can only impose the penalty prescribed in sub-section a. trains, the Coast Line has decided to The statutes provide how panalties double track the line between South shall be recovered. The contention Rocky Mount and Elm City, a disthat the jury returned a general vertance of eight miles. In an official addict is without force for the court exvertisement elsewhere in to-day's papressly excluded from the considera tion of the jury the other counts in the per, the A. C. L. Company invites bill. Motion in arrest of judgment is proposals for the graduation and maover-ruled. The judgment of the court is that defendant pay a penalty sonry for the second track between the points named. Profiles and speciof \$100 and the costs. But it is held fications may be seen at the offices of the court cannot imprison the defendant for the non-payment of the penalty the company in this city and at Richand costs, there being no such provi mond, Va. Blds will be opened at sion in the statute—the jurisdiction and powers of this court being strictly statutory. The judgment of the cour may be the basis of a civil action, but the court cannot imprison for a mere penalty. A conviction under the other Mr. Will L. Miller, of this city, counts of the bill would have justified American representative of the Acme such imprisonment, such penalty be-Tea Chest Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, ng provided for in the sections of the on yesterday received a newspaper act under which they are drawn, but there was no evidence to support such clipping conveying to him information of a destructive fire which

wept the plant of his company on Polmadie Road, on the night of Cutter "Seminole" Coming. May 23rd, causing a loss of between The Revenue Cutter "Seminole, eight and nine thousand pounds. which has been assigned to duty at About 250 men will be temporarily thrown out of employment by the fire. The lead dipping and veneering 20th and last of the present month. departments and the saw mill of the Capt. F. D. Foley is in command. big plant were not burned. Mr. Mil-Other officers are Second Assistant ler says the fire will delay his opera-Engineer R. B. Adams, who is wel known here, and Third Lieutenant T. tions here about a month. Mr. Miller had just returned from a six weeks' trip up to the Pamlico Sound country when he got news of the fire in Glasthe service. Mrs. Foley and little son Atlantic. have been in Wilmington six weeks - Prof. Dave Russell, "the boy on a visit to Mrs. Foley's parents from tenor" who has been giving vocal San Francisco. Capt. Foley also spent lessons in Wilmington, has gone to Danville, Va., where he will be a part of the late Summer in Wilmingplanist for the vaudeville at the park ton, but left a few days ago to join of an Episcopal church at Clayton, his ship at New York.

Reports from the Primaries and County Conventions Saturday Favor Stedman.

IN ALAMANCE AND WAKE.

Returns from Two "Big Ones" Most Eucouraging-Anson Gives Eight Out of Thirteen - Buncombe for Davidson-Other Notes.

Saturday was another big conven tion and primary day in the State and from every county with which telegraphic communication could be had last night the results were most gratifying to the friends and advisers here of Major Charles M. Stedman, leading candidate for gubernatorial honors. Wake and Alamance did especially handsome for the favorite in the race, one report from the last named stating that it had gone solidly for Stedman. Wake exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Greensboro man's friends in Raleigh and will cast 31 out of its 38 votes on the right side. Anson came forward with eight for Stedman, when hardly more than seven were expected; the Craven and Pitt returns were not disappointing and from sey eral other counties in the State private advices were very encouraging.

The following special telegrams were received by the STAR up to the hour of going to press with the daily edition Sunday morning:

FROM WAKE COUNTY. The Wake County Democratic Couvention met at noon to-day and elected delegates to the State, Congressions and Judicial conventions. It was ordered that the unanimous vote of the county be cast for Edward W. Pou for Congress and for Ed. Chambers Smith, delegate to the national convention. The precinct primary vote reported to the convention showed that Stedman received 725; Glenn 507; Davidson 30, Turner 20; but two precincts reported no ballot for Governor. The county is entitled to 38'votes in the State Convention and 44 delegates were appointed.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 11.-The delegation from Wake indicates that the 38 votes of the county in the State Convention will stand Stedman, 31; Glenn, six and Davidson, one.

ANSON COUNTY. WADESBORO, N. C., June 11 .- As the result of the county convention to-day, Maj Stedman will receive approximately eight of Anson's 13 votes in the State convention; Turner will receive four and Glenn one. The delegation was uninstructed. J. G. Boylin, editor of the Messenger and Intelligencer, was endorsed for delegate to the national convention at St.

