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DISFRANCHISING THE NEGROES

The Republican leaders in this State who are declaiming so loudly and so lugubriously against the disfranchisement of the negro discredit themselves by denouncing the very thing their party has been doing ever since the negro was enfranchised, and what it is doing to-day. The fundamental idea upon which the privilege of the franchise is based is that by it the voter may have a voice in directing public affairs, in being represented in the legislative bodies by people who will guard and protect his interests, and therefore any distinction which gives one class or part of the people advantage over another in the exercise of the ballot, to that extent deprives the ballot of its value and makes it useless in the hands of the voter. This is precisely what the white Republican leaders in this State have been doing ever since the negro was enfranchised, what they are doing to-day and what they propose to do in the future, not boldly and manfully as the Democrats propose to do, but sneakingly and meanly while professing to be the special friends, champions and defenders of the negro.

There always have been in the Republican party three black voters to one white. Without them there would not be Republican party enough to make a visible shadow, but who ever heard of a negro being nominated, with the consent or co-operation of white Republicans, to any office of trust or emolument sufficient to attract the attention of the white Republicans?

For thirty-odd years the negroes have been voting with the Republican party and for white Republicans, but has there ever been a negro nominated for a State office, although their votes have elected every Republican State officer who has been elected?

A few of them have been elected to Congress, but it was from districts where the black voters were so numerous that the white bosses could not control them and they took matters into their own hands and nominated one of their own race as *their* representative.

A few of them have also been elected to the Legislature, but this was from counties where the negroes could not be controlled by the white bosses.

They have held offices in some of the counties, but it was invariably where they were numerous enough to have things their own way, but in the State at large they have never met with any consideration when it came to dividing the honors and emoluments.

Why? The Republicans will not dare to assert that it was because there were no negroes intelligent enough to hold a State office. If they did they would discredit themselves, for they have insisted that there are intelligent and competent negroes, negroes intelligent enough to sit in the party councils with them to frame plans for the direction and government of the party, to sit in their county, district and State conventions, and help make the platforms on which their party stood and waged its battles.

Why then this discrimination?

One of three things is the answer; either race prejudice, or the negro is unfit to hold office of trust or emolument, or the white men in the party want that kind of offices for themselves. If the first, then they should cease carping at the Democrats for being actuated by race prejudice; if the second, then they should cease finding fault with the Democrats for insisting that the negroes are unfit to rule, and if the third, they should shut their mouths and cease drawing attention to their grasping selfishness.

Isn't the denial of the right to hold office—denial by custom and by practice, if not by law—virtual disfranchisement as destructive of the intent and purpose of the ballot as if the negroes were actually deprived of the privilege of casting a ballot?

When in 1867 the act enfranchising the emancipated slaves was passed, it was justified on the ground that the ballot was necessary for the protection of the negro, that there was a prejudice throughout the South against the negro, and if he had not the ballot to protect him, he would be at the mercy of the white man and have no voice or representation in the making of the laws by which he would be governed. This, we say, was the justification of the arbitrary and unconstitutional legislation that made the negroes of the South voters; and the only justification that could be offered, if they were honest in it—but they were not, for the men who passed that act didn't think any more of the negro, or take any more interest in him, than do the white politicians of this State who are now running the negro and pretending to be his friends and champions. The framers of that act wanted to build up the Republican party in the South and they made the negro a voter to do it. When they failed to accomplish with the negro votes what they hoped to accomplish they turned the negro loose to shift for himself, just as the white bosses in this State would now do, and jump at the opportunity to do, if they could command votes enough to win the offices without negro votes. Then they would be willing and glad to see him disfranchised by law as they have been virtually disfranchising him in practice.

TALK VS. ACTION.

