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A SOUTHERN BISHOP ON IT.

It is remarkable that the so-called race problem seems to attract more attention and is discussed more in the North than in the South, and that the Northern negroes, who are comparatively unaffected by it, take more interest in it than the Southern negroes do.

A SERMON IN BRIEF.

Hon. John D. Long, ex-Secretary of the Navy, was a guest and one of the speakers at the banquet of the Rockland, Maine, Commercial Club a few nights ago.

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BOOKER WASHINGTON LECTURES HIS STUDENTS ON THE ART OF RAISING POULTRY. THAT IS AN ART THAT LOTS OF THE COLORED BOYS FIND EASY AND ARE EXPECTED IN.

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The way I got my war injury was a ketchup of a hog. The hog was a sow hog and my captain wanted her for fur. We was chasin' the sow, and she crawled thru a hole in a rifle fence. It was a big deal, and I thought I was about the size of the hog and tried to crawl thru, but I stunk, and tried to wiggle out. I throve the rifle and one hit me on my head and knocked me senseless. I do not think the sow pig had nothing to do with my line of duty, for I did not keep the hog. With she never was caught.

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ING BEEN ELIMINATED, MAKES IT UNNECESSARY TO CHECKMATE AND COUNTER-ATTACK THE SCHEMES OF MEN WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AND USED THE IGNORANT MOB FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

But that has been a long stride in the direction of the solution of the race problem, because it has lessened the friction and brought the white men and the intelligent, well disposed negroes closer together. The intelligent negroes of the South know this and hence they are having no voice in the clamor raised in the North over restricted suffrage in the South, and hence they like Bishop Randolph, look upon the race problem as one to be settled in the South and by the Southern people. They believe with him, too, that in time with enlightenment and education of the negro it will settle itself and that the sooner outsiders quit meddling with it and leave it to the Southern people the sooner and the more effectually it will be settled, in the interest of the white man and of the black man.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long, said at a banquet the other night, that he was glad he wasn't a "rich man" and that he wouldn't change his freedom, home life and content of heart for the wealth of a Morgan or a Carnegie.

A Massachusetts man, now living in San Francisco, wants a divorce because his wife persists in keeping cats after he had killed a hundred or more of them. The more he killed the more the cats came back, and more of them. The cats were of all sizes, ages, breeds and conditions, a regular cat nursery. To get rid of the cats he gave his wife money enough to go home, and now he wants a divorce.

There is a Frenchman in New York who says he has discovered a process for making a substitute for kerosene from water, at a cost of one cent a gallon which gives five times as much light and heat as kerosene.

Mr. Machen, the superintendent of the rural mail delivery department, now on the ragged edge, looks, judging from his picture, as if he had swallowed something which didn't agree with him. He is an Ohio man. Mr. Bristow, who has met with some success in prospecting for "pay dirt," is a Kansas man. He wears a shoe-brush moustache.

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IN HAYWOOD'S FAVOR

Habeas Corpus Proceedings in Raleigh's Murder Case Are Nearing an End.

TESTIMONY FOR THE STATE.

There Will Be No Argument and Matters Will Go to Justices on Its Merit. May be Decided by Monday at Noon-Hearing Yesterday.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 30.—The State closed its case at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the habeas corpus proceedings of Ernest Haywood, charged with the shooting of Ludlow Skinner. Counsel for the defense stated that they have two or three witnesses they wish to introduce in rebuttal. Then a recess was taken until Monday.

It has since been agreed by counsel that there will be no argument, so the question of bail will be with the Justices before noon on Monday, when the few remaining rebuttal witnesses are examined. The fact that Haywood's counsel do not desire argument illustrates their confidence in the case for bail. People generally express surprise at the unimportant character of the State's evidence.

It is generally conceded that bail will be forthcoming, and in view of the evident failure of the State to disprove the evidence in the defense of Skinner's assault on Haywood before he shot, the opinion is general that a case of justifiable homicide was really proven.