ALAMANGE FOR STEDMAN. GRAHAM, N. C., June 11.-Alamance county convention met here to day and appointed delegates to the State convention. The delegation is fifteen to two in favor of Steaman, one more than the estimate of the Stedman managers. This means that 15 of the 17 votes in the State convention will be cast for Stedman.

ALAMANCE AND BUNCOMBE CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 11.-Alamance county convention is solidly for Stedman. Buncombe county convention instructs for Davidson.

CRAVEN COUNTY. NEWBERN, N. C., June 11 .- At the Oraven county convention held here to day a vote was taken upon the strength of the several candidates for Governor. Of the 106 votes cast Glenn received 82, Stedman 2114, Turner two and Davidson one-half. Craven has 17 votes in the State Convention. PITT COUNTY.

GREENVILLE, N. C., June 11 .- At the Pitt county convention held today to select delegates to the State and Congressional conventions, a resolution was adopted instructing the delegates to vote for Grimes for Secretary of State. The county delegates for Governor are about as follows: Glenn, 15; Stedman, six; Turner, one; Davidson, one. The convention was unanimous for Winston for Lieutenant Governor. The county is solid for Small for Congress: [Pitt has 23 votes in the State convention of which Msj. Sted man will receive six, which is fully as many as his manager had previously estimated. -STAR.]

ALLEGHANY COUNTY. SPARTA, N. C., June 11.-In the Alleghany county convention here this week, delegates to the State Convention were appointed, but the strength of the gubernatorial candidates was not tested by a vote. Stedman, Glenn and Turner have friends in the delegation, which is uninstructed. The county has five votes in con-

Big Charlotte Excursion. Charlotte Observer: Pritchard Me-

morial Baptist Sunday school will run its annual excursion to Wilmington and the seashore on the 22d inst., and, as heretofore, a large crowd and a good time is assured. These exthis station is at New York, but will cursions have been marked by the arrive in Wilmington between the good order and lack of rowdyism commonly accompanying such occasions, due largely to strict management by the committee in charge. The train, which will consist of ten coaches, will leave the Seaboard Air Line depot at 7 A. M., returning from Wilmington next evening at 8 o'clock, giving two law of Capt. John F. Divine and is days' outing at the seashore. Side most pleasantly remembered here down the Cape Fear to Carolina where he was formerly stationed in Beach, Fort Caswell and out on the

> - Rev. William Francis Dickinson, D. D., formerly rector of St. Paul's parish, this city, but now rector Del., is to the city us a visit.

U.S. COURT ADJOURNS LEADING CANDIDATE. PATTERSON THE MAN

Present Congressman Renominated by Acclamation at Maxton Yesterday.

H. L. GODWIN FOR ELECTOR.

A. W. McLean and H. L. Lyon, National Delegates; Mr. H. G. McQueen and Col. Wharton J. Green, Alternates-Maj. Hale, Elector.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RED SPRINGS, N. C., June 9 .- At noon to-day the Democratic Convention for the Sixth Congressional District was called to order at Maxton by Col. Geo. L. Morton, chairman of the Executive Committee. An apt and appropriate address of welcome was delivered by Jno. H. Cook, Esq., and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson opened the convention with prayer. Hon. E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen, was made temporary chairman and W. A. Stewart, of Harnett, temporary secretary. This organization was made permanent and committees were dispensed with. No platform or resolutions were adopted. Hon. G. B. Patterson was put in

nomination in a telling speech by J. A. Brown, of Columbus, withdrawing from the race, and the nomination was made by acclamation. A timely speech of acceptance was made by the nominee. Hop. W. A. Stewart placed H. L. Godwin, of Harnett, in nomination for elector and this nomination was also made by acclamation. H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville, and A W. Mc Lear, of Lumberton, were chosen as

electors and H. O. McQueen, of Wilmington, and Col Wharton, J. Green, of Fayetteville, as alternates. The only indication of a fight came when the Cumberland delegation, on motion of Q. K. Nimmocks, moved to endorse Maj. E. J. Hale as a delegate at large to St. Louis. The New Hanover delegation, led by Geo. L. province of a district convention and any action taken should neither influence nor bind the delegates to the State Convention elected for that purpose. After considerable lebate the endorse-

Brunswick and some scattering delegates voting against the endorsement. The executive committee for the district is as follows: Geo. L. Morton. of New Hanover, chairman; Geo. H. Bellamy, of Brunswick; H. C. Moffit, of Columbus; E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen; E. F. McRae, of Robeson; Q. K. Nimmocks, of Cumberland, and

ment was made, New Hanover and

R. G. Taylor of Harnett. The delegates from New Hanover were Geo. L. Peschau, C. F. McRae and J. O. Carr.

COULDN'T STAND "THE SECOND."

