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PLANS FOR FIGHT IN EAST

BRYAN TO VISIT EMPIRE STATE

After a Conference With Party Leaders National Chairman Mack Gives It Out That an Active Fight Will Be Waged For the National Ticket in the East—Mr. Bryan Will Make Two Speeches in New York and the Contest in That State Will Be Hard Fought—A Sub-Committee Will Be Formed From the National Committee to Manage the Eastern Headquarters.

New York, Aug. 1.—Norman E. Mack is forming a sub-committee of the Democratic national committee which will conduct the coming campaign in the East with headquarters in this city. While Mr. Mack will be chairman of this sub-committee a vice chairman will be appointed who will be in active charge of the committee's operations. Ex-Senator James Smith, of New Jersey, is spoken of prominently in connection with the vice chairmanship. The plan for a sub-committee was announced to-day on the arrival from Buffalo of Chairman Mack, who will remain here for three days before his departure for Chicago, where he expects to remain during the major portion of the national campaign.

CONFERENCE WITH LEADERS.

Mr. Mack conferred to-day with Urey Woodson, secretary of the national committee; with National Committeeman Roger Sullivan, of Illinois, and other prominent Democrats on the personnel of the committee, which Mr. Mack says will be made up of national committeemen and party leaders east of the Alleghenies. The names of the committee will be made public in Chicago early next week. Mr. Mack made it known that while he will only occasionally visit New York, it is planned to wage an active fight for the national ticket in the East. To this end, after the New York State convention in September, Mr. Bryan will make two important speeches in New York State—one in Buffalo and one in this city. Mr. Bryan will not make the number of speeches in this campaign that he has in other presidential struggles, said Mr. Mack.

The Democratic national committee will not in any way suggest or dictate the gubernatorial nomination in this State, or interfere in the conduct of the State campaign, Mr. Mack declared. He said that he was in entire accord with William J. Conners, chairman of the Democratic State committee, concerning what has been done so far and was pleased with the interest shown by the party organization throughout the State in the national ticket.

FUTURE APPEARS BRIGHT.

During the next three days Mr. Mack will hold conferences at the Hoffman House with national committeemen from the Eastern States as to the make-up of the sub-committee, which probably will be composed of about fifteen members.

Speaking of Democratic prospects, Mr. Mack said:

"I have heard from committeemen and prominent Democrats all over the country, and while it is too early to make forecasts, I can say at this time that the future appears bright for success. I have received numbers of letters from well-known Democrats in many parts of the United States who are not active or interested in the campaign, who announce their readiness to do all they can for the ticket. I do not know of a Democrat who is not ready to do all he can. Judge Parker accepted immediately a tender of a position on the advisory committee and will do whatever the committee asks him. Governor Johnson also accepted a position on the same committee without delay.

A STRONG COMMITTEE.

"The sub-committee which will have direction of the national campaign in the East will be made up of strong men and capable of conducting an efficient campaign. The State committee has never been so strong. Altogether everything will be done to make a strong fight in the Eastern States. I expect to leave for Chicago Monday evening."

Urey Woodson announced to-day that he would spend most of his time during the national campaign in Chicago, where the main headquarters of the national committee will be located. Headquarters in the East probably will be in the Hoffman House.

STEAMER IS HELD UP.

Norwegian Steamer Which Carried a Case of Yellow Fever to New York is Not Allowed to Leave Port—Visitors to Ship Are Under Close Observation.

New York, Aug. 1.—The Norwegian steamer Horda, which brought a case of yellow fever from Vera Cruz, Mex., on Thursday, was not allowed to go to Norfolk to-day. She started for that port, and 15 minutes after she passed out through the narrows, the health officers' boat went after her. The speedy cutter soon overtook her and by noon time had her back in and by noontime had her back in exhaust every sanitary precaution. No chance is to be taken of the ship carrying yellow fever to a Southern port, where, naturally it is more dreaded than here.

The persons who visited the Horda while she was tied up to a Brooklyn pier until this morning, will be kept under close observation for a fortnight. Henry Larsen, the seaman who has yellow fever, is in a serious condition in the hospital on Swinburne island.

Traffic Not Seriously Blocked on A. C. L.

