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SPIRITS, TURPENTINE.

do their "plain duty," and how they got together in the following election and forgot all about Porto Rico and that "plain duty."

They had other issues then to humbug voters, and they are going to try to humbug them again by stealing Democratic issues and working them as campaign material. It is a thin device, but the case is desperate and a thin device is better than none. Of course they will say that the failure of reciprocity with Cuba, for which they are much condemned, was the work of a handful of "insurgents," and that the majority was really in favor of reciprocity. Mr. Roosevelt goes further and declares that reciprocity is as "sure as fate." The Republicans who were in favor of reciprocity with Cuba could have had it in spite of the "insurgents" if they had been willing to drop the Havemeyer Sugar Trust and presented a bill that would have embraced refined as well as raw sugars, and thus put all our sugar makers on the same plane. They would have gotten Democratic votes enough in both houses to pass such a measure as that, and we would now have reciprocity with Cuba and American pledges would have been kept. But the Sugar Trust had them in its grip, and they were afraid to offend it.

It wasn't any handful of insurgents who quashed Mr. Babcock's anti-trust movement, pigeonholed his bill for the repeal of the duties on exported steel that sold for less money abroad than at home, and muzzled him. It wasn't the "insurgents," it was the loyal majority that did that. As the Sugar Trust held the majority in its clutches so the Steel Trust held the majority in its grip and Mr. Babcock's bill was strangled and he was muzzled.

It was not the insurgents who blocked the movement for tariff revision on such articles as it had been demonstrated can be produced in this country as cheaply as in other countries. It was the majority obeying the dictates of the beneficiaries of protection which did that, and yet they have the mammoth cheek to assert that it is the purpose of the Republican party to regulate and restrain the trusts, to establish reciprocity with Cuba and to revise the protective tariff along Republican lines when the opportune time comes and it can be done under Republican auspices without detriment to established industries or to the business of the country.

This is the kind of rot they are going to give voters, and in the meantime they will exercise extraordinary circumspection over the campaign literature they send out, and will rely mainly on fakes as substitutes for speeches.

DENOUNCING THE AMENDMENT.

The Republicans of Swain county held their convention a few days ago and adopted a platform, of which the following is one of the resolutions:

"We denounce the Democratic party of North Carolina for having disfranchised 20,000 white men by the infamous tax provisions in the so-called constitutional amendment."

This shows the animus of the Swain county Republicans towards the constitutional amendment, and it may be taken as an expression of the sentiment of the machine Republicans of the State, who are going overboard that amendment if they can. It also confirms the warning that Senator Simmons sent out some time ago.

This denouncing resolution is short but there are some points in it worthy of note. First, it is an assumption that 20,000 white men have been disfranchised by "the infamous tax provisions of the so-called constitutional amendment."

On the subject of Cuban reciprocity also the Republican cannot afford to attempt to educate the masses by sending out speeches. If they send out such speeches, they will be delivered by some eminent party men as James A. Tawney, of Minnesota; William L. Smith, of Michigan; and other Republicans who opposed the administration.

On the subject of Philippine civil government Senators Spooner, Lodge and others upon the republican side championed the cause of the Administration, but they were opposed by Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, and William E. Mason, of Illinois, of their own party, who denied that the Republican attitude was tenable and declared that a mistake was being made.

The speeches of Senators Hoar and Mason are already being circulated throughout the country by the Democratic machine.

On nearly every question bearing upon the issues which must be of great importance in the campaign the Republicans were so divided that an indiscriminate distribution of speeches by prominent members of the party in Congress would present arguments on both sides of the controversy.

Never within our political experience have the representatives of the Republican party been so much divided, divided on nearly every question that came before them, and uncompromisingly divided, too. Such divisions would destroy a party less thoroughly organized and controlled than the Republican party is, and that doubtless is one of the things the Republicans in Congress were counting on. They thought it safe to squabble among themselves and that however much they might squabble, with the magnificent discipline in their party and the fooling they thought they could do there would be no danger of the party being seriously hurt. They remembered, doubtless, how they a short while before had fought over the Porto Rican tariff bill, how some of the leading Republican organs scored them for their failure to

"white man's party," and that it has dissolved partnership with the negro? But they should not ignore and go back on the colored contingent that way, for they will need their votes.

CHILD LABOR IN SOUTHERN MILLS.

