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THE NEGRO VOTE.

Some of the Republican organs North and South, especially in the North, seem to be very much exercised over what they call the "disfranchisement of the negro" in the South, and the progress that disfranchisement is making.

The Philadelphia Press is one of the recognized organs of the Republican party, and one that gives the cue to other organs because it is supposed to voice the sentiments of the Republican party managers.

"The time has come to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment," remarked the Chicago Tribune in a leading article last Tuesday. The remark was made in commenting on a long dispatch from Washington to the Tribune concerning the raising of questions about to be taken in Southern States for the disfranchisement of the colored voters.

The movement for the disfranchisement of the colored voters is assuming such proportions that it is no longer a matter of a rising question, but one that is being actively pushed forward.

"This will make eight of the original sixteen Southern States which will have no negro disfranchisement. The movement will not stop there. Tennessee is discussing the same question, and disfranchisement has already been made in the Georgia and Texas Legislatures, the only thing preventing their passage being the belief of the Democrats in those two States that the colored man is already disfranchised.

"It must be remembered that this disfranchisement is not done in the interest of an educated vote. It is done in the interest of the Democratic party and against the colored man. Every State which has disfranchised the colored man has added a provision admitting every white man, no matter how ignorant he may be, to the ballot box.

"The census will probably place the colored population of the Southern States at nearly, if not fully, 10,000,000. As the ratio of population to a member of the House of Representatives, adopted by Congress last Winter, is 191,176, the 10,000,000 colored people in the South will give that section fifty one Representatives in the House and the same number of votes in the electoral college.

atives. An idea can be gained of the immense power placed in the hands of the South Democrats by disfranchising the colored voter and at the same time retaining representation for him in Congress and in the electoral college by supposing that there were 10,000,000 Indians in the Northern States who were not allowed to vote but from whom the Republicans demanded representation.

"When the question is viewed in this light the attitude of the Chicago Tribune will be seen to be just, and a great majority of the fair-minded people will agree with that newspaper when it says that 'the time has come to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment' and reduce the representation of the Southern States in proportion as they have disfranchised their voters."

From a Republican organ's standpoint this is a statement of fact. From a disinterested, truthful standpoint it is a statement based on assumption, error and misrepresentation. It assumes that these laws disfranchise the negro, whereas they do no such thing. There is the assumption based on error while the assertion that the object of these laws is to disfranchise the negro is gross misrepresentation.

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A REVOLVING CIRCUMSTANCE.

Negro's Dead Body Said to Have Remained Uninterred for More Than a Week in the Sound.

Shocking news comes from Federal Point township and to the effect that the dead body of the unknown negro which was found a week ago yesterday in the sound five miles below Cape's store and over which an inquest was held by the coroner, is still unburied and is lying near the spot where it was found and is covered by some brush in a badly decomposed condition.

This deplorable state of affairs appears to be the result of an evident misunderstanding on the part of some of the county authorities and has been or likely will be attended to to day.

It will be remembered that the negro's body was found last Saturday and even at that time it gave evidence of having been dead for several days. The popular theory then, and is now, in the negro fell overboard from some vessel at sea and the body washed ashore.

Coroner Stokes, with whom a report was talked yesterday afternoon, said that he had performed all the duties of his office in the matter and was at a loss to know why the body had not been buried. He did not file his death certificate until Tuesday awaiting a possible identification from some person away from the county, but as to why the body had not been buried since that time, he was at a loss to know.

The circumstance is revolting indeed, and the Board of County Commissioners, should see to it that the possible loop of misunderstanding is taken up and if there be one existing it should be remedied to guard against similar occurrences in the future.

Violated Postal Laws. Postoffice Inspector Jere Connolly, than whom there is no "finer" in the service, came in yesterday from Maxton, N. C., to report the arrest of Neil Baxley, white, charged with sending a defamatory postal card through the mails to a creditor, whom it appears was somewhat dilatory in settling his accounts. Baxley was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner B. F. McLean, of Maxton, and gave bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the Federal Court in Wilmington.

