

The services rendered the country by Gen. Alger, and held his own political aspirations in higher regard than he did these.

The member of the Cabinet referred to in the above extract from the Post is Secretary Gage, who was quoted by some of the papers with whose representatives he talked as saying that Secretary Alger ought to resign. It is not at all likely that Secretary Gage would have talked that way about a fellow member of the Cabinet without having first talked with the President and having a pretty good idea as to what he thought about it.

The brevity of the resignation and the brevity of the acceptance are both significant, for neither, desiring to be moderately polite, could well have said less.

But this is not the end of this incident, for there will be more said about it and possibly it may make a little history and cause some more to be told, for certainly Alger is not going to be quietly made a scapegoat and have all the blunders of this war put upon his shoulders. Some of the Michigan papers are beginning to ventilate their views and ask questions. The Detroit Free Press, which does not believe in making a scapegoat of Alger, discusses the resignation incident thus: "This action of the Secretary of War ought to give infinite satisfaction to the maligners who have pursued him with savage intensity. Without desiring to palliate in the least the shortcomings, mistakes, and misjudgments of the Secretary of War and without abating one jot or tittle of our abhorrence of his introduction of the spoils system in the organization of the volunteer army, the Free Press deems it no more than simple justice and accuracy to say that General Alger's faults of omission and commission are not numerous when placed in comparison with the shortcomings and failures of other members of the administration that he should be made to bear all the reproaches and odium and disgrace that are now being heaped upon him. He is a man of high capacity and faithfulness in connection with the war."

"Blamed as they were by some of the demagogic developments of the short campaign, it was natural for the people to clamor for the visitation of chastisement upon some one in authority, and for obvious reasons the Secretary of War became the target for all the imprecations and insults. But it was not fair or just, even if it were natural. The President of the United States and Adj. Gen. Corbin were quite as much the directing spirits of the war as General Alger, and everything that the latter did was with the approval of Mr. McKinley. The appointments recommended by the Michigan man among the people and political grounds, required Presidential approval. The merit principle, disregarded by General Alger, has likewise been violated by the President in his civil service order. If the considerations that led to the selection of Gen. Alger for the head of the War Department were unworthy and productive of mischief, Mr. McKinley is every bit as much responsible as the man he honored. He understood the nature and the capabilities of the appointee, he ratified his policies and his recommendations for commissions before and through the war."

"It is more of a question for Mr. McKinley to answer than appears on the surface. It means more than a reference to the Secretary of War, and it is a question of the standing with Michigan Republicans than many administrators have seemed to appreciate. There is a kindly feeling for the Michigan man among the people of his city and State, and they will not contemplate with composure the process of crucifixion directed against one of their prominent and popular fellow citizens because some one must be called upon to suffer shame, and anguish, and derision, and persecution for practices, systems, policies, and blunders that a President, or a Congress, or a party is much more responsible for as the scapegoat selected for sacrifice."

"The Republicans of Michigan may be moved to ask why President McKinley does not take his share of the blame, and why Congressmen, who have failed to give the nation a sensible system of army organization, and who have crowded their favorites into commissions, do not take their share of the censure; and why the party leaders that are forever seeking to extend the spoils system do not assume their portion of the denunciation that is heaped upon the Secretary of War."

A little later, when he severs his connection with the Cabinet, Mr. Alger may speak in self vindication, or others authorized may speak for him, and we may be favored with an inside view of the business and the blundering for which Alger has been held accountable, but for which others ought to be held jointly accountable.

A New York man finds himself with one more wife than he expected. Believing that his first wife, who left him, was dead he married again. The first wife, however, showed up and again, and he was arrested and tried for bigamy, but the court acquitted him of that holding that he had been legally married to both. The only way out of this mess now is for him to have one of the knots legally loosened.

Pocket-empty Klondikers say "salting" mines is an active industry up there. That's a game miners frequently play. A "salted" mine in this State, which never afterwards paid for the "salt" that was in it, once sold for \$85,000 when dollars counted for a good deal more than they do now.