Nineteen witnesses were put on the stand by the prosecution to-day. Neither credible witness saw the first shot. One Geo. Williams, of Apex, introduced, swore he saw Skinner walk out of the postoffice across the sidewalk into the street, saw Haywood shoot, and saw Skinner fall. He was introduced, swore he saw Skinner walk out of the postoffice across the sidewalk into the street, saw Haywood shoot, and saw Skinner fall.

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TO IMPROVE THE STATE HOUSE.

Legislative Committee is Arranging for Plans for Enlarging Building.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 29.—Gov. Aycock, Chief Justice Walter Clark, W. A. Graham, of Oxford, and Jno. C. Drewry, of Raleigh, the committee appointed by the Legislature the procedure plans for remodeling to present State House, to-day selected Frank F. Milburn, of Atlanta to prepare plans to be submitted at the next Legislature. The idea is as far as possible to keep the present building intact and make changes in keeping with its date. Room is to be made for the Supreme Court, Supreme Court library, State library, Corporation Commission and Superintendent of responsible industries. Larger quarters are to be provided for those State officers now in the Capitol. The Legislative halls are to be enlarged and improved with elevators, ventilating and heating plants to be installed.

AN ESTIMATE OF COTTON ACREAGE.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, Have Issued a Statement.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., the well known bankers and cotton commission merchants of New York, have just issued a very comprehensive estimate of the cotton acreage of the United States for the present year.

The estimate is based upon 3,980 replies to 4,000 letters to banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants and responsible planters, embracing every cotton-growing county in the South, and, therefore, the figures carry weight. The total estimated increase of cotton acreage in the United States is given as 2.72 per cent., or 737,378 acres more than last year, and the average planting of the crop is about 15 days later than normal.

The acreage in 1902 was 27,114,103, while that of 1903 is estimated at 27,851,981. The season is 14.7 average days later than usual. The increase in acreage in North and South Carolina and Virginia is estimated at 4 per cent. That in Texas and other States ranges from 1 to 2 1/2 per cent. Tennessee is given at 5 per cent.

End of an Ugly Case.

The two Watson women—mother and grown daughter—were bound over to the Superior Court yesterday by Justice Jno. J. Furlong to answer the charge of keeping a house of ill repute. The women had been tried the afternoon previous on evidence developed in the case against Jno. Wilkins, charged with an attempt at felonious assault upon one of them, but Justice Furlong reserved his decision until the following day. In view of the fact that the mother has a number of young children in the house and was unable to give bond, the defendants were recognized for their appearance. There was no other course to pursue, as no home could be found for the children.

E. D. Guthrie, Esq., in Extremis.

Friends will regret to know that Eugene D. Guthrie, Esq., of Southport, is very ill and is not expected to live. He is suffering with brain trouble. Young Mr. Guthrie is a son of Mr. M. C. Guthrie, of Southport, and is a brilliant young lawyer. He delivered a remarkably fine address to the Women of the World upon the occasion of the unveiling of a monument at Southport a few weeks ago. His hundreds of friends in Wilmington hope that there may yet come a turn for the better.

Col. Woodward Back.

Col. W. J. Woodward, returned Saturday from New Orleans, where he was one of the most popular members of Gen. Gordon's staff at the Veterans' reunion, having been in charge of the social features of that great occasion. Returning to Wilmington, Col. Woodward spent a day with Gen. Gordon at his handsome country home, "Kirkwood," five miles from Atlanta. Col. Woodward says that Gen. Gordon expects to have his new book from the presses in the early Fall.

MR. AARON M. COLVIN DEAD.

Venerable Citizen of Pender Died Near Point Caswell—Funeral Services.

POINT CASWELL, N. C., May 30.—Died at his home near Point Caswell, Pender county, on Monday, May 29th, Mr. Aaron M. Colvin. Mr. Colvin was a communicant of the Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Truly a good citizen has passed to his eternal reward. A few months more and he would have reached the 74th year of his age. He leaves to mourn his loss a sainted wife, a son, daughter and granddaughter and many relatives. He was funerals by Rev. Olin Shaw, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who has reached the venerable age of 92 years. Although feeble, his remarks were touching and at times sublime.