Some Ripe Strawberries. THE STAR has with the compliments of Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Faison, N. C., a sample of some fine ripe strawberries picked on Tuesday from the farm of Messrs. J. S. Westbrook & Sons, at Wallace. These gentlemen are among the pioneers at strawberry culture in this section and are always in the lead. Their crop this season is said to be especially fine.

THE STATE BANKS. Summary of Reports to the North Carolina Corporation Commission. [Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., March 22.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission issued this morning a summary of the reports of the condition of State private and savings banks of North Carolina at the close of business Feb. 28, 1901. The summary shows that there are sixty-four State banks, with \$11,397,864.38 resources; \$2,317,878.12 capital stock and \$7,080,113.93 deposits. There are twenty-three private banks with \$231,084.73 resources; \$228,000 capital stock and \$1,602,726.71 on deposit. The nine savings banks have \$1,133,884.40; capital stock amounting to \$170,691.39 and \$1,853,925.43 on deposit.

PERHAPS FATAL SHOOTING. One Man Wounded Another in a Fight at Spring Hope, N. C. [Special Star Correspondence.] SPRING HOPE, N. C., March 21.—W. D. Strickland and Ol Lewis, two white men living near here, engaged in an altercation last night, in which Strickland shot Lewis and perhaps mortally wounded him. Of the three shots fired by Strickland two took effect in the abdomen and thigh of his adversary. Strickland set up the claim of self defence and will surrender to Sheriff Warren. It is claimed that Lewis knocked Strickland down and that he was the aggressor, and fired by the last named while lying on the floor.

TO CAPTURE AGUINALDO.

A Daring Project Undertaken by General Funston in Isabella Province, Island of Luzon.

By Cable to the Morning Star. MANILA, March 23.—General Funston is now engaged in a daring project which promises to be the greatest and most romantic achievement of his eventful career. In January, from his hiding place in the province of Isabella, Aguineldo, a rebel leader, was denouncing the subchiefs who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. Later, Aguineldo ordered certain rebel forces in Southern Luzon to join him in a rendezvous in Isabella province. The rebel officer entrusted with these orders was a Filipino named Aguineldo. On securing the necessary information General Funston planned Aguineldo's capture and, with General MacArthur's authorization, proceeded two weeks ago to make the attempt. General Funston, with Surgeon Major Harris, Captain Newton, of the Thirty-fourth Infantry, Lieutenant Adams, of the Twenty-second Infantry; Lieutenant Mitchell, of the Fourth Infantry, six veteran scouts, and a company of native scouts, all picked men, embarked on the gunboat Vicksburg and landed on a remote beach above Laredo. It was arranged that Aguineldo's headquarters, with the native scouts, should pass them selves off as insurgent troops who, having captured General Funston and others were taking the gunboat to Aguineldo. At the right time, when brought before Aguineldo, General Funston was to give a signal, when the tables were to be turned and Aguineldo was to be seized.

Six days march in the interior were contemplated. Treachery was considered possible but every precaution was taken. The troops in New Vicsaya and New Ecija, and the gunboats Vicksburg and Albany were to cooperate with General Funston's force. The Vicksburg is expected here tomorrow. Colonel Rosario with fifty-one men and fifty-five rifles, has surrendered to Colonel Baldwin, of the Fourth Infantry, at San Francisco de Malabon, Cavite province.

Lieutenant Dean, of troop C, Sixth cavalry, has engaged a force of insurgents at Tubig, Laguna province, killing several of them and capturing seven men and twenty-four rifles.

Wrecked and Captured a Supply Train. Fought a Convoy, Killing One Man and Wounding Three. By Cable to the Morning Star. STANFORD, TRANSVAL VALLEY, March 22.—Four hundred Boers under the Boer commander Buys have wrecked a supply train north of Vlaklagat. They overpowered the escort and carried off several wagon loads of provisions.

A convoy destined to join General French's column has been attacked between Blood river and Scheepers Nek, Transval Colony. The British had one man killed and several wounded. The bridge at Blood river was burned.

LONDON, March 23.—The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons today in answer to a question, said no specific objections had been made by General Botha to any of the peace terms offered by General Kitchener. Some General Botha made no counter proposals. The only information in possession of the government outside of that published in the papers is contained in a private telegram from General Kitchener, saying General Botha had a strong objection to Sir Alfred Miller.

