

Democratic Convention.

Mass convention of the Democratic party of Alamance county is hereby called to meet in the court house, in Graham, on Saturday, June 11th, 1904, at noon.

The purpose of the convention is to select delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial Democratic conventions; and to consider and determine whether or not the party in this county shall hereafter fully conform to the State plan of organization of holding precinct primaries, and selecting delegates to all county conventions hereafter.

Every Democrat in the county is an authorized delegate to the convention hereby called.

By order of the Democratic Ex. Com. of Alamance county. E. S. PARKER, Chairman.

Judge Parker leads so far in the Presidential race. Several states have instructed for him.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor are getting quite active. Turner, Glenn and Steadman, all are developing considerable strength, but Steadman is in the lead.

The committee to investigate the condition of the A. & N. C. R. R. has made its report. Our Raleigh correspondent gives the salient points in the report, to which we call attention. The report is not very complimentary to the management from a business point of view, though there is no intention on the part of the committee or any one else that there has been any dishonest transactions.

It may be, after all, that the result of the investigation will precipitate a lease.

Program Fifty-third Commencement Hester Military School, Oxford, N. C.

Wednesday, May 25th. Field and Track Athletic Contest between Companies, 3 p. m.

Competition for Declaimer's Medal, and Competitive drill for Manual of Arms' Medal, Opera House 9 p. m.

Thursday, May 26th. Competitive Drill for colors between picked Company Squads 4 p. m.

Mounted Review of Cadet Corps by Adjutant General B. S. Royster and members of personal staff, 5 p. m.

Sham Battle between corps of Cadets on the offensive and Greenville Grays on the defensive behind breast works, 6 p. m.

Joint final Exercises of the Franklin Literary Society and the Washington Literary Society in the Opera House, 8:30 p. m.

Friday, May 27th. Final Ball, 9:30 p. m.

Music by First Regiment Band of Virginia.

Rural Carrier and his Hire.

There are about 20,000 carriers in the rural delivery service. Their pay is \$600 a year whether their routes are twenty miles a day; smaller distances in proportion down to \$200; and they have to provide a horse and wagon out of it. They have no annual leave with pay as the city carriers do. Their average route is twenty-three miles a day, usually over roads that are by no means flowery beds of ease. Many bills for increasing the pay of these rural carriers have been introduced into Congress. Now the rural free delivery is already expensive, and it will be widely extended. The country believes that the expense is justified. People in the cities may say justly: "Oh, \$600 in South Graham or East Dipperville ought to be as good as \$5,000 in New York." The people in the cities can know nothing about it. Can a competent and trustworthy rural carrier be had and kept for \$600 a year? That is the question. With the recession, Everybody's Magazine for June.

Charles J. Harris, of Dilahoro, the nominee of the Republicans for governor, is known as the "Kaolin King." He is the largest producer of that material, used in making china, in the United States.

Raleigh Letter.

Report Committee Investigating A. and N. C. Railroad, and Other News from the State Capital.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23, 1904.

The report of the special committee, which has been investigating the physical and financial condition and management of the State's railroad, has been in the hands of the Governor since last Thursday evening. But it will not be released to the press for publication until tomorrow (Tuesday).

However, through the courtesy of Gov. Aycock, this writer has been permitted to glance through the voluminous document. While it is impracticable to attempt a full synopsis of the entire report and evidence within the limited scope of this correspondence, I will refer as far as practicable to some of the more interesting portions of it. Those who are minded to wade through the labyrinths of the entire report can procure copies of the supplements to the Raleigh morning papers which will be printed this week.

It is an adverse report, and on the whole criticisms unfavorably the management of the road. It begins by stating that during four years of the incumbency of Mr. Bryan as president of the Atlantic and North Carolina R. R. The company has earned, above operating expenses and fixed charges, the sum of \$251,726.56. That during that time this company borrowed \$55,000, of which \$27,000 has been paid, leaving \$28,000 still owing. That there is also to be added the net earnings for the nine months extending from July 1, 1903, to April 1, 1904, viz., \$44,772.06, making altogether an apparent total of \$324,499.62 that had been available within four years and nine months for permanent improvements and extraordinary betterments to the property. That the committee is of the opinion, however, that many items have been charged up to extraordinary improvements that should have been included in operating expenses and renewals.

