

THE NEGRO AND EXPANSION.

A few days ago we commented upon a Boston dispatch announcing the inauguration of a movement in that city to organize the negroes of the country against the Republican party, principally on the issue of expansion and the war in the Philippines.

One of the strongest statements made was that of Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, who said: "While I do not think the movement to organize the colored people into aggressive opposition to the political policies of the administration will amount to very much, I doubt whether there is a single intelligent Afro-American in the country who does not sympathize with the movement."

"I believe at present that there should be a little less gunpowder and a little more diplomacy. Filipinos are impressed by the former in a manner they will remember. I think that we should consider them as children and treat with them accordingly. Grant them some concessions, which can be saved if almost a crime not to follow that rule. I am a Republican, but I am an anti-expansionist, though a mild one."

DRAINING SWAMP LANDS.

The New York Sun a few days ago contained an interesting editorial on the subject of reclaiming swamp lands, of which there are estimated to be about 100,000 square miles reclaimable.

"The paragrapher in the Philadelphia Ledger writes to remark: 'If Alger is wrestling with his conscience of course the whole country is interested in knowing how he will come out.' He will come out on top, for men like Alger, when it comes to a scuffle with their conscience, always get it down."

Boston has come to the conclusion that the sparrow is not the totally depraved and useless nuisance it was alleged to be. The city authorities waged a war of extermination on it last Spring, and now the denizens can't sit under the trees for the swarms of bugs and crawling things that infest them.

"Billy Terror," a Billy goat, is the mascot of the battleship Massachusetts, having been transferred from the Columbia. Billy is educated and chews tobacco and spits like a native, but he can't swear like a sailor yet.

anti-expansion Republicans in the East do a good deal of active missionary work.

The views of these leading negroes, however, on the subject of expansion are interesting, because they are said to be shared by the negroes of the country, and because there is a good deal of sound sense in them. To what extent race pride may influence these views we do not know, but it has not escaped the intelligent negroes of the country that one of the main reasons assigned for refusing to recognize self-government among the people of the new acquisitions from Spain is that they are of an inferior race, and are frequently referred to by advocates of expansion, colonies, &c., as semi-savages, negroes, &c., thus drawing in these acquisitions the color line, which has been so offensive to the negroes of this country, and this, too, by representatives of the party which professed to be the special friend and protector of the negro and the advocate of "manhood suffrage."

But whatever the reason, those negroes who talked to the Post representative talked hard sense from an American standpoint and spoke a good deal of truth, too. One of them stated that there was "no enthusiasm" among the negroes over victories by our arms in the Philippines, and that there was no disposition to encourage the organization of negro regiments for service over there.

"I believe the backbone in this insurrection is broken. If the Filipinos do not give up by the end of the rainy season I am in favor of the government being saved if almost a crime not to follow that rule. I am a Republican, but I am an anti-expansionist, though a mild one."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association.

Freight Rates, Fruit Train Schedules and Refrigerator Car Service Most Important Matters Considered—Will Report to Stockholders.

The executive committee of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association was in session yesterday afternoon from 2.30 until 5.30 o'clock. As previously announced, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the freight rate situation, consider refrigerator car service proposals and act upon various other matters relative to the trucking interests, the fostering of which is the chief purpose of the Truckers' Association.

The association has decided upon a policy to withhold the proceedings of their meetings from publication until such time as they deem it expedient for publication to be made.

The special work of the most importance yesterday was that of freight rates to points East and West, yesterday being the time set for the railroad authorities as to rates on berries for the 1900 season. As yet however no satisfactory agreement has been made between the railroads and the association officials.

Among those who were here yesterday and participated in the meeting of the Board of Directors were the following: President—W. L. Hill, Warsaw. Vice President—J. A. Brown, Chadbourn. Secretary—C. M. Steinmetz, Rose Hill. Treasurer—S. H. Strange, Fayetteville. Directors—J. S. Westbrook, Faison; J. A. Westbrook, Mt. Olive; Dr. J. M. Spry, W. Springs; Wm. J. Johnson, A. S. Coulter, Chadbourn; D. Boughner, Grists; D. W. Fussell, Rose Hill; B. F. Fussell, Rose Hill; A. H. Patterson, Burgaw; D. E. Eaton, Rocky Point; W. J. Boney, Wallace.

DASTARDLY ATTACK.

UPON MR. W. A. LINEKER.

Assaulted With Intent to Rob Near Dock and Third Streets—No Clue to the Assaults.

Mr. W. A. Lineker, of this city, was assaulted with intent to rob Tuesday night near the corner of Dock and Third streets. His assailant failed to get his money, except a small amount of silver; but in their efforts to overpower him they dealt Mr. Lineker several severe blows, inflicting wounds which while not serious are still very painful.

It seems that Mr. Lineker was passing the corner of Dock and Third streets en route home, when some one, apparently a negro, stepped out from underneath the porch of Mr. J. H. Boatwright's residence, which is much higher than the sidewalk, followed behind him a short distance to a densely shaded place and dealt him a heavy blow on the side of the face, the implement used striking him just over and under the left eye.

