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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

## and Secretary Gage has no right to deport him.

If this man can come in so can another Porto Rican, and dozens or hundreds or thousands, and so can the Filipinos, and under these instructions of Secretary Gage each one of them will have a good reason for landing as Jorge Cruz had, for none of them is supposed to know anything about the alien contract law, and neither are the Japanese or the Chinese. Whether an "isolated case" or not ("isolated cases" have frequently occurred but have never before been so disposed of) this action of Secretary Gage opens the door to thousands and practically nullifies the law.

But aside from this, it is a pitiable exhibition of cowardice to cause delay, give time and stave off action on this Porto Rican question until after the next campaign. This case would bring up the whole Porto Rican question and the constitutionality of the legislation enacted and pending, and might knock into flinders the whole scheme by which the administration and its supporters propose to govern our new acquisitions on the novel plan devised by them, by virtue of the constitution, as they claim, but entirely outside of the constitution. They pretend to be acting in pursuance of constitutional power, but simply lack the blunt candor of old Senator Morton, who when asked if the proposed reconstruction measures for the Senate were constitutional blurted out: "Constitutional? H—ll, no; they are extra-constitutional." So with all this legislative scheming with our new acquisitions—it is extra-constitutional.

But does any one suppose that if Secretary Gage and his advisers thought they would be sustained by the U. S. Supreme Court, they would have resorted to this cowardly dodge to prevent the case from going as speedily as possible before the court, and that he would not have done all he could to hasten it? Of course he would, and by taking the course he has taken he has simply proclaimed the fact that he and those with whom he acts are afraid of the result and fear to go before the United States Court. That is the construction the American people will put upon his action, and it is the right one.

"You will allow Jorge Cruz to land, the department reserving the right to deport him at any time within one year, and to bring suit for \$1,000 penalty against the person or corporation assisting, etc., or causing or soliciting him to come in under contract."

"It appears that Cruz came without knowledge that he was in violation of law, if he be here in violation of law. It further appears that he was brought here to make a moot case, and not in good faith, as a contract laborer."

"This being an isolated case, public interests are not affected by allowing him to land subject to future deportation."

"Legislation now pending in Congress may change the present status."

"The department prefers to test the question by bringing suit to recover the penalty imposed by law upon the person who brought Cruz into the country under contract."

"The matter will be referred to the Department of Justice, with request to take such action in this direction as the case may justify."

This is interesting not only as an exhibition of moral cowardice, but as a piece of trickery to prevent a judicial interpretation of an important matter under dispute, as a sneaking subterfuge in the reasons assigned for the action taken, and as a vital blow at the alien contract law which Mr. Gage professes to respect and which it is duty to see enforced. If Cruz was an alien Secretary Gage had no right to let him land; if there was any doubt as to whether he was an alien or not he should, instead of trying to prevent it, be among the first to seek a judicial decision that the doubts might be removed.

The subterfuge is apparent in the face of the instructions given to the commissioner. The reasons assigned show the subterfuge and the dodge. How does he know that Cruz was ignorant of the fact that a law was violated in making a contract with him to come to this country to work? If ignorance suspends the law in his case doesn't it apply to nearly every foreigner who has been or may be employed under contract in violation of that law? How many laboring foreigners or foreigners of any other class are supposed to be informed on the laws of the United States, and if ignorance of the law be a reason why it should be suspended in the case of this Porto Rican, isn't it equally a reason why it should be suspended in the case of all people brought into the country under contract, and isn't this virtually nullifying the law by the very men whose duty it is to enforce it?

Is Secretary Gage a law under himself? If not how can he permit this man to land in the face of a law which the Commissioner of Immigration says has been violated, and if permitted to land how can he pick him up any time within twelve months and deport him? Once landed by permission that law has nothing more to do with him.

## BENIGHTED AND FOOLHARDY LEADERSHIP.

Some of the hardest blows the Republican leaders in Washington from President down, are now getting are from Republican papers and from some of the most stalwart of them, papers which have heretofore never failed to stand by the party and to support its policies. We have quoted from a number of these, among them the Chicago Times-Herald owned and edited by a personal friend of Mr. McKinley, one of the men who joined Hanna in the movement to make him President, and one who has stood by him ever since in all his positions, until the Porto Rican inquiry. Before the passage of that bill by the Senate, in the face of such universal protest against it, this friend and champion of Mr. McKinley, thus gave utterance to his amazement and disgust: "Americans wonder and scoff at the fatuity with which British commanders permit themselves to be entrapped and humiliated by Boer strategists in South Africa while under their own eyes in Washington the Republican leaders are rushing opened-eyed into as fatal a trap as ever yawned before a great party."