STEAMSHIP KOREA. The Largest Vessel Ever Built on This Side of the Atlantic. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Korea, which was launched to day at the Newport News Shipbuilding Company's works near the district, being up to date the largest steam vessel ever built on this side of the Atlantic. With a length of 572 feet, she will displace 18,600 tons on a draft of twenty-seven feet. Some idea of the size of the Korea may be derived from the fact that from the top to the bottom of the bare hull is a distance of forty feet, while the distance around her rail is nearly a quarter of a mile. She is to be fitted with engines of 18,000 horse power, sufficient to propel her at a speed of 20 knots. The Korea will accommodate 1,400 passengers, of whom 200 will be first class cabin passengers. She is designed for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to ply between San Francisco and Hong Kong.

Just as the Korea slipped down the ways, George Bannister, a colored man, among the spectators gathered about the vessel, was struck by one of the falling props and received injuries from which he died to-night.

BRITISH COTTON MILLS. Signs of More Trouble Between the Masters and the Operatives. By Telegram to the Morning Star. LONDON, March 23.—The Speaker to-day says there are unmistakable signs of more trouble between the masters and the operatives in the cotton and paper mills. Some activity has been followed by a reaction, accelerated by the high prices of raw cotton and other materials, a poor demand from India and an almost complete stoppage of buying in China. The Lancashire spinners and weavers have held out longer than their rivals in the United States or continent, but the rate of closing down is gathering shows their turn is coming, and as the American crop is likely to be insufficient even for the reduced consumption, there is not much prospect of low level quotations for raw cotton to invigorate the demand for yarn and cloth. If some agreement whereby wages may be held steady, the state of trade is not soon concluded, declining profits will force the masters to reduce wages.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Another Rumor Concerning its Absorption by the L. & N. Railroad.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. LOUISVILLE, KY., March 23.—The Courier-Journal to-morrow will say: "Another rumor is current concerning the absorption of the Seaboard Air Line by the Louisville and Nashville roads. For the first time in five years the Seaboard Air Line conference was held at the office of Mr. Smith and while no information concerning it has been given out, those who know of the conference are inclined to the belief that Mr. McBees was called here to make certain statements regarding the business of the road."

LYNCHING IN ARKANSAS. White Man Taken from Jail and Hanged by a Mob of Masked Men. By Telegram to the Morning Star. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 23.—A Gazette special from Pochontas says that George C. Heyveys, who day before yesterday shot and killed Town Marshal John Norris, of Pochontas, while Norris was performing official duty, was taken from jail by a mob of 300 men last night and hanged. The coroner, a girl aged eight years and her mother, who were present at the hanging, but owing to the feeling against him, the trial had been postponed until next week. The members of the mob were masked.

LOCAL DO'S. —Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was here yesterday. He thinks the strawberry crop will be near fifteen days later this season than last.

—Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Kinston, will be here April 16th to assist Rev. Jno. H. Hall in a series of revival services at Fifth Street M. E. church.

—It is expected that the work of remodeling the Cape Fear Club building will begin now very soon. The plans are already drawn and are awaiting acceptance.

—Large shipments of lettuce were made from the vicinity of Wilmington yesterday. Philadelphia prices are \$4.25 per basket, and \$5 and \$6 per dozen for fancy qualities.

CUBA'S CONVENTION. It is Said Now That the Platt Amendment Will Be Accepted. By Telegram to the Morning Star. HAVANA, March 23.—Reports from all parts of the island indicate a change from the radical stand taken against the Platt amendment and the tone of the country press is more liberal.

—E. J. Diario de La Marina to-day says that judging from all appearances the constitutional convention will accept the amendment. The Discussion also, instead of continuing its editorial against it, now publishes interviews showing the advisability of accepting the amendment.

The output of the Alabama coal mines for the year 1900, according to the State mine inspector, was 9,400,000 tons, an increase of nearly 1,000,000 tons over the previous year. It is estimated that the output for this year will reach 12,000,000 tons.

Mr. Nathan Townsend, Cass City, Mich., poisoned herself and her two children, a girl aged eight years and her mother, who were present at the hanging, but owing to the feeling against him, the trial had been postponed until next week. The members of the mob were masked.