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THEY CONSPIRE IN VAIN.

Westward once the "star of empire" took its way: now it is Southward, and all the conspiring politicians between the two oceans can't prevent it. They may possibly delay it for some time if they can succeed in their infamous schemes, but it will get here in time, and that no very distant time, as sure as the sun shines in the heavens. This country is governed by numbers. The numbers go where interest calls and the conditions for comfortable and profitable living are the most favorable. Here, in a nutshell, is the reason why the South is eventually to be the seat of empire in this Republic. She is today, with all her attractions, with all her advantages, with her cheap lands, rich soil, magnificent forests, unlimited waterpowers, etc., the most sparsely inhabited portion of the Union. There is not a State south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers that could not comfortably sustain ten times its present population and still have land to spare.

Slowly but steadily and surely the flow of immigration and of capital is moving southward. The immigration has been mainly into the border States, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky. It will continue to move further southward. Capital has not been confined itself to any particular State or States but has gone wherever there was most to invite it. The Northern people who have sought and found homes in the South are but the advance body of those who are to come in the near future, not by the hundreds but by the thousands, until the two sections are welded together, united not only by ties of interest, but by ties of kinship and of blood. The new settlers will become Southerners and their children will be Southerners, inspired by love and pride of section, and imbued with all the essentials of good and loyal citizenship. They will not only be among the first in laboring to promote her prosperity, but among the most zealous in championing and striving for her supremacy. They will be a potent factor, too, in the solution of the race problem, which seems to be a cause of so much solicitude to some of the eminent statesmen on the other side of the line.

If an honest census has been taken the next apportionment for Representatives will show a considerable gain in the South, as it will also in the West, the two great agricultural sections, whose interests are most identified, and whose destinies are most closely linked. Every day they are being drawn closer together by a common interest, and within another decade they will be found acting together in shaping policies of State in their common interest. United they will be irresistible, and will dominate the Republic.

The glory of the New England and the Middle States has departed and the sceptre has passed from them. They can no longer say as they once said what shall or shall not be the controlling policy of State. This was demonstrated in the late discussion and passage of the silver bill which was decided not so much on party, or strict economic, as on geographical lines, when the aggressive West supported by the South triumphed over the combined and once omnipotent money power of the East.

The late census shows according to reports from Washington that the population in the rural sections of New England and the Middle States has diminished or where it has not diminished has barely held its own in the past decade. Where there has been a gain of population it has been altogether in the cities or in the manufacturing or mining districts.

We published a statement the other day based upon figures produced by the Philadelphia Times, showing this to be the case in a portion of Pennsylvania, one of the best agricultural States in the Middle States. There was an absolute decrease of population in some of the counties, while others barely held their own, the only counties showing an increase being those containing towns of importance, the increase being in those towns. This district, the Times concluded, embracing some of the best agricultural counties in the State,

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was a fair index of the remainder of the State.

The New England States, instead of growing, it is thought, will lose five or six Representatives in Congress, while the South and the West gain.

This is the situation as it presents itself to-day, the South and the West growing in political power and importance, the Middle and the East dwindling in importance and rapidly becoming a mere cipher in governmental affairs.

Each decade will increase the disparity until Southern supremacy becomes an established and conceded fact as it is now a foregone conclusion. The political conspirators who are trying to prevent it may retard it for a while but they can no more prevent it than they can harness the surf and curb the ebb and flow of the tides.

In the certainties of future triumph we may with the more fortitude stand the trials and the annoyances of the present, which are inspired by the malice or selfishness of the unpatriotic and unscrupulous partisan.

The WEEKLY STAR, each issue containing nearly thirty columns of reading matter, is mailed, postage paid, for less than two cents a copy. And still some people seem to think it entirely honest to read it without paying for it.

STATE TOPICS.

