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THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO TAKE IT UP. But they only took it up with the bimetallic attachment, which the gold men understood perfectly well, and didn't mind for they even then had their minds made up that if the Republicans carried the election they would insist upon such legislation as would settle the money question definitely as far as gold and silver were concerned by outlawing silver.

In all that campaign no representative of the Republican party dared to declare for the single gold standard, or intimate that it was the intention if they were successful at the polls to fasten that upon the country. They stood upon the St. Louis platform and if any one charged them with favoring the single gold standard they for answer pointed to the bimetallic declaration in that platform, and that was all the answer they would deign to make.

They are even now afraid of the work they have done and are trying to put themselves back on the bunco trick that worked so well in 1896 and hence Senator Aldrich's thin device to keep up the delusion, even after the party managers have so discredited themselves by showing their hands, and through their recognized spokesmen so fully declared their purposes. It is rather late to be playing this game now. It is entirely too thin, and it is not surprising that the straight out gold men are disgruntled and pronounce it a "cowardly" dodge and evasion.

REPORTS IN THIS, TOO. A report comes from Washington that there is a movement on foot among friends of the administration to have tenders made of mediation between the British and the Boers. It is said the negotiation of the treaty modifying the Bulwer-Clayton treaty opens the way for this Government to make the advance, which earlier would have been out of place. How this changes the situation as far as this Government is concerned or makes it proper to do what before was pronounced improper we fail to see, but that is the situation.

We do not see why this Government at any time, as a friend of both warring countries, might not have offered its friendly offices to stop the bloodshed and end the war, and our opinion is that after each realized what the war was it would instead of taking offence be glad of the offer. If the offer be now made by this Administration it will be inspired more by politics than by a desire to put an end to the horrors of the fearful slaughter or out of sympathy with a brave people, few in numbers, battling with Spartan pluck and patriotic devotion against a powerful nation that had the reputation of being a sort of world-terror. They met its armies at the threshold and have hurled them back as British armies have never before been hurled. They have won the admiration of the world by their heroism and by the skill they have shown in meeting and defeating Great Britain's ablest Generals, backed by the flower of her armies, and they have surprised, humiliated and enraged their arrogant foe.

Whether with foundation or not this Administration is popularly supposed to be in sympathy with Great Britain. It has not done any overt act to justify this belief but its silence when it might have spoken has been so construed, and in addition to that its organs have shown a decided leaning towards Great Britain, some of them being quite as British in tone and even more so than some of the British papers, for some of these severely criticize while others denounce the war.

The effect of this is becoming apparent and some of the Republican leaders are becoming alarmed at it, and fearful if the war be prolonged it will become a live issue in the next campaign, which would be bad for the Republican party as popular sentiment in this country is decidedly with the Boers, who are fighting to resist an unwarrantable invasion of their country and to preserve the Republics which they founded in the wilderness. This sentiment is strikingly exhibited in all public meetings where the war is discussed, and notably so in the Western States where Germans, Norwegians and Irishmen form a large part of the population. Some of these States are close enough to make the vote of any one of these nationalities an essential factor in the result, and no one knows that better than the leaders who stand close to Mr. McKinley. It has, therefore, become a sort of political necessity for them to do something to placate the people who are opposed to this war, before the matter becomes a live and dangerous issue in our politics, and hence it will not be surprising to hear that offers of mediation have been made. But if that be intended they had better hurry up, because there is a

possibility that some other nation may be dragged into the fight, when mediation would be too late and out of the question.

