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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.



For President: WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice-President: ADLAI E. STEVENSON, of Illinois.

SCATTERED BUT NOT QUERIED.

The Filipinos are a peculiar people, resembling the Boers in one respect at least—they don't know when they are whipped. A year or more ago Gen. Otis reported that the bottom had fallen out of the insurrection, that organized resistance no longer existed, and that all our troops would have to attend to would be some straggling bands of "guerrillas" or "bandits," or "brigands," or "ladrones," for these are the names that are applied to the men who still show fight and refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of the United States.

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It is a fact that all the great prescriptions from reputable physicians, as well as the ointments used by the masses can be derived from them.

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SOME OTHER YEAR.

The Philadelphia Telegraph is a Republican paper, which thus refers to Senator Chandler's letter on the suffrage question in the South, which appeared several days ago in the New York Sun:

"Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, writes to the New York Sun to put the general query as to whether the Southern or negro question has been revived in the Presidential campaign, and whether it will be given any attention by the North, but deliberately and defiantly by the Southern Democrats."

"It is extremely doubtful if Mr. Chandler or any other Northern friends of the disfranchised blacks, could make this question a live issue just at present. The Republican managers appear to entertain no more hope of carrying any of the Southern Democratic States for McKinley than Committee man Guffey has of securing the Electoral vote of Pennsylvania for the Republican ticket."

"The correspondent of the Herald was with Admiral Dewey when he entered Manila bay, and has been in the islands ever since. He has the reputation of being a very observant and accurate correspondent. He gives some idea how the war of 'benevolent assimilation' is conducted in the following extract:

"There has now begun a time of terrific slaughter, for since the insurgents have adopted their guerrilla methods of attacking weak parties of Americans and bringing men who get outside their lines, feeling of intense bitterness has sprung up among our soldiers. It is the old cry—the only good Indian is a dead one—repeated, with a deep thirst for revenge behind it, to strengthen it."

"It is the spirit to take no prisoners and kill everything in sight that has accounted for some of the terrific slaughters that have occurred during the last two months—killing in which we have lost not a man and the Filipinos have lost a hundred or more, most of whom were women. The explanation of this new spirit of blood-thirstiness is not hard to find. Some of the most atrocious butcheries have been committed by the Filipinos, where a dozen or more natives have killed a single American and hacked the body frightfully. The news reaches the nearest post and a scouting party goes out to the scene of the killing. It can be imagined that the comrades of the murdered man do not feel in a merciful mood, and they proceed to bury the body and kill every native who looks as if he had a bolo or rifle. In Luzon a hundred Filipinos must die for every American murdered or killed in action."

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SAMPSON POPULISTS

Have Called "Monster Indignation Meeting" to Be Held at Clinton.

SATURDAY IS THE DATE.

Marion Butler and Other Distinguished Speakers Are the Advertised Attractions—Circulars Being Posted in Populist Sections.

The good people of Sampson county doubtless thought that when he left for Raleigh Sunday and gave it out that early in the coming week he would go to Washington to direct the presidential campaign from there as chairman of the Populist National Committee, that they would have the pleasure of the soothing consciousness that Butler was no longer in their midst for a good long while at least. But it appears from circulars secretly being distributed in the Populist districts of his county that he will return from Raleigh and again visit Sampson and upon that occasion will speak at a monster indignation meeting to be held at Clinton, N. C., on Saturday, August 18th, 1900.

A friend of the STAR, driving through one of the rural sections of Butler's native heath, yesterday "stumbled over" one of these circulars which, contrary to the "eternal fling of things," is printed on flaming red paper. This mischievous, which concludes with the injunction, "Everybody Come," is double headed with three inch letters proclaiming "Indignation Meeting" and here is what follows:

"The liberty loving people of Sampson county have called a monster indignation meeting to be held at Clinton, N. C., on Saturday, August 18th, 1900. All lovers of liberty and opposers of red shirtism, mob and force rule, and those who favor honesty in elections are invited to attend. Hon. Marion Butler and other prominent speakers will address the meeting. Everybody come."