There is a good deal of discussion in Northern papers of child labor in Southern mills, some of which may be honest but most of which is inspired by the fact that in the most of the Northern milling States, if not in all of them, there are laws prohibiting the employment of children under ten years of age in the mills, and it is held that employment of children in Southern mills gives them an advantage over Northern mills in the matter of wages and thus enables them to produce more cheaply and sell more cheaply than the Northern mills can. This is the inspiration of a good deal of this pretended interest in and sympathy for the children employed in Southern mills.

But assuming that the protests on this line are honest, the Southern mill men are not as responsible for it as these papers assume, for efforts at reform in this matter have been thwarted, not by Southern men but by others who are operating mills in the South or have money invested in them. In commenting upon an editorial in the Philadelphia Bulletin on this subject the Washington Post thus shows where the responsibility lies:

It seems impossible to induce the press of the North to touch the one phase of this horrid business that should be especially interesting to the people of that section. Southern law-makers would have been less neglectful of their duty in this regard if New England capitalists, who own many of the mills and are part owners of the best men and women in the South, to prevent legislation. There has been no other slavery in this country half so cruel as this wholesale destruction of children. The average life of these victims of an atrocious rapacity is less than four years. It would be less cruel for a State to have children pained to death than it is to permit them to be ground to death by this fearful process.

But when, under pressure of the most enlightened Southern sentiment and in response to the petitions of the best men and women in the South, a legislative committee decides to report a bill excluding little children from factory toll, agents of New England capitalists appear on the scene and the legislative movement ends. When these facts are stated over the signatures of clergymen and other prominent citizens of a Southern State as the basis of an appeal to the New England conscience, the papers of that section, with few if any exceptions, ignore that appeal, and the pulpits in that section are equally deaf to the pleas of those solid men who are adding to their ample resources the profits of this infamous traffic.

This is a statement of fact which has appeared time and again in print and still the papers up there who are so ready to lecture and condemn the South seem to be entirely ignorant of it, or to ignore it if they know it.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, colored, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in South Africa, has come to the conclusion that the United States is the best country for a negro, and he is about right. A good many negroes who have emigrated have reached the same conclusion, and got back as soon as they could.

It has been discovered that the Great Sphinx of Egypt is rapidly crumbling to pieces. And now what will the world do when the G. S. is gone? But what has got into the old thing to be rapidly crumbling now after weathering it for 6,500 years?

Some of the New York papers say that "Newport Society is corrupt." It may be corrupt, but with the prominence with which dogs, donkeys, monkeys, &c., figure in it, it is also stupid, and in the estimation of some people that is a good deal worse.

Some of the European gentlemen who have been approached on the subject of the czar's anti-trust conference think that he might have shown his good faith by first tackling some of the trusts which run things in Russia.

According to the census reports there were in Georgia in 1900 only eight establishments for canning fruits and vegetables, an increase of four in ten years. And Georgia is a fruit State, too.

It is reported that Russell Sage, of New York, has recently bought 60,000 acres of long-leaf pine in Mississippi. He probably paid about fifty cents an acre for it.

A mastodon has been unearthed in Texas with jaws eight feet long. This gets away with some of the Texas statesmen.

Perhaps it wasn't so much newspaper articles as the threat of Tillman's pitchfork that made McLaurin throw up that prospective job.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Held Yesterday Afternoon at the Court House and a Solicitor Nominated.

SPLENDID SELECTION MADE.

Rodolph Duffy, Esq., Was Nominated by Acclamation—The Executive Committee Elected—Several Fine Speeches Were Made.

The Judicial Convention for this, the Fifth District, was held at the Court House yesterday afternoon, and Rodolph Duffy, Esq., was nominated solicitor by acclamation.

The convention was called to order shortly after 3 o'clock by Henry Grady, Esq., of Sampson county, who was elected as temporary chairman in the absence of H. E. Faison, Esq., of Sampson county. Frank Thompson, Esq., of Onslow county, was made secretary.

On motion of W. J. Bellamy, Esq., of New Hanover county, Mr. Grady was made permanent chairman.

On motion of B. G. Emple, Esq., of New Hanover county, the committees on credentials, resolutions, etc., were dispensed with.

A roll call of the counties comprising the Fifth District showed Onslow, Pender, Sampson and New Hanover represented, and Duplin and Lenoir not represented.

