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WISE ACTION BY THE POPULIST STATE COMMITTEE.

The Populist State Executive Committee met here last Wednesday night, and after getting the concensus of opinion from the large number present from various parts of the State issued the address printed below to the voters of that party. To the great disappointment and chagrin of the negro-hating Democratic press the address is as silent on the "Negro Domination" question as the tomb of Julius Cæsar. The Democrats made sure, after all that they have said in their newspapers for the past six months about negro office-holders, school committeemen, etc., that the Populists would be sure to speak out against such; but lo and behold, the Populists realize fully that the Democrats, as in the past, are simply raising that hue and cry to get back into power and office. All fair-minded white men know that it is a false light thrown out by the Democrats to deceive the unwary.

Senator Butler is now making a campaign of the State, as he says, to inform the people of the real live issues and to post them about the dodging of said issues by the Democratic party. The Democrats, as usual, are trying to muddy the waters and escape from the living issues, but they will not be permitted to do so. The negro is not and never will be again an effective issue in North Carolina, and the co-operation forces will be willing to meet the Democrats on that dead issue.

There are several things in the address with which we are not in entire accord; but taken as a whole it is a wise and sensible document and shows that there is as much necessity for co-operation between the Populist and Republican parties on State issues as there was in 1894 and 1896. It further shows that the Populist party is as ready now as in 1896 to battle to maintain local self government and honest elections for the entire people as in the last campaign. Of course the Republican party stands there, and we see no reason why these two patriotic bodies should not again unite to drive Democracy from the few places of power that it now holds against the will of the people.

This meeting disappointed the Democratic machine in another particular, and that was in the peace and harmony that prevailed in it. The Democrats expected that the meeting would develop a majority and minority faction, as a result of the election of a United States Senator last winter, but the Populists present had the good judgment to let by-gones be by-gones and to realize that their greatest strength and usefulness was to be found in their unity.

As there was nothing else to complain of, the Democrats say that "those were all office-holders who attended the meeting." Why, bless your life, Democracy, whatever party is in power has the offices or should have them, and the question of pie cuts no figure except when your members refuse to turn loose, and have to be choked off.

The members of the committee present were: W. E. Fountain, chairman; S. Otho Wilson, J. B. Lloyd, A. S. Peace, Cyrus Thompson and H. W. Ayer, members of the Central Committee. District Committeemen—First District, Theophilus White; Second District, R. B. Kinsey; Third District, V. J. McArthur; Fourth District, S. O. Wilson, James Amos; Fifth District, committeemen not present; Sixth District, Argus Shaw; Seventh District, J. H. Sherrill, John A. Sims; Eighth District, R. A. Cobb; Ninth District, George E. Boggs.

Among those who attended the meeting were: Congressman W. F. Stroud, J. E. Fowler and A. C. Shuford; State Senators George E. Butler of Sampson, J. E. Lyon of Durham, William Merritt of Person, A. E. Moye of Pitt, Mitchell of Franklin; Representatives J. B. Shulken of Columbus, J. H. Parker of Perquimans, C. C. Fagan of Martin, Maury Ward of Duplin. Others present were: Senator Marion Butler, State Treasurer Worth, Labor Commissioner J. Y. Hamrick, S. P. Clark of Wilson, Dupree of Edgecombe, Z. T. Garrett of Vance, Satterwhite of Vance, Clark of Halifax, Bland of Chatham, W. E. Bowers of Halifax, T. W. Williams of Wilson, P. A. Bobbitt of Vance, W. R. O'Berry of Wilson, Ransom Hunter of Wake, John Smith of Wake, T. O. Kelly of Vance, Dr. Gill of Vance, H. E. King of Onslow, R. C. Rivers of Wake.

The committee issued the following address:

Your committee into whose hands the direction of the People's party has been placed, now that the storm and strife of the political battles of last fall are past and the result is seen, desire to congratulate the party on its wonderful success at the polls, and its marvelous achievements for good in the legislative, executive and judicial departments of county and State.

We have secured to the citizen the right to cast one vote at all public elections and to have that vote counted as cast.

We have taken the public schools out of the hands of partisan politicians and restored them to the people.

We have given the right of local self-government to each county in the State.

We have redeemed the State's educational, charitable and penal institutions from the thraldom of political bias.

We have removed the judiciary of the State to a safe distance from the arena of partisan politics.

We have lifted the State government out of the old ruts of Bourbonism and placed it in the hands of the people.

By our endeavor these fundamental principles and primary rights of American citizenship have been re-established in our State, with many others of kindred nature which flow therefrom.

But your committee would be derelict in its duty if it did not warn you, that if these blessings are to be preserved to us and transmitted to posterity, it must be done by and through the organization of the People's party.