That the system in use of keeping account "has been crude and very unsatisfactory." That "very considerable betterments over conditions prevailing four years ago should have been effected by the expenditure of so large a sum of money." That the service has been greatly improved within the period covered by President Bryan's administration, and much of this money wisely spent, "some of it has been judiciously used—in some cases approaching extravagance."

Mention is then made in detail of the manner in which the expenditures have been made, and some of the mistakes and instances of extravagance pointed out. The bad judgment used in the erection of new depot buildings and warehouses, etc., is especially mentioned, and the report says that too much money was expended in this way at Goldsboro and elsewhere while new stations were badly needed at Morehead, LaGrange, Newport and Dover, etc.

The report very distinctly states that "the spirit of the law prohibiting free transportation has been violated," whether technically contrary to law or not, in furnishing "free passes" to persons who are not even stockholders.

That, although the by-laws provide that the "proxy committee" shall be constituted of "seven stockholders," there are at present 35 members of that committee, 14 of whom do not own a dollar of stock, and that "annual passes" are granted to all of these 35 gentlemen.

That the list of "local counsel" to whom annual free passes are issued contains the names of 34 more or less prominent men, 21 of whom do not even reside on the line of the road. That it is not even claimed that these lawyers are all bona fide attorneys of the road. On the other hand, at least one of them has appeared as counsel for the other side "in practically every case the road has had tried in Craven court during the administration of Pres. Bryan."

In addition to this the report goes on to say that "free passes, of all kinds (annual passes, trip passes and card tickets) have been very generously distributed." * * * "contrary to the by-laws of the company and in violation of the laws of the State."

mented on and the committee says that while they do not find that "broken down politicians" have been "unloaded" on the road, to any extent, the result brought about by the changes and other conditions which have followed, are not calculated to serve the best interest of the property.

As to the purchase and conduct of the Atlantic Hotel property by the railroad company, the committee vigorously condemns both, and does not mince words in doing so. But Earle Turner is made the scape goat—the young man employed to manage the details of running the hotel last summer; who succeeded in "running" it in debt for \$6,000 during the three months he "run" it, and who mysteriously disappeared when the committee got ready to hear his evidence in substantiation of the charges he made in an affidavit filed by former receiver McBee. Indeed, the report leaves the impression that Turner and the \$6,000 deficit are very intimately acquainted.

The report says that the railroad management "bought trouble" when it acquired possession of this hotel property, for which it agreed to pay \$14,000 (of which \$12,000 remains unpaid) and has spent over \$35,731 since in furnishing it and making it habitable.

It expresses the opinion that the purchase was not lawfully made; that it certainly was not wise; that it was not properly managed; that, whatever the fate of the railroad, the hotel should be leased without delay to private parties.

After passing on other charges, the committee states that the general policy of using the net earnings in improving the road and its property, while it so much needs betterments, is approved, although some of the expenditures are disapproved.

That during the period covered by the Bryan administration there seems to have been available from the net earnings of the road for betterments and permanent improvements a total of \$283,496.62. That the books of the company's auditor show that there has been so expended the sum of \$283,236.19, leaving \$41,263.43. Deducting cash on hand, \$8,120.58 and the \$6,487.06 lost by the hotel, "leaves a balance to be accounted for of \$26,655.79."

The report concludes with the statement that "it is clear to us that the best and most economical management of this property cannot be attained under State control." That "it is equally clear that it is a very valuable piece of property, and that its condition and earning capacity have been greatly improved during the last four years."

That "we see nothing in the situation to call for great haste, on the one hand or extreme action on the other, in reference to any proposed change in the control and operation of the property; but we do think that a modern system of accounting should be adopted and other faults, to which we have called your attention remedied." The report is signed "R. T. Gray, W. T. Lee, Henry A. Page, committee of investigation."

