

Shown by Speaker Henderson—Rumor That Lincy Will Be Candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

Another Republican has said that if the election came off now the Republican party would lose 2,000,000 votes, and there are others who express grave doubts that the party can sufficiently rally from this shock to make a successful contest next Fall, for no amount of hedging or atonement it can do will regain the confidence of the thousands who have been driven from it in disgust by this treachery.

In all this land there is no man who has lost his prestige so rapidly or so fallen in popular estimation as President McKinley has since his endorsement of this infamy after having so shortly before urged the keeping of our promises to the people of that island. He then spoke as the President of the United States and doubtless expressed his honest sentiments and earnest convictions, but in a few months after that the unscrupulous machine managers took him in charge and under their manipulation the country was presented with the pitiable spectacle of a President (a man of "good intentions," as a member of the cabinet apologetically said of him), ignoring his own declarations, shutting his eyes to the "plain duty" he had enjoined upon Congress, and siding in carrying out the very iniquity that he of all men, after his message recommendations, should be the last to countenance much less to encourage. Whatever his "good intentions" may be he has shown that he is a man without the stamina to resist the politicians who made him what he is, and might, if they so decided, unmake him, and a man without convictions that he has the moral courage to stand by. He has shown this several times, but never more plainly than in his acquiescence in and aid to this infamy that has so shocked and aroused the American people and the better element of his own party.

HARD WORKED CONGRESSMEN.

Some people have an idea that the average Congressman has a soft snap, that he draws his salary, lives high, and has a good time generally. That may be so with some of them, the rich fellows who go there to swell, put on style, and see life as illustrated in the gay metropolis, or with that free and easy delegate from Arizona who spends most of his time taking solid comfort on a lounge in the cloak room, but it isn't so with the fellow who has a paternal care for his constituents and is a hustler. An illustration of this is furnished in the case of Representative Gibson, of the second Tennessee district, who thinks he is entitled to a re-election and gives the following summary of the work performed by him as one of the reasons:

- Eight hundred and twenty-three war claims put through, amounting to \$1,200,000.
Sixty-five private pension bills.
Forty-one men commissioned in the army by his influence.
Twenty-nine postmasters appointed.
Seventy-four new post offices established.
Twelve thousand calls at the pension office.
Twenty-nine thousand packages of seed sent.
Twenty-seven thousand pamphlets and books sent out.
One hundred and sixty-seven thousand copies of his own speeches sent out.
Forty-seven thousand letters to his constituents.
Now who will say that this man has not earned his little old \$5,000 per an?

ACTIVITY ALL ALONG THE LINE.

In its last weekly review of industrial progress in the South the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record says it estimated that at least \$100,000,000 are now going into new industries in the South, from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 going into cotton manufacturing, of which there are now about 100 under construction, while established plants are being enlarged.

There is extraordinary activity in the iron and coal industries, with a prospective large increase in both, while the phosphate and lumber industries are both expanding. These are the leading industries, but with these come many other industries of less importance individually, but in the aggregate representing many millions of dollars and showing that Southern industrial ideas are branching out.

One of the significant events in the iron and steel industry is the recent large shipments of steel billets from Birmingham North, and large orders booked for shipment to England.

The impression was that Uncle Paul Kruger was a whaling big fellow, but he is only 5 feet 7 inches tall, topping Gen. Roberts just one inch. But when these two little fellows collide there will be a shake up.

But a few years ago phosphate rock was discovered in Tennessee, but that is now the great phosphate producer of this country. There are 218 mines in the State, employing 21,000 men.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Capt. Geo. L. Morton Endorsed for Nomination for the State Senate.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

Col. W. J. Woodward Permanent Chairman—Ratification of County Nominations in the Primaries—Resolutions of Endorsement.

The most important and probably the most interesting action by the New Hanover Democratic County Convention, which assembled in the Court House yesterday, was the ratification of the nomination by the primaries of Capt. George L. Morton for the State Senate and the instruction to delegates of the county to cast New Hanover's vote for him in the coming Senatorial Convention for the Tenth district embracing this and Brunswick counties.