Wilmington, Aug. 1.—At the office of General Manager W. N. Royall, of the Atlantic Coast Line here today emphatic denial was given to newspaper reports further South to the effect that by reason of inundation of its tracks by high water traffic was seriously blocked. The fact is that trains have been annulled only on one unimportant branch of the system between Wilmington and Newbern and as soon as the water recedes, traffic will be fully resumed on this line. While the rainfall and storm on branches of its system have been almost unprecedented the Atlantic Coast Line has suffered a minimum of inconvenience and delay.

Stranded Off Cape Lookout.

Wilmington, Aug. 1.—An unknown four-masted schooner flying signals of distress is reported stranded with sails and spars gone off Cape Lookout. The Wilmington tug Sea King has gone to her assistance. No further details are obtainable here at this time.

BRYAN FINISHES SPEECH.

Printers Are Working on the Democratic Speech of Acceptance and Proofs Will Be Submitted For Correction To-Morrow or Tuesday—Tammanyites Pledge New York's Solid Vote.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—The preliminary draft of the speech of acceptance of William J. Bryan was finished to-day and printers are now setting it in type. Proofs will be submitted to the Democratic nominee on Monday or Tuesday, when the final corrections will be made. The speech will be completed by August 5th.

Mr. Bryan was absent from Fairview most of the day, attending the funeral of a neighbor and also making arrangements for the printing of his speech. On his return he found waiting him a number of visitors. Among these was R. M. Hitch, vice president of the Bryan and Kern Club, of Savannah, Ga., who told him that Georgia was safely Democratic. Mr. Hitch has been long identified with the politics of his State. He told Mr. Bryan that while Taft, Thomas E. Watson and John Temple Graves were well thought of in Georgia and would have a good following, there was no possibility of the State going other than Democratic.

A delegation of Tammanyites also called to pay their respects. Mr. Bryan was much gratified to hear from them that "the Democracy of New York would cast its solid vote for him." The question of the Democratic nominee's visiting the Empire State came up; and while no date has been determined on, Mr. Bryan imparted the information that it was his intention to go there and deliver several prepared speeches.

This afternoon the protests of Victor Rosewater against the fusion of Democrats and Populists on Bryan presidential electors were argued before Secretary of State Junkins, Arthur Mullin appeared in behalf of S. A. Damron, candidate from the sixth district and also for some of the other candidates, who protested.

Victor Rosewater and others presented the contestants' side of the case. It is believed that either way the Secretary of State may decide the case, it will be carried up for an opinion by a justice of the Supreme Court, as is allowed by law.

TO RE-ORGANIZE COMPANIES.

Plans Are Complete For a New Company to Take Over and Operate the Properties of the Virginia and Richmond Power, Passenger and Traction Companies— Capital Stock Will Be $12,500,000.

Baltimore, Aug. 1.—It is understood that a plan for the re-organization of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, the Richmond Passenger and Power Company and the Richmond Traction Company and controlled lines will be announced by a committee composed of Douglas Robinson, chairman, New York; F. J. Gould and Charles S. Wheelen, New York; R. Lancaster Williams, Baltimore; Percy M. Chandler, Philadelphia, and Fritz Sitterding, Richmond.

The plan provides for the organization of a new company under the laws of Virginia to acquire and operate the properties. It is proposed that this company shall have a capital stock of $12,500,000, of which $7,500,000 shall be common and $5,000,000 non-cumulative preferred stock, entitled to dividends not exceeding 5 per cent. a year up to January 1st, 1914, and thereafter at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent. a year.

A bond issue to the amount of $15,000,000 is proposed. The bonds are to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent., run twenty-five years and be secured by a first and refunding mortgage or deed of trust, which will be a first mortgage lien on a large part of the property of the new company.

Bonds of the new issue to the aggregate amount of underlying bonds will be reserved in the hands of the trustees in the new mortgage to retire these liens.

NEGRO SHOT BY OFFICER.

Sandy Gilchrist Resists Arrest and Gets a Bullet in His Body Which May Result in Death.

Special to The Observer.

Hamlet, Aug. 1.—To-night about 8 o'clock Policeman Fulton Griffen shot and seriously wounded Sandy Gilchrist, colored. It seems that Sandy was drinking and was using unbecoming language in the store of Mr. C. L. Keel and had stolen a sack of flour. Mr. Keel had ordered him out but the negro went out using abusive language and Mr. Keel called for a policeman and Mr. Griffen answered the call. The officer claims that the negro resisted arrest, whereupon he shot him, the ball taking effect in the lower part of the right shoulder and ranging downward passed through the lung and came out under the shoulder blade. The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. John I. Folks, who dressed his wounds.