Avoid from the election of an executive committee, the chair announced that the only business would be the nomination of a solicitor.

B. G. Emple, Esq., of New Hanover, placed Rodolph Duffy, Esq., in nomination, and in doing so ably eulogized the man and the lawyer. He spoke of Mr. Duffy's fearless and earnest work as solicitor; that he had known him since 1884, and that he knew him to be a man of the highest character, an exponent of the law, and, in closing, said that New Hanover county stood united as a man in favor of the renomination.

W. J. Bellamy, Esq., of New Hanover, seconded the nomination in a few handsome remarks. Frank Thompson, Esq., of Onslow, also seconded the nomination and spoke of Mr. Duffy's zealous and courageous work as solicitor. As a native of the same county as the nominee he gratefully referred to the time, four years ago, when New Hanover county had helped Onslow to nominate Mr. Duffy for the first time.

After these three speeches Mr. Duffy was declared, by the convention nominated by acclamation.

Mr. Duffy was called upon for a speech, and the chair appointed Bruce Williams, Esq., of Pender, and B. G. Emple, Esq., of New Hanover to escort him to the platform.

Mr. Duffy, who is a fluent speaker, spoke for about fifteen minutes. First he expressed his great appreciation for the kind words of his friends and for the nomination, and then went on to recall the time, four years ago, when the white people of North Carolina made such a grand and glorious fight for liberty and State. He implored the members of the convention not to get careless in their support of Democracy or take things for granted, but to stand as a unit—to stand together to work together, to vote together. Every candidate, he said, should subordinate himself to the party and remember that no man can ever get above the people. In conclusion he called to mind the great suffering New Hanover county had endured under negro rule, and said that no community had ever acted more nobly.

The executive committee for the ensuing term was elected, as follows: B. G. Emple, New Hanover; Frank Thompson, Onslow; H. E. Faison, Sampson; Bruce Williams, Pender; Hampton D. Williams, Duplin, and Y. W. Ormond, Lenoir.

Upon adjournment, the executive committee held a session long enough to re-elect H. E. Faison, Esq., who had arrived in the meantime, chairman, and Frank Thompson, Esq., secretary. Onslow had an exceedingly large delegation present to see its noble son re-nominated. It included Messrs. Frank Thompson, E. M. Koonce, F. W. Hargett, B. L. Kellum, J. D. Costin, H. D. Murrell, M. M. Capps, G. E. Simmons, T. B. Henderson, I. E. Keelchum, F. W. Hargett, Jr., and I. N. Sanders.

Other delegates present were H. E. Faison, Esq., Henry Grady, Esq., and W. J. Beaman, Esq., of Sampson; Bruce Williams, Esq., of Pender, and B. G. Emple, Esq., W. J. Bellamy, Esq., John D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq., and T. W. Davis, Esq., of New Hanover.

A Postmaster Arrested.

F. C. Henderson, postmaster at Belgrade, Onslow county, principal of the Belgrade High School, president of the Belgrade Coal Co., and editor of the Belgrade Courier, has been arrested at the instance of a postoffice inspector, charged with being short in his accounts to the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner C. B. Hill, of Newbern, received bond in the sum of \$1,000 for Henderson's appearance at the next term of the Federal Court.

Boned Out to Court.

J. W. Hoyt, the alleged swindler, who was captured here for the Kingston authorities a few days on a charge of swindling, has been held for the higher court in the sum of \$100 for obtaining money under false pretences. It is learned that other charges of a similar character will be preferred.

A MARRIAGE INTERRUPTED.

Parental Objection Played Havoc With Work of Cupid—Abduction Charged.

What might have been an interesting betrothal affair was nipped in the bud by the police yesterday.

John Odum, a young white man well known in the city and now engaged as a huckster at Front street Market, wooed and won an attractive young girl, Annie Potter, aged 15, who lives with an older sister and works at the Delgado mill. News of the intended marriage reached the prospective mother-in-law, who lives twelve miles from Wilmington on the W. O. & A. railroad, and as the couple, happy in anticipation of the nuptial event, were arranging for the ceremony, the mother of the girl arrived on the scene and by advice invoked the aid of the police. Of course the age of the girl was the grounds for legal interference and the prospective groom also found trouble when he went to get license. The girl remained true to her lover and disappeared from her sister's home when her mother appeared upon the scene.