SUBSIDIES NOT NECESSARY. There is abundant evidence in the activity and prosperity in American ship yards that subsidies are not necessary to enable Americans to build or sail ships. An illustration of this is given in the following, which we clip from the Chattanooga Times: "Wm. E. Curtis says that C. H. Cramp, head of the big shipbuilding concern on the Delaware, informs him that the users of steamships are not waiting for the passage of the subsidy bill to build up their fleets. His company has on the stocks or has contracted for ten first-class passenger steamships, for two of which he is constructing for the American line to sail between New York and Southampton, and to be the largest and finest ships ever built in America, surpassing the St. Paul and St. Paul in speed, range and all other respects. They will each be 15,000 tons and make twenty-two knots and hour. The Cramps are also building three ships of 5,500 tons and two of 3,500 tons, and two of 2,500 each for the Clyde line to run between New York and the West Indies. The two ships for the American line will cost a little more than \$2,000,000 each. "The Cramps are also building one battleship and an armored cruiser of the first class for the Russian government, and the battleships Maine and Alabama for the United States. "Whether or not these very rich and prosperous shipbuilders, and others in the same line, are waiting for public subsidies, it is a fact that all the owners of ships in the country, favor the subsidy bill, and have been 'legging' to secure its passage. They want a fat contribution from the treasury. There is nothing in the subsidy scheme, but the gratification of the greed of the few, at the expense of the many. "Wise navigation laws will develop our merchant marine, and no amount of subsidy will or can. A few men will profit that policy, and that will be the beginning and end of it." The Cramps are not waiting for subsidies, but are in favor of them because subsidies would be that much clear profit to them, an extra bonus given for building ships that they are now building without any bonus. The subsidy boomers are amending their bill to placate opposition, but they can never so amend it as to make it anything but a colossal grab.

A Chicago man has recently imported seven hundred Belgian hares with a view to breeding for market. In England the B. h. is popular and is sold as a substitute for chicken and turkey. Some time ago a California man imported some of these hares and since then they have been imported into other States, where the breeding has proved profitable, and the flesh of the hare in demand. There is about twice as much meat on them as there is on the ordinary rabbit, and much more succulent.

There were 400,000 men employed in the coal mines of this country and Canada, of whom 993 were killed last year by accidents. Although this is a large number, it is not large in proportion to the number of men employed, considering the fact that they are always more or less exposed to accidents.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE. Ryan's Case Decided in Seaboard's Favor. Richmond and Washington Line. The following message was received here last night by Mr. Thos. D. Meares, general agent of the Seaboard Air Line, and Mr. E. St. John, vice president and general manager: "For the eighteenth time the decision in the case of Thos. F. Ryan versus the Seaboard Air Line is in the Seaboard's favor, the judge declining to grant the injunction asked for. The vote of the Senate committee upon the new railroad between Richmond and Washington was eleven to four in favor of the proposition of the Seaboard Air Line, which indicates without question that the charter will be built, thus furnishing to the people of the South additional connections and more facilities for their growing business."

It is understood that the building of the Seaboard Air Line's new road between Washington and Richmond will not only give another through line through North Carolina to Florida and other points South, but Wilmington will ultimately come in for her benefit, as it will open the way for better passenger and mail service on the Carolina Central and will also necessitate better freight service.

Passed Away at Nearly a Hundred. There died in this city yesterday morning at 8 o'clock Mrs. Eliza C. Smith who passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph C. Jones, 1514 Market street. Mrs. Smith was doubtless the oldest resident of Wilmington, as she was born August 7, 1807, and consequently was in the ninety third year of her age. She was five years of age when the war of 1812 broke out between the United States and Great Britain. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Jones, died several months ago and since then her aged mother has been in failing health. For one of her advanced age, however, she has been very active and up to about a week ago she had been able to go about the house unattended. She was the widow of the late Mr. Wm. H. Smith, who died of smallpox in Wilmington during the civil war. He was her third husband and they were married in Fayetteville.

Death of Mrs. J. D. McGeachy. The STAR records with sorrow the death of Mrs. J. D. McGeachy, which occurred on Wednesday night at her home at Rex, Robeson county. She had been an invalid for several months and her death was not unexpected. The deceased was Mrs. J. D. McGeachy, bookkeeper for the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Burgaw. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a Christian woman of the most exemplary character. The funeral took place yesterday and she was buried at St. Paul beside her husband who died several months ago. Mr. J. A. McGeachy who left here on Wednesday was with his mother when she died.