Nearly all the Republican State platforms adopted this year have something to say about trusts, and it is substantially the same in all of them, because the platforms are drafted in Washington and are dictated by Hanna and men of his stripe who are too closely connected with the trusts to desire to do anything to restrain or cripple them. The Ohio platform, enunciated by the convention run by Mark Hanna, has this plank:

"We insist that injurious combinations shall be forbidden and so-called trusts shall be so regulated from time to time and be so restricted as to guarantee immunity from hurtful monopoly and assure fair treatment and protection to all competing industries."

Ohio being McKinley's and Hanna's State, the presumption is that this plank foreshadows what the national platform will say on that subject, which will be practically nothing, for this plank is simply words that mean nothing in effect.

The North Carolina Republican platform contains substantially the same plank, the only difference being a little change in the phraseology.

But the sincerity of these platform makers is to be tested not by what they say but by what they do after they have had the opportunity to do something. The Republicans have a majority in both Houses of Congress, and the President. They could do something to remedy the trust evil if they would. The press of the country, Republican as well as Democratic, has been demanding that something be done to restrict the operations of some of the most oppressive of the trusts. Has a single movement been made in that direction? Not one. But every movement made by Democrats in response to the appeals of the press has been squelched by the majority in Congress, who would not dare to tackle the trusts, whose money Mark Hanna will have use for in the next campaign and election.

And yet these fellows have the monumental gall to put planks in their platforms pledging themselves to do something to remedy the trust evil. Do they take the American people for a nation of mental imbeciles who can be deceived by such rot?

GIVING HIMSELF AWAY.

Senator Pritchard displays remarkable inconsistency and gives himself away in the reasons he assigns for his opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment. In his speech in the Republican State convention, Wednesday, he reiterated the assertion that the Supreme Court of the United States would declare the 5th section of the amendment, (commonly called the "grandfather" section,) unconstitutional. How does Senator Pritchard know what the Supreme Court will do? This may be his opinion, which we very much doubt, but he does not know it. Besides if he did know it, or had any particular reason to believe that the Supreme Court would so decide, he would desire the adoption of the amendment, which he says would leave the negroes voters and disfranchise white men, which is the very thing that Pritchard and other office seekers on his side would like to see, for that would cut down the white vote and give them and their negro following just that much the advantage.

But he says the 4th section isn't constitutional either for that discriminates against the colored brother. Now, if he believes the 5th section which permits the illiterate white man to vote, is unconstitutional, and that the 4th section, which prohibits the ignorant negro from voting, is unconstitutional, the whole thing is unconstitutional, and why in the mischief is Senator Pritchard cavorting around and pawing the air in his frantic efforts to defeat a measure which cannot run the ordeal of the courts without being knocked out?

Pritchard simply advertises his inconsistency, gives himself away and makes himself ridiculous when he opposes the amendment on constitutional grounds and asserts that it will be declared void by the Supreme Court.

SPECULATING ON THE PROGRAMME.

The opinion seems to prevail with some who have watched the manipulations of the Re-Poplican machine managers that the State tickets put up by them were not put up to stay but to be doctored later on, the result of which will be a sort of sandwich ticket made of alternate Republican and Populist slices. The following from a Washington special to the Raleigh *Post* shows what the North Carolina Democratic Representatives in Washington think the programme will be:

"Among Democrats it is considered that the most significant nomination made by the Republican convention is that of N. C. English for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. English was nominated by Mr. Butler's convention for the same position. Mr. English is looked upon as the link that joins the Republican ticket with the Populist ticket. While joined together now by only one thread—Mr. English—it is recognized that even so slim a hold can the more easily be strengthened by other threads between the two alleged discordant parties. Taking Mr. English as the starting point, each side is now in a position to trade and can now put up a hyphenated ticket, by first dropping out one man on one ticket and then another, like knocking out every other rung in a ladder and thus complete the ticket.

"This is what is expected here will be done, either openly or tacitly, before the voting occurs.

"Judge Linney, when asked about this phase of the situation, said the Republicans would be justified in making such an alliance. It was a struggle for political liberty and any honorable means would be justified."