It was Hobart who gave Alger the hint that took him out. Alger wasn't good at taking hints or he would have gone long ago.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Township Trustees Elected District Committees and Organized Their Boards.

MEETINGS HELD YESTERDAY.

Same Committees Composed Exclusively of White Men for Both White and Colored Schools—Where Located.

The school trustees of the various townships of New Hanover met at the office of Capt. Ed. Wilson Manning, the County Superintendent, yesterday and according to Section 22 of the Public School Law of North Carolina elected chairmen and secretaries of their boards and in compliance with Section 23 of the same law appointed school committees for the different schools in the county to serve for two years or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Cape Fear Township Trustees. The trustees of Cape Fear township, Messrs. J. T. Kerr, W. H. Shearin and J. B. Dempsey, qualified and elected Mr. J. T. Kerr chairman and Mr. W. H. Shearin secretary.

Messrs. David G. Westbrook, W. Frank Kerr and D. J. Dempsey were elected school committees for District No. 1, for the white and colored schools, at Acorn Branch.

Messrs. Jas. A. Kerr, G. Chadwick and James A. Johnson were elected committees for District No. 2, for the white and negro schools. At present in this district there is only one school and that for the colored race, near the six-mile post on the Holly Shelter road.

Messrs. Robert W. Borden, C. H. Casteen and Jos. G. Johnson were named as committees for District No. 3, for white and colored schools. The white and colored schools for this district are located about one mile beyond Castle Haynes.

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Wilmington Masons Assisted Pythagoras Lodge in Confering Master's Degree. A party of Wilmington Masons from Wilmington Lodge No. 319, composed of Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, Capt. W. P. Oldham, Capt. S. F. Craig, Messrs. Samuel Northrop, H. P. West, T. F. Bagley and W. B. McCoy, Esq., went down to Southport on the steamer Southport Friday afternoon and at night assisted the members of Pythagoras Lodge in confering the Master degree on one candidate.

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CONDITION OF MR. CHAS. LINQUIST.

Victim of Turpentine Explosion in New York Thought to be Improving. The STAR's press dispatches yesterday told of an explosion of several cans of spirits turpentine on board the steamer Geo. W. Clyde, in New York Friday, and of the probable fatal injury of Mr. Charles Lindquist, of Wilmington, assistant engineer on board the steamer.

Mr. Jordan W. Branch, father-in-law of the injured man, yesterday received a telegram from the Chief Engineer of the Clyde System, Theo. C. Eger, stating that his injuries were not so severe as the press dispatch indicated and that he was better yesterday. He is being comfortably cared for at the Marine Hospital on Staten Island.

Mr. Thos. R. Branch, a son of Mr. Jordan Branch, left last night for New York to see that he receives proper attention.

Mr. Lindquist is a native of Sweden, but came to Wilmington a number of years ago, and is well known as a marine engineer of skill and ability. He resigned the position of engineer at the Wilmington Gas Light Company's plant at the outbreak of the late war and served on the Nantuxet as chief machinist.

His wife and six children reside on Second street, between Castle and Queen.

Cotton and Naval Stores. The following comparative statement of the weekly and crop year receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the week ending yesterday was posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday:

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EMPOWERED TO ACT.

The Board of Directors to Close Contract for Refrigerator Car Service.

NEGOTIATE FREIGHT RATES.

Such the Order of Stockholders of Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association—Status of Car Service and Freight Rates.

The awarding of the contract for the refrigerator car service for marketing the 1900 crop of strawberries, vegetables and other truck, as well as the adjustment of freight rates, two matters which have been a knotty problem for the stockholders of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association the past several weeks, has been delegated to the board of directors with absolute power to act. This action was taken at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, and it is expected that the directors will have finally settled both matters by August 9th, when the stockholders are to meet again in adjourned session.

The meeting yesterday was largely attended. The first session was from noon until 2 o'clock. They adjourned for dinner and re-assembled at 3 o'clock, remaining in session until past 6 o'clock, so late that a number of the stockholders who had intended to leave on the 7 o'clock trains were forced to remain in the city last night, waiting for the outgoing trains this morning.