A warrant was sworn out for Odum, charging him with abduction and he with the girl were brought down to the City Hall where a compromise was effected by which Odum was released and the mother and girl were seen safely on the afternoon train for home by Policemen B. B. King. The prospective groom remains resolute in his purpose to marry the girl and it is said he left on the same train with mother and child.

The girl was found at the home of Mr. Ben Lane, on Church between Sixth and Seventh streets, where the police were first refused admission with the mother, but where she was found a second time in hiding.

GEORGIA SOLDIER INJURED.

Attempted to Jump from Moving Excursion Train at Wrightsville Friday.

In attempting to jump from Hatch Bros' excursion train at Wrightsville Friday afternoon while the cars were in rapid motion, Private E. B. Lester, Co. K, Fifth Georgia Regiment, was caught between the moving train and the platform of the sound station and severely bruised about the limbs and body. His knee struck one of the wheels of the moving train and was laid open.

Private Lester and a number of soldier companions boarded the train on the beach, thinking a stop would be made at the sound. When the sound was reached and there was no sign of a halt, the soldiers jumped. Private Lester having attempted to get on the station platform. He saved himself from being crushed under the wheels by hanging on to the train and being dragged some distance. The injured man was taken on a stretcher to the "Hammocks," where his wounds were dressed by the camp physicians. He was given a berth on a Pullman attached to the train upon which the regiment left for home yesterday afternoon.

DIED IN PENDER COUNTY.

Mrs. Sophia A. Dew Passed Away at Her Home in Canetuck.

[Special Staff Correspondence.]

CURRIE, N. C., July 28.—Mrs. Sophia A. Dew, a most estimable woman, passed away at her residence, on July 28, at Canetuck, Pender county. Mrs. Dew was 75 years of age, a consistent member of the Baptist church and a woman of remarkable energy and business qualifications. For some years she has been an invalid, receiving without stint the loving care of her son and daughter. On yesterday morning she took her flight from earth, and to-day they tenderly laid her away under the oaks beside the husband of her youth. She leaves to mourn her loss many friends and her children, Messrs. J. W. J. A. and M. C. Dew; Miss Pinkie Dew and Mrs. F. P. Flynn.

Solicitor Rodolph Duffy.

Raleigh News and Observer: "The unanimous renomination of Hon. Rodolph Duffy, of Onslow, for solicitor, is a fitting honor to one of the State's best men. As a leader of the minority in the year of 1897, Duffy was a member of the State Platform Committee in the last three State conventions, as solicitor, as campaigner. Mr. Duffy has shown ability of a high order in the management of his office. He is a Democrat of Democrats and his devotion to the principles of the party, in which he is thoroughly imbued, is a source of pride and honor to all public officers who are so capable, so honest, so manly, North Carolina would be an ideally governed State."

Seventy-First Township.

TRENTON, N. C., July 28, 1902.

EDITOR STAR: In reply to Major Hale's article in a recent issue of the Fayetteville Observer, in regard to the primary of Ray's precinct, I desire to state that I was one of three Brown men that participated in that primary. The vote of the primary was Brown 3, Bellamy 6, Hale 3. Major Hale's friends worked hard to bring out their vote, with the result stated. There were fully 50 men within a radius of 2 miles of the voting precinct that would have voted for Bellamy had they been there, and if necessary, as is pronounced as his courage is unquestioned. If all public officers were filled by men so capable, so honest, so manly, North Carolina would be an ideally governed State."

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The Canteen Didn't Pay.

The canteen established by the Fifth Georgia Regiment at Camp Terrell, where beer, cigars and soft drinks were dispensed to the soldiers in the late campaign, was not a financial success, so it is said. This fact shows the sobriety of the Georgia troops. Usually when drinks are not so convenient there is much drunkenness and disorder on the part of some of the militiamen, but Camp Terrell was an exception. The canteen didn't pay expenses.

IN LIMBO AT LAST.

Bogus Check Given Captured in Virginia and Will Be Sent Back to Charlotte for Trial.