In vain are the warnings cries of faithful friends. In vain are the appeals to duty, justice and good faith. In vain are the traditions of the Republic. In vain are all invocations to save the nation's plighted word from dishonor."

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"Never in the history of military or political warfare has there been such an instance of benighted and foolhardy leadership."

"This is not a political question, but a moral one, and the American people will not accept the intrigues of Washington politicians or the interchanges of trade as superseding the teachings of the decalogue and the gospels."

"After the Senate the House of Representatives. After the House the President! And after the President—President and the Senate, House and President—the people!"

But this was no "trap." No one opposed to the Republican party lured the Republican statesmen into it. It was all work of their own planning and accomplished in spite of the opposition of Democrats and of the few Republicans who set a higher estimate on plighted faith and national honor than they did on lucre for campaign purposes. There wasn't any trap in it. It was simply money that Hanna wanted. No wonder Republicans with anything like a sense of decency and honor are amazed and disgusted.

## PENDER'S SMALLPOX CASE.

Prompt Action Retards a Possible Contagion—Mrs. McMillan and Lucas Returned to the City Yesterday.

Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health of New Hanover, and Dr. George F. Lucas, Pender county's wide-awake superintendent, returned yesterday from Sloop Point on the Pender coast, where they went Thursday to look into a reported case of smallpox near there.

Dr. McMillan tells the STAR that he and Dr. Lucas found a well defined case of the disease near Edgecombe, on the W. & N. railroad. James Clayton, a young colored man, is the patient. He was quarantined in Norfolk for the disease and after three attempts, it is said, he made his escape from the guards and came to his home near Edgecombe. Dr. McMillan, in his characteristic way of "getting on" to everything concerning health matters, heard of the presence of the disease at Edgecombe and reported the matter to Dr. Lucas, who came to Wilmington to secure Dr. McMillan's services in diagnosing the case. The doctors saw the case ten days after eruption, and the disease is very pronounced, so Dr. McMillan says.

Dr. Lucas upon the diagnosis promptly took the matter in hand and quarantined Clayton's family of twelve persons and ten other "contacts," placing them all under guard. He and Dr. McMillan vaccinated in all about 139 residents of the neighborhood and it is believed that the disease is now under control of Dr. Lucas, whom Dr. McMillan highly commends for his prompt, active and effective services in the matter.

Dr. McMillan says that Dr. Lucas notified Dr. E. L. Cox, superintendent of health of Onslow county, of several exposures which escaped over into his territory. All of these were overhauled, vaccinated and quarantined. Dr. Cox speaks in very complimentary terms of the kindness to him in the matter by Drs. McMillan and Lucas.

Stole Suit and Sample Cases. Mr. R. E. Wooten, the popular traveling man for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston, found himself minus his dress suit case and samples when he arrived at the Orton yesterday to spend Sunday at his favorite holsters. It all came about from handing his baggage at the train to a strange negro, who refused to comply with Mr. Wooten's request to carry it to the hotel, and mysteriously made his disappearance when the unsuspecting traveling man turned aside into a store for the purpose of making a purchase before going to his hotel. The matter has been reported to the police.

## THE COURT CALENDAR

Arranged Yesterday Morning by Members of the Wilmington Bar.

WILL BE CONVENED APRIL 16.

Case of Mrs. Strauss Against the City of Wilmington Set for First Day—The Cases Against Policemen for Alleged False Arrest.

The Spring term of New Hanover Superior Court will be convened here by His Honor Judge George H. Brown, Jr., on to-morrow week. Solection Rudolph Duffy will be in attendance as solicitor, and it is expected that the term will last for two weeks, though there are few cases of general importance to come up for trial. The motion and summons dockets, which are being prepared by Col. Jno. D. Taylor, clerk of the court, are small for the term in comparison to those of the past few terms, and outside of those mentioned in the STAR during the past week, there are no cases of very general importance thereon.

The case of Mrs. Strauss against the city for \$50,000 alleged damages on account of injuries to her husband which culminated in his death by reason, it is claimed, of negligence on the part of the defendant city, has been set for the first case on the first day of term. It will be remembered that in 1899 a trial of the action resulted in a mistrial and it is expected that this will be one of the most interesting of the cases on the trial docket.

