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OUTLINES.

Cotton has deteriorated the past week in the Carolinas, Georgia and Arkansas. — Two arrests made in connection with the recent attack on the postoffice at Mulati, Fla. — A cablegram from Minister Conger received at the State Department, but not divulged. — Shipments of gold to Europe to day will be over eight million dollars. — Filippinos and Tom Sharkey have agreed to fight August 25th. — Chinese at Canton have increased the armament at the forts; the garrisons, 18,000 men, are armed with Mausers and Winchester. — St. Petersburg papers are campaigning against the political activity of Great Britain in the Yangtze valley. — The Mayor of Punta Gorda, Fla., murdered by a man arrested for violating a city ordinance. — Filippinos on the Visayas islands are harassing the garrisons in the towns and ambushing small parties of Americans. — Mean Nemethy, opera singer, drank poison and died on the stage in the opera house at Budapest. — Marion Butler denies report that he would take the stump for McKinley; says he is for Bryan and the Pop's nominee for Vice President. — New York market: Money on call steady at 1 1/4 per cent; cotton quiet, middling uplands 15 1/2; flour barely steady and very dull; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 5 1/2; corn—spot firm, No. 2 4 1/4; rice quiet; spirits turpentine dull.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 79 degrees; 3 P. M., 84 degrees; maximum, 95, 86 degrees; minimum, 76 degrees; mean, 86 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.68 inches.
CANTON REGION BULLETIN.
Warm and generally fair weather has prevailed, with local showers in Georgia and North Carolina, the heaviest fall, 1.19 inches, being reported from Goldsboro, this State.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—For North Carolina—Fair on the coast; local rain in the interior Wednesday and Thursday; fair, light to fresh south-westerly winds.

Port Almanac—August 15.
Sun Rises 5.18 A. M.
Sun Sets 6.50 P. M.
Day's Length 13 H. 33 M.
High Water at Southport, 11.16 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington, 1.46 P. M.

Since January 1st Argentina has exported 90,450,000 bushels of wheat, 1,600,000 bushels more than last year.

An exchange asks "are we at war" with China. No, we are only trying to find out how much fight there is in the Chinaman.

It is thought that the next Republican State convention of Wisconsin will adopt a resolution favoring the nomination of State officers by a direct vote of the people. Republican conventions are becoming very unreliable.

The Chinese Government is a compassionate sort of an institution. In Canton there is a place called the "dying place," where the poor, when they want to shuffle off this mortal coil, are permitted to go in and die.

There is a man laid up in a Wilmington, Delaware, hospital with lockjaw from eating toaststools, which he mistook for mushrooms. The trouble with the toaststool is that it don't look up the jaws of people before eating.

It is considered worthy of publishing that a child was born in Washington a few days ago without a spine. Nothing very remarkable in that. There is a very distinguished resident of Washington, who has resided there nearly four years, who is minus in this respect. Mr. Bryan referred to that kind of people in his Indianapolis speech as "invertebrates."

Prince Sheng, the director of railroads and telegraphs in China, is very rich. He ran a big gambling house in Tien Tsin, and people who wanted jobs or contracts had to show up as patrons of his gambling shop, and leave liberal sums of money behind them. Li Hung Chang made a good deal of his money the same way, but dispensed with the gambling house attachment.

A Pennsylvania woman who returned to her home last week after a sojourn of several years in California was surprised to learn that she had been adjudicated legally dead and her property turned over to her heirs. She is now trying to find out if there isn't some way to legally resurrect her. She might consult Matthew S. Quay. He has been pronounced politically dead several times but is yet alive and kicking.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The brig *M. C. Haskell* arrived up from quarantine yesterday.
—The three-story freight office building on Nutt street for the A. C. L., is rapidly nearing completion.
—Capt. Hale is now master of the Clyde steamship *Saginaw*, in place of Capt. Johnson, who has been transferred.
—A number of sections adjacent to Wilmington reported showers of rain on Monday night. They came in good time as vegetation was well nigh parched to death.
—The prayer meeting service to-night at 8 o'clock at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be conducted by Mr. S. Waters McGill, of Nashville, Tenn.
—One of the Atlantic Coast Line's heavy pile-drivers was yesterday placed on the site of the proposed new office buildings on Front street and work on the foundations will begin at once.
—There will be a dance at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightville beach, to-night. Music will be furnished by Prof. Miller's orchestra and there will be a late train for those desiring to return to the city.
—None of the Cape Fear river boats came down yesterday. Mr. T. D. Love left yesterday to join the *Johnston* and *Driver* and arrange to get them here if possible through the extremely low water.
—The little son of Mr. Isaiah West, who was burned by a live wire in a storm about two weeks ago, shows little sign of improvement. He is yet unable to stand in consequence of the wounds about his legs.