Lettses Sells at \$5.50. Mr. G. R. Sterling, of the firm of Sterling & Franklin, commission merchants, Baltimore, who is well remembered by the truckers hereabouts, as he has been coming here several seasons to represent his firm, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Sterling comes to look after the Spring shipments of lettuce which begins to go forward in considerable quantity in March. The Winter crop has about been cleaned up now. Some shipments are yet being made, however. The Rodgers Bros. received a telegram yesterday from Mr. Sterling's home, saying that a shipment of theirs sold in Baltimore yesterday at \$5.50 a barrel. Columbus Citizen Dead. A correspondent of the STAR writing under date of yesterday from Vineland, N. C., sends the following item: Mr. Elias Newman, one of Columbus county's most prominent citizens, died this morning at 6 o'clock, at his home near this place. He was about 65 years old, and had been in feeble health for several months, but for the last day or two he seemed unusually bright and active, and his death comes as a shock to his many friends. Mr. Newman served gallantly in the Confederate army as a member of Company H, Eighteenth N. O. Regiment, and was severely wounded at the battle of Hanover Court House. He leaves a wife, a daughter and son, who have the sympathy of friends in their sad affliction.

EXECUTION AT LUMBERTON. Reuben Ross, the Negro Rapist, Hanged at Lumberton—Confessed to Assaulting a White Woman at Rockingham.

[Special Star Telegram.] LUMBERTON, N. C., Feb. 9.—Reuben Ross who was convicted of rape upon Mrs. Bettie Ingram several months ago, was hanged here today. The execution was private. Ross protested his innocence on the scaffold. The drop fell at 12:44 o'clock, and Ross' neck was broken. Death was almost instantaneous. He met his death with apparent indifference. LUMBERTON, N. C., February 9.—Reuben Ross, convicted at the November term of the Criminal Court, of rape on the person of Mrs. Bettie Ingram, was hanged today at 12:40 P. M. It was not known till about 10 A. M. what course the matter would take, as he had been respited three times, and hence there were not many people in town. About this time a message from Governor Russell, that he would interfere no further, was received. Ross was visited by his counsel and in the interview affirmed his innocence to the last, when urged to confess if he was guilty. About 12:30 o'clock accompanied by his counsel and a guard he was conducted to the place of execution. A colored minister, Rev. A. G. Davis, read a passage of scripture and prayed. When asked by the deputy sheriff if he had anything to say, Ross again affirmed his innocence, and warned the people to avoid lewd women, ascribing his ruin to them. He then stepped on the trap, the deputy adjusted the noose and the black-cap and sprung the trap. Death was almost instantaneous. Ross' neck was broken by the drop, and he died without a struggle. The whole proceeding was marked by perfect quiet and order. [By Associated Press.]

LUMBERTON, N. C., Feb. 9.—A negro named Reuben Ross was hanged here today for criminal assault upon a white woman named Mrs. Bettie Ingram. Ross was twice respited by Governor Russell on account of a shower of protests from white people. These were met by equally strong protests demanding the hanging of the negro. He finally took up action, the reprieve expired and the sheriff quietly executed him today. He declared his innocence of this crime, but said he was guilty of the assault on a young white woman of Rockingham for which a negro, John Evans, was hanged.

The crime of which Ross was convicted was committed about 11 o'clock on the day of September 30th, 1899, near Singleton's mill, in Lumber Bridge township, Robeson county. He was tried before Judge Battle at the November term of the Criminal Court. The trial was not completed until after midnight, and on the following morning the jury reached a verdict of guilty on the first ballot. There was the sharpest conflict of testimony in the affidavits presented by the two sides to Governor Russell, both as to the character of Mrs. Ingram, the circumstances surrounding the crime and the evidence of violence. Both in Robeson county and elsewhere there has been much doubt as to Ross' guilt of the crime charged, though it is admitted even by his attorneys that he was a negro of shady character. He is described as having an exceedingly brutal and repulsive appearance.