On Monday of the second week the cases against Policemen H. H. Woebse, et al., for alleged false arrest of Messrs. W. T. Mercer and Ira Williams will be heard. The complainants, ask for considerable damages and the termination of the case will likely settle some fine points of municipal police authority. The circumstances of the incident are well remembered by STAR readers. L. V. Grady, Esq., has been retained as counsel for the plaintiff and Herbert McClammy, Esq., and city attorney Meares will represent the police officers.

The following is the trial docket as arranged yesterday morning by members of the Wilmington bar: Monday—Mrs. J. R. Strauss, Ex. vs. City of Wilmington; Solomon King vs. Harriet King. Wednesday—R. W. Hicks vs. John R. Turentine; George P. Cotchett vs. Virginia Carolina Chemical Company. Thursday—Meta H. Hullen vs. City of Wilmington; J. E. Taylor vs. W. H. Howe, W. F. Alexander vs. J. H. Plummer, Jr.; Lerch Brothers vs. J. L. Fenell.

Friday—City of Wilmington vs. Caroline Howe, et al.; W. E. Worth & Co. vs. T. J. Ferguson & Co.; W. A. Ferris vs. T. J. Ferguson; J. L. Boatwright vs. T. J. Ferguson, et al.; S. W. Sanders vs. T. J. Ferguson & Co.; Giles Cannon vs. T. J. Ferguson & Co.; H. E. Bonitz vs. Frank T. Mills; National Cash Register Co. vs. Lucy J. Ferris.

Saturday—W. W. Smith vs. Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Co.; J. D. Sidbury vs. W. T. Bannerman; Laura Gertrude Hales vs. J. W. Harper.

Monday, (second week)—S. H. Fishplate vs. Wallestein, Klee & Co.; W. T. Mercer vs. H. H. Woebse et al.; I. C. Williams vs. H. H. Woebse et al.; Isaac Wilson vs. Elsie Wilson; Laura Brown vs. Alexander Brown; Mary E. McGee vs. A. W. McGee; Alice Beasley vs. John Beasley.

Tuesday, (second week)—Navassa Guano Co. vs. McNeil & Fearwell; B. F. Penny vs. W. C. & A. Railroad Company; B. F. Keith vs. Willard Bag Manufacturing Company; W. W. Kimball Co. vs. M. P. Taylor, Jr.; W. W. Kimball Piano Co. vs. Walter G. MacRae.

Wednesday, (second week)—Lloyd C. McKoy vs. Carolina Central Railroad Company; City of Wilmington vs. J. D. Bellamy; Lloyd C. McKoy vs. Carolina Central Railroad Company.

Thursday, (second week)—J. H. Sloan vs. J. H. Hines; L. A. Weedon vs. American Bonding and Trust Co.; C. S. Grainger vs. American Bonding and Trust Co.

Friday, (second week)—H. L. Peterson vs. Joseph H. McRee; Thomas & Mercer vs. Morris Johnson and wife.

## WILL SPEAK IN THIS CITY.

Wilmington is included in Itinerary of State Candidates' Meetings.

In the itinerary of the places to be visited by the various candidates for State offices for the purpose of holding white supremacy rallies and ratification meetings, Chairman Simmons, among other places, has designated the following: Charlotte, Saturday, April 28th; Fayetteville, Monday, April 30th; Rocky Mount, Tuesday, May 1st; Wilmington, Wednesday, May 2d; Newbern, Friday, May 4th; Elizabeth City, Saturday, May 5th.

At these meetings the several candidates will be present and discuss the subjects of Good Government, the Constitutional Amendment and White Supremacy, and everybody is invited to attend.

The Wilmington Street Railway Company will shortly install a new clock in front of Zoeller's jewelry store, near the Princess street junction for the use of conductors in arranging their schedules. "The big town clocks won't do," remarked one of the street railway men yesterday. "There's too much variation."

## ATTACK N. C. ELECTION LAW.

Representatives Linney and White—Mr. Kluttz's Reply—Butler to Speak in Boston—Pearson-Crawford.

[Special Star Telegram.] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—When the Hawaiian bill was up to day Representative White introduced an amendment to strike out the section of the bill requiring voters to pay a poll tax and be able to read and write. He was supported by Representative Linney, who set up a long wall on the present North Carolina election laws and the proposed amendment.