The answer of the A. & N. C. R. R. Co. to the application of Cuyler for a receivership has also been filed but there is no room in this letter for a reproduction of any part of it. The hearing was set for Saturday last, May 21, but was postponed on account of the absence of Judge Purcell, who is sitting in the Circuit Court at Richmond. The term of the U. S. District Court which was to have begun here to-day has been postponed one week for the same cause.

The friends of Gov. Stedman and Judge Frank Winston are in high feather over the result of the Mecklenburg county primaries. Mr. Glenn had canvassed that county and made speeches and his friends claimed an overwhelming majority. He only secured a plurality of a little over 100 votes over Stedman, while Stedman and Turner vote combined was about 100 more than the Glenn vote. Winston showed up stronger than any other. He received 1,817 votes to 690 for Morton. Major Stedman carried Greenville by an overwhelming vote and will give him at least 13 of its 17 votes, the dispatches received here state. The Turner vote is "panning out" to the satisfaction of that gentleman's friends, also. It has already been shown that he is strictly in the running, and if there is a protracted contest in the convention you'd better keep your eye on the Iredell man. But the Stedman people say there is not going to be any protracted contest. They expect to nominate the Major on the second or third ballot, if not the first one, they say.

The friends of Col. George Morton will be pained to learn of the critical illness of his mother—a fact which has prevented him from filling in a number of engagements lately. Judge Purcell will begin the hearing of the Cuyler application for a receivership next Saturday, May 28. Gov. Aycock on Saturday received

a new offer to lease the A. and N. C. Railroad property. It is from Philadelphia parties and offers an average 5 9-10 per cent. for 50 years, or 6 1/2 per cent. for 99 years. The answer in the Cuyler case says that the Governor is ready to authorize the State's proxy to vote on the various proposals for the lease of the road.

Vanderbilt's Decision.

A dispatch from Asheville says: After ten years' of fruitless negotiation over a six-acre slice of land that jabs itself like an offensive thorn into the lordly amplitude of Biltmore, our baronial George W. has been forced to come to the terms of the owner of that thorn. He has agreed to pay Charles Collins of sable outline and aforesaid a slave not only some hundreds of times the value of that briar, but has agreed to build Charles a house elsewhere and keep it in repair for the rest of the old negro's life. The funny part of this matter is that the lord of Biltmore was brought to terms by Collins' renting the land to a lanky mountaineer. His lordship could stand Collins as a neighbor but he drew the line at his lankiness, Collin's tenant.

Retort Cost Lawyer \$50.

Louisville, Ky., Times. The appointment of Judge Stafford, of Vermont, to the district bench to succeed Judge Pritchard, as circuit judge, calls forth this story from Representative Foster of that State:

When Chief Justice Chase, a man of great abilities and marked characteristics, was presiding in one of the county courts of Vermont, an appeal case from a justices court came up before him, so small and contemptible in its origin that he ordered it stricken from the docket. The case was where a turkey had trespassed upon a garden of a neighbor and got shot for his depredations. The owner brought suit to recover damages, and failing before the justice had appealed the case. Judge Chase was angry and when he ordered the case from the docket said: "The lawyer who consented to appeal this case ought to be thrown from the window of the court room. Why didn't he have the case referred to some of his honest neighbors for settlement?"

"Because, yer honor," retorted the attorney, who was setting hot under the collar, "it was our intention not to let honest people have anything to do with it." "True this was a neat retort, but it cost the lawyer just an even \$50 for contempt of court."

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Frank Ward is in jail in Mecklenburg in default of \$500 bond, charged with the abduction of Mrs. G. H. Graham, some time ago. The two ran away and were located in Iowa and arrested and brought back to the State. Mrs. Graham left a good home to elope with Ward.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre, of Shepherdsboro, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by the J. C. Simmons Drug Co. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

A petition has been filed in Spencer asking the court to grant an injunction against the town's collecting the taxes as levied last year. It is claimed that the rate is in conflict with the general State law governing rates.