Receipts—Balance from December account, \$10,054.13; road tax for Harnett township, \$28; marriage licenses, \$27.55; back taxes, \$43.18; rent, \$15. Total, \$10,167.86. Disbursements—Public buildings, \$229.17; roads and bridges, \$312.93; county home, \$120.41; city hospital, \$260.00; outdoor poor, \$355.76; jail, \$38.90; Superior Court, \$26.63; Criminal Court, \$155.25; county fence, \$6.60; magistrates, \$96.95; stationery and advertising, \$36.50; attorney, \$25; register, \$68.70; coroner, \$62.95; superintendent of health, \$75; commissioners, \$84.80; clerk for commissioners, \$30; janitor, \$45; commissions, \$37.17. Total, \$2,097.86; leaving balance to February account of \$8,070.

FOUR YEARS IN PENITENTIARY. Sentence of Picture Fakir Who Operated in Pender and Nash Counties. [Special Star Correspondence.] NASHVILLE, N. C., February 8.—I am glad to announce through your valuable paper that the picture fakir, Frank Corwin, alias D. J. Wilson, alias B. F. Thomas, alias W. H. Hamilton, who was indicted at the present term of the criminal court in Nash county, has been sentenced to a term of four years at hard labor in the penitentiary. I know some of your readers will be very glad to hear this, and I take this method of informing them of the result of the trial. I have some pictures taken from the defendant which I will be glad to return to the proper parties. Very truly, R. A. P. COOLEY, Attorney for Prosecution.

Death of Mrs. Watrous. Mrs. Eva Louise Watrous, wife of Dr. Erastus Watrous, the well known teacher of mental healing, No. 134 South Front street, died Thursday night of cancer, after an illness of some time. She was 47 years of age and leaves to mourn their loss, besides a sorrowing husband, two daughters and one son. The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Elder E. Fiske from the residence, and the interment was at Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. S. Sneed, Sam Bordeaux, Joe Everett, J. P. Montgomery, H. O. Craig and W. J. Beaves.

Orders For Delgado Manufactures. A number of Wilmington merchants have already placed orders for the outfitting of the Delgado Mill which has just been started up in this city. These goods are secured through the Philadelphia agent of the Delgado company,

LOCKWOOD'S FOLLY RIVER. A Petition Asking for Appropriation from Congress for Its Improvement Will Be Forwarded To-day.

Mr. J. B. Mercer, of this city, who is thoroughly alive to the industrial development and prosperity of his native county, Brunswick, and whose efforts in this direction in more than one instance have culminated in the greatest success, yesterday received from Mr. R. M. McKeithan, a representative merchant of Supply, N. C., and Dr. D. E. McNeill, Brunswick county's representative in the last Legislature, a copy of the petition recently drawn up for presentation through Hon. John D. Bellamy, to Congress asking for an appropriation of not less than \$15,000 for the further improvement of Lockwood's Folly river. The petition for some time has been in the hands of Dr. McNeill and Mr. McKeithan, who have been circulating the same for signatures of residents in the locality of the proposed improvement. It has been liberally signed by representative citizens of the county and before it went to Brunswick Mr. Mercer secured the endorsement of the leading business men of this city. It has now in all about two hundred names affixed and Mr. Mercer is confident that it will ultimately receive favorable consideration by the body of national lawmakers. It will be forwarded by registered mail this morning to Mr. Bellamy.

THE HEARING POSTPONED. The Bellamy-Dockery Contested Election Case Will Not Come Up Until Monday, February 19th. The contested election case brought by Oliver H. Dockery against Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy for his seat in Congress from the Sixth District, was called yesterday morning before Election Committee No. 2, and postponed until Monday, February 19th. No action whatever was taken. The committee which will consider the case is composed of Messrs. Weaver, Olmsted, Landis, Miller, Burke of South Dakota, Thomas of Iowa, Robinson of Indiana, Snodgrass, and Green of Pennsylvania. A Charlotte News special from Washington relative to the postponement of the Bellamy-Dockery case says that Mr. Bellamy is confident of success, and that there seems to be good grounds for this feeling of security, as he is very popular and one knock-out in North Carolina seems to fully satisfy the Republicans.