—The STAR regrets to note that the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. D. Smith, of Charlotte, continue quite ill. The little boy is somewhat improved, but Alicia Weston, their little daughter, is not so well.

—Chairman C. P. Parker, of the Board of County Commissioners of Bladen, advertised in to-day's STAR for bids for furnishing material and repairing or rebuilding Beattie's bridge, between Bladen and Pender counties. See advertisement for particulars.

—Mr. W. F. Bowen, of Willard, asks the STAR to correct an inadvertence in yesterday's paper, which made it say the big ratification picnic would take place next Saturday, Friday, August 24th, is the date, and the good people of Willard will on this occasion prove that they know how to entertain white men and vote on election day as well.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
S. W. Sanders—Notice.
A. Shrier—Our reasons.
Notice—To bridge builders.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—First of season.
Taylor's Studio—Souvenir photos.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Congregational Convocation.
The Charlotte Observer of yesterday published a list of the delegates from Mecklenburg to the Congressional Convention to be held here Saturday. The delegates are requested to cast their unanimous vote for Congressman Dr. E. Porter, who was here yesterday, said that Pender would send down a full delegation, which would also contribute with enthusiasm to Mr. Bellamy's unanimous selection.

The vote of each county in the convention will be about as follows except where Democratic majorities for Governor were greatly increased in the election this month: Anson, 84; Brunswick, 16; Columbus, 28; Mecklenburg, 89; New Hanover, 44; Pender, 22; Richmond, 37; Robeson, 44; Union, 36. Total 350.

Produce Exchange Meeting.
Aside from the action of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, published in yesterday's STAR, it was decided to rescind the rule by the Board and Exchange made at meetings held April 18th and 25th, 1899, and hereafter members will have the discretion of inviting their friends to the floors of the Exchange, whether they be residents of the city or from other points.

Mr. J. P. Somers, the new manager of the Armour Packing Company's office in this city, was elected as a member of the committee on manufactures and railroad transportation, vice Mr. L. P. McKenzie, the former manager for Armour, who has been transferred.

Mr. A. L. Mayfield, the new manager here for Swift & Co., was also named on the committee on manufactures, vice his predecessor as manager here for Swift.

White Patent Axle and Hub Co.
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the White Patent Axle and Hub Co. was not held yesterday for the lack of a quorum, Messrs. J. P. Council and F. P. White being absent. The next meeting of the directors will be held on the second Tuesday in September at which time the annual meeting of stockholders will be held for the election of officers and the transaction of other business in connection with the beginning of a new year of business.

Contract for Barracks.
Contractor Thad F. Tyler has been awarded a \$12,000 contract for the building of the new barracks at Fort Caswell, same to be finished by Jan. 1st. He has already begun the ordering of material for the work. The building will be two stories high; 105 feet long and 26 feet wide; covered with slate. There will be two wings each 40 feet long and 20 feet wide.

On Their Way to Wilmington.
Dr. George C. Worth and family, who arrived Saturday at San Francisco from Japan, on the steamship *Gaetic*, are on their way to Wilmington and will arrive here Monday next. A host of friends in Wilmington will be pleased to welcome them home after the stormy scenes in China through which they have passed.

Game This Afternoon.
There will be a game of base ball at Hilton Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock between two juvenile teams—the "Cheesnut Streeters" of Wilmington, and a team composed of boys from the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldsboro. The battery for the "Cheesnut Streeters" will be Orrell and Wessell.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

Will Be a Week of Greeting and Entertaining Strangers in Wilmington.

