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"These arguments that are made, that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are capable of enjoying, that as much as they are able to do for them as they will allow—what are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made to enslave the people of all ages of the world. You will find that all the arguments in favor of kingcraft were of this class; that they always bestrode the necks of the people, and that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden. Turn it whatever way you will, whether it come from the mouth of a king, an excuse for the slavish people of the country, or from the mouth of men of one race for enslaving the men of another, it is all the same old serpent."

CORPORATION ASSESSMENTS.

Valuation of Properties of Railroad, Telegraph, Telephone and Other Companies in the State.

RALPH, N. C., June 30.—Properties of the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway Company are assessed at practically the same as for the year 1899; the only difference being in the value of rolling stock and depot property.

The value of the Western Union Telegraph Company's property in this State was fixed at \$1,000,000, exactly as in 1899. The property of the Postal Telegraph Company was fixed at \$50,000. Miscellaneous telegraph companies were assessed at a valuation of \$3,050.

The Bell Telephone Company was assessed at \$22,224. The Interstate Telephone Company was assessed at \$9,240. The miscellaneous telephone companies, assessed \$18,036. Making the total assessment for the telephone companies of the State \$49,000.

Other transportation companies of the State were assessed as follows: Steamboat companies \$260,704; Pullman company, \$150,833; refrigerator companies, \$260,000.

The roads will be allowed a hearing on Wednesday, July 12th. New roads taxed this year for the first time are as follows: Mt. Airy and Eastern, five miles; Longdale, nine miles; Carolina and Northern, nine miles; Linville River road, twelve miles, and the Eastern Carolina road, eight miles. Their values are included in miscellaneous roads.

The total valuation of railroad, steamboat, telegraph and telephone property in the State this year is \$4,409,426. Total last year, \$4,377,632. Difference, \$32,794.

THE NEGRO IN OREGON. Oregon is a Republican State. At the election a few weeks ago the Republicans carried it by a majority of about 10,000. At the same election there was an Amendment submitted to the voters to repeal the following section in the State Constitution:

PLANS OF THE FUSIONISTS.

The Republicans and Populists Will Fight Chiefly to Capture the Legislature. Chairman Simmons Warning.

RALPH, N. C., June 28.—Chairman Simmons said today that it was evident the Republicans and their fight chiefly to capture the Legislature. The most of their work is being done in close counties, the senatorial districts of the west and the white counties of the east.

"Continuing, Mr. Simmons said he had discovered a well laid plan on the part of the fusionists to defeat the amendment even though the people may give it an overwhelming majority at the polls. The plan, he said, is: 'If they can capture the Legislature, when that body comes to canvass the vote for the amendment they will have it arranged to throw out the entire vote of county after county, upon some trumped-up charge of fraud and intimidation, until it has thrown out enough votes to overcome the majority for the amendment, and then it will declare that it has been defeated. They will throw out the vote from nearly every county in the Second and Sixth districts that may give a majority for the amendment, and if that is not enough, they will continue to throw out votes until they get enough.'

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

Third District Democrats at Fayetteville Nominated Hon. C. R. Thomas for Re-election—Presidential Elector.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., June 28.—The Democratic Convention of the Third Congressional District met in the Court House here today at 12:30 o'clock. Capt. J. G. Kennan, of Duplin, was made chairman and Mr. J. I. Underwood secretary.

Hon. J. A. Bryan, of Newbern, was called on and made a strong speech. He appealed to the white men to stand by their race, showed the danger of negro rule and paralleled the two races, referring to what each has done—the white man everything; the negro nothing. He gave the political history of the State and showed what the county election law did for North Carolina. His picture of negro rule in Craven was graphic. He urged the negro rule were instituted and assaulted in his city under negro domination.

C. C. Lyon, Esq., of Bladen, also addressed the convention. He also addressed the convention. He also addressed the convention. He also addressed the convention.

Mr. Bellamy Has Practically Secured Another for New Hanover County—Other Routes in District.

THE SALE OF A COUNTY.

Judge Purnell Signed an Important Order and Decree Yesterday Morning—A. B. Andrews, Jr., Commissioner.

Judge Purnell yesterday morning signed a very important decree and order in the United States court, involving about 150,000 acres of land in and embracing practically all of historical old Dare county, in this State. The case had been previously argued at Raleigh, and it only remained for the judge's order and signature, which was made yesterday morning as follows:

"East Coast Cedar Company vs. People's Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., American Exchange Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., A. Esnig and Charles A. Esnig, trading as W. A. Esnig & Son; M. H. Brown, Bank of Commerce in Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry H. Thompson and John H. Thompson, receivers, and the Phoenix National Bank of N. Y., defendants.

"This case coming on to be heard and being heard on the positions and other proffers, after argument by counsel both for petitioners and defendants, it is now considered, adjudged and decreed:

"That the land described in the petition cannot be actually divided without great expense and injury to the tenants in common interested.

