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WHERE THE BOOMERANG COMES IN.

In writing yesterday on the opposition to the Crumpacker bill we remarked that it might be followed by some results not anticipated by its originator and his followers. Its real, though not its acknowledged, purpose is to strengthen the Republican party by weakening the South and to give the Republican party a stronger grip on Congress and the Presidency by reducing Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college. That is the scheme, but it may have quite a contrary effect in time.

Leaving out Democratic opposition from both sides of the line, which will, of course, be solid against it, there are several elements in the Republican party which are opposed to it. First, those Republicans who are weary of the negro agitation and would like to have him effectively eliminated from politics, like the Congressman quoted in the extract we made yesterday from the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, who spoke not only for himself but for a very considerable number of Republicans in the Northern and Western States. They don't know how soon they may be confronted by the negro question in their own States and they don't want to take a position now that would estop them from taking action as they might deem necessary in such contingency. Then there are those who if the South only were affected might not hesitate to support Mr. Crumpacker's scheme but realizing that if carried out logically it must apply to all States which restrict suffrage for other causes than crime, will not want to put themselves in a position to estop suffrage legislation which might in time become necessary to protect the interests of the better and more substantial class of citizens from the irresponsible and worst class, at least considered irresponsible, and not desirable as voters.

Take Massachusetts, for instance, the State of Representative Moody, who introduced the resolution of investigation as to Louisianans. That State has qualified suffrage laws, the object of which was to eliminate as far as possible the votes of European and Canadian immigrants in the interest of what the people who favor these laws call good government. If Massachusetts takes such action to protect herself from the votes of illiterate white men, why should the people of Massachusetts object to the people of a Southern State taking action to protect themselves from the votes of the illiterate black mass, which is a much more potent and dangerous factor in these States than the illiterate immigrants are in Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania. Without some such restrictions it would be, with the increase of the foreign element, only a question of time, and no remote time, either, when the native voters would by the minor factor in the government of several of these States. But the Crumpacker bill logically applied would cut off all restrictive suffrage legislation in any of these States, unless they accepted the alternative of reduced representation in Congress and in the electoral college. Already how to protect themselves from the incoming masses of negroes has been a subject of animated and serious discussion in such cities as Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, while negroes have been driven from a number of towns and counties in Mr. Crumpacker's State.

Coming southward there are Republicans who hoped to build up a white Republican party by eliminating the negro. They feel the agitation of the negro question as a party measure would so inflame the feeling of the white men of the South against the Republican party that they would loath anything bearing that name and the hope of building up a white Republican party would be dashed to the earth never to revive. There are others who have been scheming to form a combination

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GREEN SWAMP LANDS

Title to Much Real Estate in Brunswick Involved in the Federal Court.

A. T. CLARK IS RECEIVER.

Appointed by Judge Purnell Yesterday. Restraining Order Against Defendants Until the Final Hearing First Monday in February.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12.—Judge Purnell, in the Circuit Court to-day, appointed A. T. Clark, of Columbus county, temporary receiver for 170,000 acres of land in Brunswick and Columbus counties, pending final hearing and settlement of the suit entitled the New Jersey and North Carolina Land and Lumber Company vs. the Gardner Lacy Lumber Company, of Georgetown, S. C., and seventy-five other defendants.

But between the grabbing statesmen and the courts, which didn't have the nerve to sit down in the grabbing statesmen, what a mess they have made of this whole business, and what a predicament they have put this country in. According to the grabbing statesmen these acquisitions are American territory by virtue of purchase and conquest; according to the courts they are American territory when it comes to ruling them but foreign territory when it comes to the foreign territory when it comes to squeezing tariff duties out of them. For some purposes the constitution stretches far enough to reach and cover them, for other purposes it does not. We are in the fix of the fellow who had the bear by the tail; he had to hold on because he didn't find it convenient to let go, so we suppose we will have to hold on to the tail and try to make the bear have himself and be good, if he does some growling and snarling.