As both of these parties are machine-run and their people have very little to say about what the leaders may do or not do, they could very easily work a game like this if they can agree on the division of the spoils. In the event they fail in this, the probabilities are that they will fuse on the legislative tickets with the hope of capturing the Legislature, in which Pritchard and Butler are much more interested than they are in the State tickets.

PRITCHARD TO THE NEGROES.

When Senator Pritchard spoke against the constitutional amendment at Rockingham four-fifths of his audience were negroes and most of the other fifth federal office holders who gathered there from the surrounding counties. He always devotes much of his time to discussing the unconstitutionality of the amendment. In this speech he thus declared himself on the so-called "grandfather" section:

"The amendment is unconstitutional because it makes a discrimination against the negro: It lets the ignorant white man vote but denies a vote of the ignorant negro. That is repugnant to the fifteenth amendment and cannot stand."

Senator Pritchard seems to talk on the assumption that the people he talks to do not read the papers, and therefore he talks one way in one section when talking to negroes, and another way in another section when talking to white men. In the center, and in the West where there are fewer negroes than there are in the center or in the East, he opposes the amendment because, he says, it will disfranchise (which is not true) the illiterate white man and let the negro who can read and write vote. That's the way he hopes to influence voters in the West against the amendment; but at Rockingham, where he was talking to negroes, he opposes the amendment because it lets the ignorant white man vote and denies a vote to the ignorant negro. That is the kind of an unprincipled and unscrupulous demagogue Pritchard is, and that's the way he plays fast and loose with the white man and the negro in accordance with their voting strength. But there are newspapers in this country which print what Pritchard says and both white men and negroes are catching on to his double-faced methods. When Pritchard and Butler are yoked together, there is a team of first-class political frauds.

The Smith family, which is still somewhat in evidence, have been so from away back. An antiquarian rummaging among the papyri of old Egypt found a man named Smith 227 B. C. He was a beer-maker, and ran a saloon, too.

The bottom is falling out of a part of Newark, N. J., where the houses are sinking so fast that the occupants are moving out. They were built on a quicksand deposit too near a hole without a reachable bottom.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS.

Saturday's Strawberry Consignments Eclipsed Any Former Day's This Season.

ABOUT ONE MILLION QUARTS

Forwarded to Northern Markets from Wilmington's Trucking Belt Saturday—Convenient Schedule of Fruit Growers' Express.

Some idea of the magnitude of the strawberry culture in the section tributary to Wilmington may be gathered from the record of shipments of these palatables to the Northern markets on the various trains leading from Wilmington Saturday. A safe estimate based upon records received from their agents along the several lines of rail way by the Fruit Growers' Express and the Southern Express Company make the figures in round numbers 25,000 crates, or approximately one million quarts, which if sold even so low as ten cents per quart net, would amount to $10,000.

On the Wilmington and Weldon railroad alone Saturday the Fruit Growers' Express handled 64 solid cars of 300 and more crates each. These were carried out on train No. 80, which carried 37 solid cars on a through schedule North, and on a "pick-up train" of 27 cars, which gathered shipments for solid cars at the several stations along the line. On the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad thirteen cars were handled and on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line three solid cars of 300 crates each were handled.

The day being Saturday, the Southern Express Company did not receive as large shipments as on other days, but on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad approximately 300 crates were handled and more than as many on the Atlantic and Yadkin.

Both companies are giving excellent service this season and not a complaint from any source has been heard. The Southern Express people are running a special train for the W. & W. shippers and the Fruit Growers' Express have in operation the best schedule for years. The refrigerator service is said to be adequate in every particular and the schedule of trains is arranged to suit the convenience of truckers generally.

The through trains are operating on good schedule, and more than that, it is justly claimed that they are placing the berries on the market in good condition and early.