The policy of the general government established alike by both the old parties, has built up monopolies; and these monopolies have in turn prayed upon the material interests of the country until there is great destitution, oppression and want in this land of plenty.

And the cry of distress has reached the ear and heart of the American people.

In 1892 a long-suffering people rejected at the ballot-box the Republican party which had inaurated a revenue and financial system fostering trusts and combines. But the Democratic party being in power, fed the people on broken promises while they carried out the policy of the Republican party.

And now that the Republican party is again in control of National affairs there is but little grounds to hope for better times.

It is growing more apparent each year that if relief is ever given by national legislation it must come through the People's party.

In view of these facts and the logical conclusions to be drawn therefrom, the duty of the hour is clearly seen.

The battles which we have so gallantly fought for the last few years must be continued until all organized opposition to good government shall have been overthrown.

To accomplish this much desired end there must be the utmost harmony, united action and persistent effort.

Those who are not for us are against us; and all those who stand upon the People's party platform are Populists.

No petty differences on local policy or personal pique should be allowed to mar the harmony in our ranks.

The People's party is a young giant—scarcely five years old.

Its achievements in this State in restoring the right of the people are equal to those of the Barons of England at Runnymede in extorting from King John the Magna Charta.

That we should have made mistakes is but human. No conquering army ever came out of battle without something to regret, and no victory was ever won without incurring unjust criticism from the vanquished. With this showing of the work done and of the work yet to be done, and our willingness and ability to do it, and in consequence of the fact that the principles and measures embodied in the People's party platform, State and National, are finding lodgment in the minds of the great mass of people, we earnestly believe that if every true Populist in the State will actively push the work of organization, our party will attract to its ranks thousands of others who are disgusted and dissatisfied with the conduct of the two old parties. We believe the sentiment of the people of the State to be in favor of a reduction of freights and passenger rates to a low figure, corresponding with prices prevailing under the single gold standard, which was foisted upon the people of the country by means of fraud and bribery.

We re-affirm the condemnation of the "99-year lease" of the North Carolina Railroad, and we shall use our best efforts to have said lease annulled until its validity shall have been passed upon by our State courts.

For a more effective and equitable control and reduction of the encroachments of railroad corporations, we suggest that the Railroad Commissioners should be elected by a direct vote of the people.

In National matters we shall continue to labor zealously for the complete remonetization of silver at the legal ratio of 16 to 1, for the destruction of monster trusts that are to-day sapping and undermining the life of the Republic; for government ownership of the railroads under a rigid Civil Service law, to the end that the people's rights and liberties shall not be trampled upon, as under present management, by said corporations; for the abolition of National banks and the issuance of all money by the National government.

To make good the foregoing declaration of principles, we shall in the next campaign, use every lawful means to aid us in accomplishing these reforms, and to that end we invite the co-operation of men of all parties, that we may be successful in the prosecution of this work.

THE ORGAN OF DEMOCRACY DENOUNCES THE POPULIST ADDRESS.

The *News and Observer* says editorially of the Populist address:

"The State election laws were never so capable of fraud as was demonstrated in the late election; for the first time in the history of the State the people have risen up and thundered their condemnation against the prostitution of our public schools to partisan ends; the people never had so little real voice in the management of their local affairs; the legislature's attempt to make the charitable and penal institutions of the State the football of politics was never so flagrant; the educational institution at Raleigh was never before dominated by a base law-breaking partisan, who used it in many ways to vent his miserable spleen; the State government has never, except in 1868–'69, been in the hands of men so ignorant, vicious, corrupt and unfit; the judiciary was never so wanting in learning and freedom from partisanship except when Greasy Sam Watts sold justice and 'the judiciary was exhausted;' the white public schools were never before put in a position where negro committeemen could have a voice in their management; never before since the days of Littlefield did corporate greed so dominate and control a Legislature; never before, except during 1868–'69, did legislators openly sell their votes; never before, during the twenty years of white rule, were public officers forced to flee the country for seduction or indicted for soliciting bribes—these facts and others known of all men make the claims of the Populist address an insult to the intelligence of the people of the State. Most of these crimes against the State and against decent government have been committed by Republicans, elected to office by Populist votes, though some Populists have proven as base as Republicans. Many people looked to see the Populists repudiate them and disclaim responsibility for the whole catalogue, in so far as they could do so; or to express their regret that corrupt legislators and officers have brought dishonor on the fair name of the State. It will be a shock to every honest Populist to read that their committee glories in the shame of the State, and claims paternity for the most disgraceful brood of evils that have cursed North Carolina since the thieving carpet baggers were expelled by an outraged people in 1870.

"Every department of government in the State, including the Railroad Commission, is in control of the Fusionists. If any desired reform and retrenchment has not been perfected, the responsibility rests with them. They had control of the Legislature, and could have annulled the miserable lease, if legislation can do it. Professing to believe it ought to be annulled, and elected to annul it, enough of them sold out to prevent any action.