"That said land be sold at public auction at the Court House door in Manteo, Dare county, North Carolina, after advertising for thirty days in some newspaper published at Raleigh, N. C., Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Md., New York and Elizabeth City, N. C., said land may, if the commissioner herein named decree the same, be divided into five lots, by taking the natural and established outer boundaries and plotting lines from established points on Alligator river to the natural boundary on the opposite boundary and estimating the area of such lots. That after selling or offering said land for sale in lots as aforesaid, the commissioner shall offer said land as an entirety and report both sales, as in lots and as an entirety. Parties bidding for said land shall within ten days deposit in the registry of this court, the Citizens National Bank, per centum of the bid made for a lot or the whole of said land and a certified check for such amount.

"That A. B. Andrews, Jr., Esq., of Raleigh, N. C., be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner to execute this order and decree. This cause is held for further order."

Weather Bureau Service. Mr. C. Grant Bigham, the new assistant weather observer at the Wilmington station, arrived from his home at Fairview, Pennsylvania, yesterday morning, but he had not yet reached here to enter the Weather Bureau service at all and returned last evening. Mr. F. G. Tingelley, the present very clever assistant observer, will remain here indefinitely. He was originally ordered to Jacksonville, Fla., a decided promotion, but the refusal of Mr. Bingham to sign the entrance papers upset his plans and he will remain until another man is detailed here to relieve him. Mr. Tingelley had been assigned to the position at Jacksonville in place of the present incumbent who was detailed to establish a new station at Scranton, Pa.

FESTIVITIES AT SEASHORE.

Week-End Dance Largely Attended Last Night—300 Guests Registered During the Past Week.

The week end dance at the Seashore Hotel last night was participated in by a large number of couples and it was a signal success. Prof. Miller's orchestra, as usual, discoursed many choice selections. Among the participants in the dance were Misses Della Clark, Sarah Keane, Mary Jennings Bellamy, Annie B. DeRosset, Daisy Holt, Burlington, Nettie Dockery and Sadie Young, Charlotte; Annie Bowden, Fannie Green, Sallie McLee, Miss Dockery, Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Furman, Miss. Messrs. Chas. Brenizer, Charlotte; Geo. Peachum, Will Penner, Chas. Stearns and Davis Willis, U. of Va.; John Moore, James Stevenson, Richard Bradley, Henry McMillan, E. B. Foster, Clayton G. Green, J. Rankin, Jr., E. S. Battle, B. B. Jackson, Alex. Adrian, J. H. Bunting, Thomas Hill, Hillsboro.

Among the recent prominent arrivals were Miss Sadie Young, Chase Brenizer, E. S. Reid, Charlotte; S. S. Bachelor, B. H. Woodell, H. S. Leard, Raleigh; Marion Cobb, Greensboro; A. J. McBride, Jr., Atlanta; S. A. Boney, Florida, Miss D. L. Bryan, Greensboro; J. C. Thomson, Fayetteville; C. Dudley D. Thomas, Elliott, S. C.; H. Smith, Baltimore; W. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Johnson, A. W. Reese and wife, Macon, Ga.; G. H. Hill, Falmouth, Mass.; Dr. J. H. Hill, Goldsboro; W. M. Measor, Chasterville; Miss McDaniel, Whiteville; Mrs. Ridley, Miss Ridley, Huntsville, Ala.

The menu at the hotel continues excellent and the culinary facilities are unsurpassed. About three hundred guests have registered during the past week.

Mr. Hinton has recently purchased fifty new bathing suits, adding much to the bathing facilities.

THE MINISTERS SAFE.

Assurances Received in Washington from Four Separate Sources—Still No War With China.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—For the first time since the break of communications with Pekin, news came today of the foreign ministers there, which the officials accept as accurate. Assurances coming from four separate sources, that the ministers were safe, bodily at least, all five days ago, seem to remove all doubt on that point, while the agreement of the dispatches of Admiral Kempff, of U. S. Consul Ragsdale at Tien Tsin, and Minister Wu's advice, to the effect that the ministers are still in Pekin, would seem to afford a solid basis for the acceptance of that statement.

Property Transfers. Moses C. Hargrove and wife filed two deeds at the court house yesterday, transferring the following property to Elizabeth Volkers, Tract 30-500 feet on Meadow street, near the corner of Ninth; consideration, \$650; and another, 35x100 feet, on Eighth street between Market and Princess; consideration \$350.

Roxboro Courier: The peach crop in this section is said to be the largest for several years. Much of this fruit will be canned.

Lexington Dispatch: Reports come from several sections of the State to the effect that the continuous rains did much damage to wheat which had been harvested but which was standing in the fields in shocks. Much has been examined and was found to be sprouting.