Candidate for K. of P. Degree in the Mountains Sues the District Deputy. The Pythians in Asheville are con-

siderably stirred up over a suit of a singular nature, which is thus repor-On the night of April 4, 1904, Dis-trict Deputy Grand Chancellor

George L. Hackney, of the Knights of Pythias, in company with other Pyth! ans of this section instituted a lodge at Canton. One of the candidates for membership in the order was John Curtis, a lumberman of Haywood county. Curtis had paid \$10 initiation fee, had taken his first rank and was almost through with the second when he refused to go any further and de manded his \$10 be refunded to him before leaving the hall. Little attention was paid to the demand, as it was thought that Curtis would either drop the matter or conclude taking his rank Several days after the incident at Canton, and after Mr. Hackney had returned to Asheville, he received a letter in which the writer stated that the \$10 must be returned or there would be trouble, but nothing has since been heard of the matter until Friday, when Mr. Hackney was served with a State warrant, charging him with assault on Curtis, and with taking and carrying away and still retaining the sum o \$10. Mr. Hackney, in company with Alf. S. Barnard, who will represent the grand lodge in the matter, wil leave Asheville Tuesday morning and will reach Canton in time for the trial, which is set for 10:30 o'clock.

THE COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Stedman Leads in Watauga - Jackson for

Davidson - Moore Convention. Boone, N. C., June 8 .- The result of the primaries and county convention of Watauga county held last week, shows Stedman slightly ahead of Glenn, and Bower, of Caldwell, in the lead for Congress. Watauga has seven votes in the State Convention. WERSTER, N. C., June 9 .- The Democratic convention of Jackson county voted uanimously for Hon. J. M. Gudger. It was practically unanimous for Davidson for Governor, and F. D. Winston, Lieutenant Governor. It also voted unanimously for J. Y. Joyner for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other State

SANFORD, June 9.—The convention to, the State and Congressional conventions was called to order to day by W. H. Adams. chairman. After appointing delegates a vote was taken for Governor, resulting as follows: Glenn, 935; Siedman, 4 and a fraction; Turner 1 and a fraction; Davidson, a fraction. The vote for Hoke was 68; Justice, 22 A resolution was adopted instruct-

ing to vote for D. E. McIver first for Lieutenant Governor. As between Winston and Morton the vote was Winston 86 20, Morton 5.20

- Red Springs Citisen:" Mr. and

. C. I. BLO:K SIGNAL SERVICE.

Perfect System Beiween Richmond an Selma About to be inaugurated. [Wilson Times, 11th.]

With the completion of their block signal station three miles from Wil son between here and Elm City the Coast Line will then have completed their arrangements for a perfect system of blocking their trains, and signailing between Richmond and Selma On account of the great increase in the number of trains over the track from Rocky Mount to Contentnes Creek the block stations will be placed every three miles, while between Rocky Mount and Richmond the railroad people deem a station every three miles as amply sufficient for the care ful handling of trains.

While installation of these stations will mean an increase of expense, as two operators will be required to tend to them one each during the day and night, yet there will not be so much expense as one might imagine when t is remembered that the stations will now average about seven or eight miles apart and it is necessary to keep two operators at these places now any way, nearly all the stations will be nearly midway between the towns along the road.

Trains now on the Coast Line are not allowed to run within ten minutes of each other in the same direction. unless specially ordered by the train dispatcher, and when the block system s arranged only one train will be allowed in the block or within three miles of each other.

All this is the preliminary preparation of the Coast Line for a double track between Rocky Mount and Contentnes, which it is expected will com-mence at an early date.

Bicycle Thief Arrested.