It is impossible to say whether or not the negro will die but the wound is of a serious nature and the chances are against him. Mr. Griffen surrendered himself to the authorities and will be held to await developments.

ELECTIONS IN CUBA ORDERLY.

President Roosevelt Congratulates the Island on Its Orderly Election—A Vindication of Its Capacity For Self-Government.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 1.—President Roosevelt, in replying to a cablegram received from Governor Magoon to-night in which the latter described the orderly election held in Cuba to-day, congratulated the people of Cuba on the orderly election, which he termed a "vindication of their capacity for self-government." The President's message follows:

"Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 1.

"Magoon, Havana.

"I congratulate the people of Cuba on the orderly election that has been held and the vindication just shown of their capacity for self-government. I have no doubt that the next elections will be as orderly and as fair, and I feel the greatest satisfaction at the serious and responsible way the Cuban people are preparing for the assumption of their full duties as an independent republic.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Death of Little Elizabeth Sullivan.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 1.—Elizabeth Sullivan, the 7-year-old daughter of Engineer H. H. Sullivan, of the Asheville division of the Southern, and Mrs. Sullivan, died this morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her parents on Patton avenue. The little girl had been ill for five weeks, for the past several days no hope of her recovery being entertained.

STORM'S FORCE IS SPENT

EASTERN CAROLINA RECOVERS

Fierce Northeaster Which Hit Kinston and Surrounding Sections so Heavily Leaves Damage in Its Wake, Though No Loss of Life is Reported—Railroad Bridge Over Southwest Creek Will Not Be Passable in Several Days—Neuse River Very High and Still Rising Last Evening—Kinston People Forced to Wade Through Streets—Dispensary Was Only Dry Shelter in Town—Hotel Tull Closes Down For Repairs and Enlargement, Work to Begin Right Away.

Special to The Observer.

Kinston, Aug. 1.—The heavy northeaster which has been beating upon Kinston and the surrounding country for several days spent its force last night with a gust of wind, and this morning dawned clear and bright. In the wake of the storm come reports of ruined crops, farm lands covered with water, bridges down and county roads impassable and telephone and telegraph wires down. Communication with Newbern, which was prevented yesterday by the damage to the bridge on the Norfolk & Southern Railway across Southwest creek, has been practically restored. A gasoline boat was brought up from Newbern and this morning served as a ferry to transfer the eastbound and westbound passengers from the shoofly to the main train and vice versa. The transfer took about three hours and it was after 1 o'clock when the shoofly left here for Goldsboro. It will be several days before the bridge at Southwest creek can be repaired sufficiently to allow the passage of trains.

There was a washout on this road also between Tuscarora and Cove, but the damage was not sufficient to prevent trains from passing over it. No one can hope, nowever, for any regularity of schedule except the arrival of the morning train from Goldsboro for several days.

RIVER IS STILL RISING.

The river rose 22 1-2 inches during the night and is still rising rapidly from the effect of the heavy rains up the country. In the county the bridges across South creek and at Kennedy's Mill are both down and washed away. When the dam of two mills above Kennedy's Mill on Southwest creek broke yesterday they turned loose a sheet of water in Kennedy's pond that threatened to take everything before it. Mr. Dick Wooten and several others were caught in the mill and remained there for some hours, until some one got up a raft and took them off.

The rural mail carriers have been unable to get more than a few mails out on their routes, when they have had to return to the city on account of swollen streams and missing bridges. The carrier on route No. 2 got further than anybody yesterday, making five miles before he was compelled to return.

In the city water stands several inches deep in some places and along Heritage street in north Kinston people have to wade to get out of their houses. Every house in the town so far as The Observer's correspondent has been able to learn leaked during the storm Thursday night and Friday, the roof of the Kinston dispensary alone keeping the water out. The day's strong sun has done much to dry up a good deal of the water and help restore things to their normal conditions.

RAIN SETS IN AGAIN.

At 8 o'clock to-night, the hour of writing, rain has again set in after a day of sunshine, but it appears to presage only a passing shower.

The Kinston tobacco market is advertised to open Tuesday and the conditions of the roads will resiously interfere with the bringing in of the crop. The greatest damage to crops is to cotton and corn, the cotton being blown down and drowned in many places over large areas. The trains on the Kinston & Snow Hill and Kinston & Carolina roads hope to resume their schedule Monday. Very little traffic was attempted on either of these roads to-day. So far as can be learned no loss of life has occurred but the financial loss to the county will reach into the hundreds of thousands.