The through train, which is designated as "No. 80," leaves Wilmington daily over the Wilmington and Weldon railroad at 9 45 o'clock in the morning and takes only solid cars containing three hundred crates of berries and over, the same to be loaded and ready for shipment before time for departure of trains from the respective stations. The schedule upon which this train departs from the several stations is as follows: Wilmington, 9:45 A. M; Castle Haynes, 10:24 A. M; Rocky Point, 10:45 A. M; Ashton 11 A. M; Burgaw, 11:16 A. M; South Washington, 11:44 A. M; Willard, 11:58 A. M; Wallace, 12:08 P. M; Teachey's, 12:18 P. M; Rose Hill, 12:34 P. M; Magnolia, 12:-54 P. M; Warsaw 1:00 P. M; Bowden, 1:33 P. M; Faison, 1:55 P. M; Mount Olive, 2:20 P. M; Dudley, 2:40 P. M; Goldsboro, 3:25 P. M.

The "pick up" train is designated as "No. 18" and will receive berries in refrigerator cars in any quantities at stations between Wilmington and Magnolia inclusive. The schedule of departure for this train is: leave Wilmington, Castle Haynes and Rocky Point at 10:30; 11:05 and 11:50, respectively, each morning and leave other stations in the afternoon as follows: Ashton, 12:10; South Washington, 1:25; Willard, 1:40; Wallace, 2:00; Teachey's, 2:20; Rose Hill, 2:40; Magnolia, 3:15; Carlton, 3:30.

Train No. 20 "picks up" broken shipments between Warsaw and Goldsboro and leaves Warsaw at 11.30 o'clock each morning, arriving at Goldsboro at 6 P. M.

Train No. 2 is the last of those regularly announced and this one is designed for berries in cars other than those with the refrigerating system.

The schedule is proving very efficient, and while none of the trains are guaranteed, they have thus far made excellent time and, as stated above, they have been prompt in reaching the Northern markets, which is most important of all.

The shipments yesterday were not as large as are expected on some one of the single days this week. Mr. C. W. Woodward, the enterprising manager of the Fruit Growers' Express here, said last night that he had just received ninety refrigerator cars for use to day and it is quite sure that if the weather continues favorable, more than that number will be required for Monday and Tuesday's consignments.

Desirable Hospital Appointment.

Dr. John C. Wessell, of this city who last week graduated at the University of Maryland, has received a very desirable appointment as resident physician at the Bay View Hospital, of Baltimore, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the South. Dr. Wessell received the appointment as an award of merit, and besides being a lucrative position it is a handsome compliment to his medical learning.

— Mr. Geo. N. Seal, of Delair, N. J., who has been here for the past several months gathering specimens for an aquarium in his native State, left last evening for his home with quite a valuable collection of fish and water herbs.

NEW ELECTION BOARD.

Messrs. C. W. Worth, John Haar and Sol J. Jones Selected to Succeed Original County Election Board.

As a result of the conference of a number of Wilmington gentlemen with the members of the State Election Board at a special meeting at Raleigh yesterday morning, Messrs. C. W. Worth, Sol. J. Jones and John Haar were named as the county election board for New Hanover to supersede the board as originally appointed at the regular meeting of the State board just after the State Convention, which board was composed of Messrs. M. Newman, F. A. Montgomery and E. K. Bryan.

It is understood that the action was the result of a compromise between the two factions, the opposing one of which protested against an appointment of a board by the State organization contrary to the recommendations of the County Executive Committee, which pushed the claims to appointment of Messrs. G. Herbert Smith, R. W. Bordeaux and E. K. Bryan.

The settlement of the dispute is regarded as satisfactory to all parties who have concerned themselves about the same and the "retiring" board are also pleased with the result.

Messrs. Newman and Montgomery both say they did not seek the office and that they are only too willing to agree to anything that will subserve to harmony in the party. They appear to want all difficulties settled and as one of them expressed it, "a straight pull for a big majority for the Amendment."

ABANDONED THE FAITH.

The Religious Fanatic in Jail Weakened Yesterday and Took Food.