The decision of Judges Bond and Seymour, against the constitutionality of the fertilizer license tax imposed by this State is a serious matter, as it involves from \$38,000 to \$40,000 a year revenue, upon which the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical College depend for support. As the dispatch announcing the decision does not state the clause of the inter-State Commerce act of which it is said to be a violation, we do not know exactly upon what the decision rests, but it is rather singular if the State which imposes a license tax on its own citizens, has not the right to impose a similar tax on citizens of other States doing business in this State. One of the objects of the Inter State Commerce act is to prevent a State from unjustly discriminating against citizens of other States, but if it be so construed that the State cannot impose a license tax upon citizens of other States while it can upon its own citizens, then the discrimination is against the citizens of the State in favor of the outsider. With few exceptions the fertilizer manufacturers from other States have been willing to pay this tax and it was not until the past year or two that any objection was made to it by any of them.

At any time during the past few months have you received a bill for subscription to the WEEKLY STAR? If so, and you have not already paid the amount, do so at once. It is wrong to read a paper without paying for it.

Mrs. Cora Belle Fellows Shaska, who achieved her first fame by marrying a dirty, greasy, worthless Indian buck, has won some more distinction by routing a party of "braves" who tried to pounce down on her supply of government soap. We don't doubt her pluck, but there is a suspicious look in the statement that the braves had a hankering for soap. There must have been some strange revolutions out in that country when the noble red man manifests an interest in soap.

It is admitted that the WEEKLY STAR is a cheap paper at one dollar per year, but the impression that prevails with some of its subscribers that it can be published, and mailed free of postage, for nothing is erroneous.

Annual Meeting of Farmers' Alliance at Asheville.

Several delegates from the Farmers' Alliance meeting at Asheville returned last night and express themselves as well pleased with their visit.

All of the old officers were re-elected, with one or two exceptions. Many changes were made in the organic law of the order, so that the State constitution would conform with the national.

Mr. H. E. King, of Onslow, an officer of the State Alliance, made a strong appeal for Wilmington as the next annual meeting place, and this nomination was seconded by Capt. S. W. Noble in a short but pointed speech, and had the question been agitated a little earlier Wilmington would have undoubtedly been chosen. As it was the vote stood: Morehead 43, Wilmington 37, Greensboro 21.

The lecturer and steward of each subordinate Alliance in the State have been appointed deputy organizers to complete the organization in the State.

A report from Buenos Ayres says that during the administration of Celman, the deposed President of the Argentine Republic, \$500,000,000 passed through his hands from which the Republic derived no benefit. With this record he could come over here and achieve still more eminence by becoming a Republican statesman for which he seems to have a decided talent.

A NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED.

The Carolina Inter-State Building and Loan Association—Capital Stock Five Millions—Officers Elected, Etc.

The organization of the Carolina Inter-State Building and Loan Association of this city has just been completed, under the auspices and direction of some of the most reputable and prominent gentlemen of the community. The association proposes to place agents in every one of the Southern States as soon as possible, and to establish local branches throughout the country. It is to do an inter-state business and the success of this one under the conservative and able management of the gentlemen who compose its directors and officials may be said to be assured.

At a meeting held by the stockholders here the following directors were chosen, viz: John W. Atkinson, H. M. Bowen, W. H. Green, J. R. Kenly, Berry Gleaves, Isaac Bates, Iredell Meares, E. S. Tennent, Chas. E. Borden.

After this the directors met and elected the officers, which are: J. W. Atkinson, President; H. M. Bowen, Vice President; E. S. Tennent, Secretary; Charles E. Borden, Treasurer; Iredell Meares, General Agent; John S. Waters, Superintendent of Agencies.

Mr. John S. Waters will in a few days call upon citizens to solicit subscriptions and explain the workings of the Association. The capital stock, to be accumulated, will be five million dollars, and this no doubt will direct the eyes of many to Wilmington, for the whole management will be in our city, and it will tend to give to this place great commercial importance.

How long have you been reading the WEEKLY STAR without paying for it? This question is not intended for those who have paid in advance.

A FATAL PISTOL SHOT.

Clara New Dies From the Wound Inflicted by Julius Bloodworth—The Coroner's Inquest, Etc.

Clara New, the young colored woman who was shot by Julius Bloodworth last Wednesday, died yesterday morning at half-past ten o'clock at the house where the shooting occurred, in McRae's alley. Dr. F. W. Potter, superintendent of health, who attended the woman, made a post mortem examination of the body, but the Coroner was not informed of the woman's death until about five o'clock in the afternoon, and then only by a friend of the woman who applied for an order for a coffin and a permit for the burial of the body.

