

THE NEGRO IN THE SOUTH.

In a late issue of the New York Sun, now an extreme Republican organ, there is a communication by Richard H. Yancy, of Nashville, Tenn., on the negro in the South, which is such a correct statement of the status of the negro, and his relation to the white race that we publish some extracts from it.

"The ex-slave is rapidly disappearing and the majority of blacks now in the South are not freedmen, but free men, born to all the rights which the Constitution bestows. Still, those who have always been most insistent on the negro's fitness as a citizen are anxious to exercise a guardianship of his rights and make continual complaint of their infringement."

"I don't admit the persecution, but in any view of the case it is obvious that in the end the negroes of the South must work out their own destiny, and I believe they can do it better whenever the negro problem shall cease to be discussed. The discussion inclines them to consider themselves in martyrdom awaiting a deliverer, and it irritates the whites."

"As a matter of fact, I don't believe there is any record of two entirely distinct races ever having occupied the same country with so little friction as there has been between the whites and blacks in the South. There is a certain race antagonism, of course, and there have been occasional race conflicts."

Many will be carried to Cuba and Porto and perhaps to the Philippines. These facts suggest how the negro problem may be eventually settled. In the meantime the negro is doing all together as well as could be expected, and there is no need of worrying about his case.

The writer of this letter understands the situation pretty well, and he covered the case of whatever tension there might be between the races in the South when he rebuked the outside meddling which not only does the negro no good, but intensifies whatever of prejudice there may be, and demoralizes the negroes by destroying their individuality and self-reliance and causes them to regard themselves as practically the wards of strangers who have no interest whatever in them and no real desire to promote their material or social betterment.

At the bottom and the inspiring motive of this outside meddling is the franchise with which the slaves were invested when they emerged from slavery, for this made them a political factor to be courted and catered to by men, parties and factions, which hoped to win victories with negro votes.

But this outside meddling will be eliminated by the adoption of election laws that will remove the negro as a factor in the strife of parties and this will be a long stride in the direction of the solution of the race problem and leave the negro free and unhampered to work out his own destiny and co-operate in the solution of the race problem that has already made some progress in solving itself.

WALTHY IN RESOURCES. There is no doubt the new acquisitions of this country, Porto Rico and the Philippines, are rich in natural resources, and capable of development. The Philippines are credited with a long list of minerals; gold, silver, copper, iron, coal of several kinds, and a number of ornamental and other varieties of stones.

But if the wealth of these islands be a good argument why we should hold on to them, isn't it equally as good an argument for the Filipino, why he should hold on to them and resist their passing into the hands of strangers without any compensation?

RUSSIA'S RAPID PROGRESS. Russia has not attracted very much attention as a coming factor in the world's commerce, but she is making rapid progress in developing lines of travel, ports and her internal resources, and will ere long be a potent factor in the world's industries.

"That means a great deal for Siberia. It means much for the Philippines. Russia. Of the freight carried last year about two thirds consisted of wheat. No less than 12,000,000 bushels of the great grain were exported."

"What the Russian Government can do, however, is to do what it can to assist the Russian farmers by giving them more and better means for getting their produce to market. It is spending \$2,000,000 in laying new railroads on the Siberian road to carry the increasing traffic. At the same time it is devoting nearly twice that sum to the building of new roads and the better equipment of old ones in European Russia."

The Russian policy seems to have been to go along quietly carrying out its colossal plans but saying little about them, and this is one of the reasons doubtless why the world at large knows so little about what is going on in Russia or what those mighty, and tireless workers are doing.

NEWSOM-PERRY NUPTIALS. Mr. John F. Newsom and Miss Ostella Perry United in Marriage at Princeton Yesterday.

Yesterday in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Princeton, Mr. John F. Newsom, of this city and Miss Ostella Perry, of Princeton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

AN EXODUS OF NEGROES. More Than a Hundred Left Wilmington Yesterday for Northern Cities. Over a hundred negroes including women and children left yesterday via the A. C. L. trains for Norfolk and northern cities, including New York and Boston.

North State Improvement Company. Fayetteville Observer: Clement Manly, Referee on the North State Improvement case, heard arguments yesterday in the final hearing before him in the North State Improvement case.

A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE. IN GRACE M. E. CHURCH. The Hanks-Saunders Nuptials Celebrated Yesterday Evening—Pretty Decoration—Reception Tuesday Night.