There were also several resolutions endorsing various candidates for State and United States offices, upon which the delegates were unanimous. The convention was called to order by W. B. McKoy, Esq., and upon motion of Mr. L. B. Sasser, Col. W. J. Woodward was placed in nomination for permanent chairman. Other nominations were Messrs. W. E. Springer, Junius Davis, Esq., and W. B. McKoy, Esq., all of whom declined to serve. Col. W. J. Woodward was unanimously elected and upon taking the chair he thanked the convention for the honor. He said that in his travels about the State he found that all eyes were on New Hanover politics since the overthrow of radicalism here, and he hoped that the meeting would be one without dissension.

Members of the press in attendance were requested to act as secretaries and upon motion of Mr. B. F. King the calling of the roll of delegates was dispensed with.

Mr. W. A. Wright, secretary of the County Democratic executive committee read the official result of the primaries held Thursday, March 21st, and upon motion of Prof. W. Catlett the convention proceeded to ratify the various candidates separately as follows:

- For Sheriff—Frank H. Stedman.
For Register of Deeds—W. H. Biddle.
For Treasurer—H. McL. Green.
For Coroner—Dr. W. F. Stokes.
For Constable of Wilmington Township—Wm. Sheehan.
For Constable of Harnett Township—C. W. Walton.
For Constable of Cape Fear Township—M. G. Chadwick.
For County Surveyor—Jos. H. McRee.
For Representatives—George Rountree and M. S. Willard.

Mr. B. F. King moved that in view of the fact there would likely be a contest over the Senatorship and to expedite matters, that the question of the ratification of a candidate for that office be deferred until later in the meeting and that other business be proceeded with. The motion prevailed.

State and National Officers Endorsed.

Mr. King offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That the career of Hon. John D. Bellamy in Congress has been very gratifying to the Democrats of this district for its ability and patriotism and this convention hereby endorses him to the convention for re-nomination as the member from the Sixth district in the Fifty-seventh Congress."

Upon motion of Mr. C. W. Worth the following were also adopted:

"Resolved, That the delegates from this county to the State Convention be and they are hereby instructed to vote for primaries for the selection of a candidate for United States Senator."

"Resolved, That the Democrats of New Hanover county endorse and recommend to the Democrats of the State Hon. A. M. Waddell as eminently fit and worthy to be nominated by the party for United States Senator."

Junius Davis, Esq., introduced a verbal resolution endorsing Hon. B. Aycock for Governor and it was enthusiastically adopted with applause.

Col. Roger Moore, in a speech highly commendatory of the invaluable services of Mr. Dan Hugh McLean, of Harnett township, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"The Democrats of New Hanover county, in convention assembled, recognizing the eminent and unselfish services of the Hon. D. H. McLean, of Harnett county, in every campaign for nearly a quarter of a century, and appreciating his unusual fitness and capacity for the position, hereby endorse him, and most heartily commend him to the Democrats of North Carolina for the nomination for Secretary of State at the approaching State Convention, and hereby instruct the delegates from this county to the State Convention to cast the vote of New Hanover county for him for said office."

Mr. C. W. Worth amended the resolution introducing Hon. H. A. London for State Treasurer, which after acceptance by Col. Roger Moore, was included in the resolution and also unanimously carried.

Upon motion of Prof. W. Catlett, Hon. John S. Cunningham was endorsed for Lieutenant Governor, and upon motion of Mr. Aubrey Parsley and amendment by Mr. B. F. King, Hon. Franklin McNeill, of this city, and Samuel L. Rogers, of Macon were endorsed for Railroad Commissioners.

Capt. T. D. Meares raised the point of "instructing delegates to the State Convention" to vote for the various candidates endorsed, which was understood to have been included in the various resolutions, and upon motion of Mr. T. H. McKoy the word "in-

structed" was stricken out and "earnestly requested" substituted in its stead. This, by subsequent resolutions was construed to apply to all endorsements made at the convention.

Mr. B. F. King made a motion that the appointment of delegates to the State, Judicial, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions be delegated to the chairman. Mr. George E. Leftwich moved that two delegates from each ward and township be chosen to arrange the list of delegates for the various conventions. Mr. Leftwich's motion was declared lost and the motion of Mr. King was carried. A division was called for and a standing vote showed ayes 40, nays 28. Col. Woodward announced that the appointments would be made Monday in conformity to Mr. King's motion.

