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Sorry He Went.

The recantation letter of Col. Jas. H. Holt, Jr. recently elected by the republicans of this district as a delegate to the National convention, is a matter of no less comment and criticism than was his leaving the democratic party some time ago. No matter what strictures may be made as to his political adroitness, his letter, cutting loose from those with whom he had so recently cast his lot, and throwing up the honor they had conferred upon him, bears the impress of honest manhood and unquestionable loyalty to what he conceives to be the best interest of his people. His pecuniary interest are certainly with the republican party, but in home affairs, he has shown that higher motives control his action.

The Colonel was just from a meeting of the Masonic Lodge, where they say the highest sentiments are promulgated and where the strictest safeguards prevent the admission of the unworthy, when he met at Goldsboro the returning delegates from the Russell convention, white and black reeking with the fumes of political and physical debauchery, mingled on the common ground of social equality. It was more than the nerves of the Colonel could stand. He had read that "birds of a feather flock together," and was unwilling to be netted with that flock; and perhaps too he thought;

Though my factory crumble to foundation stone,

The hand of Jim Holt shall be his own: And never will it in social grasp

The hand of such as Bill Crews clasp. Anyhow he "writ" a letter, which has practically taken him out of politics for some time to come. Plaid dresses are a safer investment any way, with or without McKinley.

THE Confederate Veterans all over Dixie are making arrangements for a march on Richmond at the laying of the corner stone of the Jeff Davis monument, July 2d. It is well. Many of them, in all human probability, will never have another opportunity to meet so many of their comrades. The gathering will possibly recall some sad memories of occasions and deeds that should be kept fresh and green in the Southern heart—of deeds of fame more enduring than brass or breeze. However, Richmond may open her homes, her heart and her purse, she cannot add a laurel to the crown of generous courtesy extended at the unveiling of the Lee Monument several years ago. The world never witnessed such a day, and it could only have occurred there, at the centre of the "Lost Cause."

CYCLOPES have swept a number of towns in Texas, killing hundreds of people and destroying an untold amount of property. The authorities are calling for aid to succor and feed many injured and homeless. We here in North Carolina should be thankful for our exemption from awful visitations, and extend practical sympathy to our stricken fellow creatures.

Secretaries Olney and Carlisle recently consented, for the first time since they held office, to be photographed seated at their desks. The pictures were taken at the request of The Ladies' Home Journal, and will be used to illustrate ex-President Harrison's article describing the workings of the State Department in the July number of that magazine. Magazines for sale by T. J. Gattis & Son.

Drive out the impurities from your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla and thus avoid that tired, languid feeling and even serious illness.

Pat is for Silver.

Col. Pat Walsh, editor of the Augusta Chronicle, made a serious omission in his speech [at Southern Pines.] He covered everything except our gold mining interests, and Sandy Smith, of Cabarrus, made a big kick about it. After the speech he went around hunting Pat, but couldn't corner him until, walking the piazza, he looked into an open window and saw Mr. Walsh at dinner. Sandy climbed into the window and had Pat where he couldn't retreat. He dropped a four pound lump of gold on Pat's plate with a rattle that made people look around, poured a handful of nuggets in Pat's empty glass and placed the plaster cast of the 22 pound nugget in front of the orator. Then Sandy gave Pat some points on gold and gold mining, and the result was that Mr. Walsh promised to make another speech and do better.—Charlotte News.

Republican Candidates.

The republican state convention at Raleigh nominated the following ticket:

For Governor—Daniel L. Russell.

For United States Senator—Jeter C. Pritchard.

For Attorney General—Z. V. Walsler.

For Auditor—Ruff Henderson.

For Associate Justice—R. M. Douglass.

For Chairman Ex-Committee—E. A. Holton.

Delegates at large to national convention—Jeter C. Pritchard and James E. Boyd.

The nominees are a mixture of the gold and silver elements of the party and also of the Pritchard and Settle factions.

It is no fight of ours; let 'em "lay on McDuff," and the hindmost do the best they can.

Equal Rights to All.

Respect for law is the duty of a citizen, and absolutely essential to good government.

The laws, to command respect, should be just and be impartially administered.

Discriminations in favor of the rich are influential, excites comment, and arouses the hot indignation of all fair minded people, and are jealously observed and noted by the lawless classes.

The petty thief whose hunger and wretchedness, perhaps, have driven him to commit crime, can not understand (nor can any one else for that matter) why he should pay the extreme penalty of the law for his offence, which the polished society scamp, who has looted a bank and stolen his thousands, should be mildly dealt with and have the tears and sympathy of the court.