THE ORPHANS HAVE ARRIVED

They Gave Creditable Entertainment at Southport Last Night—Many Representatives for the Grand Encampment Are Also Here.

The Grand Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of North Carolina, will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in annual session in the hall of the local lodges on Third street opposite the City Hall. There will be a two days' session and an adjournment will probably not be reached until Friday morning. Principally routine matters will be considered at this afternoon's session and to-night there will likely be no session in order that the local and visiting members of the order may attend the entertainment by the children of the Orphanage, which will be given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

A number of the officers of and representatives to the Grand Encampment arrived yesterday and last evening but the largest number is expected to day's train. Grand Patriarch Louis C. Howlett, of Greensboro, who will preside at the encampment arrived last evening as also did Grand Inside Sentinel L. W. Jeanneret, of Asheville, and Representatives W. W. Murray, of Greensboro; T. L. MacLean, of Greensboro; J. O. Sawyer, of Asheville; R. L. Burkhead, of Raleigh; P. C. Gorham and W. D. Gaster, of Fayetteville. Grand Junior Warden R. H. Ramsay, of Catawba River Encampment, No. 31, of Charlotte, arrived on yesterday's S. A. L. train. He is accompanied by his wife and will spend a while at Wrightville. A number of the other visitors also went down the beach upon their arrival yesterday but will return in time for the session this afternoon.

The full list of officers of the Grand Encampment are: Grand Patriarch—Louis C. Howlett, of Greensboro; Grand High Priest—George Green, of Newbern; Grand Senior Warden—W. E. Faison, of Raleigh; Grand Junior Warden—R. H. Ramsay, of Charlotte; Grand Secretary—B. J. Jacobs, of Wilmington; Grand Treasurer—Thomas W. Blake, of Raleigh; Grand Representative—Wesley Williams, of Elizabeth City; Grand Marshal—L. L. Boon, of Wilmington.

Grand Inside Sentinel—L. W. Jeanneret, of Asheville.
Grand Outside Sentinel—D. W. Woodhouse, of Poplar Branch.
The visiting brethren are being received by the committee of entertainment, consisting of Messrs. M. W. Jacobi (chairman), R. J. Jones, B. J. Jacobs, L. L. Boon, W. F. Baldwin and Joe T. King. Their entertainment will be in common with that of the children of the Home.

Visit of the Orphans.
The forty children of the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Goldsboro arrived yesterday morning on the A. C. L. train and were taken immediately to Southport where they are now being entertained by Atlantic Lodge No. 43, of that town. They were cordially received by the local entertainment committee of this city and Capt. O. D. Barris and Mr. M. C. Guthrie of the Southport committee, who accompanied them down the river on the boat. There was also a committee of young ladies to welcome the children as follows: Misses Tossie Evans, Ida Hart, Nannie McDonald, Jamie Dudley and Ruth Keen. Miss Evans is at present an inmate of the home and Misses McDonald and Hart were at one time inmates. Each of the bright faced and happy boys and girls was presented with badge of identification by the young ladies and they hastened aboard Capt. Harper's handsome boat and were soon on their way to Southport, where they last night rendered the following programme of song and recitation at the entertainment given for the benefit of the public:

"Fairy Bells Ringing."
"When Papa Leaves Home."
"You Will Get All That's Coming."
"Leopard Watch."
"Little Boy Blue."
"Under the Old Umbrella."
"The Marie."
"My Josephine."
"Summer Time in Dixie."
"God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

The children will return to the city on the afternoon boat and will repeat the programme to-night, as stated. Accompanying the children were their superintendent, Mr. D. A. Coble, Mrs. Coble and Mrs. Barber, the matron; also Mr. W. A. J. Peacock, one of the trustees, and his daughter, Miss Maud Peacock.

Merchants' Association.
The regular August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in its office in the Seaboard Air Line building. A full attendance is requested, as matters of vital importance are to be discussed and acted upon.

On to Washington and Baltimore
From Wilmington to Norfolk, Washington and Baltimore Tuesday, August 21, 1900. Fare to Norfolk and return, \$3.75; fare to Washington, Baltimore and return, \$5.50. All baggage not too excessive transported free of charge. Remember the date and price. For further information, also the securing of state rooms, inquire of E. J. Gerken, 10 North Front street.