HOTEL CLOSES TO MAKE REPAIRS.

The management of Hotel Tull has decided to close down for repairs. To-day guests were refused and those in the hotel asked to find accommodations elsewhere. To-night the hotel will be closed and remain closed for several months, during which time it will be completely and thoroughly renovated from top to bottom. An architect has been in conference with the owners, preparing plans for the refitting and refurnishing, and work is to begin Monday. According to the plans the building will be considerably enlarged with ten or more additional rooms. A complete system of waterworks will be installed, providing lavatories in every room, and there will be about twelve rooms arranged with baths attached. Besides this the building will be equipped with steam heat throughout and a new system of electric lighting, telephones, etc., making it in every respect thoroughly modern.

DECLINES TO DISSOLVE ORDER.

Judge Speer Declines to Dissolve Restraining Order in Freight Rate Case But Grants an Interlocutory Decree.

Mount Airy, Ga., Aug. 1.—Judge Speer has granted an interlocutory decree in the railroad freight rate case, declining to dissolve the restraining order in force, and continuing the same in full effect until the further order of the court.

Continuing, Judge Speer says:

"The decree will also provide in effective terms that the complainants, and others who have the right to intervene shall within ten days make complaint to the inter-State commerce commission; ask that body (if necessary) that it may take the initiative in this investigation; if need be, fix the maximum rates; and give such other aid and assistance to the parties in controversy and to the court, as in the judgment of the commission may be in accordance with the law and the rights involved."

Lynched Negro's Victim Dies.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Lillian Davis, the victim of Shaw, the negro who was lynched Wednesday night, died to-night. The death of A. N. Knowles to-day brings the total of dead up to four. Knowles, it is said, was one of the attacking party on the county jail and one of the first to be shot down by the deputies, the deadly fire from the Winchester rifles of the officers wounding him as well as many others.

AFFAIRS AT SALISBURY

MAY DEFER DEPOT OPENING

On Account of Large Amount of Work to Be Done Yet New Passenger Station May Not Be Opened Till Next Month, When There Will Be a Big Blow-Out—Some Dissatisfaction Among Republicans Over Call For County Convention—Hebrew Merchants Engage in a Battle of Physical Manhood—Manager of Large Department Store Resigns—Excursion Run From Salisbury to Asheville—Work of Street Improvement Being Pushed—Brief News Notes of Interest.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Aug. 1.—The opening of the new depot may be deferred until the 1st of September owing to the large amount of work to be done outside the station such as pavements and the yard in front of the depot out to Council street.

Salisbury citizens to show their appreciation propose to have a big blowout and have President Finley and staff here.

The Balfour Pink Granite Company has been chartered with $60,000 capital stock subscribed by W. A. Eason, E. K. Trickey, E. C. McCall and others. This company will operate one of the best quarries in the granite belt four miles southeast of Salisbury.

REPUBLICANS DISSATISFIED.

Much dissatisfaction among Republicans of this county exists over the call for the county convention on the 22d of August. It seems to be the purpose of this call to send delegates to Charlotte and nominate county officers, but the call ignores the plan of organization and treats the State chairman's call with contempt. Na primaries will be held and those delegates used in the call for the Greensboro convention will be used at this. These seem to be a perpetual set of delegates. There will be no expression of the people as to choice of State and county officers and they are expected to take what is handed down by the favored few. It seems to be the opinion of a number of Republicans that the plans of the organization will miscarry. In any event there will be some rapid firing when they meet.

Messrs Miller and Feldman, two Hebrews who run each a large dry goods and clothing store beside each other, engaged in battle this morning. Feldman's son Charles came to his father's rescue and gave Miller a most severe drubbing. The case was referred to Mayor Boyden for final decision.

Rev. C. M. Short, pastor of Holmes Memorial church, who has been spending his vacation in Greensboro and Charlotte, has returned to the city and will fill his pulpit to-morrow.

Sheriff Harris, of Concord, was in town to-day conveying Mr. Daniel Klutts to the hospital at Morganton.

Mr. J. S. Archbell, who for the past year has had charge as manager of the Empire Department Store Company, one of the biggest dry goods stores of the State, has resigned to take effect to-day. Mr. Archbell is an experienced man and the Empire has prospered under his management. It is very much regretted that this move means the leaving of Salisbury of both Mr. Archbell and his estimable family.