Durham Herald: Perhaps the largest single shipment of solitary trees ever made from this State was made by the Durham Hosiery mills. The shipment consisted of three solid car loads for one western firm. The cars were decorated in great shape, having streamers on both sides painted in red and blue letters.

Whiteville News: John Creech, a highly respected citizen of Welch's creek township, died at his home a few days ago, at the advanced age of 80 years. Dr. J. F. Harrell raised about ten bushels of wheat on a half acre lot just back of his dwelling. The sample showed it to be certain. It averaged in height all over the field about four feet.

Tarboro Southern: Yesterday the body of a white woman, Mrs. Coley, was found in a well, near just below the Atlantic Coast Line trestle, between Battleboro and Whitakers. Dr. S. N. Harrell, the coroner, is up there now holding an inquest. Whether the sample was foul or not, how the accident occurred could not be learned this morning over the telephone.

Washington Progress: Taken as a whole we think that crops were never better this season of the year in the eastern section of the State. The report of the 14 colored people down near Makenyville recently which appeared in this paper was a few days ago so we were certain that they were thought to be lost, but later returned.

Rocky Mount Motor: Mr. T. M. Arrington, our candidate for the State has just returned from the political out-journey and reports the political outlook very good. He says the white men in Nash are nearly all for the Amendment and he thinks the few that now oppose it are certain when they hear it properly explained and understand that the whole object is to prevent illiterate negroes from voting.

Monroe Enquirer: Henry Horn, a sixteen year old colored boy, of Marshville township, shot a negro girl in the mouth last Sunday with a pistol. Six teeth were knocked out and the jaw bone was broken. The boy claims that the shooting was accidental. Charles Cadieu, who was sentenced to eighteen months on the chain gang for larceny in January, 1899, was pardoned by Governor Russell last Saturday, after serving nine months and nine days of his sentence.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. Jos. McLawhorn, Constable for the Beat 10th ward, in the town of Ham Cobb, a negro, from Ayden this morning and put him in jail for breaking into three houses Tuesday and stealing some clothing and a pair of shoes. In company with another negro, robbed the houses, but the other negro escaped. Cobb was caught the night after the robbery and taken to court and sentenced to a month in jail. A bond was brought here this morning and put in jail.

Nashville Graphic: Many of the negroes who participated in the Republican convention Monday are hot with their constituents for endorsing Mears for the Senate, after his speech in his speech in the Senate. "If I knew the Amendment would not disfranchise the illiterate white man, I would support the measure. Some statement and decided using such language. A score of good men will testify that Mears did say it. No, Mears will not support the Amendment. He is a man of honor and principle, and will sacrifice principle, or anything else to gratify that ambition."

Wilson Times: Last week, at Mr. J. B. Farmer's, a lady living with him as cook, fell from a beam while cleaning a room, and was killed. She was several months ago, and so now he fears that she had some trouble with her, and that there will soon be a recurrence of the attack.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. Frank Carr, of Greene county, was here today and told us of a shooting that occurred at the home of his brother, Mr. Scott, foreman on the Snow Hill road, was going from Snow Hill out to the Standard office beyond the city limits of the town, when he was shot by a man who had been with him in the dark. Mr. Scott returned the shot, firing three times in the direction he supposed his assailant to be. He was wounded in the arm and the boys of the town playing a joke on him and he returned to Snow Hill, but no one knew anything of it, discovered a hole in his coat made by the bullet fired at him. No motive can be assigned for the assault except that Mr. Scott is Registrar for Snow Hill township and some one might want to get him out of the way.

Tarboro Southern: Mrs. Margaret Coley, who lived in Battleboro, last Sunday morning left that place to visit her sister, Mrs. Nunery, who lives on the Whitakers side of Swift creek. This was the last seen of her till three days after, Wednesday when her body was found in the creek. It was twenty years ago that she was killed. Dr. S. N. Harrell, the coroner, held an inquest. The jury returned as their verdict that she came to her death by murderous blows inflicted by some person or persons unknown to the jury. There is no evidence to justify this conclusion. It was shown that she was carrying a hole in her coat made by the bullet fired at her. There was a wound across her forehead and the jury no doubt linked this with her carrying a hole in her coat made 60 years ago and it is not impossible that in crossing the railroad trestle she fell and struck her head. When found the body was very much decayed. It was decomposed to such an extent that a thorough examination was out of the question. Buzzards had also mutilated the body. Mr. Coley was a man of wealth of this world's goods. The money which she is believed to have carried about with her, was never over a few dollars.

The organization of the million dollar South Carolina Planting and Sugar Refining Company is completed. The corporation is being financed by the Yorker-Becker Trust company, New York, which has already had a million dollars in bonds have been sold.

The Florida delegation to the National Democratic Convention left Jacksonville for Kansas City last night. It is understood that the delegation will favor Hill or Carter Harman for second place, with the preference of the majority towards Hill.