As soon as the blow was struck, although thoroughly dazed, Mr. Lineker turned upon his assailant and dealt him as best he could. He struck him several blows with his fists and was giving the would-be assassin all and more than he wanted when a second man, evidently a "pal," came up and struck Mr. Lineker several times with a stick inflicting painful bruises on the muscle of his arm and on his side and back.

There is no clue to the would be assassins and robbers.

CAMP DISAPPOINTMENT.

News From Our Soldier Boys in Encampment at Morehead—Very Poor Accommodations Offered.

A letter received yesterday from the STAR's special correspondent in camp with the State Guard at Morehead, dated "Camp Disappointment, July 15th, 12.30 o'clock, and all wrong," reports the safe arrival of the Wilmington Light Infantry at 8.15 o'clock on Saturday evening. Everything, however, is not "sailing smoothly," as the following extracts from his letter will show:

The boys were very much disappointed at the condition of the camp when they arrived. No tents are here and the men are forced to sleep in the open air. The boys of all the companies say that it is the poorest managed camp they have ever seen.

WONDERFUL INCREASE OF RAILROAD TRAVEL.

From Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach and Sound—Resort of Great Popularity—Prospective Travel.

A member of the STAR staff was told yesterday by a gentleman intimately connected with the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad to Wrightsville Beach that the road is doing a business this season far in excess of that of any preceding season. The travel already this season is as much as 35% per cent. in excess of that of a corresponding period last year, which, it will be remembered, was much in excess of all previous years since the road was constructed.

Referring to the passenger travel the same gentleman said yesterday that the percentage of increased travel during the remainder of the season will most probably be even greater than it has the past several weeks of the season, in that excursions will arrive more frequently during the remainder of July and the month of August than they have up to the present time, thereby increasing the travel many fold.

PORT CASWELL HAPPENINGS.

Interesting Batch of Personal Items Sent by the Star's Correspondent.

Three young men from this State came here yesterday to enlist for service in the Philippines. Only two could pass the required physical examination. The successful ones will be sent to some regiment going to the Philippines.

Private Parker left for Wilson, N.C. on a three months furlough. Private Bruce is expected to return from Baltimore on the 21st inst. He has been on a furlough to-day. He has been on a furlough to-day. He has been on a furlough to-day.

The maximum temperature at Wilmington for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was, as on the day before, very appreciably below that of the other points in the Wilmington district, reported by the Weather Bureau.

Private Fred S. Johnson was up to Carolina Beach on the 17th inst., to meet some friends from South Carolina. He reports having a very pleasant time.

The Third Squad Library is booming. The Wilmington STAR can be found on its shelves, among the other leading dailies of the country.

HOMICIDE IN BRUNSWICK.

One Negro Shot and Killed Another About Twelve Miles From Wilmington. Self Defence Claimed.

Mr. J. B. Evans, who came by way of the county road from his home in Brunswick county yesterday morning, brought the news of a homicide, which occurred about twelve miles from Wilmington at Spring Hill in his county Saturday night.

The parties concerned are negroes and the body of Ben White, the negro killed, was passed by Mr. Evans on the road yesterday morning. From what he could learn from the crowd which had collected around the negro's body Mr. Evans said that during the services at St. Mary's colored church about nine miles from Wilmington Sunday night, the negro White engaged in an altercation with another colored man named Ed. Burton, who was not disposed to quarrel and left the church to procure a peace warrant for White.

Burton was, however, overtaken by White about three miles down the road at Spring Hill, and White attempted to draw his pistol, whereupon Burton drew his in self defence, he claimed, and shot his assailant in the abdomen, killing him almost instantly.

Burton was seen by Mr. Evans yesterday morning on his way to surrender to Sheriff D. R. Walker. Both Burton and White are natives of Brunswick county, and Mr. Evans says Burton has hitherto borne a good character, being on all occasions quiet and orderly.

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ALCOHOL BARREL EXPLODED.

Narrow Escape of a Negro Porter at Bellamy's Drug Store.

The explosion of an alcohol barrel in front of Mr. R. R. Bellamy's drug store yesterday forenoon created considerable excitement, but did no damage save the singeing of the eye-brows and mustache of the negro porter. The barrel had been emptied and the porter was rolling it out of the front door of the wholesale department across the sidewalk into the street.

A YOUNG NEGRO DROWNED.

Probably Seized With Epileptic Fit While Bathing Sunday Afternoon.

A young negro, William Barge, in the employ of DuBurr Outlar, Esq., at his summer house on Wrightsville sound was drowned Sunday afternoon while bathing in the sound. His body was not found until about 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE COLDEST PLACE.

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LIVERY STABLE BURNED.

A correspondent of the STAR, writing from Pilot Mountain, N. C., July 18th, says: "At 12.10 A. M. my livery broke out in a fire. The stable and the livery were totally destroyed, with six horses, buggies, &c. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion of hay."

DEPUTY SHERIFFS TERRY AND FLYNN RE-COMMITTED SANDY MCKOY, COLORED, TO THE WORKHOUSE.

About daylight Sunday morning Deputy Sheriffs Flynn and Terry captured Sandy McKoy, colored, at the Navassa Guano Company's works across the river.