Fortunately or unfortunately the aforesaid "liberty-loving" people of Sampson County do not sign the "call to arms," but to the end of the circular is appended the name of W. F. Seasons, who purports to be the "Chairman of the People's Party Executive Committee of Sampson county."

In a private letter to the editor of the STAR the sender of the circular says: "Enclosed find circular which explains itself. I ran across it to day while on a buggy drive through the country in lower Sampson. I find they are being extensively posted around the 'Pop' sections and only to-day did the posting begin, which gives really only four days' notice. I doubt if anything of this is yet known among the Democrats of Clinton or elsewhere, save in immediate 'Pop' circles. It is doubtless a preliminary move by Butler to initiate his plea and canvass for McKinley."

RULING BY PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Order Made Regarding Sale of Spirits in Oil Barrels—Meeting Yesterday.

An important ruling regarding the sale of spirits of turpentine in kerosene barrels on the Wilmington market was made by the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange at a special meeting held yesterday. Hitherto stock offered in this grade of casks has been classed as "irregular" or "country" casks and therefore salable at a half cent or more below prices given for spirits in machine made barrels.

The Exchange ruled at the meeting yesterday that stock offered in the future in oil barrels be treated the same as machine made casks so far as regards price per gallon, but that a deduction of twenty-five cents be made for each cask or barrel so sold.

Other items of business transacted were the election to membership of Col. John Wilder Atkinson and the election to the Board of Managers of Capt. H. K. Nash to succeed Mr. L. P. McKeezie, whom, STAR readers will remember, left last week for Charlotte to reside permanently there.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. B. Cooper, president of the Exchange.

Suffering From Drought.

Parties who have travelled in the farming districts contiguous to Wilmington during the past week, tell of incalculable damage wrought to all crops by the prolonged dry and excessively hot weather. Cotton has fared badly in most all sections, it is said, and opening has become premature. The hot weather has cut off all prospect of a "second" or "top crop," it is said, and hindered materially the maturing of bolls which were not grown when the drought set in. Other crops are also reported to have suffered, especially late corn.

Democratic Picnic.

The STAR acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of an invitation from its friend, Mr. W. F. Leonard, of Kelly, N. C., to attend a big basket picnic and barbecue at Centerville, Bladen county on August 29th.

"The object of the jubilee," writes Mr. Leonard, "is to celebrate our great victory for White Supremacy. A first class band will furnish music for the occasion and all lovers of good government are desired to be with us."

New Crop Cotton.

A bale of new crop cotton was sold at Laurinburg Saturday afternoon by Mr. Daniel C. Lytch, which breaks all records for early marketing in that section. Another bale of new staple was also sold at Red Springs Saturday. It was raised by Mr. J. D. Gibson and was sold to Messrs. Livermore & Pates for 9 cents. It weighed 49½ pounds. The new bale for Maxton was reported in Sunday's STAR.

LOOK! A STEEPER IN TIME.

Save time, Hughes' Tonic is the pleasant, instant in early Spring, before the children, Douglas and Malaria Fever. Acts on the liver, comes up the system. Best of Quinine. Guaranteed, try it. At Druggists, 25c and 50c bottles.

THE COUNTY TREASURER.

Prominent Attorney Says Power to Abolish Office is Vested in Justices of the Peace.

Anent the recent recommendation by the grand jury that the office of county treasurer be abolished by Legislative enactment and that the duties devolving upon that official be turned over to the sheriff of the county, ostensibly for economical reasons, a prominent attorney of the city yesterday called the attention of a STAR representative to the fact that application to the General Assembly for the "repeal" sought is wholly unnecessary as the object of the recommendation may be reached nearer home, viz. through the Justices of the Peace of the county, as authority to make the change desired is delegated to them in the code.