The wild Irishman who has engaged in a little "scrimmage" can not understand why he should go to the roads to work out the fine and costs, while his more fortunately circumstanced neighbor who has been "raising sand" should have judgement suspended or a nol pro's centered in his case.

Our North Carolina courts as a rule are free from such contemptible discriminations, thereby making the few instances of favoritism that do occur more conspicuous.

The officer, whoever he may be, who lends himself to such contemptible discriminations should be branded with public disapproval at the first opportunity.

Since the nomination by the republican convention of D. L. Russell for governor, the logical thing for the populist and democrats to do, if they want to defeat Russell, is to unite on Maj. W. A. Guthrie, of Durham, a free silverite who commands the respect of all parties. This is merely the idea of a looker on, who views the situation impartially, both as to parties and men, and has no favorite among them.

THE senate has passed the river and harbor bill, appropriating \$76,000,000. This may be all right, but where is the high-land appropriation to come from. Their thirst has evidently induced them to give undue merit to water.

THE papers say that Grover Cleveland has written a letter declining to be president for the third term. No man who has watched his course expected him to want to be president again, but there are many thoughtful people who think he would like to be dictator for life, and that his vaulting ambition is working for that end.

COL. WADDELL, who is a free silver man, and a learned Biblical scholar has recently written a good deal denying the doctrine of future punishment. The colonel is also a politician of no mean ability, and of some aspiration for office. If he wants to run at this juncture his platform, we conjecture, would be "No hell and free Silver." We have no doubt it would take with the masses.

Sometimes the press reports are as unreliable as the news we generally get from Cuba. It turns out that the reported captain of Mathis, formerly editor of the Winston Sentinel on board the filibuster steamer competitor, which came near disrupting the relations between the two great governments of United States and Spain, was all a fake—a lie manufactured out of the whole cloth. Mathis is on his farm in Florida, and has not been to Cuba or at tempted to go there in any capacity.

The uninitiated marvel that the daily New York World, containing from ten to twenty pages can be sold down here at one cent a copy. The solution is easy to any man who will think a minute. Of course the one cent does not pay for the paper it is printed on and the news dealers commission, but it is the gold bug organ, and the reasonable supposition is that the World is getting more for every copy printed than ever before, paid by the single stand ard syndicate, and that this low price is only a dodge to disseminate Wall street literature by robbing the United States post office department.

Rejected Lover Kills Himself.

AUBURN, N. Y., May 13.—Charles A. Weddington, assistant financial clerk of the state senate, shot himself at the home of William E. Webster in this city, today. Weddington was in love with Miss Belle Webster, and it is thought that his suicide was because she had rejected his proposal of marriage. He was was about twenty-one years of age, and had been keeping company with Miss Webster about a year.

WHILE the republican cohorts, massed in Raleigh, are attracting so much attention from the large audience of democrats and populists who view the play from private boxes of the political spectacular stage, it is well for the country, and by the country we mean the people who support it both in peace and was, to consider whether it is a farce, a comedy, or a tragedy, upon which their attention is centered. When Rome burned, Nero thought it an amusing comedy, but it was the last sad tragedy of the Empire; and when Tom Settle is knifed by the conspirators in his camp as he will be, not that they love him less, but the party and America more, possibly, like Caesar he will exclaim, "Et tu Brutus."

W. B. Thompson, editor of the News, at Chapel Hill, was a Durham visitor yesterday.

The Agony Over.

As stated in last week's RECORDER, the great republican mountain which was in such extreme agony at Raleigh for two days and nights, has brought forth—Daniel Russell for governor and ended its labor.

Dockery's chances, thought to be as firm as the foundation of the granite cliffs of his mountain home, were undermined by the political quicksands (sometimes called quicksilver) of the Cape Fear river, and the cohorts ordained that "My Son Oliver" must take a back seat—not because he was not more than the peer of his opponent in service to his party, in ability and in character, but because his gold-plated sabre was powerless to pierce the silver shield behind which his antagonist fought.

If there is any significance in the action of conventions fresh from the people in every corner of the state, it is plain that even the republicans of North Carolina, with all their loyalty to party, cannot be driven to work for a gold standard candidate. It is a sign of the times which some people here in the fifth district do well to note, for it makes it extremely difficult for the Tom Reed, Tom Settle, anti-McKinley, anti-Jim Young combine to climb on the band wagon and ride to the pie counter.