Our bogus check giver has at last about run his reckless and swindling course, as the following clipping from yesterday's Charlotte Observer will show:

"O. W. Pritchard, the young man who registered in Charlotte from Jacksonville, Fla., last Saturday, and who, through his claim to relationship with Senator Pritchard and the aid of a forged bank book, succeeded in distributing a number of worthless checks about Charlotte, is in limbo. He was captured yesterday in Charlottesville, Va. During the afternoon the chief of police of that town telegraphed to a bank here to know if Pritchard's account was good. A reply was at once sent that it was very bad. Then another telegram came to the bank here, stating that Pritchard had been arrested there for passing worthless checks and asking if he was wanted in Charlotte. The bank here then advised the chief of police of Charlotte to look him up, pending the necessary proceedings to have him sent to Charlotte. The latter officer is well remembered here.

The cup is of sterling silver and is gold lined. It is mounted on a handsome highly polished black walnut pedestal and alone it is ten inches high; mounted on the pedestal it reaches about 15 inches in height. It has three beautifully chased handles. Upon one side of the cup appears Congressman Bellamy's initials prettily engraved, and on another appears the following appropriate inscription:

"Presented to Hon. John D. Bellamy, Member of Congress from North Carolina, by the Officers of the United States Revenue Cutter Service as a Slight Token of Friendship and their Admiration of His Able and Disinterested Efforts in their Behalf."

The efforts referred to were in connection with a bill passed by the present Congress for the benefit of the officers of the United States Revenue Cutter service. The bill had been pending for several years and its final passage caused great rejoicing among the officers interested. The estimate placed upon Congressman Bellamy's effort in behalf of the bill is shown in the handsome manner in which he has been remembered.

Congressman Bellamy strongly advocated the bill and was instrumental in bringing it to a successful issue. The bill greatly benefits the cutter service in many ways. Under the bill there is a retirement age and longevity pay, something that did not exist before. Now, the officers are retired at the age of 64, whereas before they had to grow almost decrepit in the service and even then merely be placed on waiting orders. The longevity pay is also another important factor, as at the expiration of every five years of service the officers get additional pay. Also, under the bill the officers now possess a relative rank. These are only three features of the many which the bill contains and each of which acts directly to the benefit of the officers of the cutter service.

COMES FOR PHILLIPS TO-DAY.

Petersburg Chief of Police Will Arrive This Morning—Further Particulars.

Chief of Police Ragland, of Petersburg, Va., is expected in the city this morning for the young man, Geo. W. Phillips, whose arrest in Wilmington Friday night was noted in the STAR yesterday.

The Petersburg correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch writing to that paper before the arrest, says: "The young man, George W. Phillips, who, it is alleged, robbed Mrs. Jennie P. Lambert of \$50 in money and \$75 worth of jewelry and then fled from the city on Wednesday, has not yet been apprehended. It was thought that he went from here to Richmond, but it is now believed that he bought a ticket through to Chicago, and that he is now beyond the jurisdiction of this State."

It is now asserted by Mr. E. H. Plummer, a furniture instalment merchant, by whom Phillips had been employed as salesman for several months, in the matter of collections and secret sales, Phillips has victimized him to the amount of \$100 or more. Strenuous efforts will be made to locate the young man and bring him to justice.

Valuable Trucking Lands.

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A man named West has been arrested at Mopini, Mexico, State of Durango, for complicity in the extortion robbery on Tuesday night, on the Mexican Central railroad, near Bermejillo. It is stated that he has made a full confession, implicating two others who he says got away with all the money secured from the looted train.

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A FINE LOVING CUP.

Presented Yesterday to Congressman Bellamy by U. S. Revenue Cutter Officers.

ABLE WORK APPRECIATED.

The Cup a Handsome Gold Lined Silver One and Stands Fifteen Inches High on a Polished Black Walnut Pedestal—Presentation.

As a token of their appreciation of earnest and able work in their behalf the officers of the United States Revenue Cutter Service yesterday presented to Congressman John D. Bellamy of this district, a magnificent loving cup. It was shipped from New York city, with an enclosed card containing the names of a special committee, Captain John W. Collins and Captain C. F. Shoemaker. The latter officer is well remembered here.

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The Educational Rally.

Prof. Washington Callett, county superintendent of public instruction, says there is increased interest in the educational rally to be held at Black's Landing, Middle Sound, on Aug. 13th. Prof. E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest College, will be the special speaker. The meeting is under the auspices of the State Board of Education and following the speaking will be a basket picnic and fish fry. The public will be cordially welcomed.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Young Woman Died in the Arms of Her Companion, a Former Yale Student.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., July 26.—Ella Maycock swallowed carbolic acid at a hotel in Branford last night and died in the arms of her companion, Alfred Austell, of Atlanta, Ga., a former Yale student, with whom she had been friendly for about a year. She was 20 years old and an orphan. This summer she had been much in the company of Austell, it is said, and it was known that they met separately that is supposed to have led to her suicide. Austell had planned to leave next Monday on his automobile for Atlanta, Ga. He was graduated in June from the Yale law school.