"Peace," or Percy of Dominica, as he calls himself, has at last yielded to the desires of the flesh and has partaken of food upon the seventh day after he began his "fast" in the county jail, at the end of which time he predicted that the doors of the prison would voluntarily swing open and he and his followers go free. A tempting chicken broth (for "Peace" yet possesses some of the characteristics of a negro) offered by Jailor Millis yesterday morning "broke the fast" and the religious fanatic, who induced one of his fellow creatures to starve herself to death, broke down and ate freely, excusing his "weakness" by the statement that the moon is too large just at this stage of the game to carry on a successful "fast."

Toomer and Shiver, his two followers in jail who are held for complicity in the murder of the woman who starved herself to death, yet cling to the faith and refuse to eat. Paris Frazier, the fourth negro of Percy's band, relinquished the fallacy several days ago.

Sheriff MacRae asked Solicitor Duffy about his power to force the negroes to eat. The solicitor replied that to compel them to take nourishment would be assault and battery in the eyes of the law. Sheriff MacRae will continue to tempt them with delicacies.

Tournament Notes.

Chief Charles Schnibben yesterday received a letter from the Pioneer Reel Team of Anderson, S. C., saying that they would be on hand for the tournament in great shape. "South Carolina will be well represented at our tournament," remarked Chief Schnibben when he gave a reporter this bit of information yesterday. "Florence, Columbia and several other cities in that State will be here," he said, "and the prospects grow brighter every day."

Yesterday Mr. W. C. VonGlahn and Chief Schnibben were out on a canvass for subscriptions and raised upwards of $1,000 in addition to what has already been received. The amount was secured by Mr. VonGlahn and Chief Schnibben in a single day and the officers of the big event are elated with the prospects.

Sacred Concert, June 1st.

Friday evening, June 1st, has been selected as the date for the sacred concert to be given for the benefit of Fifth Street M. E. Church, and a very elaborate programme is being prepared for the occasion. There will be no rehearsal on Tuesday night as usual, on account of the Second Regiment Band concert in the Opera House, but on Thursday evening Mr. Charles McMillen, the director, especially requests a full attendance for practice. Members of the orchestra are also urged to be in attendance at 8.15 o'clock promptly.

A Young Wilmingtonian.

Among the young gentlemen who graduated at the University of Maryland School of Medicine last week was a young Wilmingtonian, Mr. Thos. M. Green, who carried off one of the highest honors—the "surgical prize." The degrees were conferred and prizes awarded at the annual commencement held at the Lyceum Theatre, Baltimore. "A large audience, composed principally of ladies, filled the theatre from orchestra to gallery, and applauded the young doctors until their hands were sore," says the Baltimore *Sun*.

Capt. Robinson Back Again.

The many friends of Capt. Irving Robinson along the Cape Fear and Black rivers will be glad to know that he is again on the river in the capacity of steamboat master. Captain Robinson has succeeded Captain Frank Creel in charge of the steamer *E. A. Hawes* and is now making the regular trips aboard this staunch freight craft.

DOCKERY-BELLAMY.

Contested Election Cases to Come Up Before the House of Representatives.

ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Republican Leaders Decide to Press Consideration—Pearson-Crawford Case to Be Called Wednesday—Other Cases May Be Postponed.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A dispatch sent out from this city last night stated that the Republican members of the House Committee on Elections No. 2 yesterday held a conference in reference to the Dockery-Bellamy case. Chairman Weaver, of Ohio, to-day, when asked about the conference, denied that they had ever held one, but said that several of the Republican members of the committee happened to meet in the committee room, and that some one started a conversation on the Dockery-Bellamy case and in the midst of the conversation one of the Democratic members dropped in, and hearing Bellamy's name spoken, immediately rushed out and announced that there had been a conference of Republican members regarding the contest. Notwithstanding Representative Weaver's denial, it is a well known fact that at a conference of the Republican House leaders it was resolved to at once press the immediate consideration of the Pearson-Crawford contest, the Walker-Rhea and the Dockery-Bellamy contests. As a result the reported conference on the Dockery-Bellamy contest was held; as was a Republican conference of the members of Committee No. 2 having in charge the Walker-Rhea case. In both cases the Republican members met and agreed to take up the contests at once. It was also decided to call up the Pearson-Crawford case next week—Wednesday.

