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Stedman and Turner in the Ring for the Nomination

LIVE ITEMS OF INTEREST

March 22, 1904. The ignominious retreat of Mr. Receiver "Bunch" McBee, who strutted up the hill with such a lightning quickstep as to electrify the whole State, was the most nauseating exhibition of cowardice witnessed in many years hereabouts. Of course he couldn't help himself, for he didn't have a leg to stand on after the Governor and Chief Justice and Attorney General (assisted by one of his own lawyers) got through with him; for 'tis conscience that makes cowards of us all; and it is hard to say, reviewing the whole fiasco from start to finish, whether there was after all the greater lack of courage or brains.

Well, the old crowd is back again "managing" the State's railroad, and this week an investigation and examination is being prosecuted under the Governor's orders and direction, to ascertain the exact condition of the property, physically and financially. It is generally hoped that the A. & N. C. Railroad will soon be leased to one of the several bidders. McBee's offer to lease was withdrawn a day or two before he was appointed receiver, but since their are at least two new propositions have been made by others, offering much better terms to the State, and are now in the hands of the Governor awaiting action.

The members of the Democratic State Committee, which met here last Thursday night and called the State convention to meet on June 23, at Greensboro, did not contribute anything to the Hearst "movement" which is trying to get a move on it in North Carolina. If any of them favor the nomination of the New York editor and millionaire Congressman they kept their opinion to themselves. The forty odd who expressed their preferences all wanted Parker, Cleveland, Gorman or Gray, the favorites standing in the order named.

For Governor, the Stedman men were in the majority, and Lieutenant Governor Turner came next. Solicitor Brooks, the manager of the Stedman campaign, said: "We are certainly going to win." Mr. J. A. Hartness of Ireland decided his belief that Turner would show up as many votes in the convention as either of the other candidates, and in his opinion, would eventually secure the nomination.

The story has leaked out that when Mr. Hearst's visiting manager approached Governor Aycock, the other day, the Governor remarked to him that if Hearst should be nominated he would vote for him, but that he "would feel humiliated, in doing so," whereupon the agent adjourned himself to a more congenial climate.

The State convention will probably be in session two days this year, on account of the change made by the State Committee in the order of business. A resolution, offered by Hon. Joseph Daniels, was adopted which requires the election of delegates to the National Convention and the adoption of the platform before the nomination of candidates for the State offices is taken up.

All the indications point to the pulling off, at Wilkesboro, on Thursday of next week, of the hottest political scrap in many years in this State. The Republicans of the 8th district meet on that date to nominate a candidate for Congress. "Zig Zag" Linney and "Drummer Boy" Blackburn (who

really lives at Greensboro, in the 5th district) have been fighting and abusing each other so badly that it is possible both will be laid aside, in which event it is said that "Gus" Price of Salisbury may be nominated. The Democrats of that district appear to be greatly divided also, one county alone (Caldwell) furnishing two candidates, Newland and Bower.

The official head of Asst. U. S. District Attorney Oscar J. Spears has at last fallen under the axe, after more than a year's delay and today there is a vacancy in that office here. Friction between Judge Purnell and Mr. Spears was the primary cause of his losing the job, but there were other reasons that contributed to that result, it is said. His successor has not yet been chosen and the names F. H. Whitaker of Halifax, W. H. Yarbrough of Franklin, George H. Butler of Sampson, E. A. Johnson (colored) of Wake, and others are "mentioned" in connection with the place. The new appointee will be required to reside at Raleigh, as District Attorney Skinner's official home has recently been transferred to Greenville, his actual place of residence, and it therefore becomes necessary that his Assistant shall take charge of the office at Raleigh.

There has been no cotton sold on this market since last Thursday, the day on which Sully, the chief "bull" operator, failed. The local buyers here have since then been offering only 12 1/2 to 13 cents, and the farmers who brought cotton here either took it back home or stored it in the warehouses here to wait for higher prices. Some of the cotton growers hereabouts have not yet marketed their crop and have been waiting for the price to move up to 18 or 20 cents. I know of one who raised 100 bales and who has not yet sold a bale of it. But these are rare exceptions, for the great majority sold early in the season realized only 10 to 12 cents. Cotton may again go up to 15 or 16 cents, and, as I said in these letters last week, if I had any left on hand 16 cents would call for all I had. There is such a thing as holding on a little too long to a good thing.

The lawyers defending the negro Daniels, whose conviction of the murder of Senator Simmons' father has been affirmed by the State Supreme Court, are now trying to take the case up to the Supreme Court of the United States, on the ground that discrimination was made against some of the veniremen drawn because of their color. But it is doubtful whether they will succeed in doing so.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia
Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by S. R. Biggs.

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A LIST OF CRIMINAL CASES

Judge Moore is winning the highest esteem of the people of Martin County in his untiring efforts to mete out justice. He has several times reprimanded the jury in instances in which he thought their decisions contrary to justice. He delivered an able, learned and instructive charge to the grand jury Monday morning, clearly explaining the operation of the law to them, and pointed out their duty to their fellow men, their County and State. In all of his charges to the petit jury he thoroughly reviews the evidence and points out to the jurors their duty.

