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WITHDRAW GOEBELISM.

The state democratic executive and central committees will meet at Raleigh tomorrow. The occasion is a solemn one, in view of the revolutionary attitude the party has been led, by the machine element of the party working through the democratic majority in the last legislature, to assume on the suffrage question, and the popular protest this has excited. What such a protest can accomplish has been disclosed there when Simmons, the chairman of the democratic executive committee in this state, is attempting here. Goebel's attempt divided his party and lost them the governorship. Throughout the country the Goebel election law and Goebel's methods have been execrated. The last legislature in this state enacted the Goebel law into statutes. They added to it some features that are worse than any that the Goebel law contains. In this act, and in the submission of the Louisiana suffrage amendment, after they had taken pains to send a committee to Washington to learn that that amendment is a violation of the United States constitution, they followed the recommendations of Chairman Simmons and his ambitious little confederate, Josephus Daniels, who expected to rid the party over which they have gained control of the necessity of meeting honest opposition at the polls. If the Simmons election law is capable of any other construction we would be pleased to have either Simmons or Daniels explain it. At the meeting tomorrow the two democratic committees might receive from the promoters of this law an explanation of it and transmit that explanation to the public. In view of the verdict registered against the law in Kentucky it would be interesting to know if the democratic committee in this state regard it as politic, leaving out the question of honesty—which was omitted when the law was enacted—for the party to remain under the cloud of this disgraceful law. It would also be interesting, in view of the recent verdict of the Georgia house of representatives on the Louisiana amendment, and the now well attested public sentiment against it in this state, to know if these committees are willing to endorse the act of the machine in its attempt to place this amendment in the constitution of North Carolina. Of course if the committees declared in favor of the repeal of the Simmons election law, and the enactment of an honest election law, they would dissolve the plot to force through the amendment, the ratification of which depends upon the Simmons law. This meeting will be a test of the strength of Simmons and Daniels. If their methods are endorsed, or allowed to continue without

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protest, the democratic party in North Carolina has before it the same struggle that confronted the democratic party in Kentucky under the outbreak of Goebellism. The leaders of the party will declare for honest elections, and voters of the right of suffrage by fraud, or the people will take the matter into their own hands. The choice remains with the party leaders to say which method of settlement they will choose.

Tolstol's article, "Self-Sacrifice," which has already been noticed in the Gazette, is apparently a puzzle to the critics. Nothing in the literary line from Russia since the "Kreutzer Sonata" has excited more attention, but no one seems to know just how to take it. The Brooklyn Eagle says of it: "Self-Sacrifice of particular importance and impressiveness. In it the marvelous self-surrender of the man is shown in every guesome detail. The apparent impossibility of living the Christ life is made the imperative necessity of following the high ideal. On the surface a confession of failure, it is, as a matter of fact, a remarkable manifestation of the faith which may yet move mountains."

The Washington Post takes another view and says: "So Tolstol has recanted. In his last message to the world, 'Self-Sacrifice,' he despairingly admits the error of his doctrines and the futility of the denial which he has practiced. He says that the task of reforming mankind through the medium of self-abnegation is too vast, too stupendous, that a widening chasm exists between the rich and the poor, and that countless human bodies and generations of self-sacrifice are needed to fill it. He also speaks of the ingratitude of the poor, of their whimsical demands, of their utter lack of appreciation and the absolute impossibility of noticeably lessening want and wretchedness. Could there be a more mournful spectacle? Tolstol, aged and dying in perhaps the last article which his stiffening fingers will ever pen, renounces the life of a life-time." We fancy the general reader will see neither the triumph of faith nor the confession of failure in "Self-Sacrifice," but merely the history of an experiment. As such it should have its value as a "human document" and take its place among biographies.

At the October meeting of the Episcopalian club of Massachusetts, Captain Mahan read a paper on the relations of church and state from the point of view of Christian practice, in which he said, "Our duty to the state derives from our duty to God," and declared that while each citizen must act according to his individual conscience in political matters the church as a whole has "the clearest of duties to watch sympathetically all that concerns the state, and to influence its course by unceasingly asking that it may be guided aright by the direct inspiration of the Holy Ghost. This is the organic connection of church and state. We cannot be true to the one unless we are true to the other."

The New York Sun says, under the title, "Our Vanishing Pines," "Minnesota is our last great source of white pine lumber, and its supply will be exhausted within the next five years if the present rate of consumption continues," and adds: "This country should begin in earnest the study of methods of husbanding and cultivating our timber, so that we may always have an abundance. Lumber is wealth and it is comfort."

The World remarks that "a lightning rod on a church is a sign of doubt." There is a church in New Jersey that has been struck by lightning, burned down and rebuilt three times. There was apparently no doubt in the minds of its members as to the desirability of having a church. They were bound to have it and to have it on a hill.