"If railroad rates ought to be reduced, and our conviction as to this is well known, why is there delay about it? Two of the Commissioners are of the Fusion faith.

"The only thing the Populist party has wrought in North Carolina is the revivifying of the old Radical party and giving it control of the judicial, executive and legislative departments of government.

"Fusion with a corrupt party of directly opposing principles has given us higher taxes and shorter school terms.

"It has given us a bankrupt treasury, which cannot pay the just claims due by the State.

"It has given us negro office-holders and put hundreds of negroes in authority over white men.

"It has given us corrupt and drunken legislators.

"It has given us depleted county treasuries, and made it impossible for the holders of county orders to get them cashed.

"It has given us a lower tone of official life.

"It has lowered the moral standard of the people.

"It has put a premium upon hypocrisy and treachery.

"The sin of the Populist party is that it has been a party to this debauching of the public morals and the elevation of bad men.

"There are many Populists who are ashamed of it. There are not a few who are astounded at it, and would gladly undo all they have done. They will try when they have opportunity, but they acknowledge in deep penitence that it will require time to utterly eradicate the evil of breathing new life into the Radical party, and the demoralization that has followed that new life. These men will be indignant when they read that the office holders in their party have the effrontery to claim that these achievements 'are equal to those of the Barons of England at Runnymede.' Honest Populists all over the State have repudiated the very legislation the committee seems to approve. They have been deceived by pie-eaters, and now, in order to keep themselves in office, these pie-eaters are saddling on their party crimes of which even the Republican party is ashamed. Honest Populists will repudiate such action.

"If the Barons had brought half the disgrace and confusion upon England by wresting the charter from John that the Populists have wrought by putting the negro and his base allies in power in North Carolina, they would every one have been beheaded in a day when life was cheap."

THE WAKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DENOUNCES BOTH THE RAPIST AND THE LYNCHER.

The Wake Baptist Association held its Thirty-first Annual Session at Franklinton last week and was largely attended by ministers, laymen and visitors. On Thursday the crowd was estimated at between three and four thousand. Much good work was done by the Association. The people of Franklinton were bounteous in their hospitality to the large crowd in attendance.

The Association elected officers for the next year as follows: Moderator, Rev. Joseph Perry; Clerk, Dr. N. F. Roberts; Treasurer, Dr. A. W. Pegues.

The following resolutions offered by James H. Young were unanimously adopted, viz.:

We, the members of the Wake Baptist Association, in its thirty-first annual session assembled at Franklinton, North Carolina, having noticed with great regret the very large number of arrests of men belonging to our race in various parts of our Southland charged with committing the most dastardly, cowardly and infamous crime known to society, namely: Outrageous assault upon defenseless women and the recent arrest of several of our race for the same offence in our beloved State; and

WHEREAS, This infamy has, according to daily reports, increased in a large degree and threatens to create and perpetuate the greatest alienation of the two races, and is destined, if not stamped out by the good and law-abiding citizens, to cause them to suffer in various ways; therefore be it

Resolved, That we stamp our most emphatic condemnation upon all of that wretched and infamous class who have committed or who may commit or attempt to commit such outrage against society; and pledge our willingness to co-operate with all law-abiding citizens to bring to justice any and all who are or may be guilty of such revolting crimes.

Resolved, That we, as pastors and leaders among our people, will do all in our power to create among them the strongest sentiment against the crime and the criminal, and urge them to do all in their power to assist in bringing to justice such lawless characters, be they within or without our race, who are a curse to humanity.

Resolved, That we denounce with equal emphasis the men who become violators of the law of God and of the land by banding themselves together in mobs or lynching parties for the purpose of murdering the helpless villian upon whom the strong arm of the law has already laid its just hands.

Resolved, That we commend the Governor of North Carolina, Hon. Daniel L. Russell, and the Governors of such other Southern States as have taken such heroic stands in throwing the strong arm of the law around those charged with crime to the end that the majesty of the law may be upheld, which itself is sufficient to punish men who commit, or may attempt to commit, such outrages.

Cape Fear Gleanings.

While in the city of Fayetteville a few days ago, we were glad to see in many homes that we visited that the GAZETTE is a family paper. With them the writer was the guest of Mr. F. P. Williston and his charming wife. Those who took in the excursion to the City of Oaks, continue to speak highest praise of the good people of the Old North State. Register of Deed Chas. Norwood and Mr. Augustus Sorter are both improving rapidly from the injury received from the runaway a few days ago

The *Daily Record* published in our city, is a bright and newsy sheet, the only colored daily paper in America—Wilmington is here!

Since our last writing the hand of death has been in our midst and torn from our bosom, our beloved citizens, Mr. Joseph Sampson, Mr. Willie Howe Green and Mr. Isham Sweat. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. We can only say, peace to their ashes!