A crowded excursion left this city yesterday morning for Asheville and returned this evening. This is the first excursion to the mountain metropolis in several years and was eagerly taken advantage of. It was under the management of the veteran excursionist, D. R. Julian.

Mr. George A. Jackson left yesterday for Seattle, Wash., where he goes as the representative of the Salisbury Aerie of Eagles to the national convention of the order. No fraternal lodge has grown more rapidly in this city than the Eagles, the membership now numbering about 150.

The Johnny J. Jones Carnival Company will exhibit here next week for the benefit of the volunteer fire department. The tents will not be pitched on the lot adjoining the new passenger station, the aldermen rescinding their former action granting the carnival permission to exhibit within the city limits. However, many believe a better location has been secured on the car line midway between this city and Spencer.

The work of street improvements is being pushed and before long this city expects to have the best thoroughfares of any town in the State. East Liberty street is to be transformed into a beautiful approach to the new passenger station. A portion of this street has been taken up with the red light district, but the property owners have agreed to donate six feet on each side for the purpose of widening this street from Main to the new station. It will then be put down with bitulithic and the car line extended to the station. This will then be used as one of the approaches to the depot.

Work on the Southern Power Company's sub-station just outside the city limits, near the Kesler Cotton Mill, is progressing and when completed the Salisbury-Spencer Street Railway Company will take power from the Southern and transmit it over the city and Spencer as well as operate its cars. It is understood that the electric company will abandon the car barns on East Liberty street and erect larger and more modern quarters at some point between Salisbuy and Spencer.

Dr. Henderson N. Miller, a native Salisburian, who is now one of the leading Luthern ministers of Ohio, being stationed at Columbus, will fill the pulpit at St. Mark's Lutheran church at China Grove Sunday morning. At the evening service the Young People's Guild will render a special programme.

The Dixie Concert Band enjoyed an outing at Granite Quarry yesterday. Band concerts, athletic sports and a big dinner were the features. A large number of the friends of this most excellent musical organization enjoyed the day with the boys.

A large number of Rowan's rural people, augmented by a number from this city, attended a genuine old fa-sol-la singing in Scotch-Irish township yesterday. Rev. W. A. Lutz, of Statesville, and Editor John M. Julian, of Salisbury, made addresses. A big dinner was served.

Col. Tom Black, the veteran guardian of the peace of the Queen City, was a welcome visitor here Thursday, the guest of his son, Mr. J. C. Black.

MR. TAFT IS NOT COMING

WILL NOT ATTEND CONVENTION.

The Observer's Greensboro Correspondent Learns From Good Source That the Presidential Nominee Will Not Be at Convention in This City—Guilford Republicans Call Their Primaries and Convention and Democratic Committee Meets Saturday—Mr. Cox Endorsed and Addresses Meeting—Democrats A-Plenty Offer Themselves For the Quaker County's Offices—Mr. E. J. Justice Not to Seek Renomination—Suit For $30,000 Instituted Against Southern.

Observer Bureau,
The Bevill Building,
Greensboro, Aug. 1.

Mr. Edward A. Brown, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, to-day issued a call for the committee to meet in this city Saturday, August 15th, for the purpose of selecting dates for holding the precinct primaries and county convention for the nomination of a county and legislative ticket. Very little interest has been manifested in Democratic politics in this county since the very warm gubernatorial campaign and very few suggestions have been heard as to either candidates or primaries. Probably the primaries may be called for the first Saturday in September, to be followed by the county convention a week later.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.

So far there is a dearth of candidates anxious for an opportunity to heed the voice of "many friends" and serve their party's cause, but it is not anticipated that it will be necessary for the county convention to issue any search warrants when the time comes to make nominations.

Col. John A. Barringer, a leading member of the Greensboro bar, is the only candidate for the State Senate, though the names of two or three other gentlemen have been mentioned in this connection. Prof. J. Allen Holt, who represented Guilford in the Senate of the last General Assembly, will not be a candidate for renomination. There was some talk of inducing Prof. T. E. Whitaker, who is associated with Professor Holt at Oak Ridge Institute, to make the race, but he has announced that he will not be a candidate. Mr. A. B. Kimball, who is regarded by many people as an available man, will hardly consent to become a candidate for the Senate, on account of the exacting demands of his legal business.