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STANDING MASTER'S COURT.

Hearing in Railway Tax Assessment Cases Began Yesterday in Charlotte—Witnesses for Examination.

Hearing in the railway tax assessment cases before ex-Judge James E. Shepherd, the standing master, was begun yesterday at noon in the Federal Court room in Charlotte. Hon. Franklin McNeill, chairman of the Corporation Commission, was not present at the opening of the hearing but left yesterday afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line to be in attendance upon the court this morning.

The hearing at Charlotte will probably consume the entire week, as more than forty witnesses have been summoned from Richmond county alone. These are principally persons interested in the various cotton factories around Rockingham and by them it is proposed to prove that stock in these various enterprises is assessed by the Commission at a much lower rate than the assessment placed upon railroad property.

Later, the hearing will shift to other parts of the State to suit the convenience of witnesses and attorneys, the whole time allotted the railroads being 90 days as ordered by Judge Simonon in this city several months ago.

The following was received last night from the Associated Press with reference to the hearing:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 14.—Leading business men and officers of Mecklenburg, Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan and Davidson counties, examined before Standing Master Shepherd at hearing of the tax cases against the railroads, testified to the uniform general rule and custom in the counties above named, saying that in each and every county the real and personal property of the citizens were assessed at from 50 to 75 per cent of its true value in money.

Colonel J. R. Erwin, Hon. J. S. Henderson, Hon. D. R. Julian, Sheriff Monroe, of Rowan; Sheriff Neal, of Cabarrus; Mr. Finch, of Lexington, for ten years register of records for Davidson; J. W. Bastian and S. H. Melton, of Stanly, were examined today. The hearing will continue for the rest of the week.

Received Police Regulations.
Copies of the new police regulations or the government of the force as framed by the police committee of the Board of Aldermen and adopted by that body upon recommendation of the committee, were yesterday furnished members of the department and they will be expected within a reasonable time to thoroughly familiarize themselves with every detail of the requirements. Extended reference to the subject matter of these regulations was made in the STAR at the time of the adoption of the ordinances and a repetition of them is unnecessary here.

The rules are bound in a handsome morocco volume for the pocket and a copy will be presented to each member of the force.

Negro Accidentally Shot.
Amos Smith, a young negro living on Mr. Elijah Orrell's farm on the sound, was accidentally shot in the side last night by another negro named John Fair. The wounded negro was brought up to the city in a cart this morning about 2 o'clock, by Jim Robeson. The shooting was with a pistol, which was being carelessly handled by Fair. Smith is said to have a dangerous wound and was sent immediately to the City Hospital.

Democratic Picnic.
The STAR acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of an invitation from its friend, Mr. W. F. Leonard, of Kelly, N. C., to attend a big basket picnic and barbecue at Centerville, Bladen county on August 29th. "The object of the jubilee," writes Mr. Leonard, "is to celebrate our great victory for White Supremacy. A first class band will furnish music for the occasion and all lovers of good government are desired to be with us."

Request to Veterans.
Capt. James I. Metts, commander of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, requests that all members of the camp who will attend the monument unveiling in Raleigh next week, and their names at once to Sergeant Major R. F. Hamme. Capt. Metts says the committee is practically at sea as to railroad rates until the exact number of those who will attend can be ascertained.

Atlantic Club Hop.
The Atlantic Yacht Club is arranging for a delightful hop to be given at the club house on next Friday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. This will probably be the last event of its kind, for the season and those in charge are striving to make of it a great success. Prof. Miller's band has been engaged and there will be a late train for the accommodation of residents of the city.

THE PISCATORIAL ASSOCIATION.
Tenth Annual Meeting Held Yesterday. Officers Elected for ensuing Year.
The tenth annual meeting of the East Carolina Piscatorial Association was held yesterday in the office of the secretary, George H. Howell, Esq., in the Masonic Temple. Captain Jno. F. Divine presided at the meeting and reports of the president, Dr. E. Porter, and of the secretary and treasurer, George H. Howell, Esq., were read and approved. The reports indicate a successful year's business and bright prospects for the coming season.