Miss Emma Richie, who has been visiting her sister, Rev. Mrs. Bomur, left for her home in Abbeville, S. C., Monday last.

Miss Carrie Whiteman is at home on a visit to parents and friends.

Mr. James Williston, of Fayetteville, is in the city, spending a few days with Mr. Thomas Bradley.

Miss Mary Emma Bradley is confined to her room with sickness.

Miss Judith Butler Merrick is confined to her room. We hope to see her out soon.

We are glad to note that the grandmother of Mrs. J. H. Branch is improving gradually.

Mrs. M. A. Stanley has just returned from Maxton and Laurinburg, N. C., where she went to organize a lodge of true reformers. She reports great success.

Professor Perry Wright, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is in our city, spending a few weeks; he represents the Barnes Book Co., of Chicago. Ill. He is quite popular with the young leaders and a champion bicyclist. Girls, don't loose your hearts, he'll soon be gone?

Rev. B. P. Peterson, of Raleigh, is in our city.

Mr. Elijah Lane, one of Wilmington's leading tonsorial artists, will take in New Bern Fair.

Mr. J. E. Greenfield, of Knoxville, Tenn., who has just completed the wing of the New Marine Hospital, will leave for his home, Thursday, 19th instant. He has made many friends while in our city, and we very reluctantly give him up, but as his better half is in Tennessee, we will have to say, adieu.

We wish for Editor Young and his wife a pleasant trip and a safe return.

GLEANER.

The second grand rally at the A. M. E. Zion Church for this year will be on next Sunday, August 22d. We heartily request your presence and liberal assistance in this much needed effort. Preaching as follows: 11 a. m., Rev. J. C. Lowe; 3 p. m., Rev. R. H. W. Leak; 8:30, sacred concert conducted by Miss Mary Love. The corner-stone will be laid Monday at 5 p. m. by the Masons of the city. All are invited to be present.

DR. F. K. BIRD, P. E.
W. A. PEGGANS, Pastor.

A Few Days in the Western Towns.

The Raleigh District of the A. M. E. Church held their Conference and Sunday School Convention at Hillsboro, N. C., July 6–11. The attendance was very good.

The GAZETTE has some warm friends in the town of Hillsboro. Greensboro has also been blessed with a shower of blessings of late. Rev. P. F. Maloy, the Western missionary, held another one of those heart stirring, New Era Institutes in Greensboro on the 6th–8th inst. Rev. S. S. Henderson and his members did what they could to make the Institute a success, because it was at their church.

The interest was very much greater and the attendance larger than when the Institute convened in Greensboro in 1896.

Fortunately the following brethren took part in the lectures: Revs. L. Johnson, of Greensboro; P. S. Lewis, of Salisbury; J. E. White, of Raleigh; G. W. Moor, of Reidsville; A. W. Pegues, D. D., of Raleigh; District Missionary, Maloy, and Rev. J. A. White, General Missionary. The lectures were, indeed, on a very high order and ably treated. We wish to make especial mention of the subjects. The Missionary Spirit—A Mark of the True Church, by Rev. J. E. White, and Christian Education, by Dr. A. W. Pegues.

Rev. Maloy is keeping the missionary fire ablaze in Western North Carolina, by means of these Institutes.

The Congregational Church, of Greensboro, had the dedicatorial services of their neat and beautiful church edifice, on the second Sunday in July.

Dr. A. W. Curtis, of Raleigh, representing the American Missionary Society, preached in the morning and Rev. F. G. Ragland, of Wilmington, preached the dedicatoral sermon at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. E. W. Stratton, of High Point, preached the sermon at night, Prof. J. Wilson, of Franklin, was present and assisted in the music for the occasion.

The church reflects much credit upon the members and their worthy pastor, Rev. S. S. Sevier.

Rev. S. H. Weathersoon, of the First Baptist, and Rev. T. J. Jordan, of the A. M. E. Church, also held rallies at their churches on the second Sunday in July.

Mr. Bailey, the active and energetic agent of the People's Benevolent and Aid Association of North Carolina, is meeting with much success in the town of Winston. The people of Winston have been running an excursion to some point very near every week for some time.

The strikes are over, the people are at work, and everybody is handling their dollars. The cry of hard times has ceased at least for awhile.

That stream of good fortune, however, does not plow through all the western towns.

We might say, at this point, that we have been led to the conclusion that our people spend too much money on these excursion. It's true, they afforded an opportunity for visiting the different towns and cities, that we do not otherwise have, but we generally spend all the money we have little or much. It has too often been the case that the same families have to be cared for when winter comes by the people or the town and city government.

Let us not forget to "make hay while the sun shines," for pleasure is of short duration and we, too often, turn from it, and behold trouble and disappointment standing ready to enter our bosoms, to dwell even longer than the so-called pleasure.