SIXTEEN DROWNED.

Negro Plantation Hands Attempting to Cross the Mississippi River.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 30.—Sixteen negroes—two families of cotton plantation hands—were drowned in the north of this city. They left the plantation after dark in two skiffs. Waves from a passing vessel capsized the frail boats and all hands were one with death. A. W. Bell, escaped by clinging to an oar. He was washed ashore and reported the tragedy to Dr. B. F. Childs, who brought the news to Memphis. Seven of the bodies have been recovered.

APPALLING SCENES

IN CITY OF TOPEKA.

Fire Follows the Disastrous Flood, Causing the Loss of Many Lives.

THIRTY KNOWN TO BE DEAD.

People Drowning and Others Burning to Death—Burling Houses Are Floating Through the Streets and Spreading the Flames.

TOPEKA, KANS., May 30.—People who did not leave North Topeka last night when they had a chance, are now in the greatest danger of losing their lives. As far as can be estimated at this time, over five hundred people are beyond the reach of rescue. The Kansas river is rising at the rate of three inches an hour. Thirty are known to be dead and the list will be larger. Hundreds are missing. People are drowning and others are burning to death.

If any portion of North Topeka shall escape destruction by the flood it seems to-night as though fire would finish the work. The large lumber yards of Jonathan Thomas caught fire and two whole blocks of houses were burned. Burning houses are floating through the streets and setting fire to others.

It is reported that the Union Pacific depot and hotel have been burned. The loss of life will be appalling, the property loss in the millions. Nobody can tell just what has been destroyed. The water extends around Shurey and other suburbs.

Every foot of North Topeka, inhabited by ten thousand people, is under water. The current is so swift that no boat can live in it. Seven thousand people have escaped to the south side and are being cared for as well as possible. The remaining hundreds have not yet been accounted for. They have been forced to the top floors of the roofs of buildings and are waiting for the water to subside or carry them down stairs.

Below the town's scores of men are in tree tops, yelling for assistance. Thousands of revolver shots and screams have been heard on the north side, signals for aid. Women and children in the west part of North Topeka are standing on the highest buildings, and yet in water up to their necks.

The Situation Last Night.

Burling houses are floating about setting fire to others. The lower story of the burning buildings contain less feet of water. The current is so strong that no boat can approach a house or burning buildings. People are gathered on the tops of houses and will meet death either by fire or drowning. The cries for help can be distinctly heard a mile away. The fire city is wildly excited because no aid can be extended to the sufferers. The river at North Topeka is five or six feet above the highest estimate of the financial loss is obtainable, but can be stated that it will reach into millions.

North Topeka was the manufacturing district of the city. Three large flour mills, three woolen mills and other manufacturing enterprises are being destroyed. The water of the whole city has been cut off. The water from the river extends nearly a mile on the south side. The Rock Island bridge has been abandoned, and more than 500 people on this side of the river are also homeless, but no loss of life has resulted. Some of the bridges are being repaired, and the only one across the river for miles, and the approaches to that bridge are flooded by thirty feet of water. An effort is being made to construct a temporary bridge in an effort to reach the sufferers.

From the State House dome as many as thirty fires can be counted in different parts of North Topeka. The entire central portion of the city had burned out at 10 o'clock to-night, and it is safe to say that by morning the water in the main part of North Topeka will be left standing. When it is stated that North Topeka has 10,000 inhabitants, the extent of the disaster can be realized. People are sticking to the roofs of houses and many are giving up in despair and dropping into the water below to their rescue. Great efforts are being made to construct a steam launch to go to the aid of the sufferers, and whatever is done must be done promptly or the loss of life will be appalling.