WILMINGTON'S CONTRIBUTION. Has Already Given \$1,232 for Success of Constitutional Amendment. [Raleigh News & Observer, 10th.] The men who have organized to fight the Constitutional Amendment do not conceive the magnitude of the task they have undertaken. If they understood the determination—deep seated and not to be shaken—of the white people to be rid of the great mass of ignorant negro voters they would pause before trying to overcome a people who have sworn that "the whites shall rule the land or die." A one indication of early activity, we may note that, through Mr. Wm. Gilchrist and Mr. Hugh MacRae, a number of ardent Democrats of Wilmington yesterday sent the State chairman \$1,232 in cash to help circulate literature in the initial work of the campaign. They write that there are other contributions that will be sent later. When before in North Carolina did business men, six months before the election, contribute money to send out literature in inaugurating the campaign of education? Wilmington suffered from negroism and Russelism more than any of our cities, and the are resolved not to permit such a plight to befall their progressive city again if they can prevent it. They are Democrats, but more than party fealty characterizes their early contributions. It is in the nature of a thank offering for their deliverance through the white man's Legislature and a way of showing that they have enlisted for the full campaign until White Supremacy is made permanent. The men who are fighting for White Supremacy in North Carolina cannot be defeated!

CRIMINAL COURT IN NASH. Two Negroes to Hang March 15th—Other News from the County Seat. [Special Star Correspondence.] NASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 10. This is the closing day of one of the largest criminal courts ever held in Nash county. There were five defendants to be tried for their lives. One of them, Gillea Allen, for arson, was acquitted because the State failed to make out a case. The other two, John Taylor and Robert Fortune, were convicted of the murder of Robert Hester on December 21, 1899. It appeared that these young negroes were in the habit of fighting, and Hester was on his way to Rocky Mount. They asked him for change and when he took out his money to give them change they presented pistols and one shot twice and the other once. Mr. Hester died in four days. The boys, one of whom is about 21 years old and the other about 19, are to be hanged on the 15th of March next. This will be the first hanging in Nash county in two generations. People are selling the remainder of their cotton and seem pleased with the advance in price. The amendment is beginning to be discussed among the masses now and is growing in favor. Judge Connor, we learn, will make some amendment speeches for us soon.

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NEGRO WHO STOLE \$32 ADROITLY COOPIED BY THE POLICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. Hall officer H. H. Woebse and Policeman I. F. Huggins yesterday arrested a young negro man named Robert Hankins, who came up in the afternoon on the steamer Southport, the charge being the larceny of \$32 from some one in Southport. The arrest was made upon the authority of a telegram received by Chief Parmele early in the afternoon from Deputy Sheriff J. L. Daniels of Brunswick county. The negro was carefully searched at the station house but no trace of the stolen money was found. As the boat landed at the pier, however, the officers detected the negro in hurried conversation with the fireman on the steamer, and thinking a clue could be obtained from an examination of this personage, they returned to the steamer and with the assistance of Captain Peter Jorgensen, they induced the fireman to tell of the interrupted remarks of his prisoner, which led to the recovery of \$31 of the money, which was found concealed in an out-of-the-way apartment on the boat.