Coroner Jacobs at once took steps to hold an inquest, and summoned and empaneled the following as jurymen: F. S. Merrick, R. F. Rowan, T. C. Miller, Elijah McKellar, Monroe Byrd and Jno. S. Barnes.

Dr. Potter testified to having made a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased. There were three holes, he said, made by the ball in the small intestine on its passage into the backbone, but after examining closely for two hours he had to abandon the search without finding the ball.

Minerva Wright testified that she was in the kitchen with the deceased and the next thing she knew a pistol shot was fired. I saw the deceased fall on the floor and tried to get her up, and then ran out and called Joe Boney and Mag Wheeler, and then went off after a doctor, and then to the City Hall. After I heard the shot I saw the man go into the kitchen door, and haven't seen him since. His name is Julius Bloodworth.

Mag Wheeler said Minerva called her and asked her if she had seen her brother Julius; she had not seen him. Minerva said he had shot Clara. Mag said she then went over and helped Clara into bed.

The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased, Clara New, came to her death from a pistol-shot at the hands of Julius Bloodworth.

John Bloodworth, father of the murderer, was in the city yesterday, and called at the City Hall. He told Mayor Fowler that he had not seen Julius for several weeks and knew nothing about him.

THE SUICIDE.

Coroner's Verdict in the Case of Cuffey Screven.

Coroner Jacobs held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of "Cuffey" Screven, the colored man whose death was reported in the STAR. Dr. F. W. Potter reported as the result of the post mortem examination the finding of laudanum in the stomach of the deceased, and his belief that death was caused by this drug.

Henrietta Hall, the colored woman who reported the condition of Screven, testified that the deceased came into the kitchen where she was at work. He said good evening and remarked that he was very sleepy. She told him that he looked stupid, and he said, "Yes, I am, for I have taken two spoonfuls of laudanum." She asked why he took it; but he made no answer, and sat down in a chair and fell asleep. She tried to get him up but could not succeed; finally in particular, and he asked her not to call a doctor.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

A Handsome and Commodious Structure to be Erected on Front and Mulberry Streets.

The proper papers for the lot on Mulberry street between Front and Nutt, recently purchased from Hall & Pearsall by the Young Men's Christian Association, have been executed and property is now in the hands of the Association. The buildings now on the lot will be sold at auction next Tuesday, and will be immediately removed, preparatory to the erection of a handsome structure of pressed brick or brown stone.

Mr. S. W. Faulk, architect, of New Castle, Pa., will be here next Monday to secure the data necessary to enable him to execute the final plans and detailed specifications. Our own city could possibly have furnished a skilled architect, but Mr. French has had extensive experience in designing Association buildings and is therefore best fitted for this work.

The building, it is intended, will be first class in every particular, and an ornament to the city. Twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars will be expended in its construction. It will be three stories on Front street and four stories on Nutt. On Nutt street the first and second floors (seventy-five feet deep) will be fitted for store room and offices, and, under the terms of sale, will be occupied by Messrs. Hall & Pearsall for their business. The first floor on Front street will be occupied by two stores, 30x65 feet, between which will be a commodious entrance to the Association rooms on the second floor. On the same level as the first floor on Nutt street, in rear of Hall & Pearsall's store, and extending partly underneath the stores on Front street, will be the gymnasium.

The third and fourth floors on Nutt street will be fitted for a handsome lecture and music hall, with a seating capacity of one thousand.

The second and third stories on the Front street end will be used exclusively for the Association rooms.

Through the past twelve months the committee on the purchase of a lot have worked earnestly and faithfully in behalf of this movement for the young men of Wilmington, and should be unreservedly commended for their success in securing the present eligible site. Plan after plan have they canvassed, and have never flagged in their determination to procure a good and desirable place for this important building. The place has many advantages. It has a splendid southern exposure and making the breeze from that quarter, making it comfortable and securing ample ventilation. Every visitor to the city must pass right by it, by whatever route he comes, except the Onslow road. Owing to the large number of young men employed in the railroad offices and shops it is very nearly in the centre of population of that class of the community. There will be an assured income from both the Nutt and Front street ends. Already one of the stores on Front street has been spoken for, and, as before stated, the entire Nutt street end has been leased.