After a Battle With Officers in Oklahoma.

Horses and Guns Confiscated.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., July 26.—Another battle between outlaws and officers has been fought and Charles Johnson, for whom President Diaz of Mexico offered a large reward, has been captured. A number of outlaws were captured with Johnson and their horses and guns were confiscated. Sheriff James Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Smith surprised the men in a pasture where they had a large bunch of stolen animals. After a short exchange of shots the men surrendered and were taken to Anadarko.

LYNCHING IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Report That Five Negroes Have Been Killed—Action by the Governor.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 26.—Attorney General Ferrer received a telegram to-night from Gov. Whit, instructing him to go to Elkins, at once, to take criminal action against members of the mob engaged in lynchings there recently. The governor considers the conditions serious. A report is current here that five negroes were killed. The attorney general left for Elkins to-night. There will be no term of court in that place until October, but the attorney general will order a special term and a special grand jury and will take up the prosecution in person.

The electric and ice plant of Wm. Christie & Sons, Key West, Fla., exploded yesterday. Three boilers burst, demolishing the entire building. Pieces of the boilers were thrown ten blocks away. Several persons were slightly hurt by the bricks and pieces of iron.

—Murfreesboro Index: Mrs. W. D. Deane showed us a mammoth tomato a few days ago, which was raised in her garden. It was about five inches in diameter and weighed between two and three pounds.

—Rocky Mount Spokesman: F. W. Cromer, a white man, was arrested here this week for soliciting insurance without license and refusing to give proper receipts where he collected money. In default of bond he was sent to Nashville jail. He claimed to be from Virginia, and that he was working for the Industrial Aid Association of Georgia. His work was principally among the colored people.

—Sanford Express: While on the road last Sunday afternoon, between Jonesboro and Lemon Springs, Bob Rowles and Dave Thompson, colored, got into a row over a woman, when Thompson shot Rowles three times, killing him almost instantly. The murder made his escape. Mr. A. A. Harrington, who lives near this place, is 83 years of age, and has had but nineteen birthdays. He was born on the 25th of February, 1820. According to his birthday he will be 20 years of age in 1904.

—Fayetteville Observer: As Mr. J. D. Williams was on his way home Thursday night about 9 o'clock, some one stopped him and asked him to accompany the residence of Mr. H. R. Horne and Mr. M. D. Robinson, on Green street, and commanded him to hold up his hands. Williams was armed, but was taken by surprise. He did not know the man, and gave but a meagre description of him, though he thinks he was tall and slim and possibly a mulatto.

—Washington Gazette-Messenger: By phone from Idaho we learn that Alex. Tate, arrested several days ago, charged with being connected with the assassination of John Calton, and the negro he was witness against him, will arrive on the steamer, to be committed to jail. It is to be hoped the arrest of these parties will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties connected with this, the foulest murder ever committed in Beaufort county.

The tax list of the county of Washington, and township shows a remarkable state of affairs in one particular, as far as the colored race is concerned. In a comparison of the tax list of the year 1901 with the year 1900, it shows that the negroes have given in ten dollars less in tax. In other words, the sum total of the books shows, whenever the negroes have given in ten dollars worth of farming implements, while the negroes have invested in farming implements, they have only invested four dollars in farming implements. It was nothing unusual for a negro to own a horse, a cow, a pig, from two to five pigs. There is food for thought in the above statement, and it shows the still further necessity of a more rigid enforcement of the law against carrying concealed weapons.

CONTINUED RAIN IN TEXAS.

The Flood Situation More Serious. Trains Tied-up—Washouts—Residences Under Water.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

DALLAS, TEX., July 26.—The flood situation in Texas has not improved any to day, and in some districts has become more serious. In the western part of the State particularly the rain continues to fall, and there is little prospect of an early resumption of railroad traffic. Nearly all trains arriving in Dallas to-day were late, and trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas are reported tied-up at Hillsboro.

There are several washouts on the Texas Central, and no trains have gone further west