In Wilmington during the past week an epidemic of bicycle thieving appears to have prevailed. No less than nine machines have been stolen. Only one was recovered and the thief arrested. The wheel recovered was stolen from Mr. C. D. Gilbert, when left for a moment Friday night in froat of the express office. Mr. Gilbert telephoned far and near the number of his wheel and a request for the arrest of the thief. His aleriness was Peschau, opposed the endorsement on rewarded by news from a Mr. Jones, have been killed. the ground that this was not in the near Castle Hayner, last night that the wheel had been taken and the thief, Frank Fennell, a colored youth arrested. Mr. Jones had bought the wheel for \$5 and discovering later that it had been stolen, overtook Fennell and turned him over to a guard at the convict camp at Castle Haynes. The boy was in company with several other colored youngsters from Wilmington and had the \$5 on his person when arrested. He was brought on the train to Wilmington last night and locked up in the police station for a hearing sefore the Mayor at noon to morrow.

> James I. Metts Camp, U. 6. V. Under the auspices of the Daughters

of the Confederacy, there was a grand rally of Confederate Veterans at Whiteville last week. The Daughters were hosts of the occasion and a big dinner was given the old soldiers on the lawn of the M. E. church. Rev. J. A. Smith, of Wilmington, delivered an elequent address and following the exercises, the veterans organized camp with 54 charter members. H. H. Holton was chosen commander and H. C. Moffitt, adjutant. It was a handsome compliment the old soldiers of Columbus paid to Wilmington's esteemed citizen. Brigadier General James I. Metts, by at once unanimously resolving to call their organization the "James I. Metts Camp." The new camp will be in Gen. Metts' Brigade, U. C. V., and it is especially appropriate that it should take his name.

BLOODY STREET FIGHT.

One Man Killed and Pour Men Seriously Injured at Wace, Tex.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WACO, TEX, June 11.-As a resul friction over the selection of a teacher for a public school at Elk, a small town ten miles north of Waco, a bloody duel was fought here to-day by R. B. Torrence, his son River Torrence and J. McAden, a son-in-law, on one side, and Dr. Holton, his son and Prof. G. W. Perkins on the other side. Bad feeling had existed for some time over the matter and firing began when the men met to day. The elder Torrence was killed instantly, his body being riddled with bullets. Dr. Holton and his son received dangerous wounds and Prof. Perkins and River Corrence were seriously injured. McAden escaped uninjured. Shot guns and revolvers were the wespons used by the participants, all of whom

STRONG FOR PARKER.

are prominent.

Result of Conventions in Texas to Select Delegates to the State Convention

GALVESTON, TEX, June 11.-Conventions were held in all the counties of Texas to-day to select delegates to the State convention which in turn will send delegates to the Democratic National convention at St. Louis. Returns to the Post show that the Parker people have been successful and lthough many of the counties did not positively instruct, it is practically pertain that a Parker delegation will e sent to St. Louis. The flight in Texas has been led by National Committeeman R. M. Johnson, and was won over an active opposition aided by a visit and several speeches from William J. Bryan.

 A meeting of the Association of Wholesale Dealers, Millers and Manufacturers of the Carolinas is and after driving about the city and called to gather in Greensboro at the visiting its educational institutions, Benbow Hotel at 8 in the evening of June 14th. The call states that the "railroads operating in our State have deferred putting into effect the of New York, and is largely interproposed new tariff on provisions, grain products, etc., until July 1st. The traffic managers of these railroads wish to know what we want and we must 'strike while the iron Mrs. Fred Pearsall left Thursday is hot.' Whether you are identimorning for Wrightsville, to be fied with this association or not, you guests of Mr. Oscar Pearsall at his are urged to be personally representbeautiful Summer home. Mr. Pear- ed at this meeting and help us with sall will return about the first of July | your advice in this matter, which is and Mrs. Pearsall will remain during of such vital importance to every institution. These are only parts one of us."

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- Charles L. Abernethy, Esq., of Beaufort, has been endorsed by the Democracy of the counties of Pamlico and Dapin for presidential elector from the Third district. He is an able and eloquent attorney and a working Democrat.

SPIRITS PURPENT

- Winston-Salem Sentinel: The bluebirds are coming back again. The opinion is that these birds never migrated but were frozen out during the severe winter of 1891, and that their re appearance is due to propagation by the few birds escaping the cold winter.