Small Potatoes result from a lack of Potash in the soil. Potash produces size and quality. We have valuable soil which yields the following values at Potash. We will send 15 lbs. free to any farmer who writes for them. GERMAN KALI WORKS, 1100 Third Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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John Sharp Williams and Tom Reed Baltimore Sun.

There is no better story-teller in Congress than Hon. John Sharp Williams, the leader of the minority, and when he was here last week with the rivers and harbors committee and Congressman J. F. C. Talbot, who is one of his closest friends, kept a boatful of people laughing with their political yarns.

One of these, told by Mr. Williams, concerned the late Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

"One day," said Mr. Williams, "I met Mr. Reed coming out of the cloak-room and he said to me in that peculiar drawl of his: 'Williams, whatever makes you such a bitter partisan?' 'Well, Mr. Speaker, that's pretty good coming from you, isn't it?' I replied. 'Never mind me, he replied 'but why are you such a bitter partisan?' 'Well, I'll tell you, I said. 'You know I never saw a Republican until I was 33 years old and I can't get used to them somehow.' 'He looked at me reproachfully and walked away without another word.'"

Does An Education Pay?

Does it pay an acorn to become an oak? Does it pay to escape being a rich ignoramus? Does it pay to fit oneself for a superior position? Does it pay to get a glimpse of the joy of living? Does it pay the chrysalis to unfold into a butterfly? Does it pay to learn to make life a glory instead of a grind? Does it pay to open a little wider the door of a narrow life? Does it pay to add power to the lens of the microscope or telescope? Does it pay to know how to take the dry, dreary drudgery out of life. Does it pay to taste the exhilaration of feeling one's powers unfold? Does it pay to push one's horizon farther out, in order to get a wider outlook, a clearer vision? Does it pay to learn how to center thought with power, how to marshal one's mental force effectively?—Orison Swett Marden, in June "Success."

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehopyan, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c. at the J. C. Simmons Drug Co.'s.

A monument to the late Judge Schenck will be unveiled at the Guilford Battle Ground July 4th. Judge Shepherd will deliver the oration.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again," writes D. H. Turner, of Dumpsytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c. at the J. C. Simmons Drug Co.'s.

The Southern employes at Spencer were paid off Thursday and it is said the pay roll aggregated \$125,000.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

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For above occasion the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Nashville, Tenn., and return at rates named below: Goldsboro, \$13.55; Selma, 13.15; Raleigh, 12.60; Durham, 12.05; Henderson, 13.00; Greensboro, 10.95; Salisbury, 9.95; Winston-Salem, 10.55; Hickory, 8.95; Charlotte, 10.10; Gastonia, 9.65; Shelby, 9.10. Approximately low rates from other points. Tickets sold June 10th to 15th, 1904, inclusive with final limit to leave Nashville June 18th, 1904; provided tickets are officially stamped by Joseph Richardson, Special Agent.

Tickets can be extended until July 10th, 1904, if deposited by original purchaser with Joseph Richardson, Special Agent at Nashville between hours of 8:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m., June 10 to 16th inclusive, and upon payment of a fee of 50 cents per ticket.

General J. S. Carr has selected the Southern Railway via Asheville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga as the official route for his Annual "Confederate Veterans' Special," which will consist of first class day coaches, and Standard Pullman cars to be handled through to Nashville, Tenn., without change. This special train will leave Raleigh, N. C., at 3:25 p. m., Sunday, June 12th, 1904. Berth rate from Raleigh, \$4.50; Durham, 4.50; Greensboro, 3.50; Salisbury, 3.50; Asheville, 2.50. Two persons can occupy a berth without additional cost. Excellent service on regular trains in both directions. Ask your Agent for rates from your station. For further information and sleeping car reservations.

R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

"Do it To-day."

The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til to-morrow what you do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it to-day!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it to-day—and let that remedy be Dr. Boschee's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in the thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c.; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

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