The directors have decided to sell the lot on Market street, and it is being advertised for that purpose.

This is the most earnest and extended movement yet made in Wilmington in behalf of the physical, social, intellectual and moral welfare of her young men, and should and doubtless will receive the hearty support of the community.

Happy Family Reunion in Pender.

A correspondent of the STAR writes: There is not a more loving or affectionate family than that composing the eight children and their parents, Mr. F. H. Bell and wife Susan, living near Rocky Point, Pender county. These children are living in various portions of Pender and other counties, were assembled in joyful reunion on Friday last at the elegant and happy home of their honored father and mother, and spent the day most happily. The dinner table contained every delicacy and luxury that could tempt the appetite. These children are happily married and husbands and wives were also present. Mr. Bell is well known as one of the foremost and best citizens of Pender, and one of its greatest and most successful farmers. This delightful reunion was the more agreeable because of the presence of his son, Dr. C. D. Bell, a talented and leading physician of Gates county, and a big game hunter.

Arrested in New Orleans.

Postmaster G. Z. French received a telegram yesterday notifying him that John Kennedy, charged with robbing a registered money package in the Wilmington City Hall, was in New Orleans. He was arrested by police officers in the city of New Orleans and delivered into the custody of United States officers at that place. Kennedy was going by the name of J. H. Vane when arrested.

A Cock's Comb.

Mr. N. W. Powers, at Willards, has a wonderful rooster. Its comb measures five inches from front to back, three inches from eye to top of comb, and seven inches from top of comb to bottom of gills. The rooster is a common barnyard fowl, the breed being remarkable for laying qualities, however.

For the Star.

THE C. S. & N. R. R.

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., Aug. 14.—Work is rapidly progressing on the Charleston, Sumter and Northern Railroad which is now being constructed from here to Sumter. About three miles on the road has been ready for the track. Messrs. Gillis & Pitts (the contractors) are pushing the work and hope to have it done to the Pee Dee by November 1st. The track is now being laid and the first engine passed over it last evening under the guidance of our general friend, "Big" Archie Campbell of the C. F. & Y. V. By invitation several accompanied him and had a pleasant time. John Witherspoon, the wood-chunker and masher, held the throttle and blew the road-crossings and a long salute. We hope soon to see the big engines of the C. S. & N. running on here to Charleston.

KING COTTON.

Everything Ready for His Coming—North Carolina's Big Crop.

The movement of the new cotton crop is growing daily, and although Wilmington has not yet scored her first bale, it will not be many days before the "fleece staple" will be pouring in. The receipts of new cotton yesterday were 55 bales at Savannah, 53 at New Orleans, 33 at Galveston, 4 at Charleston, 1 at Augusta, and 1 at Mobile.

The cotton crop in North Carolina from all accounts has not been so large for years, and farmers are said to be jubilant over the prospect. It is safe to assume, therefore, that Wilmington will handle more cotton than ever before. Norfolk, too, is anticipating largely increased receipts, based on the prospects of a big crop in North Carolina. The Norfolk Virginian quotes a cotton buyer of that city as saying that if the usual channels of trade were not diverted, Norfolk would handle a quarter of a million more bales of cotton this year than last, and probably more than the reports received by the firm from North Carolina correspondents are the most encouraging sent in for years.

West Point, the Virginian says, will not be as great a rival of Norfolk's this year as last, as one of her cotton presses has been removed to Charlotte, N. C., and it is said that another will not open up this winter. Considerable cotton, which the Richmond & Danville rail has heretofore carried to West Point, will, it is believed, find an outlet at Norfolk this season, over the tracks of the Norfolk & Carolina road.