Aside from the embarrassment arising from putting up a claim to those islands, the conditions are still further embarrassed by the protective tariff, for if that were not in the way, if the protection statesmen did not feel incumbent on them to protect their favorites, we might have free trade with our new acquisitions, and thus escape these tariff tangles which put this country in such a perplexing and inconsistent position, as holding that these islands are foreign territory and American territory at one and the same time.

A party of civil engineers, according to this week's *Southport Standard*, are at work making a survey of the famous "Green Swamp lands" in Brunswick county. This action is in conformity to an order of court several years ago in connection with suits brought in the Federal Court by the New Jersey and North Carolina Land and Lumber Company against certain parties to dispossess them of lands embraced within the bounds of their claims.

The company's claims are under three State grants issued in 1795, viz.: to William Collins, Stephen Williams and Benjamin Rowell, being something over 62,000 acres in Brunswick and about 110,000 acres in Columbus county. Messrs. Meares & Ruark, of this city, are attorneys for the land company and a blue print of the survey as prepared by Capt. Jos. H. McRae, C. E., of this city, showing the outer course of the property, has been supplied to the Register of Deeds of each county involved.

The Standard of yesterday says:

"It is well known that the named company has been endeavoring for several years to make their lines meet around their large tract in the Green Swamp, and the present survey is the one ordered by the court several courts ago at the instance of the attorneys in the suits instituted by the company against certain parties for occupying the land embraced within the bounds of their claims."

The Standard of yesterday says:

"W. C. Erwin, a Kansas farmer got the blues last Fall, and offered to sell his corn crop on fifty-five acres on a basis of 15 bushels to the acre, but couldn't find any one willing to take the chances. He was glad he was disappointed when he gathered his crop and had a thousand bushels more than he expected, and corn booming away up, too."

REMAINS ARRIVED FROM NEWBORN.

Body of Mr. J. C. Scarborough Taken Yesterday to Charlotte for Interment.

The remains of the late J. C. Scarborough, whose death at Newborn, N. C., was chronicled in these columns yesterday, arrived the same afternoon via the W. & N. railroad at 12:15 o'clock, and were taken to Charlotte via the Seaboard Air Line at 8:05 o'clock P. M. The funeral and interment will be at Charlotte to-day.

The remains were accompanied by the bereaved wife and were met at the station upon the arrival of the train by the entire office force of the Standard Oil Company, this city, including the manager, Mr. W. R. Barksdale, a deputation from Jefferson Lodge No. 61, K. of P., of which deceased was a member, and a number of persons bound to him in ties of individual friendship.

The pall bearers were as follows: Messrs. J. C. Morrison, A. S. Holden, Anson Alligood, B. O. Stone, L. B. Rogers, W. T. Smith and Geo. W. Branch. Many handsome floral tributes were laid upon the casket.

The remains were accompanied to Charlotte by Mr. Trabue Barksdale, of the Standard Oil Company.

Sale of Market Street Property.

By deed executed yesterday, Ellis Teer, guardian of Sybil Hancock and E. T. Hancock, minors, transferred to Jno. F. Divine an undivided one-fourth interest in the building and lot on north side of Market street, 62 feet and one inch west of Front street adjoining the lot formerly owned by James Dawson and fronting on Market street 22 feet and one inch and extending back into the block 92 feet; consideration \$2,500. By another deed of same date Jno. H. Beery and wife and Geo. L. Hancock transferred to the same purchasers their undivided one-fourth interest and the life estate of Ellis Teer, Beery in an undivided one-half part of the same property; consideration, \$2,500.

Gen. Toon is reported to-night somewhat weaker than yesterday, but is resting well. His general condition is not regarded as favorable.

— Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Mason, of Middle Sound, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage last week. The occasion took the form of a naval re-union at which 48 members were present, 27 of them bearing the name Mason.

Henceforth Admiral Dewey will be a *persona non grata* in the Navy Department.