Mr. F. A. Montgomery moved that the Senatorial ratification be taken up and the vote in the primary was announced. Mr. W. B. Cooper moved that Capt. Geo. L. Morton be declared the regular nominee of the Democratic party of New Hanover county, and that delegates to the Senatorial Convention be instructed to cast the vote of the county for him.

Prof. Washington Catlett offered the following resolutions amendatory to Mr. Cooper's motion:

"WHEREAS, The Democratic Executive Committee has reported to this convention that at the recent primary there were cast for George L. Morton 1,068 votes and for Ireddell Meares 1,029 votes, for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from this district; and whereas, this county is entitled to 45 votes in the Senatorial Convention, and upon the basis of the primary vote George L. Morton is entitled to have cast for him in that convention 23 and 87 votes and Ireddell Meares is entitled to have cast for him 23 and 37 votes, according to the party rules, and as reflecting popular sentiment; therefore, the convention be authorized to appoint to the Senatorial Convention 23 delegates upon the suggestion of Mr. Morton, and 22 delegates upon the suggestion of Mr. Meares, and that the delegation so appointed be instructed to cast the vote of this county in the Senatorial Convention in the proportion above stated."

In presenting the resolution Prof. Catlett disclaimed an advocacy of any candidate for the office. He favored a following of the lines as mapped out by the State Executive Committee and stated that Mr. Meares should receive a representation in the County Convention in proportion to the vote received in the primary. He read extracts from the State plan of organization bearing upon the matter and expressed the opinion that the provision of same should prevail over any rulings of the County Executive Committee.

Mr. B. F. King suggested that Capt. Geo. L. Morton and Mr. Ireddell Meares, who were present at the Convention, and upon motion it was so ordered.

Mr. George E. Leftwich and Capt. Donald MacRae moved that an adjournment be taken until 3 o'clock for dinner before the argument was heard. The motion was lost and the candidates proceeded to state their contentions to the Convention.

Senatorial Candidates Heard.

Mr. Meares opened the discussion, stating that the controversy was not a personal one and that it mattered little which of the two candidates represented New Hanover in the Senate, but that there was a principle involved and that the voices of 1,029 voters should not be stifled in the convention; that they were entitled to a minority representation, and that much of the party's solidity in New Hanover county in the future depended upon the action of the State plan of organization and quoted from that section bearing upon his contention. He stated that he did not know the sentiment of the delegates to the convention and had approached none of them for an expression.

The provision of the State committee, he said, was framed for the purpose of the prevention of a suppression of the minority vote in convention, and that the contest was a district and not a county question. He referred to the action of the Democratic county executive committee and read extracts from the call by it for a primary. He said that it had no right to call for a nomination of senator, as it was a district matter and not in the province of New Hanover county to name the senator. He disclaimed any agreement as to a withdrawal from the convention by the candidate receiving the smaller vote in the primary, and stated that Capt. Morton recognized the validity of the State plan when he approached him regarding the matter. He referred to his speech before the executive committee and stated that his position was then clearly defined to the committee, and it embraced the same opinions promulgated by him to-day. He read affidavits of Messrs. G. Herbert Smith, B. F. King and E. F. Johnson, who were present at the time of his appearance before the executive committee and heard his remarks. He also expressed at the time, he said, his willingness to concede to Mr. Morton a minority representation in the convention, in the event that he was defeated in the primaries. He referred to the alternating custom of the two counties in the district and contended that the agreement had been on previous occasions broken and that upon the occasion of the nomination of Mr. W. J. Davis of Brunswick county last year that the struggle was so great for the dethronement of Republicanism in the two counties that only the question of a man of the widest popularity was considered and that the alleged custom was not taken into account. He denied that there was any alternating custom in the matter of the two nominations as recognized between the