MR. JUSTICE OUT OF THE RACE.

Messrs. John C. Kennett, of Pleasant Garden, and T. J. Gold, of High Point, are understood to be candidates for the nomination for the House of Representatives. Mr. E. J. Justice, who represented Guilford in the House at the last session and was elected Speaker, will not seek a renomination. His colleague, Dr. J. R. Gordon, of Jamestown, would accept another nomination, but it is understood that he will not make a fight for it. Dr. W. T. Whitsett, president of Whitsett Institute, has been urged by some of his friends to enter the race, and there is a strong demand in some quarters for Mr. J. A. Davidson, a well known cotton manufacturer of Gibsonville and the present chairman of the board of county commissioners, to become a candidate for the House of Representatives.

So far Sheriff Jones, who is serving his first term in a manner acceptable to everybody, has no opposition, and it appears that he will be renominated without opposition. The race for county treasurer is between three Confederate veterans—Mr. J. W. McNairy, the incumbent; Mr. G. H. McKinney, his predecessor, and Mr. A. Weatherly. A one-legged Confederate soldier, Mr. W. H. Rankin, and a crippled preacher, Rev. A. G. Kirkman, are competing for the nomination for register of deeds. Mr. Kirkman has held the office about 16 years and is regarded as the hardest man in the county to beat. He is known and loved by every woman and child in the county, and the men have been afraid to vote against him, even if they had the disposition to do so. Mr. Rankin is well known and popular throughout the county, and many people are finding it difficult to decide between the two candidates.

REPUBLICAN CLUB QUARTERS.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Greensboro to-day opened headquarters in the McAdoo Building, in the heart of the business district of the city. The club has rented three rooms, which have been fitted up in comfortable and inviting style. A large banner bearing the portraits of Taft and Sherman has been strung across South Elm street in front of headquarters.

MR. COX ADDRESSES MEETING.

The Republican county executive committee held a meeting to-day and called the precinct primaries for Saturday, August 15th, and the county convention for Monday, August 17th, for the selection of delegates to the State, judicial and congressional conventions and the nomination of a county ticket. The committee adopted by a unanimous vote a resolution endorsing Mr. J. Elwood Cox for the gubernatorial nomination. The resolution was offered by Mr. A. A. Holton, of High Point, who holds a position in the revenue service. A few minutes after the adoption of the resolution Mr. Cox appeared in the hall and was greeted with enthusiastic applause. In response to calls he addressed the meeting briefly, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and saying he believed the Republicans have a good chance to win in North Carolina this year if they will put out strong tickets. For the sake of the success of the State ticket, Mr. Cox thought it might be a good idea for the Republicans not to put out tickets in many counties where there are dissatisfied Democrats who might vote with the Republicans if no local fight should be made.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS SPEAKS ALSO.

State Chairman Adams also addressed the meeting, saying this is a Republican year and giving out the encouraging information that he is daily in receipt of letters from Democrats from all over the State informing him they are going to vote the Republican ticket. Judge Adams predicted that the State convention to be held in Charlotte on the 26th inst. will be the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of Republicans ever held in North Carolina. Before closing he declared that the Republicans, with united effort, can carry the State, on account of the dissatisfaction in the Democratic party.

A Republican whose influence is State-wide and whose knowledge of party affairs is equally extensive, informs The Observer correspondent that Mr. Cox undoubtedly will be the nominee for Governor. He said: "You can give it out as a fact that J. Elwood Cox will head the Republican ticket in North Carolina this year. He is the kind of candidate we want, and we are going to run him and elect him."

MR. TAFT NOT COMING.

The Observer correspondent learns from an authoritative source that Mr. Taft, the Republican candidate for President, will not visit the State convention of that party in Charlotte. It had been expected that Mr. Taft would be the star attraction of the convention, but it seems that it is not considered necessary for him to visit North Carolina at this particular time. From the same source of information it is learned that Mr. Taft will visit Greensboro and make a speech during the celebration of centennial week in October.

Judge Spencer B. Adams, Republican State chairman, will make a speech in Hillsboro on the 11th inst., and he is expected to pay special attention to the reported efforts of the Democratic national party to secure the negro vote. The serving of a lunch of fried chicken and other edibles to a delegation of negroes on the lawn of the Bryan home on the day the North Carolina national committeeman was at Fairview in conference with the nominee is expected to furnish Chairman Adams a text for his remarks.

