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This ARGUS o'er the people's rights,
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maia'sson,
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep"

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POINTS POLITICAL

WHAT THE LEADERS ARE DOING.

A New Letter From the State Capital on the Trend of State Politics.

(Special Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 19, 1900.—A Republican of prominence from the eastern part of the State said to-day that he violently opposed his party's having any organization in the East for the August election, and assigned as a reason that to organize would only make the whites more determined to carry the election. This was a delicate way of expressing his belief that the Democrats would certainly win.

The fact is that the Republicans so far have no plans and no candidates. It is always their custom to select their men before hand, make up a slate in fact, but this year they are at sea, and offices appear to be begging. They know Democratic nominations are equivalent to elections. Not a Republican can be found who has any idea who will be his party's nominee for Governor. Out of dozens asked, not one has answered with any degree of positiveness. Some say in a vague way, Richmond Pearson, while others say he doesn't want the nomination, but does want to go to Congress from the Ninth District.

Complete as was Republican Chairman Holton's downfall and collapse two years ago, Republicans are saying he will be re-elected Chairman.

Speakers are in progress in many counties and wildly scattered. The amendments is the sole topic. The plan to make all else subordinate to it is being carried out by the Democrats. The Republicans are putting some speakers in the field, but they do most of their work by bush-wacking, taking single voters or very small groups. It will be a costly campaign for them, but of course their National Committee will help them, as it did in 1896, when it gave \$60,000 for North Carolina. In a few cases Populists are speaking, but a very few. Senator Butler is practically the only Populist to make any sign, barring the nine members of the State Committee who met here in January and fulminated against the amendment.

A Populist, who in 1896 was of State prominence, says Senator Butler is dealing with the Republicans as if he could command, or commanded, 60,000 Populists, whereas he does not control 10,000 and, that the Populists who will vote against the amendment would do so anyway, Butler or no Butler.

Some of the Populists who in 1896 and 1898 were prominent in politics, will this year retire. State Auditor Ayer, ex-Chairman, is one. The Populists who are trying to drive their people against the amendment have discovered that they cannot carry out their plans. Enough hints have been dropped to show them what the Convention will do—that is, leave the amendment to the individual view of the Populists.

If one asks people from the

country in Central and Eastern North Carolina the question, "What do you hear the white Republicans saying on the question of the amendment?" the reply is, "They are divided; some for and some against it." A politician would declare they were all against it.

The attitude of the negro on this question is interesting. It is passive. He sees what is sure to happen. Jim Young says the negroes care nothing about registering or voting, feel little or no interest in the election, and want the white people to settle the franchise matter, the negroes merely wishing to be let alone. The white Republicans want the negroes to keep out of conventions, keep in the background in fact, but to register. Young, speaking for the negroes, says there will be few, if any, in the conventions. The question is whether this is of their own motion or whether it is not a following the wishes of the white Republicans.

A GEORGIA GOLD MINE.

It is Said to Be the Richest In The East.

Atlanta, Ga., March 18.—The Nacoochee Mining and Manufacturing Company, with headquarters and main offices in Atlanta and a capitalization of \$5,000,000, applied for a charter for a gold mine in White county.

It is claimed by the owners that the richest of gold ores east of the Rocky Mountains are located on the property. Among the incorporators are Governor Allen Candler, ex-Governor Northen, F. B. Neal, F. E. Black and H. H. Cabaniss.

Roberts Praises His Men.

Bloemfontein, March 19.—Gen Roberts has issued an army order narrating the events that have occurred since the Free State border was crossed on Feb. 12, in which he says:

"This is a record of which any army in the world should be proud, a record which could not have been achieved except by earnest, well-disciplined men determined to do their duties, whatever the dangers and difficulties."

Gen. Roberts adds that he desires especially to refer to the heroic spirit with which the wounded have borne their suffering. Not a word or a murmur of complaint, he says, has been uttered.

TO EJECT NEGROES

A Michigan Town's Experience With "Coons" Short But Sickening

Houghton, Mich., March 19.—Citizens of Laurin, a fine residence suburb of the big mining camp at Calumet, have appointed a committee to rid the town of negroes. They object to having it called a vigilance committee and announce that only peaceable and legal methods will be used, but that the negroes must go. Colored men were almost unknown there until a sewer contractor brought in several car loads from Tennessee and Alabama eighteen months ago.

COL. CUNNINGHAM OUT.

Withdraws as a Candidate For Governor.