Lawyers Bridgers, Fitts and Lanier keep the people in the middle of the road, by advising them concerning the law and appearing for them before the courts. While Drs Jones, Holland Fuller administer to the sick and attend to the physical man.

It is to be remembered that the above-named classes of men are also filling their pitchers from that golden stream while it is flowing so gently through their town.

The Slater Industrial Academy has the ground work of its new brick building laid, and will doubtless be ready for use by the next term.

Rev. Shepard, D. D., and Dr. A. H. McAden were among those who made us feel pleasant, while we were in Charlotte, by giving us cash renewals.

Dr. N. B. Hauser has recently moved into his new residence, which is located on Brevard street. It is said to be one of the prettiest residences in the city, with all of the modern improvements and accommodations.

Dr. J. W. Smith is erecting a beautiful brick building on the same street.

Miss Hattie Johnson, of Raleigh, who is now an active agent for the Colored Orphan Asylum, of Oxford, N. C., is now in Charlotte, and is meeting with much success.

The Peoples' Benevolent and Relief Association, of which Mr. E. J. Youny is general manager, continues to grow, in membership, influence and strength. The principal junction of the Association is to care for the sick and help provide for the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and also to assist in the establishment of the Old Folks' Home near Raleigh.

The Association is already paying sick benefits to Miss Minnie Miller and Mr. Joseph M. Ramsey, of Winston, N. C.

The membership has nearly reached four thousand.

Mr. E. J. Young has fitted up a cosy office, with the following efficient young ladies for clerks: Misses N. G. Mckell, C. S. Young and G. E. Walden. Miss G. E Walden is the private secretary and Miss N. G. Mickell is the chief clerk.

J. D. PAIR.

Notes From Yadkin.

The election failed in Yadkin County. The Clerk did not issue summons for the Sheriff to notify the registrars and judges until on or about August 6th, and the Sheriff claimed that he did not have any right under the law to serve them at that late hour, as the law says that the judges must be notified in ten days from their appointment. And for the above reasons the judges would not hold any election. Poor Yadkin! let all the good people of the State pity her. In this county we have white men who vote other tickets beside the Republican that claim that Blum's Almanac is of more importance in a family than a Bible.

The colored people have been true to the Republican party and helped Yadkin County to stay in the Republican column. I could also name some very grave mistakes made by white men in the post-offices, but if they were colored out of office they would fly.

The poor whites in Yadkin are in greater need than the negroes of good schools. With the public school money and the good work of Northern people in helping the colored schools, a larger per cent. of colored people are educated than can be found among the whites. The friends of edubation are not, by any means, going to give over the fight nor stop work until we have the whole county dotted with good schools of some kind.

"READY IKE."

The Ohio and Iowa Democrats who made the silver question the sole issue of their State campaigns this year are very blue now. The bottom has fallen out of the silver argument by reason of the further drop in the price of silver and the further increase in the prices of farm products and general prosperity, and now they are left with nothing to support their doctrines or their platforms. It is said, but the people who took the bit in their teeth and adopted the platform of calamity in opposition to the views of the wisest men of their party must bear the responsibility of defeat.

Items Gathered from a Half-dozen Towns—Laying of the Corner-stone of the New Building of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

The Warren county Sunday School Convention, which met with the Olive Grove Sunday School the third Sunday in July, was very largely attended. Among those who spoke and read essays were: Revs. Moses Sommerville, Joseph Perry, J. A. Whitted, A. W. Pegues, and Misses Annie L. Boyd, L. N. Thornton and S. B. Fitts.

The people of Warren manifested their interest in the Convention by their large attendance. President Joseph Sommerville presided with much equity.

Wake Forest is a pleasant but small town, with a small population, most of whom are of small statue. The people of Wake Forest are always awake to the pleasure and entertainment of visitors and friends who come to their town.

On the afternoon of the 18th ult. we had the pleasure of attending a social given by the young people of Wake Forest, complimentary to Miss Jeffress, who has recently returned from school in Pennsylvania. The social was given at the home of Miss Bettie E. Cook, and was in every way highly enjoyable.

The 19—21 of July were days of very much importance to the people of Grayham, N. C. Rev. A. B. Vincent held a New Era Institute in the town at that time. The people came from the surrounding towns to hear the lecturers, which were delivered by Revs. J. A. Whitted, J. J. Worlds and A. B. Vincent.

Our visit to Burlington was a short one, but the people responded very readily when we presented their bills due the GAZETTE.