Wilmington cotton men are ready for the opening of the season; the compresses are all in order, warehouses cleared and ready for use, and several steamers chartered and on the way to receive cargoes. The season it is expected will open here about the first of next month.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

A Senate Compromise to Pass the Senate Tariff Bill and Kill the Election Bill—Important Senatorial Caucus.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—During two hours and a half occupied in the delivery of Mr. Mitchell's speech in the Senate this morning the two Pennsylvania Senators held frequent conferences with Mr. Vest on the Democratic side of the chamber. Mr. Plumb also had a long and earnest talk with him. Mr. Quay afterwards flitted around his own side of the chamber and exchanged views with some of the Senators from the new States. These conferences may have had no connection with the passage of the Tariff bill, and the adjournment of the session without action on the Federal Election bill, but it is quite likely that they had.

The fourth in the series of Republican Senatorial caucuses was held at the Capitol to-night, and was attended by any of the preceding caucuses, so far as definite results are concerned. It was the most important caucus yet held, most largely attended and most pointed in the matter of speeches made. Thirty-nine Senators were present and with the exception of Mr. Cullum, who was ill, and Mr. Sawyer, every one remained until adjournment.

There was an extensive diversity of views manifested, and the caucus adjourned simply because an agreement was impossible. It was a very informal meeting. Messrs. Quay and Cameron both made speeches, in which they strongly represented the political expediency of doing anything with Federal election bills at present, and urged the necessity of an early adjournment from a party standpoint.

Mr. Aldrich, also, was on the side of those who desire an adjournment, and was spokesman for those Senators who were in favor of the adjournment and delay over the Tariff bill. Mr. Aldrich, in his considerations in deciding the policy to be pursued.

Mr. Plumb also spoke, and it is understood opposed the Election bill out and out.

For friends of the bill which has caused these numerous caucuses, Messrs. Hear and Spooner were champions. The latter made a strong speech, which some denominated "Reading the Riot Act." He warned Senators that they must not be misled by the opposition. He said that the bill would be passed at this session or not at all. It would be futile to go before the country with any statement that this bill would be passed at the short session. It was his supreme belief that it should be passed at once. His remarks brought out sharp retorts from several of the opponents to the bill.

The discussion showed that there was a greater number of Senators than has been generally supposed, who for one reason or another are willing to adjourn simply because they are tired of the subject. The number of these Senators is placed at fifteen.

Finally, about half-past ten, adjournment was proposed, and was finally forced by a majority vote. This was the only vote taken.

A general understanding prevailed among the Senators that the question of the manner of electing delegates to the September Convention, the President to-day nominated Michael H. Hayes postmaster at Fort-ress Monroe.

District Commissioner L. G. Hine has tendered his resignation to the President. It is understood his resignation is due to differences which have arisen between the Engineer Commissioner, Col. Roberts, and the civilian Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, August 15.—As a result of the correspondence with Secretary Windom it was announced at the Treasury Department this morning that to-day's offers for the sale of silver were ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.15, and that the Department accepted all offers at prices below \$1.15. It is now understood that hereafter the same publicity will be given to government silver transactions as is now given to its bond operations. Seven hundred and four thousand ounces were offered to-day, and 417,000 ounces accepted for delivery at Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Census Office to-day practically computed the count of the population of the United States. There are, however, about 1,800 enumeration districts returns from which have not been received. In consequence of this delay announcement of the population of several States cannot be made at this time. The count up to this date shows an aggregate of 62,608,955, and when the entire count is finished, the population of the country, according to Porter's estimate, will be about 64,000,000—an increase of about 30 per cent. during the decade.

During the coming week the entire force of the Census Office, except such as will be engaged in computations, will be literally blown to atoms by the secret service is advised of the appearance in the South of a very poor counterfeit \$20 silver certificate. It is supposed that the counterfeit is being made at the act of February 28, 1879, series 1880, check letter C. B. K. Bruce register, and A. W. Wyman treasurer, with a portrait of Decatur. The entire impression is very indistinct, and the appearance of having undergone what is known as the washing process. It is a photographic production.

THE SEAL FISHERIES.