- Conway, S. C., Herald: The talk of a railroad from Little River, on the North Carolina border, to Marion by the wayof Conway should be encouraged in every possible way, for nothing that could be done just now would mean more to the quick development of the county.

- King's Mountain correspondence of the Gastonia Gazette: A group of six capitalists from New York arrived here on the vestibule last Thursday to investigate the tin field in this section. Having a team, they were in a few minutes at one of the prospective points taking in the situation.

- Henderson Gold Leaf: Another murder has been recorded against Vance county-the third in as many months. As a result of a gambling quarrel, one negro is dead and another is a fugitive from justice. Willie Townes shot and killed William Badger late Saturday afternoon, the tragedy occurring in the clump of trees just beyoud the ice factory.

- Raleigh Caucassian, (Rep): Watch the papers when the State Democratic convention is held and see if you can find the name of any office-holder in the list of those present. The Democratic papers had very much to say about officeholders attending the recent Republican convention, so of course no Democratic office-holder will dare to attend a political convention. Watch and see.

- At Newbern, on Friday, Mr. J. B. Dawson, a member of the city board of aldermen, had a very narrow escape from death. As the Atlantic & North Carolina passenger train passed through the city en route to Goldsboro, Mr. Dawson at tempted to board the train. His foot slipped and he swung underneath the moving cars, which dragged him for several hundred yards. But for his cries and the assistance of by-standers, who had the moving train stopped, he would

- A letter to the Raleigh News and Observer of Friday says: On Monday evening, the 6th, the people of Swift Creek suffered a great loss by rain, wind and hail. The hail stones were from the size of grapes to as large as marbles and the ground was soon covered. Mr. Billy Powell's crop of corn and cotton is a total loss and one on of Mrs. J. S. Patrick's farms, about forty acres of cotton and about ten in corn, is all beat into the ground, and the people throughout the neighborhood suffered considerably.

- Special to News and Observer: Salisbury, N. C., June 10.—The body of L. V. Harper, a Southern Railway brakeman, who was instantly killed near High Point Thursday afternoon, was taken to Salisbury Thursday night and the fragments of his remains prepared for burial. The body was mangled almost beyond recognition by the thirty-four cars which passed over him after he had fallen between the cars, which from some unknown cause became separated. Mr. Harper was an exemplary young man and his home was in Rocky Mount, N. C, to which place his remains were shipped.

- As a precautionary measure

and to prevent a possible lynching at a late hour Friday night, Sheriff Julian, of Rowan county, spirited Dock Arthur, colored, the alleged train wrecker, out of Salisbury and kept him under guard all night. The detectives who are working on the case believe they have the right man, though the evidence s not yet complete. Arthur is known to have held a grudge against Jim Watkins, the fireman who was killed in the wreck of No. 40, the Southern's fast mail, early Thursday morning and that he had at one time had a difficulty with the dead fireman, in which the latter was shot in the leg. He is reported as having said that he would kill Watkins if he had to throw a switch to do it.

the crime which caused the death of a brave engineer and his fireman on the Salisbury yard this morning (and it does not admit of doubt that the train was deliberately wrecked) could not be compared with burglary, which in North Carolina is a capital crime. We have always held that train wrecking should be punishable by death. There is involved in this crime wanton disregard for human life, to say nothing of consideration for destruction of property. Whether the crime is animated by a purpose to rob or to satisfy a spite at a railroad or some individual, the same principle obtains-lives, if not actually sacrificed, are jeopardized. For the protection of its citizens the Legislature should enact more stringent laws on this subject.

- Salisbury Sun: The atrocity of

- Raleigh News and Observer: A distinguished party of visitors from the North were in the city yesterday, coming with Mr. Geo. Foster Peabody, of New York. They arrived here yesterday morning from ourham, where they had attended Trinity commencement and are on their way South and West to visit various educational institutions. They are travelling in a private car. left at 4 o'clock for Southern Pines. Mr. Peabody is a prominent and successful banker and business man ested in the cause of education, to ald which he has given large sums. He is a native of Georgia and his beneficence has aided the schools of Columbus, Ga., his native place and other educational institutions in Georgia. The North Carolina Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro has also been aided by him, as he has given \$11,000 to that of his gifts for education.