The GAZETTE has some very able supporters in Littleton, N. C. While we were there Rev. J. J. Russell and Mr. W. F. Young were very kind in entertaining us and helping us to find our subscribers. Besides cash renewals from Rev. W. H. Shaw and Mayo & Bro., Messrs. Theobis Mayes, Geo. Prichard and Howard Browning gave us cash subscriptions. Mr. Theo. Mayes is running a nice grocery store in town, while Mr. Howard Browning is not only one of the leading business men in town, but is one of those who has recently come out from the Democratic party to join the grand old Republican party. He claims that the Republican party is the party for the best interest of the people.

Although Weldon is as dull as usual, the people say, "let the GAZETTE continue to come." Mr. P. A. Gee reports that the farms in this section are unusually good. He thinks his farm is much better than it has been at this season of the year for several years.

Our number of subscribers in Garysburg, N. C., is not very large, but if it continues to increase as it did on our last visit, we will really be able to spend some time in the town in order to see all of them. Mr. John T. Dobies will commence teaching in a few days. Salem church will have a re-union meeting from the 21st to 22d of August. Dr. N. F. Roberts has been asked to preach the re-union sermon.

While we were in the town of Gumberry we stopped at the home of Mrs. and Mr. Ryland. Each member of the family spared no pains to make our visit a pleasant one. Mrs. A. Facen, who has been very sick, is much better. Misses Rosa L. Davis and C. B. Ryland gave us their subscriptions.

The subscribers to the GAZETTE in Seaboard, N. C., are few in number, but strong in friendship. Mr. W. C. Coats will doubtless be the next postmaster at Seaboard. Miss L. C. Coats was kind enough to take us to the old home of Dr. N. F Roberts. The people of this section honor Dr. Roberts as a great leader gone out from among them to join those who are laboring in the great struggle to raise this most ignorant and despised race up in the world of civilization and honor. The people of Wake county feel themselves highly favored to have him, an able and experienced educator, for one of the members of their Educational Board. We believe very much in the old maxim: "Honor to whom honor is due." Dr. Roberts was elected President of the State Teachers' Association at its last annual meeting.

It is clearly evident that if we prepare ourselves for the duties of life, we will not have to seek positions and honors, but they will be as sure to seek us as the waters of heaven seek their level when they fall upon the earth.

July 28 was the day set apart for the anniversary of the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the laying of the corner-stone of the new building. Accordingly, on the day of 28th ult, the streets of Oxford were thronged with the citizens and visitors of other towns. A large excursion was there from Burlington, N. C. The laying of the corner-stone exercises commenced about 2 o'clock p. m. Prof. Pearson, of Durham, N. C., was to have delivered the address for the occasion, but as he was not present, Mr. E. J. Young, of Charlotte, N. C., was called upon to speak. Mr. Young came forth, in his usual manner, and favored the large audience with a very enthusiastic speech. Hon. T. L. Taylor, D. D., Grand Master, conducted the laying of the corner-stone. The stone was laid by the Blooming Star Lodge, of Oxford, N. C., assisted by the lodges from Durham and Henderson.

It was our pleasure to attend the East Cedar Grove Association, which convened with the Olive Grove Baptist Church on July 28—30. A great number of people were present and many of them gave us their subscriptions. We are pleased to state that we have solicited about seventy-five new subscribers during the last three weeks.

The young ladies and young men of Warrenton are making it quite pleasant for Misses Etta and Beulah Gorham, who are now visiting Miss India Faulkner of that town.

The Social Club gave a social party at Mr. and Mrs. Allen Faulkner's residence, on the evening of the 30th ult., complimentary to Misses Etta and Beulah Gorham.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness while we were at their different towns.

J. D. PAIR.

Odd Fellows District Grand Lodge Meeting.

District Grand Lodge No. 7 assembled in their first annual session in the hall of Newborn Golden Link No. 1,634 at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, August 3, 1897. Meeting was called to order by M. V. P. S. H. Vick, District Grand Master. "Blest be the tie" was sung, after which M. V. P. W. W. Lawrence, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, introduced Hon. J J. Wolfenden, the acting Mayor of the city of Newbern, who delivered the welcome address on the part of the citizens, which was greatly applauded by the delegates and friends present. The District Grand Master then introduced M. V. P. W. W. Lawrence, who delivered the welcome on the part of Newbern Golden Link Lodge No. 1,634. He spoke as follows:

WORTHY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE NO. 7, SISTERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH, AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER: Having been selected to deliver to you the welcome on the part of Newbern Golden Link Lodge No. 1,634, I assure you that it affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the City of Elms—the borough of our childhood and the oriental peninsular of North Carolina, where billows of the rolling Neuse and pacific waters of the Trent speak better things than her most learned orators or scholars of erudition. Her finny tribe is at your command, you are welcome to partake of our crabs, lobsters and other good things that come forth from our waters in this season of the year. You are welcome to the different sports of the city, our sail-boats that will glide you over the placid waters of the renowned Neuse and Trent rivers. Our steamboats, with their palatial accommodation, and whose swift movements and improved machinery will carry you from the river to our sounds, where you can see the sights not before seen. If you desire to catch the sea breeze you have only to board the cars at the Atlantic and North Carolina depot any afternoon at 5 o'clock and in one hour's time you will be at Morehead City, where you can enjoy the delightful sea breeze from the famous Atlantic ocean. We welcome you to this great trucking center where three or four crops are raised each year. You have only to engage one of our street carriages and in five minutes they will be driving you through the finest truck farms of the Old North State. We welcome you as Odd Fellows to the place where this District Lodge was first organized in 1879. Yes, in this city, in the white masonic building opposite the Academy Green, eighteen years ago our good ship of state was launched with the late Hon. I. B Abbott, of this city, as our first District Master, and whose remains now lie at rest in our Greenwood Cemetery. Yes, thrice welcome are ye to the home of the late Dr. J. C. Price, Hon. I. B. Abbott, Prof. Wm. H. Dove, Prof. J. L. Battle, and M. V. P. James P. Martin, Odd Fellows who once living but now dead; yes, to the home of some of our ablest and foremost Negro men, Bishop C. C. Petty and Hon. George H. White, who is now representing in Congress all the Negroes of these United States. Our houses are opened to you; our females, the fairest you ever looked upon, are ready to receive you; yes, to greet you and make you welcome.

This is, indeed, the garden spot of North Carolina. The hospitality of our white citizens, who are the best in this Southland, will all go to prove what we have said in inviting and welcoming you here to hold your eighteenth annual assembly and your fifth District Grand Lodge session.

We hope your stay in our city will be a pleasant one. We have no electric cars to carry you to and fro as in some of our larger cities, but you will find plenty of carriages, owned principally by our race, that will accommodate you at a moderate price. Although we have nothing extra to attract your attention, yet we trust that our efforts will be conducive to your happiness.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the pride of all hearty Odd Fellows, having exemplified its true principles fifty four years ago in granting a charter to one Peter Ogden and others of our race in America have just been visited by our Fraternal Delegate M. V. P. J. McHenry Jones. No man from this country to any foreign port has been more cordially received than Bro. Jones by our mother, A. M. C., which assembled at Bolton, England, June 8, 1897. He was escorted in the A. M. C. on the arm of Major Richard Hill-Male, and the speech made by Bro. Jones was cheered to the uttermost. The A. M. C. ordered that 5,000 copies of his address be printed and circulated throughout England, with his cut on the same. He was also present at a grand banquet given by the Mayor at Albert Hall. Every brother of our Order should read the letter of Bro. Jones, published in the Odd Fellows' Journal. You will see that the great principles taught by our Order are not only taught but practiced in England by all Odd Fellows. We are proud to know that we number part of this Grand United Order, composed of lodges in England, Australia and America, and that we number 160,000 in our Jurisdiction, which covers the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Central and South America and Africa, managed and controlled by our race. Yes, we compose mostly the intelligent, thrifty and wealthy men of our race, and are doing more for the elevation, protection and advancement of the race than any other institution among us. We have assembled here to deliberate and devise means for the future good and welfare of our Order in this State; to exchange words of cheer and admiration of its greatness, and an era of good will prevans infused with those noble qualities, Friendship, Love and Truth, which inspires the very soul of every true Odd Fellow to do unto others as he would have them to do unto him. Each of us have a certain work to perform. Let us try to perform it carefully and with mature judgment, actuated by no selfish motive, but with a desire to perform it to the edification of the Order in general.

The ties which bind us together in one great and grand institution like ours, one vast bond of unity as Odd Fellows, are no common ties, such as is found by mere associations in every day life, but they are as strong, yes, stronger than the Constitution of the States comprising the union of this great republic. They are such as know no color nor creed. Guarded by wisdom, upheld by truth and guided by the strong arm of justice. Its theme and chief aim is to administer aid to the needy, attend to the wants of the afflicted and to provide and care for its widows and orphans throughout the extent of its domain. Thousands of dollars have been and are being paid out annually by us. The question, what is Odd Fellowship, is no longer asked, but the question is now asked, are you an Odd Fellow. Its deeds have commended it to the whole world; its motto, *America Amore et Veritas*, is not only read and sung but practiced by all.

In the name of New Berne Golden Link Lodge, as true and hearty Odd Fellows, we welcome you here with joyous hearts, inspired by noble and godly principles of the Order we trust that we may each share one anothers joys; that peace, good will and happiness may prevail; that when our session shall have ended that a lasting remembrance may ensue; that with gladened hearts you may return from our humble city in safety to your homes. Yes,

Wherever thou dwelleth may content be thy lot,
May friendship like ivy encircle thy cot;
May gay, smiling morn in thy faithful retreat,
In thy cottage, friendship and innocent meet.

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PLYMOUTH, N. C., Aug. 3, 1897.