party of the two counties involved. He denied that two townships were not represented in the Brunswick county convention and recited the occurrences bearing upon the senatorship in said convention. The county convention assembled, he said, had no right to certify to the Senatorial convention that Capt. Geo. L. Morton was the unanimous choice of the county for the office in question. An action to that effect would wound the Democratic party in the county to an extent not known before, he said.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Meares' argument, Capt. Morton arose and stated that the alternative custom heretofore existing between the counties in the district had never been disrupted and that he regretted that he had been called upon to defend his rightful nomination before the convention. There had been no primary in Brunswick county and if the contention of his opponent should prevail, there should have been joint primaries in the two counties. He referred to incidents of the campaign before the primaries with reference to the agreement referred to by Mr. Meares and stated that his actions then were solely in the interest of harmony. He read the rulings of the County Executive committee of New Hanover county and justified his course by the same. He read from the call and stated that the manifest duty of the convention was to ratify the nomination of the Senatorial candidate made in the primaries in the same way as county officers. He referred to the Brunswick convention and the non-representation of Waccamaw township. He said that the so-called primary in Northwest township only two men were present and so far as he was informed the public had no notice of any primary in that section. If he had been defeated in the New Hanover primaries by even one vote Capt. Morton said that he would have approached his competitor and extended to him his best efforts to secure his election. He appealed to the convention to ratify the action of the people in the primaries and to themselves. He was enthusiastically cheered at frequent intervals during his speech.

Mr. Meares next addressed the convention in rejoinder and stated that the primaries in Northwest, Brunswick county, were regularly called, as the chairman of the precinct executive committee informed him. He stated that he was perfectly satisfied to abide by the will of the majority and that he would be satisfied to withdraw with his opponent from the convention and submit the question to a district primary to be called by the executive committees of the two counties interested. Another proposition was to withdraw from the race and let the convention name a third man.

Capt. Morton next addressed the meeting in a short speech and said that he would submit to a second primary if agreeable; he had been nominated once and would roll up a bigger majority than ever before; that the people had spoken once upon the question and would do so again.

Prof. Catlett re-read his amendatory resolution to Mr. Cooper's motion, printed above, and the question was called. An aye and nay declaration was called for, and the resolution was killed by a vote of 42 to 21.

Mr. Meares contended that the vote was acoustomed to be taken by townships, and that the vote upon the motion of Mr. Cooper should be taken in this way.

Mr. W. E. Perdew moved that the question be called. This was done and the motion of Mr. Cooper was carried. Those voting nays on the question of allowing Mr. Meares the minority representation asked for in Prof. Catlett's resolution were: W. L. Duke, James Kelley, Z. E. Murrill, J. H. Straus, M. H. Kelley, Frank Quinn, John J. Nelms, M. Schabben, Thomas Q. Lindlin, Don MacRae, M. J. Heyer, Sigmond Bear, F. Richter, R. W. Wallace, H. VonGlahn, W. E. Perdew, B. J. Jacobs, J. H. Taylor, J. P. W. H. Alderman, W. B. Cooper, W. F. Legwin, W. F. Robertson, C. W. Worth, Junius Davis, L. Hansen, Walter G. MacRae, J. J. Corbett, L. H. Skinner, B. F. King, R. H. McKoy, F. A. Montgomery, W. H. Hancock, S. E. P. H. Stranck, John E. Hewitt, J. F. Littleton, Theo. Swann, R. E. Daniels, J. M. McGowan, B. R. King, Samuel Blossom, J. B. Dempsey.

Those voting aye were, B. C. Moore, S. H. Terry, W. A. Wright, J. M. Bunting, Roger Moore, T. D. Meares, W. Catlett, L. B. Sasser, F. L. Higgins, I. Greenewald, R. A. Parsley, G. Hall, R. H. Beery, James Sprunt, J. H. Waters, S. Bordeaux, T. G. Landon, S. G. Watson, C. W. Bishop, C. H. Alexander, R. P. West.

Upon the announcement of the vote of Mr. Cooper, the convention adjourned sine die. The date for the Senatorial convention will be arranged by the executive committees of the two counties involved, and upon this occasion New Hanover's delegation is instructed to cast the vote solidly for Morton. According to the action of the Brunswick convention, if the instruction to the delegates is carried out, the vote in the Senatorial convention will stand Morton, 49; Meares, 12.