McKoy is an escaped convict from the workhouse, having been committed there about four years ago as the result of a trial, in which he was found guilty of waylaying and shooting a white man from the country named Jan. Barrow. His sentence was two years at hard labor, but after serving five months and thirteen days of the sentence he escaped from a son of Mr. Terry, who was then keeper of the workhouse, carrying with him the shackles with which he was bound.

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FUNERAL OF JAS. F. POST, SR.

Conducted From the Residence Yesterday Morning—Large Attendance—Beautiful Floral Tributes.

There was a large attendance upon the funeral of the lamented Jas. F. Post Sr., conducted from the residence of his son, Mr. Jas. F. Post, Jr., at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Andrew P. Tyler, of Grace M. E. Church and Rev. A. D. McClure, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

There were many beautiful floral tributes which forcibly attested the love and esteem in which he was held by a wide circle of friends.

FORT CASWELL NOTES.

The Sad Experience of Two Young Men Who Wanted to Enlist.

Two young men came to Fort Caswell Saturday, for the purpose of enlisting in Uncle Sam's service, but did not use the proper discretion in the use of their mountain dew-drop, and were ordered locked up until Sunday morning for safe keeping, and then sent over to Southport by the first boat. They did not enlist.

Musicians Walter J. Clark was discharged by favor of the 15th instant. "One more soul made happy."

RIVER NEWS.

The steamer Seabright did not clear for Little River, S. C., yesterday on account of strong southwest winds. She will probably leave sometime during to-day or early to-morrow morning.

The steamer Driver cleared as usual for Fayetteville yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

UNSAITABLE FOR SERVICE.

Sale of Vessels Purchased by the Navy Department at the Beginning of the War With Spain.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Bids were opened at the Navy Department for the sale of several vessels purchased by the department at the beginning of the war with Spain, which have been found unsuitable for service have been condemned.

HELP YOUR LANDS!

The Department of Agriculture was authorized by the last General Assembly to sell the surplus of the following lands for sale. If you have FOREST, MINERAL, FARMING or TRUCKING LANDS, or water-powers for sale, correspond with JOHN W. THOMPSON, Assistant Commissioner in charge of Immigration, Raleigh, N. C.

VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS.

War Department Offering Extra Inducements to Expedite Recruitment of the Ten Regiments.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The reports of recruiting yesterday show that 410 men were enrolled, making a total of 2,678. The Thirty-first regiment leads with 546 and the Twenty-seventh follows with 605.

The War Department is offering extra inducements to expedite the recruitment of the ten volunteer regiments to be organized. The commissions having been issued, many of the appointed applicants have been advised to enter the ranks, as in that way it may be possible for them to secure commissions in the regular army. The policy of the administration will be to fill all vacancies which may occur among the commissioned officers from the ranks of the regiments where they occur. A number of applicants for commissions have enlisted as privates in the different regiments. These men have been appointed non-commissioned officers, wherever possible, and consequently are next in line of promotion to commissioned rank in the event of a vacancy.

Another method of securing recruits is to offer commissions to men otherwise qualified who will undertake to furnish in each case not less than forty men who can pass muster as soldiers and will enlist for service in the Philippines. A number of these cases of this kind during the past week. A former officer of the Texas volunteer infantry recently told general Corbin that he would guarantee to furnish two hundred men from Texas, provided he was assured of a commission. General Corbin promised him a second lieutenantcy if he would recruit even forty men for the regular army.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency will sell for cash, or will exchange for desirable house and lot in the Wilmington district, a 372 acre farm on the farm of Rose Hill, address R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

Grain Elevator and Warehouses Burned. Loss Over a Quarter of a Million.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A fire, whose origin is not known, destroyed more than a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property on the Brooklyn waterfront to night. It started in the large eight-story grain elevator, facing and abutting the Excelsior stores on Atlantic basin, which was totally destroyed. The fire extended to buildings Nos. 275 and 276 of the street, which are constructed of brick, six stories in height, and cover an area of 150,000 square feet. The buildings were completely gutted and their contents, consisting of about 200,000 bushels of grain and valuable machinery were destroyed. The stores and elevator were the property of the Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Company and the grain belonged to various consignees. The loss is estimated at over \$250,000 to \$300,000, well insured.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency is prepared to give prompt and efficient service to all persons wishing to sell their property in the Wilmington district. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

The Opponents of Goebel to Meet Monday and Protest Against the Louisville Convention Ticket.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

BOWLING GREEN, KY., July 19.—The Warren county faction, opposed to the candidacy of W. J. Goebel, was nominated for Governor at the recent Democratic convention, have issued a call for a meeting to be held here Monday, July 24th, to protest against Goebel and the Louisville convention ticket. The call is signed by 869 persons, comprising about one-fourth the Democratic vote of the county. The call states that the convention "was perverted from its true purpose by the arbitrary unseating of delegates by fraud and corrupt bargains, and by unjust and unprecedented action of Chairman Redwood, and that in the opinion of the Democrats of Kentucky there has been no ticket nominated entitled to their support. An effort will be made to nominate a full ticket."

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