DEAR MR. EDITOR: Please allow me a space in your paper to give a short account of the protracted effort of Zion Hill Baptist Church, under Elder J. A. Faulk, ably assisted by Elders G. W. Brown, of Bertie, N. C., Simon Pew, of Jackson, N. C., and J. W. Faulk, of Hertford, N. C. This meeting was a success from the start, and we can truly feel proud and humbly thank God for the many manifestations of his Holy Spirit. About eighteen souls were brought to the marvellous light of the Gospel, but all did not join this church.

The most solemn and impressive scene was the baptizing Sunday morning in the Roanoke. The morning was a lovely one and prayer and song rose as incense to heaven till hushed by the solemn voice of the Elder, giving the rights of baptism to the candidates. The last to receive baptism was the afflicted son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker, and as we saw him hanging helpless around the Elder's neck showing his faith and trust in God, many eyes were dim with unshed tears. May God bless all of his churches as he has Zion Hill. Yours in Christ,

REV. ED. J. DANCE.

Brodie, the Vance county rapist, has been sentenced to hang September 1.

Sad Death.

Mr. Samuel Williams, of Centreville, N. C., departed this life July 26, 1897. He suffered only one week with typhoid fever when he yielded up the ghost, to the sadness of a host of friends. He was 53 years old, and had been a member of the Perry's Chapel Baptist Church nineteen years, of which he was a deacon. On his death the church and Sunday School sustains one of its greatest losses. He was always on time to meet his church and Sunday School to do his Master's bidding. His strict conformity to the study of the Bible and his high and unblemished Christian character won for him the respect and confidence of the whole church and community. Rev. Peter Fogg, pastor of the Perry's Chapel Baptist Church, preached the funeral. A vast multitude followed him to his last resting place, amid the shedding of tears, and sorrowing hearts. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his sad departure.

In view of the loss we sustained by the decease of our dear brother, be it

Resolved, That we tenderly condole with his family in their hour of trial and affliction, and devoutly commend them to the keeping of Him who looks with pitying eye upon the widow and the fatherless.

Resolved, That in our natural sorrow for the loss of a faithful leader and servant, we find consolation in the belief that it is well with him we mourn.

Resolved, That while we deeply sympathize with those who were bound to our departed brother, by the nearest and dearest ties, we share with them the hope of a reunion in that land above where God shall wipe all tears from our eyes.

Gone beyond the darksome river,
Only left us by the way:
Gone beyond the night forever,
Only gone to endless day:
Gone to meet the angel faces,
Where our lovely treasures are:
Gone awhile from our embraces,
Gone within the gates ajar.

JAMES THOMAS,
JOHN B. WILLIAMS,
MISS SALLIE PERRY,
Committee.

Lost.

A purse, containing $2.26 and a number of stamps. Finder will be rewarded by leaving purse at GAZETTE office.

This is to inform my friends that I am now at home with my sister, No. 409 South Bloodworth street. I am still engaged in the city missionary work. I can be found at home at any time after 2 o'clock Wednesdays and Thursdays.

MISS ADORA PERRY.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of Nancy Ford, deceased, with her will annexed, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the deceased to come forward and pay the same at once, and all persons having claims against the property of deceased to present the same to me on or before the 15th of July, 1898, otherwise said claims will be plead in bar of their recovery.

LEWIS BEMERY,
Executor of Nancy Ford.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Under and by virtue of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh, passed July 15, 1897, in pursuance of the authority given in Chapter 129, Private Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Raleigh to issue bonds for public improvements, and to levy a special tax," notice is hereby given that a special election will be held at the various polling-places in the wards of said city on the

7th Day of September, 1897.

for the purpose of obtaining the consent of a majority of the qualified voters of said city to the issuance of the bonds provided for in Sections 1 and 5 of said Act, as follows:

SEC. 1. That for the purpose of paving, macadamizing and otherwise improving the public streets of the City of Raleigh, as the Board of Aldermen of said city may determine to improve, and for such other public improvements as the said Board of Aldermen may determine to make, the City of Raleigh is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars, of such denominations and in such proportions as the Board of Aldermen may deem advisable, bearing interest from the date thereof at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable half-yearly, at such times and at such place or places as may be deemed advisable by said Board of Aldermen; said bonds to be of such form and tenor and transferable in such way, and the principal thereof payable or redeemable at such time or times, not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, and at such place or places as the Board of Aldermen may determine. * * *

SEC. 5. That for the purpose of providing for the payment of the interest accruing on, and the principal at maturity, of the bonds issued under authority of this Act, the Board of Aldermen of said city shall annually, at the time of levying other city taxes, levy and lay a particular tax on all persons and subjects of taxation on which the said Board of Aldermen now are or may hereafter be authorized to lay and levy taxes for any purpose whatsoever, said particular tax