"Section 768 of the Code," remarked the attorney, who is well versed in the law touching the point, "provides that the Justices of the Peace in any county may abolish the office of Treasurer, and thereupon the interests and liabilities attached to the office shall devolve upon the sheriff, who shall be ex officio County Treasurer. When the office has been abolished, the Justices of the Peace may also, if they see fit, restore the office."

"The bond of the sheriff as sheriff shall be construed, the code provides, to include his liabilities as County Treasurer and may be increased to such an amount as the County Commissioners may deem necessary to cover trust funds coming into his hands."

"As to the saving to the County, the commission of such Treasurer, is provided for in section 770 of the Code which says it must not exceed one-half of one per centum on moneys received and not exceeding two and one-half per centum on moneys disbursed by him, as the Board of County Commissioners may allow; provided that in counties where his compensation cannot exceed the sum of \$200, the Treasurer shall be allowed a sum not exceeding two and one-half per centum on both his receipts and disbursements."

The only question now remaining is whether or not the commissioners can transfer the office to the sheriff, without allowing him the minimum contemplated in the proviso last quoted.

"Of course," remarked the attorney, "no action by the justices of the peace would in any way affect the present incumbents or officers-elect to these positions, as this has already been decided in a case before the Supreme Court."

DUPLIN CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. E. T. Pigford, of Magnolia, Passed Away Yesterday at An Advanced Age—Funeral To-day.

A telegram received by Dr. E. S. Figford yesterday announced the death of his aged father, Mr. E. T. Pigford, at his home about four or five miles from Magnolia yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The telegram was not received by Dr. Figford in time for him to leave yesterday afternoon but he will leave this morning to attend the funeral services. His father has been very ill from infirmities of old age for some time and Dr. Figford has spent some time at his bedside during the past few weeks. He had returned from there only Tuesday and the news of the death, while not unexpected, came to him as a shock yesterday.

Mr. Pigford was 82 years of age at the time of his death and as stated, he has been in very feeble condition for some time. He was one of the prominent planters and most estimable citizens of Duplin and his death will be greatly deplored.

Deceased was twice married; first to a Miss Chesnut, of Duplin, and the second time to Miss Mary Carroll. Four children survive as a result of the first union. They are Dr. E. S. Figford, of this city; Mr. J. E. Pigford, of Baltimore; Mr. W. K. E. Pigford, of Sampson county, and Mr. E. H. Pigford, of Goldsboro. He is also survived by his second wife and two children, Mr. Percy Pigford, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. E. T. Pigford, who is living at his father's home.

NIGHT SWEATS, loss of appetite, weak and impoverished blood, colds, grippe and general weakness are frequent results of the TORRENT TALENTLESS CHILL Tonic eliminates the malaria, purifies your blood, restores your appetite and tones up your liver.

No other "As good" R. R. BELLAMY, JOS. C. SHEPARD, JR., and J. HICKS BUNTING.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG.

Little Daughter of Robt. A. Biddle Attacked by Canine Yesterday Afternoon on Castle Street.

Julia Biddle, the eight-year old daughter of Mr. Robert A. Biddle, who lives at 806 Castle street, was severely bitten on both forearms about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a small cur dog, which showed some signs of having the rabies. The little girl was running across the street, almost in front of her home, when she was attacked by the dog and it was not until a few seconds that the animal could be pulled loose from her arm. The dog ran away and was chased by a large crowd of boys and men who congregated there soon after the occurrence but, up to late last night the dog had not been killed.

Dr. H. Harris, Schonwald and Russell were called. It was reported that the canine had been bitten by a mad dog Tuesday afternoon, but this was not confirmed.

The little girl is suffering only from flesh wounds and as far as could be ascertained was doing very well last night.

TO CLEANSE THE SYSTEM Effectually yet gently, when constive or bilious, to permanently overcome headache, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headache, colds or fevers, use Syrup of Figs, made by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

That Throbbing Headache Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their worthlessness merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist.