SOUTHERN SUED FOR $30,000.

As counsel for J. K. Osborne Col. John A. Barringer to-day instituted suit in the Guilford Superior Court against the Southern Railway for $30,000 for injuries his client is alleged to have received while in the service of the railroad.

Judge and Mrs. James E. Boyd have returned from Asheville, where Judge Boyd sat as a member of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the summer session of which was adjourned to that city from Richmond, Va.

A good many people have an idea that a religious newspaper is a sort of eleemosynary institution, but certainly such a description cannot be applied to The North Carolina Christian Advocate, published in Greensboro as the organ of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist Church. The Advocate is controlled by the Conference, and in addition to being conducted on a high literary plane, is a distinct success from a financial standpoint. It is to be doubted if there is a better equipped newspaper and printing plant in the State.

The paper owns its home, a substantial brick building erected during the past three years at a cost of $9,000 and admirably arranged for the purpose it serves. Recently the company has installed a complete new equipment of type and eight new machines, including a fine Whitlock premier two-revolution book press and the latest model Dexter combination folder. All the machinery is operated by electricity. The building and equipment represent an investment of approximately $20,000.

In addition to publishing The Advocate, the circulation of which has doubled during the past three years, the company is carrying on a successful book and job printing business.

The Advocate is under the editorial and business management of Rev. H. M. Blair, a leading member of the Conference, who has demonstrated that he possesses rare capacity as an editor and business man. He has an able assistant in the person of Rev. W. L. Sherrill, who also is secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Dave Stevenson, who shot Henry Schmidt, one of Greensboro's baseball pitchers in a street fight Wednesday night, was given a hearing in police court this morning and held for the Superior Court under a bond of $100. He will be given a hearing Monday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

SHOT DOWN IN PARLOR.

A South Carolina Father Enraged at Conduct of His Daughter and Her Caller Shoots the Latter, Death Resulting—Surrenders to Sheriff.

Special to The Observer.

Laurens, S. C., Aug. 1.—J. Louis Williamson, a prominent young farmer of York county and the son of J. L. Williamson, of the same county, was shot and mortally wounded last night by J. Henry Garrison, the shooting occurring at the Garrison home at Gray Court, a little town ten miles west of Laurens. Young Williamson lived three hours after the shooting, being conscious for some time and realizing that he could not recover. It seems that young Williamson was a visitor at the Garrison home as the guest of Miss Mary Garrison, the accomplished daughter of Mr. J. H. Garrison. Last evening Miss Garrison and her visitor were alone in the family parlor. About 11 o'clock it appears Mr. Garrison went on the piazza for water. Observing the young people he concluded from appearances that the young man was not acting as he should and fired upon him with a shotgun.

An inquest was held this afternoon and a verdict in accordance with the above facts was returned. Garrison came down and surrendered to the sheriff this morning.

Asheville Tannery Wanted Hide of Big Elephant.

Special to The Observer.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The Reese Tannery Company, of Asheville, N. C., telegraphed to-day to the Philadelphia Zoological Garden offering to buy the hide of Bolivar, the great elephant which died last night. The request was denied, as the hide and skeleton have been turned over to the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Negro Manslayer Given Three Years on Roads.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 1.—In Superior Court to-day John Wooley, colored, submitted to a verdict of manslaughter for shooting and killing Peter Denison in this city June 6th. Wooley was given a term of three years on the county roads. After the murder Wooley escaped to Roanoke, Va., where he was arrested by a Baldwin detective.

Father Seized With Cramp and is Drowned.

Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 1.—James Gibson, aged 21 years, was drowned in Lawson's Fork this afternoon while in bathing. He went into the stream shortly after noon and was seized with cramps and drowned before assistance could arrive. Gibson lived at Pacolet.

FOUR NEGROES STRUNG UP

A WARNING ISSUED TO OTHERS

Mob of Fifty Men Quietly Rides Into Russellville, Ky., Forces the Jailer to Turn Over the Keys and Takes Four Negro Prisoners to the Outskirts of the City and Hangs Them to a Tree—No Shots Are Fired and the Mob Disperses Immediately After Finishing Its Work Without Disturbing the Slumber of the City—Victims Had Approved Brutal Murder of a White Farmer.