A Board of Directors was chosen composed of the following stockholders: Dr. E. Porter, Capt. Jno. F. Divine, Mr. W. A. Riach, Hon. John D. Bellamy, Mr. George W. Miller and Mr. H. P. West.

Subsequently a meeting of the Directors was held and the following officers were elected: Dr. E. Porter, president; Mr. W. A. Riach, vice-president; and George H. Howell, Esq., secretary and treasurer.

NOTICE.
July 21st, 1900.
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co.
Our subscribers will please note by their contracts the clause in reference to the pay for service.
We do not present a bill until it is due.
When our collector calls please pay your bills.
Should he by chance miss you, call up No. 100, let the manager know it and the collector will call on you again.
Those of you who will be kind enough to pay at the office will receive the grateful thanks of more than one employe.

All bills that are not paid by the 15th of each month, when due, need not ask the operator "what is the trouble with my phone" unless they expect to get the answer "your bill is not paid."
We need all of the time we can spare in order to devote it to perfecting your service.
Yours truly,
JOHN BRAGO, Manager.
Office over the National Bank of Wilmington.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. B. Brice, of Wallace, a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Miss Hena Peterson is visiting friends at Harrell's Store, N. C.

—Miss Jennie Powell, of Raleigh, is the guest of Miss Amy Merritt.

—Mr. George W. Brunson, Jr., of the STAR, returned to the city yesterday.

—Mrs. M. H. Windley returned yesterday from her old home at Washington, N. C.

—Mr. Harry Farrow is now clerk at Gerken's cigar and news stand at the Orton.

—Mr. M. R. Marley and wife, of Lumber Bridge, were among yesterday's guests at the Orton.

—Misses M. A. Besant and Catherine Gibson, of Concord, are the guests of Mrs. J. W. Harper.

—Governor Aycock is back at his home in Goldsboro after a few days rest at Old Point Comfort.

—Misses Lou Wescott and Emeth Tuttle, of Kinston, arrived last evening to visit relatives in the city.

—Mr. Jack Bellamy left yesterday to spend the remainder of his vacation at Blue Ridge Inn, Mount Airy.

—Mr. J. S. Worth, Jr., of High Point, and Mr. J. R. Holt, of Charlotte, were arrivals at the Orton yesterday.

—Judge George H. Brown, Jr., of Washington, N. C., was here yesterday on his way to Whiteville to hold court.

—Messrs. W. A. Rourke and R. R. Stone have moved down to their cottage on Wrightsville Beach for the remainder of the summer.

—Mr. Charlie Ferguson, formally clerk in the Express office here, but now of Richmond, Va., is here to spend a vacation of a few days.

—Mr. Rod MacRae went to Fayetteville yesterday morning in response to a telegram announcing the illness of his mother, Mrs. Margaret MacRae.

—Col. Walker Taylor, vice president of the N. C. Underwriters' Association, is attending the annual meeting of that body at Morehead City this week.

—Messrs. William W. and Seymour W. Merrell, of New York, arrived yesterday on the New York steamer and are guest of Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur.

—The STAR regrets to learn that Mr. O. M. Fillyau is again very seriously ill. He suffered a sudden attack Monday at his broom factory and had to be carried home.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Oldham, Jr., of Washington, D. C., are in the city, the guests of Mr. Oldham's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Oldham. They will leave in a few days for Raleigh to visit Mrs. Oldham's parents.

—Mr. Jordan S. Thomas, of Charlotte, special agent of the New York Underwriter's Insurance Company, is here on his way to Morehead City to attend the annual meeting of the N. C. Underwriter's Association.

—Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, supervising councillor of the Order of Chosen Friends, will leave to-day for an official visitation to lodges at Waynesville and other points in Western North Carolina. During his absence he will spend a while in Asheville.