Under the corner of a room in the House of the Vestal, which is being excavated in the Roman Forum, a workman lately turned up a spadeful of gold coins. They are 370 in number, all stamped with the head of the emperor Anthemius, who was killed by the emperor-maker Ricimer when he plundered Rome in A. D. 472. Another find of coins has been made at Ossero, in the Austrian island of Cherso, south of Fiume in the Adriatic. It seems to be the collection of a numismatist of classical times, and comprises 475 coins, ranging from the year 254 to the year 4 before Christ.

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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ADJOURNS

NEXT ONE AT RALEIGH AND REV. W. M. VINES WILL PREACH THE SERMON.

Resolution Adopted Against Seating Roberts.

Members of the Convention Will Occupy Different Pulpits in the City Today, and there will be a 3 O'clock Meeting this Afternoon and Formal Adjournment.

The Baptist state convention practically adjourned yesterday, although the formal adjournment will not be until today.

The Baptist convention opened yesterday morning with devotional exercises, followed by a talk by Rev. Adam J. Corn, who has served the church for 55 years.

The committee on time and place of the next convention, reported through Chairman W. N. Jones of Raleigh in favor of W. M. Vines of Asheville as preacher for the next convention and W. C. Tyree of Durham as alternate, and named Raleigh or Burlington as the place of meeting. The report of the committee as to the preacher was adopted and Raleigh chosen as the place of meeting.

Dr. A. M. Simms of Raleigh read a brief report of the committee on cooperation in mission work. The report of the committee on ministerial relief was read by J. S. Hardaway, stating that the past year was in many respects the most successful for the cause of the fund, and the report of the ministerial relief board was read by Chairman J. F. McDuffie, stating that there has been no deaths of beneficiaries.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The committee to nominate a board of education reported the following names: C. E. Taylor, J. W. Lynch, W. L. Potat, J. F. Lennan, W. B. Royall, John Mitchell, D. W. Allen, W. R. Culkom, C. E. Brewer, J. C. Caddell, J. M. Brewer, T. E. Holding, J. B. Carby, J. H. Gorrell, W. B. Dunn, B. F. Siedel, J. L. Lake, W. B. Daniel, J. C. Fowler, D. W. Johnson, W. C. Parker, L. R. Mills, J. B. Brewer, J. B. Poves, R. E. Royall, F. M. Purefoy, N. Y. Guley, E. W. Sikes.

The report of the committee on Sunday school and colportage work read by T. B. Meseley, who spoke briefly on the need of increased work. Superintendent J. E. Key, of the deaf and dumb institute at Raleigh, Rev. C. W. Blanchard, of Kinston, and N. B. Broughton, chairman of committee, spoke on the report.

SCHOOLS.

Professor Hobgood of Oxford seminary spoke five minutes on the growth of the seminary, which has been increasing 20 per cent. per year.

Prof. E. S. Chowan institute, presented the claims and advantages of his school and J. W. Bailey said the Women's Educational unions were doing most valuable work in providing for the payment of the debt on the female university.

The committee on the adjustment of the convention's interest in the will of Louis Carrender of Yadkin county, reported that the committee has compromised its claim for \$1,000 cash, which was now in the hands of the treasurer.

A resolution was passed commending the work done by Chowan and Oxford institutes. A resolution of thanks to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck for her faithful labors in the cause of education was passed by a rousing vote.

Rev. T. Bright of Murphy said that a house for a preacher had been purchased by supreme efforts.

It was announced that the board of home missions would meet December 21 at Raleigh.

AGAINST SEATING ROBERTS.

Mr. Davis offered a resolution against the seating of Congressman Roberts of Utah, which was adopted.

The president appointed as a committee to consider the question of an educational commission to report in 1900, B. W. Spilman, C. E. Taylor, J. C. Scarborough, J. A. Campbell, W. J. Terrell.

The report of the board of ministerial education was read by President Blasingame.

Prof. John Mitchell of Wake Forest, corresponding secretary, read his report. All outstanding obligations have been paid and the board is out of debt.

The report of J. D. Boushall of Raleigh, treasurer for the year ending December 1, 1899, was distributed in print.

The following executive committee of 18 members was adopted.

COMMITTEE.

The Baptist Young People's union was announced by J. W. Bailey: J. E. White, W. M. Vines, Livingston Johnson, J. F. Watson, C. W. Blanchard, R. T. Vann, C. S. Blackwell.

Dr. Thomas Hume presented for the committee a resolution commending the Baptist historical papers published by Revs. J. D. Huilham and T. M. Pittman as true records of the principles and movements of the Baptists in North Carolina.

The following Ministerial Relief Board was announced: W. C. Tyree, president; T. B. Cheek, secretary and treasurer; J. F. McDuffie, corresponding secretary; C. J. Parker, O. C. Horton, J. V. Edgewise, H. A. Foushee, J. S. Hardaway, A. H. Riggsbee, D. L. Gove and J. P. Timberlake.

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