Mr. Bernice Moore to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. R. Bass, of Warsaw, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Maggie Lou, to Mr. Bernice Calbreth Moore, one of Wilmington's popular druggists. The ceremony will be performed in the Warsaw Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, April 11th, at 3:30 o'clock, and Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home to friends after that date at No. 316 Red Cross street.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Wilmington Pythians Arranging for Their Big Celebration Next Week.

THE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

Invitations to Lodges of State—Special Railroad Rates—Judge Richardson, of Richmond, to Be Here—Fine Rank Work Expected.

Wilmington Pythians are donning their gala attire and making great preparation for their District meeting, which will be held here Tuesday week, April 10th. Invitations have been mailed to every lodge throughout the Old North State and the prospects are that a large crowd of enthusiastic Knights will be the guests of the city on this occasion. Special rates have been secured on all railroads and for the entertainment of the visiting "bæthreu" the Wilmington lodges are arranging for an excursion to one of the beaches; one of those characteristic old time oyster roasts and several other features of pleasure giving.

A number of souvenir lapel buttons emblematic of the Pythian meeting and designating Wilmington as the place are being sent to Pythians all over the State. Judge Richardson, of Richmond, Va., a noted jurist and one of the nation's foremost orators, will deliver one of his famous addresses, and this alone should be a drawing card for the meeting.

The elaborate rank work will be dramatically exemplified, supplemented by the new costumes and stereopticon light effect.

The following are the general committees of arrangement for the several lodges: Capt. T. D. Meares and Mr. W. F. Robertson, of Stonehall No. 1; Mr. J. D. Smith, of Clarendon No. 2; Mr. S. Behrens and Mr. H. Burford, of Germania No. 4; Mr. N. N. Davis and Mr. Anson Allgood, of Jefferson No. 61.

The reception committees from the various lodges are as follows: Stonehall Lodge—J. O. Turfentine, Jr., W. H. Yopp, J. J. Hopkins, S. H. Fishback and L. D. Kelley. Clarendon Lodge—Walker Taylor, Ireddell Meares, W. P. Oldham, J. J. King and O. M. Fillyaw. Germania Lodge—C. F. VonKamp, John Haar, F. H. Kranke, J. W. Dula and H. L. Vollers. Jefferson Lodge—I. M. Bear, E. H. Munson, R. S. Collins, A. S. Holden and J. C. Morrison.

THE CAPE FEAR IMPROVEMENT.

Board of Survey Progressing Nicely Near Fayetteville—Capt. Schubert Here.

Capt. Schubert, who is in charge of the corps of engineers engaged in making a survey of the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Fayetteville, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

About fourteen miles of the survey have been completed from Fayetteville this way and very good progress is being made. The engineers and their assistants have improvised quarters on a river flat which is moved from place to place down the stream as the proximity to their work demands and the depth of the water at different points, lay of the channel, etc., is staked off as the survey proceeds.

STAR readers will remember that upon a recommendation of the board of survey largely depends the extent of the improvement to the river that will be provided for at the next session of Congress in making up the river and harbor appropriation bill. It is proposed to try for an appropriation sufficiently large to secure a uniform depth in the channel of from six to eight feet. The Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville was largely instrumental in bringing about a survey of the proposed improvement and that body, after the survey, will bring strong pressure to bear on Congress for an adequate appropriation to meet the ends desired. In its efforts, the Fayetteville body of business men has secured the co-operation and re-securement of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and it is confidently expected that very material improvements will be undertaken by the government.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

At Points in North Carolina—Senator Pritchard—Representative Kitchin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Senator Pritchard is confined to his home with a bad case of grippe, but expects to be out in a day or so.

Charles L. Abernethy, of Beaufort, N. C., called on Representative Kitchin to-day. He is en route home from New York.

The Postoffice Department has notified Representative Kitchin that they will establish rural free delivery between Oxford and Berea at an early date.

Former Resident of Wilmington.

The Fayetteville Observer of Wednesday afternoon contains an announcement of the death in Mexico, Texas, on March 21st, of Mr. George Alderman, who was formerly a resident of Wilmington, but removed to Texas about the year 1868.

