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THE PATRIOT, Greensboro, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1899.

IT DOES seem strange that in this enlightened age people would be found proclaiming it to be our duty to deny to the people of the Philippines the rights for which our forefathers fought from Bunker Hill to Yorktown.

THE second mile post has been covered by the Western Vicindicator, of Rutherfordton, and the paper is better today than ever. Messrs. Erwin and Miller are publishing a paper that deserves the united support of the people of Rutherford county.

THE great mass of the American people do not relish the idea of being burdened with increased taxation in order to give a few speculators and political favorites an opportunity for exploitation; and yet it is for this purpose that American blood is being spilled in the Philippines.

IT is estimated that within ten years death and retirement on account of age will have stripped the regular army rolls of every soldier who fought on the Union side in the great internecine strife of thirty-five years ago. Ten years ago two-thirds of the officers in the army were men who had been actors in the Civil war; at present the number has been reduced to about one-fifth.

THERE are nineteen states of the Union still unrepresented by names in the naval list of United States war vessels, and three of these—Rhode Island, Delaware and Virginia—were among the thirteen original colonies. The Philadelphia Record thinks if war vessels are to be named after the states, there seems to be no good reason why the Providence Plantations, the "Three Lower Counties" and the Mother of Presidents should not stand sponsor each for a sea fighter.

IT is the opinion of the St. Louis Republic that the census for 1900 will be conducted along the lines of glaring incompetency and extravagance that marked the compilation of 1890. The latter census, with its wilderness of inaccuracies, its more than a year's delay and an unnecessary expenditure of \$2,000,000, was compiled by appointees who were the creatures of politicians and were under orders to prepare certain classes of statistics as political arguments. The indications now are that the director of the forthcoming census—Mr. Merriam—will be guided by similar partisan rules in filling the thousands of positions at his disposal. The law under which he derives place and authority allows him to distribute appointments, if he so chooses, for such purposes, and his selection as director under such an act would seem to indicate that the administration expects him to distribute the offices within his control wherever they will do the most good to the Republican party in the several states. Every indication points to the conclusion that Merriam will be guided by party needs and political considerations and that the matter of fitness will be merely incidental, and often accidental, in choosing the army of subofficials and census-takers.

An Important Matter.

The following letter has been mailed to the trustees of the public roads of Guilford county, and as it contains much of interest we give it space in our columns. We hope to publish a synopsis of the new road law in our next issue:

To the Trustees of Public Roads of Guilford County:

DEAR SIRS: We mail you herewith copies of the road law with amendments, and wish to call your attention to same in respect to your duty as trustee. The law requires trustees to meet on the first Monday in May (see sections 2 and 3), and lay out the roads in sections and appoint supervisors for each section. We trust there will be a full attendance at the May meeting, and that you urge upon the supervisors the importance of this work, calling their special attention to sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 20.

There seems to be an impression in some townships that no local work on the public roads is required since the convict force work began, but this is a mistaken idea. It will be impossible for the public roads to be kept in shape unless we have a local force on each section to look after the same; and unless the trustees and supervisors take an interest in the work and try to keep their sections in shape, it will be useless to have roads graded by convicts. It is the intention of the commissioners to try to run the scrapers over all the roads that have been put in condition for same, but all the work cannot be done by the scrapers, and we urge you to co-operate with us in this work that we may get our roads in better condition. Have your roads gone over now as soon as possible, fill up the holes, and get them in shape; and if it can be run over with the scrapers, we will do this just as soon as it can be reached. Supervisors should go over their roads often and clean out the culverts, as a little work at the right time in this way will save your roads from being washed badly during heavy rains. Local co-operation by the trustees and supervisors with the board of county commissioners has done much to make the Mecklenburg road law a success in Mecklenburg county.

Should you need more copies of the road law, call on or write Mr. A. G. Kirkman, register of deeds, Greensboro, N. C.

Respectfully, W. C. BOREN, Chm., W. H. RAGAN, W. C. MICHAEL, Commissioners.

April 10th, 1899. Dr. Lafferty Killed.

RICHMOND, April 10.—Dr. Walter B. Lafferty, third child of Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty, editor of The Christian Advocate, was found about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, lying unconscious by the track of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, with one of his legs crushed, and suffering from other severe injuries. There were evidences that the young physician had endeavored to staunch the flow of blood from his wound by using his hankerchief, but his injuries were too serious, and when found he was very near his end.

He was taken to Croset, where he died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is not known how the accident happened. It is supposed, however, that he was returning from Meechum's River, when he was struck by a passenger train. He could give no account of it.

Sanitary Conditions in Santiago.

Surgeon General Sternberg has received a report from Maj. Havard, chief surgeon at Santiago, in which he says that the city and Department of Santiago are in generally good condition. He does not apprehend an outbreak of yellow fever or any other contagious disease. Smallpox for a time was serious in the Helguin district, but Maj. Woodson's commission has put a stop to it. Work on the general hospital is progressing, and it is expected that Santiago will soon have the best equipped hospital on the island.—Washington Post.