At this writing it is impossible to forecast the result in the Pearson-Crawford case. Representative Driscoll, Republican, still stands out for Crawford and may make an explanation in the House in reference to the case, which he terms as "flimsy." In any case the vote will be very close.

In the Bellamy case it is said that two of the Republican members of the committee favor Bellamy's retaining his seat; but nothing can be said positively about the matter, for, as in the Crawford case, there are a dozen rumors floating about, none of which can be authenticated. As there are hardly thirty working days left of this session, provided Congress adjourns June 12th old members of the House say they cannot see how the House can dispose of the Dockery-Bellamy and Walker-Rhea cases before adjournment, and at the same time pass the large number of more important bills now pending. It should be remembered in connection with the Bellamy and Rhea cases, that even provided they are reported on adversely next week, the minority must be allowed at least ten days to prepare and submit their reports. It will be seen from this that it is not probable that the House will be able to dispose of these cases at this session of Congress.

Runaway Yesterday Afternoon.

Capt. James Knight, master of transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line, narrowly escaped being seriously injured yesterday afternoon, about 2.30 o'clock, by being struck by a runaway horse attached to a cart, which had been driven to the city by an East Wilmington trucker. Capt. Knight was passing in front of the general offices of the A. C. L. on Front street, when he was struck by the runaway and knocked to the ground. Fortunately as well as miraculously, he escaped with minor injuries and was not incapacitated by the accident.

The runaway horse ran the cart into another horse, attached to President Warren G. Elliott's carriage, which was standing in front of the offices, and Mr. Elliott's horse was injured to some extent about the legs.

Funeral of Mrs. Richards.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell conducted the funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. E. V. Richards from the residence No. 115 South Ninth street yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

The remains were taken from the home to the steamer *Wilmington* and carried to Southport where the interment took place immediately upon the arrival of the boat. The pall bearers were: Honorary, Messrs Jos. H. Hanby and Wm. Neistle; active, Messrs. A. J. Howell, Jr., W. L DeRosset Jr. H. H. DeCover, J. D. Nutt, J. Schmit, W. W. MacRae and W. A. McGowan.

Excavating for Armory.

Members of the Baptist Boys' Brigade have set to work for the construction of an armory for the use of their company and are themselves doing the work of excavating. The armory will be under the lecture room of the church and when the excavations are complete the floor will be laid and the place otherwise fitted up comfortably and substantially.

Will Speak in Wadesboro.

The Wadesboro *Messenger and Intelligencer* of this week announces that Col. A. M. Waddell, of this city, will speak in that town on Saturday, 19th inst. The people of the county are making great preparations to receive him.

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Organized by Selecting Mr. C. W. Worth as Chairman and Mr. John Haar Secretary—Other Matters.

Members of the New Hanover county election board, which STAR readers will remember are now Messrs. C. W. Worth, John Haar and Sol J. Jones, yesterday received their certificates of appointment from Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, secretary, and Walter H. Neal, Esq., chairman, of the State board.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a meeting of the county board was held at the office of Mr. C. W. Worth and an organization effected by electing Mr. Worth chairman and Mr. Haar secretary.

The session was held in conformity to the law governing county boards, which stipulates that meetings for organization must be held on or before the first Monday in May. The next meeting will be held in June.

It was decided to allow the various voting precincts to remain as they are for the present, but it is an established fact that later a division will be made in Harnett township, which division is made necessary from the largely increased population incident to the establishment of the Delgado Cotton Mills there.

GENTLEMEN'S HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Played Yesterday Afternoon by Members of Cape Fear Golf Club.