Mr. Alderman at the time of his death was in the 78th year of his age and leaves a wife, two daughters and one son to mourn their loss. He was a brother of Col. Wm. Alderman, of Fayetteville, and has quite a number of relatives in this city.

DIED SUDDENLY THURSDAY.

Mr. B. Frank Boykin, a Well Known Citizen of Wilmington, Was Found Dead in His Bed.

Numerous friends of Mr. B. Frank Boykin, in Wilmington and in the Eastern section of the State, will learn with sorrow of his death, which occurred suddenly some time during the early part of Thursday morning at his home, No. 514 Princess street, in this city.

Mr. Boykin, on the days preceding his death, had been confined to his room with la grippe, and Wednesday night he complained of a severe head ache, but his condition was thought to have been far from serious. Yesterday morning he did not arise so early as usual, but the family caring of his indisposition did not know to disturb him, and he was allowed to remain unmolested until between 9 and 10 o'clock, when a gentleman called at his house to see him on a business matter. One of the children was sent up to the room to notify the father of the visit, but the child soon returned and said that Mr. Boykin could not be aroused. A servant was next sent up and returned with the same message. Mrs. Boykin then hastened to her husband's bedside and was horrified to find that he was dead. Dr. F. H. Russell was quickly summoned, and after examining the body he expressed the opinion that death had resulted from apoplexy probably three hours before.

Deceased was about 61 years of age, and is prominently connected in Eastern North Carolina. He was born near Clinton, in Sampson county, and resided for a number of years in that town, where he conducted the Clinton Hotel. Later he was engaged in the livery business there, but about eight years ago he removed to Wilmington, and was engaged here for some time in the grocery business on Grace street. During Gov. Carr's administration, he was director of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane, and all ways manifested a keen interest in the politics of his country. He served in the Confederate army and was a good soldier. About ten years ago, he married Miss Julia Augusta Bowden, of this city, and she with five small children—two boys and three little girls—survive him, and have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

Mr. Boykin was a second cousin of the lamented Judge Boykin, who died suddenly about ten years ago and he was also a nephew of Dr. T. J. Boykin, of the firm of Boykin, Carner & Co., of Baltimore. Three sisters live in Washington, D. C., and two brothers, Messrs. J. R. and D. S. Boykin, are engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Wilson, N. C.

THE WRONG COMMISSIONER.

Mecklenburg Endorsed Mr. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, Through Mistake.

A STAR representative was shown a telegram received here yesterday stating that the vote in the primaries for Corporation Commissioner in Mecklenburg a few days since showed a majority for Hon. Franklin McNeill, of this city, and that it would be recounted. The message further stated that the initials "J. D." was a clerical error, and that Mr. Franklin McNeill is the one endorsed for the office.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday says: "It is an official fact that at the primaries held in this county last Tuesday Mr. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, was formally selected by ballot as the county's choice for one of the two corporation commissioners that are to be nominated at the State convention. It is equally certain that McNeill is not a candidate for the position, and that, therefore, no one in Mecklenburg intended to vote for him."

The truth is there was simply a mistake as to initials. The man that the voters of this county intended to support is Mr. Frank McNeill, of Wilmington, the present chairman of the corporation commission.

When the error was discovered yesterday morning there was considerable flurry over the matter, and it was decided that the central committee should exercise its executive function to the extent of declaring that the vote would be considered as having been cast for Mr. Frank McNeill.

If this proceeding will not be considered as sufficiently rectified, the mistake may be rectified easily by the unanimous action of the county convention to-morrow.

Yet nothing can eliminate the fact that the name of J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, was on the ballot, and that he obtained the full strength of the Mecklenburg Democratic vote.

Brunswick Delegates.

The following are the delegates from Brunswick county to the State and Senatorial conventions, viz: State Convention—R. O. Leonard, W. H. Phillips, D. G. Hewitt, A. S. White, J. D. Robbins, F. M. Moore, J. F. Tripp, A. P. Thomas, H. L. Cainson, Washington Coleman, Geo. H. Bellamy, W. J. Davis.