Representative Kluttz got the floor for a few moments in reply to the "Bull of the Brutes" and made Linney's argument look like miscemage. But two Republicans supported the dark featured gentleman's amendment, the result being practically a recognition of the proposed election law.

Senator Butler will speak before the Bryan Club of Boston on the anniversary of J. F. Johnson's birthday. Major Graham Daves, of Newbern, N. C., will to-morrow appear before the House Committee on Library in the interests of Representative Small's bill to appropriate \$5,000 for the erection of a monument on the site of Fort Raleigh, to commemorate the first English settlement in America.

It was said to-day that the Pearson-Crawford case would not be called up for some time, owing to the death of Mr. Pearson's son and the press of public bills, but the rumor could not be confirmed, as Representative Roberts, the chairman, is out of the city.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—According to a report circulated this afternoon, Election Committee No. 2 of the House, which heard the Dockery-Bellamy contested election case, will report in favor of Bellamy.

Major Graham Daves, of Newbern, and Representative Small, were before the House Committee on Library to-day and spoke in behalf of the bill introduced by the latter, making an appropriation for the erection of a monument on Roanoke island, the scene of the first settlement of the English speaking race in America. Mr. Small explained the purpose of the appropriation and was followed by Major Daves, who gave the historical data of the several attempts at settlement on Roanoke Island.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Senator Pritchard to-day introduced the following bills: Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay \$25,000 to McClure, Newton, N. C., \$2,525 for cotton destroyed by the Federal troops during the civil war; to correct the military record and grant honorable discharge to William Pritchard, late of Company B, 13th Tennessee volunteers; to grant a pension of \$30 per month to Lovenia Childs, widow of A. F. Childs, late of Company D, 9th regiment.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A Democratic caucus will be held at the Capitol to-night. The purpose of this is to reach an agreement upon some course of action by which the Democrats, when the Porto Rican bill shall come up for a vote on Wednesday, will gain the advantage in the matter of pairs, made necessary by absenteeism on both sides of the House. It has been suggested that the caucus will declare all pairs void, thereby taking advantage of the greater number of Republican absentees.

Gen. Grosvenor, who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee which has the bill in charge, to-day, in commenting on the proposed action of the Democrats, said: "If this is done by the Democrats the Republicans will postpone the vote on the bill and bring forward four contested election cases, one of which is on the calendar and three in committee. In each case the sitting member will be unseated, thus increasing the Republican majority by eight." It will thus be readily seen that if the Democrats carry out their plans of to-night's caucus and the Republicans can muster the necessary votes, Representatives Bellamy and Crawford, who are among the four mentioned, will undoubtedly be unseated.

It is a matter of very much doubt whether or not the Republicans can muster the necessary votes, as many of the members are away, and it is said that some of them are intentionally absent, not caring to go on record as again favoring the bill.

## WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

Was in Session Last Week at Faison. Returning Members Yesterday.

Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of this city, Revs. L. W. Curtis and W. N. Shaw, of Southport, Sheriff Clark and Rev. A. McFayden, of Clarkton, arrived in the city yesterday from Faison where they have been attending Wilmington Presbytery. There was a grand attendance and the session was opened with a sermon by Rev. P. C. Morton, the retiring moderator, who spoke on the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Rev. R. Murphy Williams was elected moderator and Rev. E. E. Lane and Elder W. I. Shaw clerks. Rev. W. M. Shaw, of Southport, and Ruling Elder Pearson were elected delegates to the General Assembly.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, president of Red Springs Seminary, was in attendance and delivered a splendid address on Education.

Jno. D. Southerland, Jr., of Kenasville, through his attorney, C. D. Weeks, Esq., yesterday filed in the United States District Court a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. The liabilities are named at \$1,233 and assets about \$300.

## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Will Meet in Raleigh Wednesday—The Program—The Nominations—U. S. Court for Wilmington Postponed.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 7.—Wake county Democrats held their convention to-day and appointed delegates to the State and Congressional conventions. No candidates were endorsed.

After the convention Chairman Simmons spoke to those present on the amendment. Rockingham county instructs for Campaign for Lieutenant Governor.

Durham county endorses J. S. Carr for United States Senator. Anson county instructs for Everett for Treasurer.