There was a beautiful marriage service in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock in celebration of the plighting of troth between Miss Annie Royal Hanks, of this city, and Mr. M. G. Saunders, of West Point, Va.

The church was handsomely decorated by Mr. Will Rehder, the florist, who admirably sustained his enviable reputation as an artistic decorator. The pulpit and rostrum, and the arch of the organ alcove were adorned with a variety of palms and other decorative plants tastefully blended.

SHERIFFS OF STRAWBERRIES. Several Crates Shipped From Wilmington and Points on W. & W. Yesterday. Mr. J. H. Bostick writes the STAR that four crates of strawberries were shipped from Willard, in Pender county, yesterday—the first of the season from that point.

MEETS IN WILMINGTON JUNE 24TH. Episcopal Convention of East Carolina Diocese in St. James' Church. Bishop Watson, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, has decided that the annual convention of the East Carolina Episcopal Diocese will meet in this city with St. James' Church Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, instead of at Kingston, N. C., as previously arranged.

GOVERNOR WILL REMAIN IN N. C. Has No Idea of Going to New York to Practice Law. The Raleigh Post of Sunday says: "The statement that Governor Russell intends to locate in New York and engage in the practice of law is untrue. This information comes from reliable authority."

QUARTERLY MEETINGS. Wilmington District—Second Round (in Part). Carr's Creek at Carr's Creek, April 22-23. Battle at Center, April 23-24. Wilmington, Bladen Street, May 1. Wilmington, Bladen Street, May 7. Clinton, at Center's, May 7. Onslow, at Swainsboro, May 14. Jacksonville and Richland, at Haw Branch, May 18. Kernaville Circuit, at Cherty, May 20-21. Scott's Hill, at Prospect, May 20-21. Wilmington, Grace, May 26-27.

THE SUPERIOR COURT. April Term Was Convened Yesterday, E. W. Timberlake, Judge Presiding.

One Judgment and a Decree Entered Yesterday—Three Trial Cases for Today—Recess to 9:30 O'clock This Morning. The April term of the New Hanover Superior Court was convened yesterday morning by Judge E. W. Timberlake, the court officers being Rudolph Duff, Esq., solicitor; Col. Jno. D. Taylor, clerk, and Mr. Walter G. MacRae, first sheriff. The jury for this, the first week of the term, is as follows: D. H. Penton, Jordan Nixon, J. W. Strickland, J. H. Haslett, E. W. Mohr, G. W. Penny, H. C. Wright, Jno. J. Forest, J. G. W. Tienken, J. A. Brunjer and L. Chapman.

Several cases were set for trial for different days of the term were continued, the position of others on the calendar was changed, and no judgment and an order for sale were entered. The judgment was in the case of J. M. Malpas vs. the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and the order for sale of property was in the case of J. D. Bellamy vs. W. A. Howe.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING. Miss Jane E. Fredricks United in Marriage to Mr. J. B. King Last Night. Miss Jane Ellen Fredricks and Mr. John Bascom King, of the firm of J. B. and J. C. King, were happily married last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Fredricks, No. 410 South Fifth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jno. H. Hall, of Fifth Street M. E. Church.

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THE ELLIOTT-GREEN WEDDING IN FAYETTEVILLE. Marriage Ceremonials of Unusual Beauty. The Bridal Party—Wedding Breakfast by the Groom-Elect.

The marriage of Mr. George Blow Elliott, son of Mr. Warren G. Elliott, of this city, and Miss Mabel Ellery Green, daughter of Col. Wharton J. Green, of Fayetteville, was brilliantly celebrated yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. John's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, the pastor, Rev. I. W. Hughes, officiating.

The church decorations were of unusually beautiful and elaborate design, and a large company of people assembled, despite the fearful weather conditions, to witness the service. The bridal party consisted of Miss Adair Riddick, of Raleigh, maid of honor; and Miss Mardeta Elliott, Miss Eliza Elliott, of Wilmington, and Miss Sadie Jones, of New York, bridesmaids; Mr. Charles Elliott, brother of the groom, best man; Master Pembroke Jones, Jr., of New York, page, (Uskers—Mr. D. R. Vail, of New York; Mr. W. G. Ferguson, of Richmond; Mr. J. S. Bryan, of Richmond; Mr. Milton Elliott, of Wilmington; Mr. J. A. Huske, of Fayetteville, and Mr. R. S. French, of Charleston.