Their Verdict Guilty.

NEWPORT, Ky., May 14.—The Scott Jackson case went to the jury at 10 o'clock this morning. Before retiring the Judge's type writes instructions and the bloody clothes, letters, and other articles that were shown in evidence were placed in their hands.

At 12:05 the jury returned to the court room with a verdict. Amid a deathlike stillness the foreman handed the verdict to the clerk, who read as follows:

"We the jury find the defendant, Scott Jackson, guilty of murder in the first degree and fix his penalty at death."

Jackson himself received his doom with no manifestation of emotion except paleness of the face. None of his relatives was present. The aged father of Pearl Bryan and her brother, Frederick Bryan were present when the verdict was rendered.

Congressional Candidates.

The republican conventions have nominated the following candidates for congress.

First—Endorsed Harry Skinner.

Second—George H. Whit (col.) of Newbern.

Third—No candidate nominated.

Fourth—N. C. English (Populist), of Randolph.

Fifth—Thomas Settle, of Rockingham.

Sixth—J. M. Smith, of Richmond, and Dr. Norment, of Rebeon.

Seventh—No nomination.

Eighth—No nomination.

Ninth—Richmond Pearson, of Buncombe.

Electors have been nominated only in four districts, J. J. Martin, in the Second; H. F. Chapin, in the Fourth; Samuel Marshall in the Eighth, and Seymour W. Hancock, of Craven, in the Third.

SENATOR PRITCHARD and Daniel Russell, in the event of McKinley's election, will dispense the federal pie in North Carolina. Under the circumstances it is to be presumed that the share falling to the lot of local politicians who early joined and howled for the anti-McKinley-Pritchard combine, will be like uncle Remus' possum, "bery on satifin."

The Central Sunday school of Raleigh will run a picnic excursion to Oxford next Thursday. 75c round trip.

Editorial Correspondence.

RALEIGH, May 14.—4:15 p. m. The republican state convention is on here today, and politics is all the talk.

The convention met in Metropolitan hall and was called to order at 12:30 o'clock by E. A. Holton, chairman of the state republican executive committee. J. C. L. "Logan" Harris, of this place, acted as temporary secretary and John C. Dancy, colored, of Salisbury, called the roll of the counties.

After the roll of counties were called temporary Chairman Holton announced the committee on credentials and stated that his friends thought it best to adjourn the convention until 4 o'clock to give the committee time to make out their report. There were calls for Pritchard and he announced that he would make a talk before the convention adjourned. The convention then adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. The delegation from seventeen counties are contested and the committee on credentials will make their report sometime late in the afternoon.

The whole thing is evidently "cut and dried," so to speak, having been arranged in caucus last night. Holton will be elected permanent chairman without any "fuss."

It is generally understood that a compromise between the Pritchard and Holton forces has been effected and that Holton is to be chairman and Pritchard will name the committees.

At this time it looks like Dockery will be nominated for governor.

Cloudburst Near Staunton.

STAUNTON, Va., May 13.—A heavy rain, wind, and thunderstorm, accompanied by a cloudburst, wrought havoc in this city late this afternoon. The cloudburst occurred about one mile west of the city and completely submerged Gypsy Hill Park and a part of Lewis street, washing away small houses and outbuildings and gardens and flooding cellars.

Several colored people had to be rescued from upper stories with ladders. The Augusta electric street car and light plants were greatly damaged. The loss cannot be approximated tonight.

McKinley and Free Silver.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., May 15.—McKinley and free silver was declared by the republican state convention today.

The delegates were instructed to support Chairman Vandeventer, for a place on the national committee, and McKinley for president. The financial plank in full is as follows:

"We re-affirm allegiance to the principles of bi-metallicism as enunciated in the republican state platform adopted at Casper in 1894; we commend the record of our senators and representatives in congress in maintaining these principles, and we instruct our delegates to the St. Louis convention to take like action when the financial plank of the platform of their convention is being made."

Of Interest Here.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Council for the officials of the American Tobacco company, who were indicted last week for violation of the anti-trust law, appeared in the court of general sessions today and filed a demurer. No date has yet been fixed for argument on the demurer.

THE cry of fraud is raised by the defeated candidates at the republican state convention. Of course there was fraud. Whoever heard of a convention in which it was not practiced? It has been from the beginning and will to the end, if left in control of spoil grabbers, as they have been from first to last.

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