The gentlemen's handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Cape Fear Golf Club, was played yesterday afternoon on the Hilton links in the presence of quite a goodly number of spectators.

The cup, as a prize for the best handicap score, was won by Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneir, and that for the lowest gross score by Mr. T. H. Symington.

At the ladies' handicap tournament Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. T. H. Symington won the cup for the lowest gross score.

The prizes were presented yesterday afternoon by Mr. John J. Blair, president of the club, during the progress of an elegant tea given by one of the lady members complimentary to the players after the tournament in the handsome new club house recently built near the links.

Some of the most notable scores made at the tournament yesterday afternoon were as follows:

Mr. A. S. Williams, gross 142, handicap 12, net score 118.

Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneir, gross 119, handicap 5, gross 109.

Mr. T. H. Symington, no handicap and net score 113.

Mr. J. J. Blair, no handicap and net score 114.

Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas, gross 142, handicap 10, net score 122.

Mr. Hugh MacRae, gross 132, handicap 6, net score 120.

Rev. Robert Strange, gross 132, handicap 10, net score 112.

PEARSON-CRAWFORD CASE.

Richmond Pearson Closeted With Representative Linney.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—Richmond Pearson, who is contesting Congressman Crawford's seat, was at the Capitol to-day. He was closeted with Representative Linney for several hours, endeavoring to get him to bring his influence to bear so as to get the House to take up the contest. He also visited the Republican members of the committee. Major Woody's visit here has evidently had some effect, for several of the members are disposed to let the matter go over until after the November election.

Senator Butler to-day called up and secured the passage in the Senate of the bill providing for a public building at Durham to cost $80,000.

Senator Butler leaves to-night for Sioux Falls, S. D., to attend the Populist convention.

Lieutenant Commander Samuel C. Lemly, of North Carolina, was to-day appointed judge advocate general in the navy for the next four years, with rank and pay of captain.

Representative Kluttz is confined to his house at Salisbury with the grip.

AT THE CITY ROCK QUARRY.

Discovery of Valuable Rock Easily Accessible for Street Purposes.

The STAR is informed that operations at the city rock quarries near the National cemetery have developed a find of material so admirably adapted for permanent street improvement as to exceed the most sanguine expectations of the present Streets and Wharves Committee, which projected the plan of the city operating its own quarries and mining the rock for the very extensive street work which is being done.

At a convenient distance near the surface of the earth a bed of firm solid rock resembling granite has been unearthed, and it is believed to be in sufficient quantity to materially enhance the value of the work contemplated by the committee, which has worked persistently under the leadership of Mr. Hugh MacRae, its chairman. The bed of this material is said to be about six feet through and is easily excavated, proving itself in hardness and other requisites superior to any rock ever used in street-making in the city.

— Mr. Burgess W. Marshall left last evening for Washington, D. C., where he will take a position in the office of the Secretary of the Interior. His many friends here wish for him a successful career in the Nation's Capital.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mr. Louis Gaylor occurred last night at his home out beyond Greenleaf. He was about 60 years of age.

— Mount Olive *Advertiser*: Straw berry shipments this past week have been much lighter than was expected at this stage of the season, a condition resulting from cool weather and a shortage in the crop.

— Danbury *Reporter*: The wheat crop in this section is the finest for years.—— Nurseymen Young says that the prospect over the country is the best that he has ever known for fruit.—— Farmers are behind with their work, but they are putting in full time this fine weather. Probably not more than half of the corn crop has been planted.

— Charlotte *Observer*: With suicidal intent, Mr. Samuel H. Hawkins, Jr., of this city, shot himself Friday morning. At 3 o'clock this morning he was still alive, but his physicians state that his recovery is impossible and that he can live only a few hours. The cause of the suicide is a matter of conjecture.

— Salisbury *Truth-Index*: Perhaps the first cotton factory organized by the farmers of any State in the Union has just been launched by the farmers of the China Grove vicinity. And the names of the gentlemen who are connected with the enterprise (wid-awake and well-to-do farmers that they are) is a guarantee of the success of the movement.