A. F. Baldwin, who at great risk of his life crossed in a boat to the north side, returned late to-night and reports that nothing can possibly be done to save the city from burning. Miss John Troutman, sister of former Lieutenant Governor Troutman, was rescued with her aged father, late to-night. The two people had spent the entire day on the roof of their house and were just about to drop into the water when aid came.

Chief of Police Doff, Thomas Page and A. C. Holman, all of prominent families of the north side, are among the victims. Mayor Berglundthall was rescued by Dr. L. L. Powell in a boat after remaining in a boat all night.

Reports received to-day say there are small prospects of the water falling within the next twenty-four hours.

150 Persons Dead.

TOPEKA, KANS., May 30.—Four hundred houses have been burned in North Topeka and that whole section of the city will be burned. As far as can be learned 150 persons are dead. Most of those were burned to death.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30.—All telegraph wires into Topeka were cut after 6 o'clock this evening and the only means of communication is a slow working telephone wire, secured at 3:45 o'clock to-night.

The south bound passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line railway was into an open switch at Starke, Fla., Friday night and was wrecked. The colored fireman was killed and Engineer Weeks seriously injured. The locomotive was demolished. No passengers were hurt.

Harry Elkes of Gies Falls, N. Y., was fatally hurt, dying in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, and William Stinson was badly hurt, in a bicycle race on Charles river, Park track, Boston, Mass., yesterday afternoon.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Dunn Banner: All of our factories are now running on full time and are shipping quantities of goods.

Ashboro Courier: Mr. Elijah Moffit recently returned from Baltimore where he purchased a canning outfit for the new cannery.

Monroe Enquirer: Dr. P. T. Beaman, of Peachland, Anson county, died last Saturday. He was 69 years old and was a well known physician.

Sanford Express: The first shipment of peaches was made from Southern Pines May 20th, nine days earlier than ever before.

The Sanford Sash and Blind Factory made shipments of building material to Columbia, S. C., and to Jacksonville, Fla., this week.

Concord Tribune: "What is good in place," said a farmer, "and there will be more raised in Cabarrus this year than last. The wheat on red land is pretty good, but on sandy land it is not much." This farmer declares that his wheat is not good at all, that the flies damaged it.

Durham Herald: Mr. C. C. Taylor, has a pony which undoubtedly has hydrophobia. The animal was in bad shape yesterday afternoon and will probably be killed this morning. Some thirty or more days ago the pony was bitten by a dog that was afterwards decided to have the hydrophobia.

Statesville Mascot: Mr. K. W. Orr, who is one of the best wheat farmers of this section, says that his wheat crop has improved very much in the last two weeks, and that with favorable seasons from now on he looks for a good yield. Other farmers report wheat as improving.

Raleigh Post: An accident occurred near Salisbury Wednesday in which Albert Ray, a prosperous young farmer, lost his life. Mr. Ray was at the time working about the saw mill on the plantation, when his clothing was caught in the machinery and he was thrown overboard. He was badly mangled. After being taken from the machinery he lived only a few hours.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. W. P. Post, mail carrier on route No. 3, says that cotton and corn, in spite of the dry weather, are growing nicely, and what is looking better the last week.

Mr. D. J. Carpenter informs us that he will move his Valdes Hosiery Mill to Newton and join it to his mill here. This will increase the plant to about 200 machines and make it one of the largest mills in the South.

MORE POSTOFFICE ROTTENNESS DISCLOSED.

The Federal Government Paying Enormous Rentals for Buildings in New York Shows Up by Brooklyn Eagle.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The Brooklyn Eagle says to-day that an investigation made by it shows that \$600,000 per annum is paid in New York State in excess of the normal commercial rental for postoffice buildings. The eagle adds that as the leases run for ten years the total excess amounts to \$5,000,000.

The Eagle says: "Continuing investigation to New York State, in which nearly every section has been covered, it is difficult to find an instance where the Federal government is not paying from 25 to 50 per cent. more than it should for rentals. Indeed, so universal is the gravely excessive rate paid that a belief would be justified that an organized conspiracy to advance and maintain the high figures of these rentals exists or has existed for some time. All the traffic would bear some to the rate.