Forty More Came Down Last Evening to Work in the Phosphate Mines at Castle Haynes. The passenger train which came in last evening at 6 o'clock on the Atlantic Coast Line with Capt. H. O. McArthur as conductor, brought forty convicts and six guards as far as Castle Haynes. The convicts came from the State farm at Tilley, and will work in the phosphate mines of the Hanover Land and Improvement Company, at Castle Haynes. With the other convicts which arrived a couple of weeks ago, the company will have fifty able bodied men for the operations at the mines. They will now operate the phosphate mines and rock quarry on an extensive scale. THEATRE DARK THIS WEEK. Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" Will Be Seen Tomorrow Night Week. There will be no offerings at the Wilmington Opera House this week but on to-morrow night week, the 19th inst., Manager Schloss has arranged for another of Hoyt's famous comedies entitled "A Texas Steer," with that charming and entertaining little actress, Miss Katie Putnam, as the star. Wilmington theatre-goers always have a warm welcome and a large audience to greet any of Mr. Hoyt's companies, "A Milk White Flag" and "A Stranger in New York"—both productions of his—being most pleasantly remembered here. On Wednesday night of next week, 21st inst., comes Morrison's great production of "Faust." This attraction is owned and directed by Mr. Morrison, and while he is not in the company he assures the public, through Mr. Schloss, that both the production and cast are equal to any ever seen in this city. Mr. Morrison adds that he has never yet broken faith with the public and is too old to commence now.

SCHOONER LIBELLED FOR SALVAGE CLAIM. Captain Harper Instituted Proceedings Against the Penobscot for a Bill Amounting to \$2,900.

Capt. J. W. Harper, owner of the steamer Wilmington, yesterday instituted in the United States District Court libel proceedings against the American schooner Penobscot upon the repudiation by her owners of a bill of \$2,000 alleged to have been contracted by them in favor of the steamer Wilmington in a salvage claim incident to the going ashore of the schooner on the Cape Fear bar yesterday morning a week ago. The Penobscot is of 345 tons register, and is in charge of Captain Fellbrook. She is owned by Pendleton Bros., of New York, and her value has been placed by Mr. W. N. Harris, port warden, at \$2,750, while that of her cargo is estimated at \$3,200. At the time of her going ashore she was in distress, laden with rough lumber from Jacksonville to New York, and was attempting to put in at Southport. On the Sunday preceding her mishap she encountered very rough weather about 145 miles east of Frying Pan shoals, lost part of her deck load and was reported leaking. She went aground about 6 o'clock in the morning, the Wilmington was signalled and the owners contended that with the use of their own hawser she was pulled off on a rising tide by 8 o'clock and was towed into port by 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is understood that they offered only \$200 for this service. Mr. F. S. Pendleton, of the firm of Pendleton Bros., has been here for the past two days looking out for the interests of his firm and Capt. E. H. Weaver, a prominent insurance man of New Haven, Conn., who is interested in the cargo, is here to guard the interests of his company. Arrangements have been made to give bond on Tuesday next and the Charleston tug Waban has been engaged to tow the Penobscot to New York.

WANTED AT SOUTHPORT. Negro Who Stole \$32 Adroitly Cooped by the Police Yesterday Afternoon. Hall officer H. H. Woebse and Policeman I. F. Huggins yesterday arrested a young negro man named Robert Hankins, who came up in the afternoon on the steamer Southport, the charge being the larceny of \$32 from some one in Southport. The arrest was made upon the authority of a telegram received by Chief Parmele early in the afternoon from Deputy Sheriff J. L. Daniels of Brunswick county. The negro was carefully searched at the station house but no trace of the stolen money was found. As the boat landed at the pier, however, the officers detected the negro in hurried conversation with the fireman on the steamer, and thinking a clue could be obtained from an examination of this personage, they returned to the steamer and with the assistance of Captain Peter Jorgensen, they induced the fireman to tell of the interrupted remarks of his prisoner, which led to the recovery of \$31 of the money, which was found concealed in an out-of-the-way apartment on the boat.

BEFORE U. S. COMMISSIONER. Gilbert Hollins, Colored, Brunswick Co., Charged With Illicit Retailing. Gilbert Hollins, a well known colored man, who is managing a rice farm near Town Creek, in Brunswick county, was before U. S. Commissioner S. P. Collier yesterday morning, charged with illicit retailing of scuppernon wine. He was bound over to the May term of the U. S. District Court in the sum of \$100, justified, which he gave without difficulty. Hollins, it appeared from the evidence, bought a quantity of wine for his own use and dispensed it to several neighbors, contrary to the law.