Lord Salisbury to Mr. Blaine—Great Britain will Submit to Impartial Arbitration.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

LONDON, August 16.—Lord Salisbury's last dispatch to Mr. Blaine was dated August 14, and in it he quoted from his typical documents in support of his contention that England had refused to accept Russia's claim to exclusive jurisdiction over Behring Sea. He asserted in the ukase of 1881. He says: "It is impossible to admit that the right to fish and catch seals in the high seas can be lost to the nation by the fact that for a certain number of years it has not suited the subjects of that nation to exercise such right. It may be remembered that the existence of British Columbia as a colony, and the development of the colony's shipping interest are comparatively recent. He then announces Great Britain's willingness to submit the question to impartial arbitration.

Speaker Reed's friends express great indignation at the intimation that the employment of workmen at the Kittery Navy Yard had a political job in it. They should then welcome a thorough investigation which would clear Mr. Reed of suspicion. But they do not appear to feel that way.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Dem.

RED SPRINGS.

A Fine Exhibit at the Fair—Address of Senator Vance.

MAXTON, Aug. 15.—There was a large crowd to-day at the Fair at Red Springs. The exhibition, though small, was very fine. The agricultural exhibits were splendid and the fruit magnificent. Senator Vance addressed the people of Robeson county, explaining himself on the sub-treasury bill, very satisfactorily. His speech was received with warm and hearty approval and made a favorable impression. He will be heartily supported in this county.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

The State Convention Adopt Resolutions Recognizing the State Debt A Split in the Convention and a New One Organized by the Withdrawing Delegates.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 14.—The Democratic State Convention this morning adopted the following:

WHEREAS, ill-disposed persons, causing hostile feeling among the farmers' movement, and regardless of the fair name and credit of South Carolina, have caused to be circulated through the press of the country statements intended to prejudice the public mind as to the relation of the Democratic party to the public debt of the State;

And, whereas, such sinister statements, given out of hostile political motives, are wholly at variance with the principles of the Democratic party of the State, and if unnoticed would create a wrong impression, and possibly do harm and be unjust to the people of South Carolina;

Be it resolved, That the debt of South Carolina, as recognized, is a public obligation of primary importance, and in the future, as in the past, will continue to have the fostering care of the State government, and should command the confidence of the investing public.

A new constitution, was adopted and the plan of primary election at this year's election for the delegates to the State Nominating Convention was defeated.

Upon this action the delegations from Richmond, Charleston, Reulfort and Sumter, comprising about one-third of the delegates, withdrew and formed a new Convention, and elected Hon. Geo. Lamb Bristow, chairman, and E. J. Breen, secretary. They chose an Executive Committee to prepare an address to the people and took a recess.

In the regular Convention the old Executive Committee was deposed, and J. M. H. Byrd, of Laurens, was elected chairman. The Convention then adjourned sine die.

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 14.—The Democratic Convention yesterday in the talk of the State. General opinion is that there will be no split in the party and that the action of the Convention yesterday seemed nothing but the question of the manner of electing delegates to the September Convention. The News and Courier holds that the Convention exceeded its authority in adopting a new constitution, that the old Executive Committee is still the rightful head of the party, and the old constitution still the law of the party. The News and Courier says that the new Convention is a usurpation, and that the delegates to the September Convention were clearly illegal, and in those ten counties it will be necessary to go into a new election of delegates. With any such action the question of the future of the party will be practically settled.

There will be no split or bolt in the sense of a separate and independent ticket, as we predicted in advance of the Convention. The August Convention has settled everything.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed and Two Others Injured at a Saw Mill in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 14.—A special to the Daily Register from Newberry, this State, says: News reached here to-day of a terrible boiler explosion which occurred this morning at a county saw mill twelve miles of Newberry, on Dr. W. M. Dorris's place. Four men—two white and three colored—were killed and two colored men were seriously wounded. Pickens P. Matthews, white, son of the owner of the mill, met with an awful fate. He was literally blown to atoms, his limbs being found some distance from the scene of the explosion, and other portions of his body suspended in trees. The colored man, Henry Davis, of Lenoir, and Wm. Chambers—had their heads blown off and were otherwise terribly mutilated.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

W. A. Hoke Nominated for Judge of the Eleventh District.

SHELBY, N. C., August 14.—At the Convention of the Eleventh Judicial District, at Lincolnton, W. A. Hoke, of Lincoln, was nominated for Judge on the 6th ballot, and F. L. Osborn was nominated unanimously for Solicitor.