WILLIAM M. POISSON.

Well Known and Respected Citizen of Wilmington Died Yesterday.

FUNERAL AT 10 A. M. TO-DAY.

Prominent in Masonic and Church Circles of the City—Long Career as Bookkeeper and Clerk—Health Failing for Months.

Mr. William Mondouville Poisson, one of the best known and most estimable citizens of Wilmington, died yesterday morning at 11:15 o'clock after prolonged illness at his home, No. 611 Grace street.

Mr. Poisson had been in feeble health for some time and had only returned a short while ago from Panama Springs, where he went for his health. He returned somewhat improved but gradually grew worse until his death yesterday morning. He has been a life long resident of Wilmington and was a son of Mr. Jehu Poisson, who has long since passed away. He was born at Summerville, Brunswick county, July 11th, 1818, and was therefore in the 82d year of his age. He was educated in the Wilmington schools and received much of his tuition under Prof. S. L. Maginnay, a well known educator of his day. He was first employed as clerk to Col. S. L. Fremont, Superintendent of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, and was for a time city ticket agent for that road in Wilmington. He remained in the employ of the W. & W. for about twenty years and then he became bookkeeper for the well known firm of Adria & Vollers until its dissolution. His next employment was a similar position with the Wilmington Iron Works and he was actively in the discharge of his duties there until a short time before his death, when he was forced to retire on account of his physical condition.

Deceased was prominent in Masonic and church circles, having been for nearly a quarter of a century secretary of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and a regular attendant and enthusiastic worker in Front Street and Grace Methodist churches of this city. He was nothing if not charitable, honest and upright, and accuracy in whatever he undertook was one of the strongest points in his character.

Mr. Poisson was married to Miss Mary Frances Alderman, daughter of Mr. Alfred Alderman, who preceded him to the grave a year ago last June. There were no children from the union, but an adopted daughter, Mrs. R. C. Merritt, survives him. A brother and sister also survive him, Mr. James Dickson Poisson and Miss Sallie Poisson.

The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from Grace M. E. Church and the interment will be in Oakdale.

DEATH OF DR. I. M. C. LOFTIN.

After Patient Suffering With Cancer He Passed Away Yesterday at Noon.

News reached the city Monday of the death of Dr. I. M. C. Loftin, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Pender county. Dr. Loftin had been afflicted for a number of years with cancer caused by a dog bite in the face when he was a boy. The cancer gradually grew worse, causing him the most intense pain until death came as a relief Monday about noon at his home at Rocky Point.

Deceased was a native of Wayne county and was sixty-four years of age. He graduated in medicine early in life and went to Kenansville, N. C. to practice his profession. There he married Miss Elizabeth Pearsall and she remained devoted to him until his death.

In 1889 he moved to Rocky Point and has lived there since. He was in the cavalry service during the civil war and was a brave soldier. He was a member of St. John's lodge of Masons, of this city.

Surviving relatives of the deceased are a brother, Dr. P. B. Loftin, of Beaufort; a sister, Mrs. O. E. Hines, of Dudley; his wife and the following children: Messrs. I. C. and J. M. Loftin, of Wilmington; Messrs. S. E. and J. P. Loftin, Mrs. David Routree and Misses Bessie and Minnie Loftin, of Rocky Point.

Lagrange Citizens Discharged.

Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, A. H. Brenner and T. E. Wallace went up to Goldsboro yesterday to testify in a case in which Messrs. J. M. Murchison and W. H. Taylor, two prominent business men of Lagrange, N. C., were charged by the government with a fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the Southern Cotton Buyers' Association, which did business through the Wilmington post office, and a reference to the plans of which were made recently in the STAR.

The defendants were represented by Hon. Chas. B. Aycock, F. A. Daniels, Esq., and W. C. Monroe, Esq., of Goldsboro, and a private telegram received in the city last night says that they were discharged by Commissioner Humphrey for want of evidence. Persons acquainted with the operations of their association say the business was perfectly legitimate and it was unfortunate that they should have been brought into court.

