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NEWS OF RIVER FRONT AS GATHERED YESTERDAY.

Cotton Took a Tumble and Spirits Went Up—River Shipping Tied Up—One Sailing Vessel Only in Port.

Cotton receipts yesterday were 4,724 bales. The local market was off an eighth and quiet.

Spirits turpentine continues to soar in price. Yesterday there were sales of machine made coals on the Exchange at 47 cents. The receipts continue to be small.

Messrs. Roger Moore's Sons & Co. had a force of workmen yesterday removing the brick from under their collapsed shed on the wharf. Many of the brick went overboard, but most of them will be recovered.

River shipping is still tied up in the Cape Fear. The steamer *Essex* has not moved a wheel in over a week here; the *Highlander* is at Elizabethtown, bound to Wilmington; and the *Hurt* is undergoing extensive repairs at Fayetteville. All the delay is on account of the very low water in the Cape Fear.

"I have been trading at this port and on for twelve years," said Capt. Sawyer, of the schooner *Fred B. Balzano*, which is now receiving a cargo here, "and I never saw a time before when my vessel was the only sailing craft in port." It is a fact, but singular nevertheless, that it is as Capt. Sawyer says. The *Balzano* is the only pebble on the beach, figuratively speaking.

SHREWD NEGRO SWINDLERS.

Borrowed Country Darkey's Horse and Cart and Secured a Loan on It.

Charles McCullough and William Foy, both colored, were lodged in jail by Constable Sheehan yesterday, charged with false pretence.

Some time ago they went to an attorney of the Wilmington bar and made application for a loan of some twelve or fifteen dollars. The attorney told the negroes he was not in the money-lending business but if they had good collateral he would not mind lending them the amount at a nominal rate of interest. They said they had a mule and cart and would give a mortgage on the same for security, if it was acceptable. Of course it was and the papers were drawn up and signed, but the attorney insisted on seeing the property. The negroes were undaunted at this demand as the money was so nearly in sight and they hastened off, borrowed a mule and cart from a country darkey, drove up, received the money and departed.

Yesterday the attorney who had been uncooperated to foreclose but found the negroes had never owned a mule and cart. He then had them jailed for false pretence and a preliminary examination will be given them in Justice Fowler's court at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

MERRY COMPANION SOCIAL CLUB.

First Annual Meeting Last Night—Dance on Thanksgiving Evening.

The Merry Companion Social Club held its first annual meeting last night and elected officers as follows: President—Wm. Tiencken. Vice President—P. Spooner. Secretary—Dan Branch. Treasurer—Geo. Tiencken.

The grand annual opening ball of the club will be given in Germania Hall on Thanksgiving evening.

BRUNSWICK "INDEPENDENTS."

Seeking to interest an alleged dissatisfied element in the Democracy of Brunswick county, it is said that the Republicans and Populists over there will attempt to give a color of independence to their county convention which has been called for next month. When the time comes, however, remarked a well informed man yesterday, it will be seen that it is the same old crowd of Republicans, no matter under what guise they may attempt to bring themselves out for office. Circulars intended to give a shade of independence to the convention are already being distributed.

Military Inspection Last Night.

The Wilmington Light Infantry last night passed a most creditable annual inspection by Col. T. H. Bain, of Goldsboro, Inspector General of the North Carolina State Guard. There were 53 men in rank, and the infantrymen were found in most excellent shape. Col. Bain is reported as having said that the W. L. I. appeared with nearer the maximum complement of men than any company he has inspected in the State. To-night Col. Bain will inspect the Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following property transfers were noted from deeds filed for record yesterday: J. J. Wolfenden and wife, of Newbern, to H. E. Sample, of Allegheny county, Pa., tract of land containing 350 acres in Harnett township and lying along Island Creek; consideration \$500. Thos. A. Smith to Ben Keel and Barbara Keel, lot on west side of Anderson, where it intersects with Moore street, 32x45 feet in size; consideration \$100.

Game Up For Speaking.