The following letter from Colonel Cunningham, which was given to the press Saturday, states his reason for withdrawing from the gubernatorial contest:

Cunningham, N. C., March 16, 1900. To the People of North Carolina:

Mr. Editor: I believe the success of the Democratic party this year is paramount to the ambition of any man, and that each member of the party ought to yield his own wishes in the interest of unanimous action.

I think it is also important that the candidate for Governor, who is rightly regarded as the leader of the party, should be selected, as far as possible, without contest and with practical unanimity.

Holding these views, and desiring always to do what is best for the party and the State, and believing what is the welfare of one is for the welfare of the other, I have decided to withdraw from the race for Governor.

I congratulate myself that in the contest which I have made I have done nothing to create any enmities, and that the friends of other candidates have been considerate of me and of my friends.

I have endeavored to conduct my campaign upon a high plane of political ethics, indulging in no unkind criticism or harsh statements concerning any one.

Every patriotic citizen must admit that the success of the party in the coming campaign is more important than the triumph of any individual, and that party success at this time should be placed high above every other consideration.

The constitutional amendment is at issue, and it must be decided in favor of white supremacy.

My friends throughout the State have been loyal to me, and they have labored in my behalf with effective earnestness and zeal. To them I am truly grateful, and it is to them that I turn with sincere pride, and shall ever cherish their loyal support as the brightest page in the history of my life.

They have waged a vigorous contest, and the assurances of support which I have received from many sources have been warm and encouraging.

I deeply appreciate every kind word they have spoken in my behalf, and I feel they will understand my action in retiring from the race at this time, since I can assure them and the good people of North Carolina that I am taking this step because I believe that it is in the interest of party harmony for me to do so, and because I think that my retirement will in a measure simplify the situation and increase to some extent our chances of party success. Every one who knows me will understand that my best services from now on, as they have always been in the past, will be at the command of the Democratic party, and I have never failed to enter into the thickest of the fight whenever the principles of our party have been assailed or white supremacy threatened.

Very respectfully,
JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro., druggists, Goldsboro, N. C.

The former editor of the Topeka Capital will now proceed to live down the Sheldon week.

The price of peace is marked up on President Kruger every time he kills one of our Bob's men.

Dr. Meserve Misplaced.

Under the caption, "Some Negroes who are Wise in Their Generation," the New York Sunday Telegraph discourses as follows:

"Occasionally their rises among the negroes a leader like Booker T. Washington, who gives us a faint hope for the future of the race. Such a man is President Meserve, of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. At commencement exercises at that institution the president advised the negroes to keep out of politics. 'The negro has accomplished two things in politics,' he declared. 'One is the passage of the Jim Crow car act; the other his disfranchisement.'"

"This be the words of a wise negro. Perhaps he is not at heart less hostile toward the superior Caucasian than is his less intelligent brother. But he has a fairly accurate understanding of the limitations as well as the possibilities of his people. He appreciates their woeful lacking in all things where capacity is concerned. He well knows how utterly futile they are in the larger affairs of life. He probably is keenly conscious of the fact that the negro can never dominate the white population, even in those districts of the South where his numbers predominate. He recognizes fully the futility of all effort toward such a condition. Knowing these things, he is wise in his words and seeks to counsel safely his fellows.

"The whites of the South understand the negro thoroughly and treat him accordingly. And they treat him well. The Southerner, accustomed to daily association with the black, feels not that repugnance toward him which is cherished by even the most radical advocates of race equality at the North. He has less of sentiment and more of sympathy, less of philanthropic talk and more of practical tolerance. He feeds him and provides him with shelter; permits him to do as little work as the demands of a lenient climate will allow; indulges his propensity for pilfering, which he believes is the loftiest and least harmful pleasure of his life; bangs him when he thinks he deserves it, which is frequent, and in many ways stands his friend and seeks to save him from himself. But he will never permit him to vote.

"It is true that the negro is disfranchised in the South. The white Southerner cares little how the negro might vote at the national election, but to permit his presence at the polls would be to extend to him the right of suffrage in local issues, which would mean the election of negro officials to rule the less numerous whites of many communities, with consequent corruption and abuse of power. The situation is simple. In a political sense there is no more a 'negro problem' in the South. It was long ago solved by the shotgun and Winchester. The negro should relinquish his dream of dominion, fostered by vicious demagogues, for he can never become even an inconsequential political factor."

As the Raleigh Post says: "The Telegram makes a mistake in

characterizing the excellent advice of the able president of Shaw University as "the words of a wise negro." They are the wise words of a sensible white man, who is devoting himself, as the president of this very useful college, to the improvement of the negro race along lines, and the only lines, on which the race can ever develop; and these words of wisdom but signify the realization by the president of the greatest if not the only stumbling block to the full fruition of his efforts and of those whom he, and the noble institution over which he presides, represent."