— Rockingham *Anglo-Saxon:* Mr. J. Albert Smith died at his home in Wolf Pit township Sunday afternoon, of consumption, with which he had suffered for a number of years. He was about 50 years of age. —— The Republicans organized in Scotland County last Saturday. It seems that the negroes in the new county are not so easily side tracked. They elected J. N. McLochlin, a negro school teacher, County Chairman, defeating two white candidates for the position.

— Newbern *Journal:* The thunder storm of Thursday evening was a severe one in this section, there being a heavy fall of hail in several places, but the lightening was very destructive, causing two deaths. At Bairds Creek, the house of George Conner was struck, and his child was killed, and his wife knocked senseless. The house of D. Mann, near Newport was also struck. Mrs. Mann, who was standing in the doorway was killed, while Mr. Mann was rendered senseless. During the storm the rainfall was nearly an inch and a half

Bound Over to Court.

The Greenville *Reflector* of Tuesday has the following to say of the case of the young man Cahoon, who was arrested here some time ago by Captain of Police Jno. J. Furlong:

J. W. A. Cahoon, who some time ago forged the name of some of the school committee near Bethel and was afterwards captured at Wilmington, was given a hearing this morning before Justice of the Peace W. H. Long. There were two warrants. One for obtaining goods under false pretence was postponed until next Thursday. The other for forgery was tried today, the evidence being sufficient to bind him over to the September term of Superior Court. He was recommitted to jail until the other case against him is investigated.

At Carolina Beach.

Mr. H. A. Kure has engaged a force of twenty-five carpenters and laborers to go with him to morrow morning to Carolina Beach to arrange matters about his buildings there preparatory to the opening of the season. Mr. Kure says he will have at his disposal about fifty rooms, and that he will change the name of his boarding house to the Carolina Beach Hotel. He says that he has purchased the cottage of Mr. W. L. Smith, next door to his own place, and will build a dining room 46x18 feet for the accommodation of his patrons.

HON. W. J. BRYAN

Denies That Ex-Congressman Shivley is a Candidate for the Vice Presidency.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, May 5.—William J. Bryan arrived in the city to-day and lost no time in denying the report from South Bend, Ind., that ex-Congressman Benjamin Shivley, with whom he spent a few hours Friday, was a candidate for the vice presidency with the approval and support of the Nebraskan.

"There is nothing in those reports sent out yesterday from Mr. Shivley's town," said the Democratic leader. "In visiting him I was killing time between engagements. He is not a candidate for second place on the ticket. He has been considered prominently in connection with the governorship, but so far as I know not for a place on the national ticket. I cannot say anything on the vice presidency."

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Scientists Preparing for the Great Event Scheduled for the 28th Inst.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 5.—Prof. Stone, of the University of Virginia, and director of the Leander McCormick Observatory, is at Winnsboro, this State, where he has selected a location for observing the eclipse of the sun on the 28th instant. He will begin work at once on a great photographic camera 39 feet in length with a lens five inches in diameter. The plates will be triple coated and be 14 by 17 inches in size. For visual study two telescopes will be used.

BANK BURGLARIZED.

Safe Dynamited—Between $6,000 and $10,000 Taken by the Robbers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 5.—Burglars entered the First National Bank of East Brady, Pa., last night and dynamited the safe, taking everything in sight, including the pennies. The bank officials refused to make a statement to-day of the amount taken, but say the vault contained more silver than two men could carry away. Well informed residents of East Brady estimate the loss all the way from $6,000 to $10,000. There is no clue to the robbers.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, whom the Republican convention of his State endorsed as a candidate for Vice President, says that he was in no sense to be regarded as a candidate for the nomination.

The amount of bonds so far exchanged at the Treasury for the new two per cent. consols, is $264,419,750, of which $48,325,650 were received from individuals and institutions other than national banks.