FIRST BILL BY NEW MEMBER. Mr. Bellamy Secures Passage of Southeastern Railroad Bridge Permit. A Washington special to the Raleigh News and Observer says: Representative Bellamy has the distinction of being the first member of the North Carolina delegation to secure the passage of a bill this session. To-day he called up and had passed his bill to authorize the Southeastern Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Lumber river within the boundary lines of Robeson county. Mr. Bellamy was warmly congratulated on his success. Petitions are pouring in on the members of the delegation in the county praying for the passage of the Bellamy bill to place printing paper on the free list. Mr. Bellamy will shortly appear before the Ways and Means Committee and make an argument in favor of his bill.

REFORMATORY NEEDED. Petty thievery by what appears to be an organized band of small colored boys is growing to alarming proportions in the city, judging from the number of urchins that have been intercepted and locked up by the police during the past week. Yesterday Andrew Bell and Harry Thomas, two colored boys, scarce over two years of age, were arrested by Policeman Woebse charged with stealing a pocket knife and a number of low stacks from the feed room of the stables of the Home Brewing Company on Water street. On account of their youth, it is difficult to conceive how they may be punished for such offences, and the need of a reformatory for such a class of criminals is in this and similar instances strongly emphasized.

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BRYAN'S VISIT TO RALEIGH. Will Make Two Speeches Tuesday—State Democratic Convention—Licensed to Practice Law.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., February 10.—Arrangements were to night completed for Hon. W. J. Bryan's reception and speaking here next Tuesday night. He will make two speeches—one in the afternoon and one at night. If the weather is not too inclement the text of a circus in winter quarters here will be used. If it is cold or rainy he will speak in the Opera House. A committee will go to Richmond on Monday to meet Mr. Bryan and bring him to Raleigh. He will arrive at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon. Chairman Simmons to-day issued his call for the State Democratic convention to meet here on April 11th next. Of the forty seven young men who stood examination here Monday for license to practice law, thirty three passed as follows: Von Cline Ballard, Cumberland county; John A. Holbrook, Willis Garland, E. Midgette Martin; Thomas J. Murphy, Sampson; Jacob H. Quinn, Cleveland; Fred J. Coxe, Anson; Luther M. Carlton, Durham; Seed V. Long, Iredell; Allau L. Holmes, Henderson; John C. McCormick, Robeson; Jeremiah C. Meekins, Jr., Tyrrell; Marvin W. Nash, Beaufort; Junius I. Scales, Guilford; Joseph A. Spence, Stanley; Reuben H. Staton, Henderson; Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., Haywood; Junius E. Shipman, Henderson; William F. Rucker, Rutherford; Hamston D. Williams, Duplin; George H. Humber, Moore; William J. Christian, Jr., Durham; Emmett R. Wooten, Lenoir; Thaddeus Jones, Jr., Duplin; John M. Greenfield, Jr., Forsyth; David L. Russell, Catawba; Daniel L. English, Transylvania; Raymond J. Mauser, Catawba; James L. Telfair, New Hanover; Wiley V. Hartman, Davie; Jasper N. Moody, Graham; Thomas W. Alexander, Mecklenburg; Absalom T. Grant, Jr., Davie; Walter D. Siler, Chatham. Only one of the four colored men who stood the examination passed. He is James Telfair, from New Hanover county, and is now a student at Shaw University.