Senatorial Convention—William Weeks, Richard Dasher, W. A. Moore, Robert Weeks, A. S. Kirby, David Ward, J. R. McCracken, Peter Rourke, S. J. Stanley, W. B. Bennett, Valentine Smith, R. W. McKeithan, J. W. Lancaster, J. D. Robbins, J. B. Chinnis, W. J. Davis, Geo. H. Bellamy, G. M. McKeithan, J. N. Bennett, O. A. Durant, A. V. Goodman, J. B. Evans.

Approaching Marriage.

Handsomely engraved cards announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Olivia Pearl Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Westcott, of this city, to Mr. E. Maury Fry, of Fayetteville, were yesterday mailed to friends. The ceremony will be solemnized Wednesday morning, April 12th, at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of Miss Westcott's parents, No. 211 South Fourth street.

MURDER IN NASH COUNTY.

An Aged Citizen Shot and Killed Near His Farm—The Wilson Shooting.

WILSON, N. C., March 31.—Mr. Rcent Ferrill, an aged citizen, who recently moved from his farm in Nash county to this town, was found murdered near his old home in Nash county yesterday. He left here Wednesday to go to his farm, and on yesterday his body was found in the woods near the public road. The condition of his body when found showed that he had been shot by some person or persons unknown.

WILSON, N. C., March 31.—The Negro Hunt, who was shot by J. D. Farrior yesterday, died at 7:30 to night. It is believed evidence will be brought before the coroner's jury which will result in the acquittal of Farrior.

PITT COUNTY CONVENTION.

Declared for Senatorial Primaries—Endorsed Grimes for Secretary of State.

GREENVILLE, N. C., March 31.—The Democrats of Pitt held a fine convention to-day. The Chicago and State platforms were endorsed; trusts and the Porto Rico tariff denounced. The convention declared emphatically for Senatorial primaries as being in keeping with the platform of 1898 and true Democratic doctrine of the people. It will endorse cliques and leave conventions free to nominate the best men for the Legislature. Delegates were instructed to work and vote for such primaries. Strong resolutions were passed endorsing J. Bryan Grimes' candidacy for Secretary of State, and instructing delegates to support him by all honorable means.

JOHNSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Convention Endorsed Aycock for Governor and Simmons for U. S. Senator.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., March 31.—Johnston county Democratic Convention, to elect delegates to the State Convention was held here to-day. Aycock was strongly endorsed for Governor, and D. H. McLean for Secretary of State. Simmons was endorsed for United States Senator, Ira T. Turlington for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The meeting was enthusiastic.

Mr. F. M. Simmons spoke for two hours on the amendment. The audience was captivated by his mastery of discussion. Leaders here say that Johnston county will give 2000 majority for the amendment.

Truckers Were Here.

The Executive Committee of the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association met at the Orton yesterday to arrange for the schedules of the refrigerator and express trains for the movement of the strawberry crop, which is expected to begin about April 15th. Dr. E. Porter, who was in attendance upon the meeting, says that a gratifying conference was held with the railroad people regarding the arrangement of the schedule and that a much better service is promised the growers this season than in former years. A through refrigerator train has been secured to leave Wilmington about 8 o'clock each morning, which will take only solid cars. A local train of the same character will leave about one or two hours later for the small shipments which will be repacked at Rocky Mount; an express train to leave Wilmington at 7 o'clock P. M. each day has also been arranged for. The last named service the truckers have not enjoyed in former years. The anxious people give promise of an adequate and fast refrigerating shipment and upon the whole, the prospects are encouraging for the East Carolina strawberry grower this season.

Besides Dr. Porter, those present were Mr. W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, who is chairman of the executive committee; Messrs. J. A. Westbrock, J. S. Westbrock and Dr. George F. Lucas.

Prominent Pender Citizen Dead.

Mr. F. T. Croom, of Burgaw, who arrived in the city last evening brought news of the death of Mr. J. P. Stringfield, of that town, which occurred a few days since with his home after a steady illness with la grippe. Mr. Stringfield was 60 years of age and has been Register of Deeds of his county for the past twenty years. He was a faithful and efficient officer and was one of the most influential citizens of Pender. He was an ex-Confederate soldier and fought valiantly for the cause of the South in the civil war. The funeral will take place this afternoon and the interment will be made at the family burying ground near Burgaw.