The following party of Southport citizens came up to the speaking last night on the steamer *Southport*, under special charter: E. H. Cranmer, Esq., O. J. Shatto, C. Ed. Taylor, F. R. Olin, E. Shatto, J. A. Simmons, Minz, Emory Stanley, J. A. Simmons, John Somersette, G. H. Gray, C. C. Lyon, Esq., and Robert W. Davis, Esq. The steamer returned at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Parents Sorely Bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan, Eighth and Queen streets, have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their 10-month-old son, William, which occurred yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the family residence at 10 A. M. to-day.

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Business Localities.

Lettuce Plants—For sale.
Wanted—Male help.

STEAMER "SANDERS."

Elaborate Launching Ceremonies Observed Yesterday at Little River, S. C.

PARTY FROM WILMINGTON.

Handsome New Steamer of Wilmington and Little River Transportation Co. Christened by Miss Nellie Corbett—Big Basket Picnic.

The ceremonies attendant upon the launching of the new steamer of the Wilmington and Little River Transportation Company at Little River, S. C., yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock were every whit a success and the party of Wilmingtonians who went down on the steamer *Compton* for the event were delighted with the occasion.

Among those in the party were Mr. M. J. Corbett, Misses Nellie and Nora Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sanders, Mr. E. R. Stone, Mrs. Cathbert Martin, Miss Bessie Gore, Mrs. E. C. Davis, little Miss Edith Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hanby, C. D. Foard, Will Gore, J. H. and E. L. Hinton, W. P. and J. W. Monroe, J. S. Canady, John Harris, E. C. Hines, E. W. Manning and J. F. Ruark.

The party left the city at 4:10 o'clock yesterday morning and returned at 11:50 o'clock last night, some of them a trifle seasick, but all enthusiastic over the hospitality of Capt. W. A. Sanders, master of the *Compton*, for whom the new steamer is named.

Miss Nellie Corbett, the attractive young daughter of President M. J. Corbett, of the company owning the vessel, christened the steamer by breaking a bottle of sparkling champagne over her bow and exclaiming as the trim little craft darted into the water: "Christen These, Sanders!"

She was attended at the launching as maid of honor by Miss Bessie Gore and simultaneously with the breaking of the champagne bottle the Union Jack was unfurled by Master Will Gore, the flag "Sanders" by Capt. Edgar Hinton and the Stars and Stripes by Mr. Ed. Wilson Manning. The colors floated proudly from the bow, cabin and stern of the new boat.

Following the launching ceremonies was a big basket picnic in an oak grove upon an elevation overlooking the harbor. People for miles around were present and the day was one that will long be remembered at Little River.

The new boat will be towed to Wilmington next week and her machinery installed. A description of her has been previously published and it is enough to say that the *Sanders* will be one of the swiftest of the freight and passenger boats in these waters.

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SAMUEL ROLAND VICK DIED AT WYTHEVILLE.

Prominent Young Wilmingtonian Passed Away After Illness of Three Months Remains Arrive This Evening.

The sad news of the death of Mr. Samuel Roland Vick, a highly esteemed young man of Wilmington, reached the city yesterday from Wytheville, Va., at which point he had been in a sanitarium since convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever contracted at Portsmouth, Va., about three months ago. It was while recovering from this fever that a more fatal disease attacked his constitution, and although everything known to medical science was employed to save his life he passed away at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

His brother, Mr. Alfred Waddell Vick, was with him when he died, and will accompany the remains to Wilmington, reaching here at 6 o'clock this evening. The funeral announcement will be made later. The remains will be taken upon their arrival to the residence of Mr. W. W. Hodger, Second, between Chesnut and Grace streets. It was thought at first that the remains would arrive this morning, but a train connection was missed at Petersburg, Va., causing a delay.

Decceased was about 27 years of age and was a son of the late Mr. Samuel W. Vick. He was born in Wilmington and lived here all his life until a little less than a year ago, when he went to Texas, to take an important railway position. He soon tired of the West, however, and came to Portsmouth where he took a clerical position in the general offices of the Seaboard Air Line. It was there he was taken with fever which later developed into consumption and caused his death.