Democrats of the Twenty-seventh Senatorial district at Statesville to-day nominated Chas. H. Armfield, of Iredell, and D. M. Recca, of Yadkin. The Democratic State Convention will be called to order in the Academy of Music next Wednesday at 11:45 o'clock by State Chairman Simmons, who will name as temporary chairman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby. Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston, will probably be made permanent chairman. Admission to the hall will be by ticket until all the delegates are seated, after which others will be admitted.

Ayeock will be put in nomination for Governor by Hon. M. H. Justice, of Rutherford, and the nomination seconded by E. W. Pou, of Johnston. United States Court at Wilmington will not be held in May as usual and as provided by law, but an order has been issued by the clerk directing the jurors, witnesses and defendants to be present on June 18th, instead. This adjournment is made necessary by the fact that Judge Purnell has been designated to sit with the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va., early in May. It is understood that both Judge Goff and Judge Simonton will visit this district this summer. One of these will sit with Judge Purnell at the court in Raleigh and the other at Wilmington. It is not yet known which one will come here and which will be in Wilmington.

## COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

The Receipts and Disbursements of Public Funds for the Month of March by Treasurer Green.

The auditing committee of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon received and approved the monthly report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green, which shows receipts and disbursements of public funds for the month of March as follows: Receipts—Balance from February account, \$10,145.16; W. G. MacRae, property tax, \$950; back taxes, \$359.48; marriage license, \$37.75; forfeiture of road duty in Cape Fear township, \$8. Total, \$10,545.89.

Disbursements—Public buildings, \$250.46; superior court, \$17.90; criminal court, \$3.80; military, \$600.00; jail, \$153.65; magistrates, \$4.05; county home, \$127.66; city hospital, \$250.00; out door poor, \$485.65; county fence, \$15.61; road and bridges, \$385.23; register of deeds, \$12.60; attorney, \$25.00; superintendent of health, \$75.00; coroner, \$31.63; constable, \$36.10; commissioners, \$83.40; clerk, \$50; janitor, \$45; Treasurer's commissions, \$37.53. Total, \$2,640.29.

The balance to the general county fund is \$7,905.62, and to the special fund \$2,766.64.

Death of Dr. J. M. Worth. The STAR sincerely regrets to learn of the death of Dr. John M. Worth, at his home in Asheboro, Randolph county, Thursday, Dr. Worth was about 87 years old and had been for some time in declining health, but until quite recently took an active interest in progressive movements in his county, and always an active interest in public affairs. As a true, sterling man, citizen and Democrat, he commanded universal confidence, and as State Treasurer for years, he did more than any other man in it to rehabilitate the State financially and establish her credit. His administration was such a success, and so closely did he guard the State's revenues and see that they were properly disbursed, that he became commonly known as "Honest John Worth." In addition to being a man of unquestionable integrity, of unwavering devotion to the principles he believed in, and of great executive and financial ability, his characteristic was plain, honest dealing, and contempt for pretences and schemes of all kinds. In his death the State loses a devoted and honest son, in whose long career there is no blemish.

Dr. Worth was a brother of the late Governor Worth and of Mr. B. G. Worth of this city. The latter left here several days ago to be with his brother in his last illness. The funeral is announced to take place in Asheboro to-day.

## DEPUTY SOVEREIGN COMMANDER.

Sovereign W. H. Badon, of Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, this city, has received his commission as Deputy Sovereign Commander of the district embraced by Richmond, Moore, Harnett, Wayne, Greene, Craven, Pamlico and all other counties in the State south of those mentioned. The commission gives him power to re-build and institute new lodges and do other work of this character. His commission is in force until December 31st, 1900.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

Col. W. J. Woodward Has Named the Fifteen Delegates from New Hanover. Alternates Also Selected.

Col. W. J. Woodward, Chairman of the Democratic County Convention, to whom was delegated the power to name delegates to the State and Senatorial Conventions, has made the following announcements as to the State meeting, which will be held at Raleigh next Wednesday: Delegates—Duncan McEachern, J. Allen Taylor, Wm. Gilchrist, C. W. Worth, E. F. King, E. K. Bryan, M. J. Heyer, L. E. Sasser, W. R. Keenan, J. W. Jackson, Marsden Bellamy, W. A. Johnson, James I. Meets, W. E. Worth and S. P. McNeil.

Alternates—W. H. Sprunt, J. C. Stevens, G. H. Smith, J. H. Walters, Roger Moore, W. B. Cooper, L. Blumenthal, Clayton Giles, E. F. Hall, W. H. Bernard, F. E. Hasbagen, W. C. Galloway, Alex. Adrian, R. W. Hicks and G. J. Boney.