Russell May Go With Meyer & Ricand.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 10.—Governor Russell expects, at the expiration of his term of office, to go to New York to practice law. This was the primary purpose of his trip North last week. He will, if the present arrangement is carried out, take the late Sol Weil's place in the firm of Meyer & Weil, which is now Meyer & Ricand. The Governor has just returned from New York, where he went in response to a telegram from Mr. Ricand, asking him to come to New York for a conference.

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. De Witt's Little Early Risers are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, best pill, safe pill. Howard Gardner.

GENERAL NEWS.

It is reported that Admiral Sampson may command a flying squadron to be sent to England.

People in the eastern part of Cuba are terrorized by bandits and are forsaking the country districts for the towns.

Several hundred glass blowers are on a strike for higher wages and recognition of their union at Bridgeton, N. J.

Hon. H. A. W. Tabor, postmaster at Denver, Col., and ex United States Senator, died Monday of appendicitis, after three days' illness.

The Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference has adopted resolutions favoring disarmament as suggested by the Emperor of Russia.

Martial law has been declared in part of Hawaii, on account of a battle between Japanese and Chinese laborers, in which three Chinese were killed.

A gigantic rolling mill combine is announced to begin operations in Chicago in a few days. It will absorb twenty-nine plants, besides ore and furnace properties, and will have a capital of \$55,000,000.

While attending church near Waynesboro, Ga., last Sunday night, a negro preacher was called from the church about 10 o'clock by some one and shot, from the effects of which he died within a short time.

Admiral Dewey has cabled the Navy Department, asking that six months engineering supplies be sent him at Manila. This is thought to be an indication of his belief that it will not be possible to materially diminish the American fleet in the Philippines in the near future.

Ex-Senator Matthew S. Quay and his son, Richard E. Quay, were placed on trial in Philadelphia Monday, charged with conspiracy in using, in conjunction with the late ex-State Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood, the state funds for their personal benefit and profit and in a manner unauthorized by law.

Saturday a formal invitation was received at the State Department from the government of the Netherlands to participate in the disarmament conference, to be held at The Hague, beginning May 18. Up to this time the only thing in the nature of an invitation issued to the powers was the letter from the Czar.

The Cuban generals met last Friday and officially decided to reinstate Gen. Maximo Gomez as commander-in-chief of the Cuban army. They also decided to appoint an executive board of three generals to assist him in distributing the \$3,000,000, in the details of disarming and in the organization of the rural police for the provinces.

The Supreme court yesterday handed down its decision in the case of Capt. W. H. Day, who was suing to retain his position as superintendent of the state penitentiary. The court holds that the legislature has no power to establish an office and then re-create it, and that therefore Capt. Day could hold on to his position. Judge Clark dissented from the ruling of the court in an able opinion.

Small Boy Commits Suicide.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 10.—News reached here today of a peculiar suicide a few miles from Charlotte. Charles Love, a twelve-year-old boy, committed suicide by hanging. He went to an old blacksmith shop, took a small rope, tied the end of the rope to a beam and hanged himself. His body was found by his parents several hours after death, which resulted from strangulation. His parents are heart-broken at the affair, and say they can think of no possible cause for the deliberately planned self-destruction.

Railroad Strike in Cuba.

HAVANA, April 10.—The strike on the United Railroad is assuming a serious character. The number of strikers has been increased to 1,500. A committee representing the strikers waited upon Governor General Brooke today, explaining their attitude. The general warned them not to disturb public order. The strikers will move the mails and American troops, but will not assist in the transportation of passengers or freight. If disorders occur the military authorities will interfere.

If the Northern Presbyterians want to elect a negro moderator to preside over their church courts, it is nobody's business. Pittsburg, Pa., Presbytery, now in session, has done this. However, this action is another stone laid in the already nearly impassable barrier to organic union with the Southern Presbyterian Church.—Charlotte Observer.

Railway Laborers on a Strike.

NORFOLK, Va., April 10.—A strike among railway laborers is in progress here, and the commencement of construction on the line of the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company's new double track line to Sewell's Point is delayed thereby. The disagreement is between the contractors and the negro laborers from Norfolk, who demanded, it is understood, \$1.50 per diem, which the contractors were unwilling to pay. They therefore imported forty laborers from North Carolina, but before they went to work the Norfolk men made out their case to them in such successful form that they did not go to work. No force was used, and there was no apparent intimidation of the outsiders. As a precautionary measure Chief Kiser sent extra policemen to the scene, but their services were not needed.

Death of Ex-Justice Field.

Washington, April 10.—Justice Stephen J. Field, of the United States Supreme Court, retired, died at his home on Capitol Hill, in this city, at 6:30 yesterday evening of kidney complications. He had been unconscious since Saturday morning, and death came painlessly. About two weeks ago he took a longer ride than usual in an open carriage and contracted a severe cold, which rapidly developed kidney troubles, which, with old age, brought on the end.

It is believed that the Southern Railway Company is on a deal for a new road which will give it a direct line from St. Louis to New Orleans. The Southern's mileage would then exceed 6,000 miles.

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