The grand jury have faithfully performed their duty. They have presented quite a number of bills of indictment, and have very advisedly recommended that the wooden shelves in the offices of the Register of Deeds and the Clerk be taken out and replaced with iron ones, as this would be safer in case of fire. The county jail and the Home for the Aged and Infirm were reported to be in good order. The grand jury was dismissed Thursday morning with a complimentary address from both the judge and the solicitor. Both said that they had never seen a grand jury work more faithfully and earnestly toward the discharge of their duty.

Monday Morning.
The morning session was spent in drawing, swearing and charging the Grand Jury.

The following were sworn as Grand Jurors: N. T. Riddick, G. W. Coltrain, J. H. Ayers, C. T. Johnson, Kinchen Corey, J. T. Ross, Mc. G. Gurganus, J. B. Cloman, G. F. Roberson, W. K. Williams, J. H. Mizell, Jr., Jos. E. Manning, S. M. Darden, Mc. G. Leggett, J. H. Roberson, Sr., Eli Taylor, J. T. Haislip and T. H. Coffield.

The following were chosen and sworn to serve as petit jurors for the first week: Me. G. Riddick, Geo. W. Blount, J. B. Harris, W. A. Jenkins, J. H. Wynn, J. J. Manning, Jesse E. Vick, A. D. Cherry, Jas. S. Griffin, C. W. Keith, D. B. Parker, W. B. Ballard and J. H. Rawls.

- 1 State vs Jos. B. Bennett, a d w capias and continued.
- 2 State vs Lewis Creech, a and b nol pros with leave.
- 3 State vs Asa Johnson, 1 and r, called and failed, judgment nisi sifa and capias.
- 5 State vs Charles Gardner, c c w, nol pros with leave.
- 6 Woodley Thompson, fine, continued to September term upon payment of half costs and continuance of same bond.
- 7 State vs Richard Thompson, fine, same as no. 6.
- 8 State vs Jack Everett, fine, same as no. 6.
- 9 State vs M. L. Nicholson, a and b, called and failed, judgment nisi sifa and capias.
- 11 State vs Narcissa Spruill, attempt to poison, continued, \$200 bond for appearance at Sept. term.
- 12 State vs C. H. Smith, capias and continued.
- 13 State vs Ira T. Coltrain refusing to work roads, verdict, not guilty.
- 15 State vs Charles Hill c c w, pleads guilty. Fined \$10 and costs.
- 15 State vs Greely Slade, a d w, pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- 17 State vs Charles Hill, a d w, pleads not guilty, found guilty by jury. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.
- 18 State vs Wm. J. Williams, arson, capias and continued.
- 19 State vs George Whitley, a d w, capias and continued.
- 20 State vs Baker Purvis, 1 and r, capias and continued.
- 23 State vs Glen Riddick and

- Lovet Rogers, affray, continued.
- 25 State vs H. T. Stallings, failing to list taxes, retailing liquor without license, fined \$15 and cost.
- 29 State vs Rufus Jones, 1 and r, called and failed. Judgment nisi sifa and capias.
- 30 State vs W. A. Williams, same as no. 29.
- 42 State vs John Rhodes, a d w, waives bill of indictment, judgment suspended on payment of cost.
- 46 State vs Geo. H. Andrews, a d w, waives bill of indictment, fined \$15 and cost.
- 50 State vs J. W. Ward and Theo. Mobley, a d w, waives bill of indictment, each fined \$10 and 1-2 cost.

Tuesday morning
3 State vs Asa Johnson, 1 and r, pleads not guilty, found guilty by jury.

4 State vs Henry Slade, a d w, guilty as charged in bill of indictment.

47 State vs Geo. H. Andrews, former judgement set aside, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

43 State vs Jesse Wells, 1 and r, pleads guilty, sentenced to twelve months on the roads of Edgecombe county.

21 State vs W. F. Wynn, a d w, guilty as charged in the bill of indictment.

61 State vs Joshua Hardison, retailing, witnesses W. A. Peel and John Ed. Corey, being subpoenaed to appear at both the last term and this, and failing to appear both times they were fined \$80 each for the use of the State.

22 State vs Mack Medford, cruelty to animals, not guilty.

State vs Alonzo Reddick and Manza Little, cruelty to animals, not guilty.

31 State vs R. E. Grimes, Thos. Andrews and Wiley Biggs, affray. Biggs pleads guilty, Grimes and Andrews found not guilty, judgment suspended as to Biggs upon payment of cost, no witness tickets allowed.

45 State vs Ephraim Whitfield, a d w, witness McWooten fined \$80 for non-appearance.

21 State vs W. F. Wynn, a d w, solicitor prays judgment of court. Prayer for judgment continued for next term of court upon payment of cost, defendant to give \$50 bond for his appearance at next term.

55 State vs Wm. Beech, a d w, continued to next term of court, defendant to give \$100 bond for appearance.

36 State vs R. B. Holliday, abandonment, found guilty as charged in bill of indictment.

56 State vs S. S. Hadley, 1 and r not guilty.

60 State vs Zack M. Johnson, murder, bond for attendance at next term of court fixed at \$2,000.

47 State vs Will Armstrong, a d w, guilty, fined \$10 and cost.

7 Appearance Docket, Joseph Slade vs Anna Slade, divorce, granted.

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