CAR LOAD OF CONVICTS. Forty More Came Down Last Evening to Work in the Phosphate Mines at Castle Haynes. The passenger train which came in last evening at 6 o'clock on the Atlantic Coast Line with Capt. H. O. McArthur as conductor, brought forty convicts and six guards as far as Castle Haynes. The convicts came from the State farm at Tilley, and will work in the phosphate mines of the Hanover Land and Improvement Company, at Castle Haynes. With the other convicts which arrived a couple of weeks ago, the company will have fifty able bodied men for the operations at the mines. They will now operate the phosphate mines and rock quarry on an extensive scale. THEATRE DARK THIS WEEK. Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" Will Be Seen Tomorrow Night Week. There will be no offerings at the Wilmington Opera House this week but on to-morrow night week, the 19th inst., Manager Schloss has arranged for another of Hoyt's famous comedies entitled "A Texas Steer," with that charming and entertaining little actress, Miss Katie Putnam, as the star. Wilmington theatre-goers always have a warm welcome and a large audience to greet any of Mr. Hoyt's companies, "A Milk White Flag" and "A Stranger in New York"—both productions of his—being most pleasantly remembered here. On Wednesday night of next week, 21st inst., comes Morrison's great production of "Faust." This attraction is owned and directed by Mr. Morrison, and while he is not in the company he assures the public, through Mr. Schloss, that both the production and cast are equal to any ever seen in this city. Mr. Morrison adds that he has never yet broken faith with the public and is too old to commence now.

BEFORE U. S. COMMISSIONER. Gilbert Hollins, Colored, Brunswick Co., Charged With Illicit Retailing. Gilbert Hollins, a well known colored man, who is managing a rice farm near Town Creek, in Brunswick county, was before U. S. Commissioner S. P. Collier yesterday morning, charged with illicit retailing of scuppernon wine. He was bound over to the May term of the U. S. District Court in the sum of \$100, justified, which he gave without difficulty. Hollins, it appeared from the evidence, bought a quantity of wine for his own use and dispensed it to several neighbors, contrary to the law.

FIRST BILL BY NEW MEMBER. Mr. Bellamy Secures Passage of Southeastern Railroad Bridge Permit. A Washington special to the Raleigh News and Observer says: Representative Bellamy has the distinction of being the first member of the North Carolina delegation to secure the passage of a bill this session. To-day he called up and had passed his bill to authorize the Southeastern Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Lumber river within the boundary lines of Robeson county. Mr. Bellamy was warmly congratulated on his success. Petitions are pouring in on the members of the delegation in the county praying for the passage of the Bellamy bill to place printing paper on the free list. Mr. Bellamy will shortly appear before the Ways and Means Committee and make an argument in favor of his bill.

REFORMATORY NEEDED. Petty thievery by what appears to be an organized band of small colored boys is growing to alarming proportions in the city, judging from the number of urchins that have been intercepted and locked up by the police during the past week. Yesterday Andrew Bell and Harry Thomas, two colored boys, scarce over two years of age, were arrested by Policeman Woebse charged with stealing a pocket knife and a number of low stacks from the feed room of the stables of the Home Brewing Company on Water street. On account of their youth, it is difficult to conceive how they may be punished for such offences, and the need of a reformatory for such a class of criminals is in this and similar instances strongly emphasized.

THE ELKS' BUILDING. The STAR learns that there is little doubt that the plans of Wilmington Lodge, No. 632, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will be carried out. It is proposed to erect a handsome \$12,000 building, and already the subscriptions amount to several thousand dollars. The committee recently appointed by the lodge to further the scheme consists of Messrs. H. J. Gerken, F. H. Stodman, Wm. J. Bellamy, R. W. Wallace, C. C. Chadbourn, M. W. Divine and Sam Bear, Jr. It is understood that they are making arrangements to have the Elk company chartered, as the first step towards carrying out the plans for a building. The STAR wishes the Elks complete success in their enterprising undertaking.

THIRTY NEW FACTORIES PROJECTED IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR THIS YEAR. Mr. Thos. S. Bowles of the firm of Bowles & Warwick, Richmond, Va., who are largely engaged in supplying machinery to cotton mills in the South, yesterday told a STAR representative that thirty cotton mills are projected for this year in North Carolina. He thinks most of them will be built, and says that the capital is already in hand to build seventeen of them. Besides the mills projected, the report of the commissioner of labor statistics a few days ago stated that twenty-five mills are now under construction.

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