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THE YORKTOWN'S MISSING MEN. It Is Not Known Whether They Were Killed in the Ambuscade or Captured.

Officials Are Hopeful. The officials of the Navy Department are confident that such of the missing men of the Yorktown as escaped being killed on the island of Luzon and were well treated by the insurgents. Some time ago the War Department made inquiry as to the number of missing men reported by the Filipinos. In reply General Green referred to two such soldiers, and said that they were being fairly treated by the insurgents, he supplying funds to defray the cost of their food. The reports made to the Navy Department by Paymaster Wilcox, one of Dewey's officers, who made a trip across the island of Luzon from Manila to the coast, and reported that he had seen the condition of the Spanish officials who were the prisoners of the insurgents, as very comfortable. In many cases the Spanish officials were actually in confinement, being allowed the liberty of the towns.

Another Account. Manila, April 19, 4:35 P. M.—Admiral Dewey has notified of the strange disappearance of Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and fourteen members of the crew of the United States gunboat Yorktown. On Saturday last the Yorktown anchored off Baler on the east coast of the island of Luzon and about two hundred miles from here, where there was a Spanish garrison of about 50 men, which had been defending itself against several hundred Filipinos for months past.

PROSECUTION CLOSED ITS CASE AND COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY. Philadelphia, Pa., April 19.—Unexpectedly to almost every person interested, the prosecution in the trial of the late Senator Charles J. McNamara closed its case today after nine days of argument, clashes of counsel and testimony largely of an expert nature. The case came at 2 o'clock, just one hour before the usual hour of adjournment, and after a brief consultation among counsel for the defence and Judge Biddle the latter adjourned the court for the day in order that Mr. McNamara's lawyer might have time to consider what steps they shall take with respect to the presentation of the defence. It was stated that the question of entering demurrers to the prosecution's evidence or proceedings with the taking of testimony will be decided by the defence's counsel tonight.

THE SPANISH NAVY. There is No Present Likelihood of Its Reconstitution. London, April 20.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "There is no present likelihood of the reconstitution of the Spanish fleet. The ordinary estimates will be presented to the new Cortes, and if the country's finances are found to permit, supplementary estimates will follow, the funds raised by the latter being devoted first to the improvement of coast defence."

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ment to meet all of the needs of the Summer season. Troops From Porto Rico. It is intended to withdraw one regiment from Porto Rico and to send three regiments to the Philippines as soon as they can be equipped and trained there, though it is not believed that they will be sent for two or three months. It is also stated that the conditions in Cuba are such that it is quite probable some troops will be withdrawn from that island for service in the Philippines.

FLORIDA'S SENATOR. Taliaferro Elected on First Joint Ballot of the Legislature. Tallahassee, April 19.—The Senatorial contest in Florida was ended today when the first joint ballot was taken by the Legislature. Taliaferro received fifty-nine votes. Pennington received thirty-four votes. Pennington's vote was secured to the chair mainly by a wave of enthusiasm and brief speeches made by Taliaferro. Taliaferro was elected Senator, born at Orange Court House, in the State of Virginia, September 30th, 1847, where he spent most of his boyhood days. He served gallantly as a private in the Confederate army.

SPEAKER THOS. B. REED. Probability That the U. S. House of Representatives Will be Rid of His Presence. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. New York, April 19.—It is announced here by Speaker Thomas B. Reed has accepted the offer to become a member of the law firm of Simpson, Thayer & Barnum, in this city. It is understood that Mr. Reed will resign his seat in Congress, and will be succeeded by Mr. Reed has been guaranteed a yearly income of \$50,000. The matter has been discussed by Reed with the Mail and Express says that Mr. Reed, of the law firm, said that he is fully satisfied with the offer and will not enter actively upon his new duties until after he had taken a brief vacation in Europe.

SKIRMISHING NEAR MALOLOS. A scouting party of American troops today found a rebel skirmish line more than a mile from the coast. A sharp fusillade followed, but no losses were sustained. Brigadier General Charles King, who has been taking command of the troops, has been relieved of further duty and has been ordered to return to the United States by the next transport sailing from here for home.

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