AN OUTING IN THE COUNTRY.
Mr. P. H. Smith, formerly of Wilmington, now of Richmond, Va., who has been visiting his old friend, D. J. Corbett, Sr., of the bloody 18th Regiment of North Carolina, and a prominent farmer in the Canetuck section, speaks thus of his trip:

"Plenty of melons, peaches, some apples, no muscadines, some good companions—among whom some lady friends of Mrs. Corbett's, one from Durham, N. C., one a student from Baptist Female Union, also one from near Whiteville, N. C., and a prominent mill man from Fitzgerald, Ga., a relative of the Corbetts, spending their time as suited to themselves, thermometer not over 90 to 98 since August 9th, when it reached 93. Examined Mr. Corbett's 200 acres of cotton, corn, peas and potatoes; also the iron farms owned by the Corbett brothers and Mr. B. F. Keith. Drank water from the salt marsh canal. There was salt made during the war but the home he did mason work and served as groomman at his marriage. Also the Dew homestead, where he also did mason work when quite a young man, and afterwards married Miss Hattie Benson in 1863. But, said to say, many whom he knew then have long since "crossed over the river and are now resting under the shade of the trees."

A word as to the colored people, about whom there has been so much talk recently. He found them well clothed, well housed, well educated, and apparently making money, as it appeared to him, as they gathered up at Mr. Corbett's commissary after the ring of an evening getting their pay, several of whom took their wages in cash. Mr. Corbett being very careful to have change for each one, and was working during my stay from ten to twenty-five every day. I never saw him go out to get or complain of labor.

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.
Thieves Tried to Break in Store at Falcon. Bloodthirsty After Them.
[Special Star Correspondence.]
FAISON, N. C., August 14th.—An attempt to rob the store of B. B. Witherington, Esq., was made this morning at 1 o'clock but the parties were frightened off by the approach of our well known watchman, who has been duty since the attempt to burn the town on election eve night, August 1st. Detective "Hurricane" Branch, of St. Albans, was wired for, and at this writing his blood hounds are trailing the tracks of the two men who were seen running from the store by the watchman. The tracks were a back window, the robbers attempted to cut through a back door with an axe which in their hurry to escape was left in the door. The tracks and weather are fine and we hope to catch the thieves, who were either black or blacked watch faces for the occasion. Every effort will be made to catch them.

SAMPSON POPULISTS

Have Called "Monster Indignation Meeting" to Be Held at Clinton.

SATURDAY IS THE DATE.

Marion Butler and Other Distinguished Speakers Are the Advertised Attractions—Circulars Being Posted in Populist Sections.

The good people of Sampson county doubtless thought that when he left for Raleigh Sunday and gave it out that early in the coming week he would go to Washington to direct the presidential campaign from there as chairman of the Populist National Committee, that they would have the pleasure of the soothing consciousness that Butler was no longer in their midst for a good long while at least. But it appears from circulars secretly being distributed in the Populist districts of this county that he will return from Raleigh and again visit Sampson and upon that occasion will appear as a "monster indignation meeting to assemble in Clinton, N. C., on Saturday, August 18th, 1900."

A friend of the STAR, driving through one of the rural sections of Butler's native health, yesterday "stumbled on" one of these circulars which, contrary to the "eternal fitness of things," is printed on flaming red paper. This mischievous, which concludes with the injunction, "Everybody Come," is double headed with three inch letters proclaiming "Indignation Meeting" and here is what follows:

"The liberty loving people of Sampson county have called a monster indignation meeting to assemble in Clinton, N. C., on Saturday, August 18th, 1900. All lovers of liberty and opposers of red shirtism, mob and force rule, and those who favor honesty in elections are invited to attend. Hon. Marion Butler, one of our prominent speakers will address the meeting. Everybody come."

Fortunately or unfortunately the aforesaid "liberty-loving people of Sampson County" do not sign the "call to arms," but to the end of the circular is appended the name of W. F. Sessom, who purports to be the "Chairman of the People's Party Executive Committee of Sampson county."

In a private letter to the editor of the STAR the sender of the circular says:

"Enclosed find circular which explains itself. I ran across it to-day while on a buggy drive through the country in lower Sampson. I find they are being extensively posted around the 'Pop' sections and only to-day did the posting begin, which gives really only four days' notice. I doubt if anything of this is yet known among the Democrats of Clinton or elsewhere, save in immediate 'Pop' circles. It is doubtless a preliminary move by Butler to initiate his plea and canvass for McKinley."

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