Raleigh News and Observer: "A major letter from Greensboro says Mr. Chas. M. Stedman is quite unwell. His many friends throughout the State will join the News and Observer in hoping that his illness is not serious and that he may speedily recover his usual good health."

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COL. W. F. FRENCH DEAD.

Died Suddenly Sunday Afternoon at His Home in Lumberton, N. C.—Was Well Known Here.

News was received in the city yesterday through a private letter of the death at Lumberton of Col. W. Foster French, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens and attorneys of Robeson county.

Col. French died suddenly about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He was well known in Wilmington and during the last State campaign he fought courageously for the success of White-Supremacy in the State. He visited Wilmington several times during the campaign and made one or more speeches here. He was a gentleman of rare intellect and a gifted scholar.

Col. French was a son of the late Daniel D. French, who was a brother of the late Judge R. S. French, a well known jurist of his day. Deceased was born in Norfolk, Va., in the year 1842 and was therefore about 58 years of age. He removed with his father to Lumberton about the year 1855 and later received his education as an attorney, which profession he practiced with success until his death, having been at the time a member of the firm of French & Normant.

During the war he served valiantly as Colonel of a regiment of N. C. Junior Reserves and proved himself a leader of men. He had always taken a warm interest in the government of his State and nation and served in the General Assembly as a member of the House from his county.

He is survived by a daughter and two sons. Mr. W. R. French, Clerk of the Criminal Court, and Mr. Beverly T. French, both of this city, are first cousins of the deceased.

Parties who came down yesterday report that copious showers have fallen during the last forty eight hours at all points along the W. & W. railroad as far down as Faison, N. C.

CONDITION OF COTTON.

Deteriorated Materially in the Carolinas, Georgia and Arkansas Opening Prematurely.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, August 14.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

Owing to the unusual conditions of heat and dryness and the excessive rains in certain districts, the week as a whole was unfavorable to agricultural interests in the districts reported and the crop needs rain in portions of Mississippi, while suffering from excessive moisture and lack of cultivation in parts of Louisiana.

In the Carolinas, Georgia, and Arkansas the condition of cotton has deteriorated materially, premature opening being extensively reported from the Carolinas. In Northern Texas cotton has made favorable progress, but elsewhere in that State it needs dry weather and is making too rank growth. Some picking has been done over the southeastern portion of the cotton belt, and while cotton is opening in southwestern Texas, picking will not be general in that State for two or three weeks.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD RECK.

Seven Lives Were Lost and Many Passengers Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., August 15.—The most terrible wreck in the history of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad occurred about 5 A. M. to day at Pierson, 29 miles north of Grand Rapids. The northbound Northland Express collided, head on, with passenger train No. 8. Seven lives were lost and many passengers injured, one fatally. Both engines and the baggage cars were completely demolished.

When the train met was just dawning and the fog was so thick that the engineers could not see more than one hundred yards ahead. The accident was due to the error of an operator, who wrongly reported that the train had not passed his station, thus misleading the train dispatcher into giving the orders which brought about the collision.

CHAIRMAN MARION BUTLER.

A Populist Paper Says He Will Take the Stump for McKinley.

LINCOLN, NEB., August 13.—The Evening Post, a local Populist paper, says that Chairman Marion Butler will take the stump for McKinley. Vice Chairman Edminston was asked about this matter this evening but declined to talk. "In the absence of definite information," said Mr. Edminston, "I can say nothing about Senator Butler's future course."

Governor Beckham has issued a proclamation convening the General Assembly of Kentucky in extra session on Tuesday, August 28th.—The only subject to be considered is the modification or amendment of the Goebel law.

Robbed of the Grave. A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject is narrated by the Evening Post as follows: "I was in one of the most dreadful conditions. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store."

PEARSON TURNED DOWN.

Republicans Nominated Jas. M. Moody for Congress in the Ninth District.