Russellville, Ky., Aug. 1.—Four negroes were taken from jail here early to-day and hanged to a tree on the edge of town. The mob was composed of about fifty men and the people of the town knew nothing of the affair until daylight revealed the four bodies dangling from a tree just outside Russellville on the Nashville pike. The following note was found pinned on one of the bodies:

"Let this be a warning to you niggers to let white people alone or you will go the same way. Hugh Rogers better shut up or quit."

The negroes who were lynched were members of a lodge and at a meeting recently it is said they approved of the murder of James Cunningham, a white farmer, by his negro tenant, Rufus Browder. This murder occurred in the southern part of Logan county and it is supposed here that the mob was made up of men from that part of the county.

NO TROUBLE WAS ANTICIPATED.

The negroes had been in jail for several days and while there had been considerable unrest since the attempt on the part of the mob to take Browder from the jail some nights ago, no trouble was anticipated and there was no guard around the prison. The effort to get Browder failed, because he was spirited out of jail by the sheriff and sent to Bowling Green and later to Louisville, where he is now confined, awaiting trial.

The mob came into town so quietly that not one of the residents of the city was roused from slumber. Proceeding at once to the county jail the mob called Jailer Butts to the door of his residence, directly connected with the prison. When he made his appearance he found himself covered by rifles and shotguns and was given the command to turn over the keys of the jail or be shot down. After a short parley with the members of the mob in which he tried to persuade them to go away without doing any violence, he was finally forced to hand over the keys. The mob then entered the jail and finding the four negroes, forced them to go with them. Two of the men not being given time to dress were taken along in their night shirts and the whole party proceeded at once to the tree on the outskirts of the city on the Nashville pike, where the negroes were strung up in a row.

NO SHOTS FIRED.

Contrary to the usual custom of mobs no shots were fired at the swinging victims and the mob dispersed as soon as it had finished its work. There is no clue to the members of the band, as the jailer, the only person who saw them close enough to get a good look, could not recognize them. The bodies of the negroes were cut down during the morning.

The negroes were members of a lodge in the Southern part of Logan county and just when the entire county was stirred up over the killing of Mr. Cunningham by Browder it is alleged that they held a meeting and expressed their approval of Browder's deed. The excitement in that vicinity ran so high for a time that it was feared a race war would result, but the four leaders in the meeting were arrested and brought to this city and these were the men lynched to-day.

TREE USED BEFORE.

The murder which started the trouble was one of the most brutal in the history of Logan county. Browder, who was a tenant on Cunningham's place, had been discharged and upon leaving swore vengeance. The next day he returned and lay in wait for Cunningham. When the latter came near his hiding place Browder fired at him, killing him instantly. The negro then escaped but was captured and placed in jail at Russellville. A mob was immediately formed but the sheriff hearing that violence would be attempted had Browder taken into the woods for the night and when the mob made its appearance succeeded in convincing them that the negro was not in jail. The band dispersed and the next morning Browder was taken to Bowling Green and later to Louisville.

The tree on which the negroes were hanged had been used before for the same purpose.

The coroner's jury late this afternoon returned a verdict to the effect that the four negroes "came to their death by hanging by unknown parties."

BROWDER SAFE IN JAIL.

Knew the Victims of the Mob and All Belonged to the Order of "True Reformers"—Society Raised Funds to Defend Him.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 1.—Rufus Browder, the negro who killed James Cunningham, was brought to jail here a week ago from Bowling Green for safe keeping.

Browder, when told by a reporter that the four negroes had been taken from jail at Russellville and lynched, said:

"It's awful bad that the boys have to be strung up on my account. I hope they don't get me."

Browder said he was acquainted with the negroes who were lynched, as they all worked on farms in the same vicinity. He said the order to which they belonged was known as the "True Reformers."

Browder claimed that it was a society formed to provide insurance and burial. He said there was no race feature to it and claimed that it had been well thought of by the white people. He said he did not believe they had gone so far as to endorse him for killing Cunningham, but said that it had raised a fund to be used to employ lawyers for him.

Bids Opened For Pier and Coal Shed at Key West.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Bids were opened at the bureau of yards and docks of the Navy Department to-day for the construction of a quay wall pier and coal shed at the Key West navy yard. The bids, in brief, were as follows:

The Penn Bridge Company, Washington, D. C., $253,439; W. W. Lindsay & Co., of Philadelphia, $288,000; Grant Wilkins, Atlanta, Ga., $270,000; the Conveying Machinery Company, New York, $490,788, and the Snare & Triest Company, New York, $262,600.

The contract was not awarded.