Mr. Vick was a popular young man here and the news of his death cast a sad gloom over the community yesterday. For many years he was private secretary to Mr. James F. Post, secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line, and it was only with the greatest reluctance that Mr. Post gave him up to permit his going West.

Decceased is survived besides Mr. A. W. Vick, by another brother, Mr. W. W. Vick, of New York, and two sisters, one of whom, Miss Mary Vick, is spending some time in Asheville for her health.

Mr. Vick was a member of Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows and had served both in the Wilmington Light Infantry and the old volunteer Fire Department.

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THE JOINT DEBATE.

Mr. Craig and Senator Pritchard Greeted by an Immense Crowd Last Night.

IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Meeting Somewhat Tamer Than Previous Discussions, But a Triumph for the Gallant Young Democrat of the West—Will Leave To-day.

Certainly there was no evidence of a "frost" in the magnificent reception to Hon. Locke Craig last night in the Academy of Music upon the occasion of his joint debate here with Senator Pritchard, although the "hey mi" performance upon the part of Democratic friends of the other candidates was advertised as a sure thing at Wilmington.

It was raining at the hour appointed for the gathering and the weather was very threatening, but fully a thousand people were present when the curtain went up for the fourth Senatorial round between these two Western gladiators who were billed to do or to die. Nine-tenths of the audience was composed of the militant Democracy of New Hanover; not exceeding half a dozen were "independents" (with impunity the word may now be commenced without the capital letter), and the remaining small fraction was made up of the "old liners," "straight-outs," "moss backs," or whatever you choose to term them. In the galleries was a sprinkling of the brother in black, but these are no longer reckoned in New Hanover in making political equations, unless there is a return to the "halcyon days of Republicanism," so glowingly pictured by Senator Pritchard in his speech which followed.

The ladies were there in small numbers, of course, on account of the weather; they are included in the ranks of Democracy and were the subject of a very complimentary reference by Mr. Craig in the closing sentence of his brilliant effort. "God bless them," as an old veteran Democrat exclaimed when he saw their graceful forms filing in the parterre, "they are always there when the interest of Democracy is at heart."

It was a noble array of people who were present and it was splendid attention that they gave the speakers. Again it was a time of triumph for Democracy. Locke Craig was in splendid form, his eloquence and argument; his humor and pathos; his invective and exposure of Republican evils in the State swept the people with him and during his great speech there were wild bursts of applause.

His arguments again trusts was superb and he fixed upon the Republican party the foisting of the monster and there was applause, but when he touched the dark record of Republican misrule in North Carolina and laid bare this hideous sore there was applause that almost shook the very building.

His line was that as heretofore at the Senatorial meetings, but it was more magnificent than before. He anticipated Pritchard's reply and left no ground for him. When he referred to the terrible condition of Wilmington prior to '98 and the city's delinquency from those conditions, he was applauded again and again.

Mr. Craig was introduced in eloquent terms by J. O. Carr, Esq., of the firm of Rountree & Carr. His speech was neat and highly complimentary to the distinguished Democratic son of the East, who now claims an adopted home in the West.

Mr. Craig spoke an hour and fifteen minutes and was followed by Senator Pritchard, who was presented in brief but very graceful manner by Assistant Postmaster Thos. E. Wallace, chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee.

Mr. Pritchard was received with some applause and this grew into a storm, when in his opening remarks he referred in most complimentary terms to Mr. Craig.

The Senator did his best, but it was as a puny effort after Craig's magnificent outburst of facts and oratory. It was a Democratic night for Wilmington, and it was so because the gallant Craig overwhelmed the apostle of Republicanism.

Senator Pritchard confined his speech almost exclusively to national issues and taunted Mr. Craig mildly about introducing the negro subject—one upon which the Senator, by the way, is evidently very sore. His opening remarks were in the nature of an attack upon the Democratic national administration under Cleveland, with a jibe at the Wilson-Gorman bill, the provisions of which he repudiated locally to the lumber and rice industry in this section. Not once did he apply to Mr. Craig's repeated question as to whether or not he would stand by the North Carolina constitutional amendment by which the negro was eliminated from State politics and under which the Senator claims the black man's burden should not be taken up.