Resolutions affirming allegiance to the United States, and endorsing the Lodge Election bill, and endorsing Vance, Merriam and Clark were passed unanimously.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Judges Seymour and Bond Decide that the Law Imposing a Tax on Fertilizer Companies in North Carolina is in Violation of the Interstate Commerce Act.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 15.—Judges Seymour and Bond, of the United States Circuit Court to-day, rendered a decision in the case of the American Fertilizer Company of Virginia, against the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of North Carolina. The court decided that the law imposing a tax of \$500 upon fertilizer companies doing business in North Carolina is a violation of the Interstate Commerce act, and unconstitutional.

The tax realized from this source amounted to \$38,000 per year, and was devoted to maintaining the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Oxford Day: Tobacco curing is pretty general in Granville this week. The crop promises to turn out to be the largest and best grown in the county in several years.

Clinton Caucasian: One of the heaviest rains we have seen in several years fell here on last Sunday afternoon. The lightning was incessant and severe and did some damage.

Salisbury Truth: A mulatto infant was found yesterday morning dead in Mrs. Jack Hall's garden. Though only a few hours old when discovered it was alive and kicking. The mother, either in a fit of absence of mind, or madness, had laid it unclothed in the grass and weeds to get rid of it.

Rockingham Rocket: Rev. N. T. Bowdon died quite suddenly at his home near Covington, this county, one day last week. He was a member of the County Board of Education, and was a gentleman of many good traits of character, who will be missed in his community. He was about 60 years old.

Asheville Democrat: President Elias Carr is a model presiding officer. His abilities and high character were becomingly recognized on Tuesday, the first day of the session, at Morgan Hill, this county, when Mrs. Taylor Bell presented her good husband with a bouncing boy of 1344 pounds of weight, and immediately named him Elias Carr.

Franklin Times: Mr. H. H. Raby found two of his hogs last Friday morning in an old mica shaft 80 feet deep with 30 feet of water in it. The hogs had been swimming around all night. He came to town and procured a large rope, and went down and gave his pork a rise, and induced his swine to move their heavy bodies from the brink of that deep hole.

Asheville Citizen: The contract for building the foundation of Vanderbilt palace has been given to L. R. Wooted of Asheville. The foundation will be built of rock quarried on the place, and will be 380x180 feet. The excavation will be 100 feet deep, and will be 100 feet high from the ground to the first floor. About eighteen months will be consumed in building it.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. John L. Williams, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Livesville township, died at his home last Friday night, of gangrene; aged about 74 years.—Rev. A. G. Buckner, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach his farewell sermon in Wadesboro next Sunday night, and will leave for his new charge at Cynthiana, Ky., the latter part of next week.

Statesville Landmark: A business letter from a local source, from county informants that there are fifteen cases of typhoid fever in that village. A letter of the 9th from Mr. L. B. Benge, Albany, Ga., says that Rutherford College, Burke county, was burned last Friday night. The entire building, library and all fixtures were lost and \$25,000 worth of insurance was lost. The cause of the fire was a fire in the kitchen, and it was caused by one of the society halls.

Goldsboro Argus: Three prisoners, all minors, and held for petty cases of larceny, from the county jail in this city yesterday morning sometime before day. A white man named Sam Hines, engaged at the saw mill at Deep River, N. C., was in the jail, and was taken out Wednesday evening, on a side track, while engaged in coupling two lumber cars that were being pushed together by hand. His head was caught between the protruding lumber of the two cars and his skull was instantly crushed.

Shelby Aurora: At Spartanburg on August 9th, David Senn and Helena Boland were acquitted of murder, after examination of the witnesses lasted about twelve hours. The arguments were not very long. The jury was out only a short time. The two defendants, and the trial has cost the county not far from \$2,500. The two cousins, David Senn and Helena Boland, had a drunken fight near Morganton last week. John Brittain was struck with a jug, then Dave received several severe wounds in the side from a knife in the hand of John Brittain. Dave's left lung was cut and the wound may prove mortal.

Morganton Herald: Prof. R. T.