It will be seen that New Hanover is entitled to fifteen votes in the State Convention. Delegates to the Tenth Senatorial district convention will be appointed later. The date for the Senatorial convention will be named later by the executive committees of New Hanover and Brunswick counties, which comprise the district.

## WILMINGTON SIXTY YEARS AGO.

What She Was Doing, What She Did and What She Thought.

Sixty years ago Wilmington celebrated the completion of the W. & W. Railroad by giving a big dinner to the stockholders and their friends. One thousand people participated; came from all points between Weldon and Wilmington. They brought with them a barrel of Roanoke water which we mixed with a barrel of our Cape Fear water, together with plenty of lemon and sugar. Salsbury, a "corn," this formed a part of the liquids for the occasion. The gathering was a big one for those days, and the occasion was one of little interest to the citizens of Wilmington who had subscribed for a larger amount of stock in the road than the entire property of Wilmington was assessed at the time.

The day was one of great interest and rejoicing. Sixty years ago the two squares between Market and Princess, Water and Second streets, were up in ashes; every building except the Cape Fear Bank, which stood where now stands the elegant Masonic Temple, was destroyed by the flames of the great "Dawson fire," which started in Mr. Dawson's store, standing on the southeast corner of Front and Market streets.

Who were the leading men—the best men—of that day and had done so much towards the success of Wilmington's rise, great enterprises? While every good citizen did all he could towards the success of the enterprise, I will not attempt to name but a few of them, viz: Gen. E. B. Dudley, Gen. James Owen, W. A. Wright, G. W. Wright, Dr. DeRosier, Sr., Dr. F. J. McRee, Dr. Bellamy, James Cassidy, Jno. A. Taylor, M. London, Col. John McRee, Gen. Alexander McRee, Henry Nutt, J. K. Dickinson, Dr. Thos. Wright, John Walker and T. L. Davis. A few of the principal merchants were Aaron Lazarus, R. W. Brown, Dickinson & Morris, vessel agents to procure charters or freight for the captains or masters. The writer has counted 150 vessels in port at one time, mostly brigs and top-sail schooners, and two thirds of them consigned to Dickinson & Morris. Stone & Ellis was a large ship broker; Hal & Anderson, wholesale grocers; Alex. Anderson, John Dawson, W. A. Williams and Joe Sintas were among the Market street merchants.

March 23d, 1900. MORE ANON.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON RECITAL.

Usual Exercises at Schubert Hall by the Pupils of Miss Chastain.

At the usual Saturday afternoon recital by pupils of Miss Cannie Schenbert's piano class yesterday at Schubert Hall, the following programme was delightfully rendered: "Fairy Waltz" (Pridham) by Miss Fay Pearce, (pupil of Miss Annie Ulrich); "Sweet Violet" (Spindler) by Miss Clair Rathrop, (pupil of Miss Carrie M. V. Glab); "Melody in C" (Beyer) by Miss Marguerite Kahn, (pupil of Miss Marie Shrier); "Spring Song" (Grieg) by Miss Isabelle Struthers, (pupil of Mrs. M. L. Chastain); "Folk Song" (Mentiesahn) William Corbett, (pupil of Miss Fannie Corbett).

## ELIZABETH COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The STAR acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the annual commencement announcement of Elizabeth College, Charlotte. Commencement week will be June 15th-18th and the baccalaureate sermon will be by W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of Savannah, Ga. The address before the Missionary Society will be by Rev. Wm. A. C. Muller, of Charleston, S. C., and the address before the Literary Societies by Prof. Lawton B. Evans, of Augusta, Ga.

The college has had a most successful session. The students and faculty have enjoyed good health and earnest and thorough work has been accomplished in all departments.

A deed was yesterday filed at the court house conveying from Mr. M. Schinbren and A. J. Marshall, Esq., to Mrs. N. E. Croom the property on corner of Second and Red Cross streets, the sale of which at \$1,875 was noted in the STAR several days ago. It was bid in at public auction by DuBrut Cutlar, Esq.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., as commissioner, sold at action yesterday at noon, at the Court House door, property on the northeast corner of Ninth and Wright streets to Mrs. Mary E. Walker for \$250.

## READY FOR ACTION.

Articles of agreement for the match between Gus Ruhlin and Tom Sharkey were signed yesterday. They provide that the fight be held at the Seaside Athletic Club on July 16th, and if either man is whipped before that date the match is off.