AYCOCK BY ACCLAMATION.

Charlotte News.

Developments in the past few days insure the nomination of Mr. Aycock by acclamation at the April convention.

Mr. Aycock is an ideal leader in such a contest as we have before us this year. And not only is he a fine debater and an eloquent orator, but he will come nearer commanding the enthusiastic support of Democrats of every section than any other man.

Even when there were other candidates from the western part of the State, Mr. Aycock had as strong support in their districts as they had themselves, and in his own section there was no opposing vote.

We may as well nail this to the masthead:

For Governor,
CHARLES B. AYCOCK,
of Wayne.

DESPERATE PLIGHT.

Mafeking Cannot Wait Much Longer For the Promised Relief.

London, March 19.—Mafeking has not been relieved, so far as is known here. It is probable that the converging of troops toward Mafeking indicates a much more serious purpose than merely its relief. Judging by Methuen's presence at Warrentown and the capture of a nearby passage through the Vaal at Fourteen Streams, keen observers believe that Roberts mediates an advance in force on Pretoria via Rustenburg, which might be started at Fourteen Streams or Klerksdorp, and would coincide probably with an advance via Bloemfontein and Natal.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidney and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by J. H. Hill & Son., Druggists. Guaranteed.

Cure Cold in Head.
Kerritt's Chocolates Laxative Quinine, easy to take and quick to cure cold in head and sore throat.

GENERAL NEWS.

Sir Henry Irving has contributed \$100 to the Dewey arch fund.

The Sheldon editions of the Topeka Daily Capital and cheap copies of "Sapho" are having a neck-and-neck race for the record in street sales in Chicago.

Edward Higginson, a member of the Peruvian Consulate in London, suggests that the Boers be offered an asylum and place to settle in Peru. How those South American Republics do look for trouble!

The fact that the occupation of the gamblers and dice-keepers of the metropolis is temporarily gone suggests a possible enlargement and development of New York's exhibit at the Paris Exposition.

Miss Katherine Clark, daughter of the contesting Senator from Montana, is engaged to be married to Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, of New York, Miss Clark is about 26 years old and very pretty.

Michael J. Dady, the Brooklyn contractor, who has been trying for so long to have the United States sanction his contract for new streets and sewers in Havana, now intends to secure a controlling interest in La Lucha, the leading newspaper there, and to become its editor.

Evans Weed, a wealthy farmer of Newfield, Conn., will petition the Legislature to change his name to Adam, after which he will transform his large farm into a duplication, as far as may be, of the Garden of Eden. Then he will advertise for some woman, named Eve, to be his escort.

Senator Depew's continuing and repeatedly expressed surprise at the number and persistence of petty office-seekers at Washington is rather curious and tends to accentuate the difference between the running of a great business, with which the Senator is familiar, and the running of a government.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine, of Chicago, proposes as a solution of the domestic service question to give the servants in her house and to urge for others and eight-hour day. Servants beginning work at 6 o'clock in the morning are to be replaced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by others who will work until 10 o'clock.

What with the influence of the bankruptcy act, the legal departments of the big trust companies and the fame of Dakota as a divorce centre, Chicago lawyers are said to be suffering from lack of business and greatly reduced incomes. Some one ought to start there a crusade against protected vice, as in New York.

Leslie Livermore, a survivor of the civil war and a well-known tramp, has refused an admission to the Soldiers' Home in Washington, which had been secured for him after some trouble, because it would separate him from his faithful dog, Kaiser, which once saved his life by waking him up while a fire was in progress.

Attempts are to be made, it is said, to continue the Topeka Capital as a religious daily, but some of the owners approve of and some object to this idea, and the matter may be carried into the courts. Another report is to the effect that Mr. Sheldon's experiment was really for the purpose, unknown to the minister, of preaching socialism in Kansas in a way that would disrupt the Populist party there.

Though we ought by this time to have islands to spare, the United States Hydrographic Office at Washington has made arrangements to have the United States ship Iroquois make a search for the missing Morrell Island while the vessel is engaged in the survey for a cable route in the Pacific Ocean. The island is described in recent reports as not being where it was last charted or anywhere else, and unless there is some mistake in the charts it has sunk.

Irish Feeling Toward the Queen.

Dublin, March 19.—The Lord Mayor, toasted the Queen at the St. Patrick's Day banquet, eulogized her as the embodiment of all that was best in the Government. The toast was heartily received.

The newspapers print numerous loyal messages of thanks and congratulations to the Queen from Irish societies.