In the matter of the refrigerator car service, as previously stated, there are three companies bidding for the contract, the C. F. T. C. F. X. and Armour companies. It is understood that the C. F. T. Co., the contractors for the past several seasons, has the lowest bid. The C. F. X. Company also has a very tempting bid, so say many of the truckers. A number are also inclined favorably to the Armour Company who in their bid obligate themselves to erect ice factories for icing cars at various railroad points in the trucking belt thereby removing the necessity of having to ice all the cars in Wilmington. Several truckers expressed the opinion yesterday that in case either the C. F. T. or the C. F. X. Company was awarded the contract for the refrigerator car service the other company would be admitted to a share of the business, an agreement having already been made to that effect.

Announcement was made yesterday to the stockholders that the Atlantic Coast Line and their connections had made a rate of 50 cents per crate in car-load lots, and 55 cents per crate in less than car-load lots for strawberries from Wilmington to New York city, all other hauls to be estimated with this rate as a basis. This rate is 12 cents less per crate on less than car-load lots than the 1899 rate, and 17 cents per crate less on car-load lots than the 1899 rate.

While this reduction is very gratifying to the truckers, still they claim that they are at a disadvantage as compared with competing points, several of which have, even yet, much lower rates and can thereby realize much larger profits on their berries.

The Board of Directors will make vigorous efforts to get a still greater reduction of rates and make a final report to the stockholders at their special meeting August 9th.

From Kerrs, Sampson County. A correspondent of the STAR, writing from Kerrs, Sampson county, says that Miss Laura Herring, daughter of Mrs. M. Herring, died at Raleigh and was interred near that place yesterday, Rev. P. C. Morton, of Wilmington, officiating.

Crops, the STAR's correspondent says, are growing nicely and farmers have no reason to complain. A stock company is being organized there and at the surrounding points for the building of a new boat for the Black river trade.

Rev. P. C. Morton is conducting a series of revival meetings, preaching night and day.

Divided Among Banks. Raleigh News and Observer: The directors of the North Carolina railroad at their recent meeting changed the method of depositing the State's money from the road by returning to the old Democratic plan of distributing it around among a number of banks. The Fusionists, when they came into power, changed this by putting all their eggs into one basket. When the directors met last week a fight was made by the directors for the private stockholders against such a foolish policy, with the result that it was ordered that the money be equally deposited with four banks—National Bank of Raleigh, Fidelity Bank of Durham, First National Bank of Charlotte and National Bank of Wilmington.

Marriage Yesterday Afternoon. Yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Rev. P. C. Morton, in this city, Miss Nettie Moore, of Jackson, Mich., and Mr. Frank Stallknecht, of Chadbourn, were happily united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Morton in a very pretty and impressive manner. Only a few friends of the contracting parties and of Mr. and Mrs. Morton were present. Mr. and Mrs. Stallknecht will reside at Chadbourn.

Death of Mr. Bumpass. Mr. Robab Bumpass, son of Rev. R. F. Bumpass, of this city, died at half past one o'clock this morning, at the residence of his father, aged 22 years. The remains will be taken to Durham to-day for interment there. Mr. Bumpass had been sick several weeks with typhoid fever.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

Tournament and Ball in Honor of Completion of Whiteville Warehouse.

QUEEN OF LOVE AND BEAUTY

And Three Maids of Honor Crowned by Successful Knights Thursday Evening—J. B. Schulken and Wade Wishart, Esqs., the Orators.

The tournament and ball at Whiteville Thursday, in celebration of the opening of the spacious new Farmer's warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco, was an event long to be remembered by the people of that section of country. It is estimated that fully 2,500 people participated in the festivities. They came from every township in Columbus and adjoining counties.

There were a dozen or more knights who, mounted upon fiery and richly caparisoned steeds and attired cap-a-pie in knightly apparel, strove gallantly for tournament honors and the privilege of crowning their respective ladies Queen of Love and Beauty.

Mr. H. E. Frazier (Knight of Spain) won first honors and crowned Miss Blanche Smith Queen of Love and Beauty.