STATE GUARD NUMBERS 2,082

Annual Report of Adjutant General Royster Shows Gratifying Increase During Past Year—Officers and Men.

[Raleigh News and Observer.]

The State Guard now numbers 2,082 men, including officers and enlisted men. Last year the strength of the Guard was 1,905, showing an increase of 177 men and three companies. These figures are from the report of Adjutant General B. S. Royster, which was completed yesterday. The Adjutant has been working for several weeks to ascertain the exact strength of the Guard, so as to fit the figures to Washington, where they are required by the War Department for the first of the year.

The report of General Royster shows the State Guard to consist of 1,905 men, the Naval Reserve 235 men, and the Light Artillery 55 men. The 17 members of the general staff foot up 2,082, the military strength of the State. This does not include the Governor's Posse.

There are 33 companies of infantry this year as compared with 36 last year, five companies of naval reserves, the same as last year, and a battery of artillery in place of a detachment.

The Guard now numbers 1,905 men, and 549 enlisted men. The Second numbers 51 officers and 549 enlisted men. In the Third regiment there are 51 officers and 533 enlisted men. The Naval Brigade are 38 men.

Only one company disbanded during the year. This was the Charlotte company, which was succeeded by the Greensboro company.

GEN. TOON'S CONDITION.

Decidedly More Hopeful—Call for Report of Condition of State Banks.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14.—Physicians attending Gen. Toon report his condition to-night as decidedly more hopeful. He is holding his own remarkably well. There has been no change since morning, but he is better than he was last night.

The Corporation Commission issued a call to-day for reports as to the condition of private, State and savings banks at the close of business on December 10th last.

FOLLOWED HUSBAND TO GRAVE.

Wilmington Lady's Presumptions of Death Came True On Last Wednesday.

Mrs. Monroe Peterson, an aged and highly respected lady, who formerly resided in Wilmington, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Bordeaux, whom she was visiting at Rock Hill, Bladen county. Mrs. Peterson was 84 years of age at the time of her death, and lived here for several years at the home of her son, Mr. H. L. Peterson, Sr., No. 344 Fourth street. She was a faithful member of Brooklyn Baptist church, and of a most estimable disposition, which endeared her to all. The surviving relatives are Mr. H. L. Peterson, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Bordeaux, at whose home she died.

Mr. Peterson was related to the late Monroe Peterson, who died here three weeks ago. At the time of his death, members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson predicted that at this time, she, too, would pass away and join her husband. She died within four hours of the three weeks predicted, of a general breaking down as the result of the infirmities of old age. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, of this city, were at their bedside when she died. The funeral was held Thursday at White Hall, N. C.

SEWERAGE LABORS MURKED.

Fifty or seventy-five of the 150 colored laborers employed in excavating for the sewerage contractors gathered at the office of the company yesterday afternoon and began to murk because they were not paid off for the past two weeks' work as they had expected. A number of them went to Justice Fowler's office and wanted to sue for the amounts, but the would-be complainants in various and sundry cases frankly admitted that the company had notified them last Tuesday that they would not receive pay until the Saturday following and therefore Justice Fowler, according to law, refused to issue the warrants.

The contractors claim, so the men say, that if the men are paid off now, so near the Christmas holidays, there will be no work for them this week and consequently payment is deferred.

It appears to be a very logical position by the contractors.

CONTENDED ELECTION CASES.

Hearings Before Committees of the House to Begin in January.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The hearing of contested election cases will begin early in January before the various election committees of the House.

There are seven of these contests, including that made by ex-Representative Lentz, of Ohio, against the sitting member from the Seventh Ohio district, Representative Tompkins. One of the contestants, George W. Kelly, of the Virginia district, received a fifth divorce judgment this term, and there are four or five more on the dockets.

LEXINGTON DISPATCH: Mr. H. J. Berrier, of Lexington, has a violin which, if the stamp upon it is genuine, is 204 years old.

The instrument, originally a cello, was given to him by his father, who died in 1812.

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