Salisbury Sun: Capt. Benj. H. Marsh, one of Salisbury's old and well known citizens—a veritable landmark of the town—died Friday morning.

Windsor Ledger: We are sorry to learn of the death of our venerable and esteemed friend Mr. Richard Parker, of Alander. Mr. Parker was ninety years old.

Nashville Graphic: M. John D. Jones, an aged and highly respected citizen of the Red Oak section died Sunday about eleven o'clock, from an attack of grippe and a slight stroke of paralysis. He was 81 years of age.

Littleton Reporter: Prof. J. M. Rhodes has donated his entire interest in the real estate property of Littleton Female College to the North Carolina State University. This makes the College the exclusive property of said conference.

Laurinburg Times: Quite a fatal accident befell the youngest boy child of one farmer family, Mr. Moses Douglas, last Monday, the 2d inst. It seems that the little fellow, with two others of the family, was fishing and gunning when the gun was acci-

dentally discharged and the entire load passed through his neck. His brothers started home with him, but the poor little fellow died on the way.

Wilson Times: Last Friday afternoon Mr. Bert Ferrell, who was well known in this section, was found on the road near the bridge over the Nash county line. Three bullet holes in his breast told the cause. A year ago he had trouble with some of the members of the militia, a man who lived near him, and as his body was found in the section of the Deans home they were suspected. But no clue can be found to the perpetrators of this crime and it will doubtless remain a mystery.

Newbern Journal: Thursday night, Ross and Rudolph Felcher, colored, two brothers, were riding in a buggy on their way home from a wedding on the plantation of Col. Whitford 6 miles from Pollocksville when called upon to halt by three men, they did not stop at once, when one of the men ran behind Ross and fired a 32 calibre pistol ball in his back which went into the shoulder blade and embedded itself there. The doctor probed and found it was two-thirds of an inch long. The doctor said they cured him for not having any money about himself. There seems to be a band of these robbers in that neighborhood as this is the fourth person in that section of the three men within two months.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. W. P. Reinhardt, a prominent citizen, aged about 80 years died at his home in Hickory Tuesday night. He was formerly in the military service and represented the county in the Legislature. Mr. Giles Basinger, a young man of Rowan county dropped dead Tuesday morning while working in the field near the plantation of Col. Whittaker, a warning he fell forward and died before assistance could reach him. Mr. Basinger was only 32 years old and unmarried. He was bonded for whiskey warehouse of Mr. O. D. Davis, of Davidson county, was burned Friday night. At the time of the fire there were supposed to be 35 barrels of whiskey in the warehouse and it was all consumed.

## GEN. OTIS COMING HOME.

Relieved of Command in the Philippines at His Own Request—MacArthur to Succeed Otis.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, April 7.—General Otis has been formally relieved of the command of the United States forces in the Philippines and of the Eighth army corps. The correspondence showing how this was brought about was made public in the Morning Star this afternoon. It is as follows: "Manila, April 6.—Adjutant General, Washington.—Private interests require my return to States; absent from family and business, attention to which is imperative since November, 1897, except few days; wish to sail by May first if possible; believe matters here can be placed in quite satisfactory condition by that date, although large reserve military force must be maintained for some time. [Signed] "Otis."

Washington, April 6.—Otis, Manila.—Replying to your cable of April 6th, I am glad to hear that the Department to say that the President regrets to have you leave the Philippines, but he feels that your distinguished and successful service in both military and civil administration for nearly two years entitle you to prompt compliances with whatever wish you choose to express regarding your assignment to duty, and the requisite order will be made for you to depart by day, by such route and taking such time as may be agreeable to you. With understanding that General MacArthur will succeed you as military governor, the Secretary of War wishes recommendation for commander of department of Northern Luzon.

Manila, April 6.—Adjutant General, Washington.—Will remain until certain important modifications civil administration determined. New code judicial criminal procedure approaching completion and other matter receiving consideration; think leave about May first. Will cable latter part of month date I desire to be relieved and recommend officer for department command. Wish to return by most expeditious route, and await orders short time until private business requires attention. No request to make regarding future sphere of duty. [Signed] "Otis."

## CLASH BETWEEN MILITARY FORCES AT FRANKFORT, KY., NARROWLY AVERTED.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. FRANKFORT, KY., April 7.—A "clash between the opposing militia was narrowly averted here to-night. Two