The second honors were borne off by Mr. E. S. Lewis (Knight of the Red, White and Blue), who bestowed the crown of First Maid of Honor upon Miss Mary Richardson.

Mr. A. Baldwin, (Knight of No Hope) despite the hopelessness of his name won the honor of choosing the second Maid of Honor and crowned Miss Belle Jolley for this coveted rank.

The third maid of Honor was Miss Fannie Dickson, having been chosen and crowned as such by Mr. Jas. Elkins, who entered the lists as the "Knight of the True Faith."

Among the other knights who entered the lists were Mr. Bruce Howell, Mr. Manley Toot and Dr. C. E. Hawes. The charge to the knights was eloquently delivered by J. B. Schulken, Esq., and Wade Wishart, Esq., presented the crowns to the successful knights.

The crowning of the queen and maids of honor was a feature of the brilliant ball held at night in the new warehouse. The music for the occasion was by the Francisco Italian band of this city.

The delightful tournament and ball Thursday were only a superficial capstone of pleasure set upon a deep purpose on the part of the business men of Whiteville and the planters of that section of the country to establish the tobacco industry and make their town and section a chief tobacco centre of Eastern Carolina. The crop this year is large and promises excellent quality. Many of the planters are now curing their crops and are, the STAR is glad to note succeeding well, the plants having good body and satisfactory results in color being obtained.

While the new warehouse is now ready for business, it is not expected that the first sales of leaf tobacco will be held until late in July or early in August. The STAR trusts that the highest degree of success may attend this venture in the tobacco industry, netting handsome returns for planters and warehousemen.

FROM FORT CASWELL. Batch of News and Personal Items Sent by the Star's Correspondent.

FORT CASWELL, July 21.—Our base ball team has been reorganized and is in fine trim. We have two more good players added to the list.

Lieutenant Brown of the Engineering Corps, who has been with us for the past few weeks, will return to Wilmington to-day. He has been looking after the torpedo society circles of this harbor and has finished his work.

Mr. E. Ellis Williams, the torpedo station-keeper, and a very prominent figure in Southport society circles, leaves for Newbern, N. C., to-day, much to the regret of his many friends.

Mr. Fred F. Hanks, of the Engineer's Corps, is off on sick leave for ten days.

Capt. S. E. Ewell is having his beautiful yacht, Teaser, repaired and slightly remodelled for the coming racing season, and will challenge any 30 foot boat in the N. C. Yachting Club.

The Orphan's Coming. Committees from the different lodges of Odd Fellows in the city have united in extending an invitation to the orphans of the Odd Fellows' Home at Goldsboro to visit Wilmington and the seashore on August 22nd. A letter to this effect has been mailed to the superintendent of the Home and an acceptance is expected at once. For five years past similar invitations have been given to and accepted by the orphans and their visit to the city and seashore has been great sport for the children and a source of much gratification to the members of the order of Odd Fellows in the city, to whom there is none more enthusiastic another joint meeting of the committees will be held Tuesday night, when a programme of entertainment and minor details will be arranged.

Accident at Tournament. Whiteville News: Mr. Wade Wishart was painfully injured during the tournament practice last Tuesday. One of his feet slipped from the stirrup; and at the same time his horse became excited and commenced bucking. Mr. Wishart was thrown, and as he fell his foot caught in the stirrup, and he was thrown under the horse's feet. His right arm was dislocated and severely sprained, in addition to several painful bruises.

BUTLER AND PRITCHARD.

In Close Conference at Raleigh—N. C. Bar Association—Standing Committees Appointed.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., July 21. Senator Butler arrived here this morning and was for some time closeted with Senator Pritchard. What passed between them is not known. The Republicans are in much better spirits since Pritchard's visit.

President Charles F. Warren, of the North Carolina Bar Association, has appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Committee on Admission to Membership—First district, L. L. Smith; Second, W. A. Dunn; Third, W. B. Shaw, chairman; Fourth, Ed. Chambers Smith, secretary; Fifth, R. H. King; Sixth, Junius Davis; Seventh, M. L. John; Eighth, L. H. Clement