Mr. Pritchard made a feeble effort to defend the terrible onslaughts made by Craig against the State Republican administration, but the flimsiness of his argument was torn to tatters in Craig's fifteen minutes rejoinder.

Correspondents who have been travelling with the candidates since the Senatorial canvass began, say the Wilmington meeting was rather more tame than its three predecessors; that Mr. Pritchard was not so rabid as at Kinross, Smithfield and Fayetteville, and naturally Mr. Craig's "dander" was not raised to the extent it had been at other places.

On the platform last night were

Chairman Geo. L. Peschau, of the County Democratic Committee, who presided; Mr. C. C. Covington, Sheriff Frank H. Stedman; Col. Geo. L. Morton, Maj. W. H. Bernard, George Rountree, Esq., Mr. J. C. Stevenson, J. O. Carr, Esq., and Mr. M. S. Willard; on the Republican side, Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace, who is also chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee; Postmaster Robert W. Davis, of Southport; Mr. R. M. Croom, of Burgaw; Collector of Customs B. F. Keith, Messrs. J. A. Arringdale, D. L. Gore, J. A. Springer, R. M. Westcott, J. W. Brooks and O. H. White, of Wilmington.

The speakers will leave this morning for Rocky Mount, where they will speak to-night and on the following day they go to Raleigh.

Mr. Craig was received by hundreds of his friends with the utmost cordiality on the streets yesterday and last night after the speaking he was given something very much akin to an ovation.

Mr. Pritchard received a number of his friends and representative business men in the parlors of The Orton between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday evening. During the day he was taken by a party of his friends to Southport.

RECORD OF THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

Negro Boys and a Razor Before the Mayor.

Two youthful colored razor artists came under the sheltering wing of the police yesterday. Frank Cooper, 9 years old, was the aggressor. He had trouble with another boy about the same age, at Sixth and Brunswick streets, and slashed him across the left shoulder, a gash about an inch long. The boy with the "razor" was dismissed by Mayor Waddell upon condition that his mother administer a sound thrashing, which she did to the queen's taste.

About the only other case in the police court yesterday was Virgil Burns, whom Sergeant Ward arrested at Eighth and Red Cross streets, charged with being drunk and making the neighborhood hideous with his disorder. He was given a vacation of 30 days on the roads, and Superintendent Shearin took him out to the stocks in the afternoon.

Another commitment to the roads yesterday was Sarah McMillan, colored, charged in Justice Fowler's court with forcible trespass. She went up for 30 days.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. W. J. Meredith left yesterday for Oronly to spend a few days with relatives.

—Mr. G. H. Hutaff has returned from Rocky Mount after spending a few days with his brother.

—Police Sergeant Ward is on vacation this week. Officer John Martin is at the Hall in his stead.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Davis and Miss Maria Walker returned yesterday morning from a pleasant trip to Washington.

—Mrs. A. M. Scales and children have returned to Greensboro after a delightful visit to the family of Col. Jno. D. Taylor.

—H. L. Stevens, C. D. Weeks and Fredell Meares, Esqs., returned yesterday morning from Raleigh, where they had been attending the Supreme Court.

—The STAR had a very pleasant visit yesterday from Mr. Edward E. Britton, of the *News and Observer*, who is reporting the Craig-Pritchard debates for that paper. Mr. Britton is one of the most promising and versatile young journalists of the State.

HALF-WIT SUBMITTED TO MURDER.

Sentenced to Thirty Years in Penitentiary. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 25.—LORENZO MORRIS to-day submitted to a charge of murder in the second degree for killing Mrs. Katherine White, near Raleigh, four months ago and he was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment. Morris is half-wit.

The Republican convention of the Fourth district met here this evening and decided to leave the nomination of a Congressional candidate against E. W. POU, Democrat, to the Executive Committee of which Frank D. Jones, of Gulf, is chairman.

The State Treasurer chartered the Bank of Union at Monroe; capital \$25,000. W. S. Blakeney, Plains, S. C., F. O. Blakeney and Shute & Sons, of Monroe, are among the largest stockholders.

Wilmington Exporting Furniture.