"Instances of fifty per cent. above the rentals paid by private interests for like property similarly situated are many. The Brooklyn Eagle adds that in some cases 100 and even 200 per cent. have been reached.

"Instances have been found where leases have been executed by the Postoffice Department for the occupation of floors in buildings which were not in existence, but which were yet to be built, and were so built and occupied at grossly excessive rates.

"The most notable and flagrant instance of the abuse is shown in Dunkirk, in Chautauque county. It is a city of 11,616 population by the last census. For a single floor for the accommodation of the postoffice the government is paying \$2,000 annually. In the same block is a street floor which is occupied by a business concern, which, apart from this postoffice building, commands the highest rent in the city of Dunkirk. The merchant occupying it pays \$500 per annum.

The Eagle presents a table of recent increases of rentals at towns throughout the State.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The U. S. grand jury at Montgomery, Ala., returned thirty-six indictments against white citizens of Coosa and Tallapoosa counties, charging poisoning or holding negroes in servitude.

It is officially announced in Paris that President Loubet will proceed to London between July 18 and July 20, to return the visit of King Edward, and that he will stay there three or four days.

His health undermined by business worries, and his mind unbalanced, Frank Emmett, a prominent New Orleans cotton broker, who retired from business a few days ago, ended his life Saturday with a pen knife.

In the official order designating the districts, provision is made that in each district shall be one inspector in command. In several of the districts will be established torpedo boat bases, and torpedo boats will be regarded as part of the mobilized force of each district. Money for exchanging information between shore stations and ships at sea will be provided, the system to be known as the navy radio.

FEDERAL DECORATION DAY.

Observed in Washington, D. C., on a More Elaborate Scale Than Ever Before—Parades, Etc.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—With solemn and impressive ceremonies Decoration day was observed in the national capital on a more elaborate scale than ever before. The ceremony was suspended not only in the departments of the government but also throughout the city. People of all classes united in preparing the memory of the heroic dead whom in countless thousands sleep peacefully in the eight national cemeteries of the District of Columbia.

Notwithstanding the absence from the city of the President, who usually is a conspicuous figure in the day's exercises at Arlington, the ceremonies were elaborate and beautiful. They were under the direction of the Department of the Potomac G. A. R. and included a parade of the Grand Army of the Old Guard, other patriotic organizations, and the militia of the District of Columbia, headed by the Marine band; decoration of monuments and graves; an address by men prominent in public life.

After a short march through the city, the organizations in the parade boarded electric cars and proceeded to the most beautiful of national cemeteries, overlooking the historic Potomac, where the principal exercises of the day occurred. Already the 18,000 graves in the cemetery had been strewn with flowers and each marked by a tiny American flag. One hundred part of the ceremony—a feature typifying a country thoroughly reunited—was the decoration of the graves in that section of the cemetery where lie the Confederate soldiers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of decoration of the graves, a great crowd gathered in the amphitheatre. Sen. Charles E. Smith, of the Philadelphia Press delivered the oration of the day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Rode a Horse Over the Black Hills Trail from Laramie to Cheyenne.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

LARAMIE, WYO., May 30.—President Roosevelt to-day rode a horse over the "Black Hills trail" to Cheyenne. He made a short address before starting on his ride. He thanked the Black Hills Lodge, office building, commands the highest rent in the city of Dunkirk. The merchant occupying it pays \$500 per annum.

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The General Assembly Formally Adjourned Last Night—All Unfinished Business Cleared from Docket.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR.

LEXINGTON, VA., May 30.—This morning's session of the General Assembly passed upon much business. Consideration of reports by committees developed so much discussion that a five minute rule for speaking was adopted.

The report of the committee on the narrative of the state of religion was submitted and ordered to be inserted as an appendix to the minutes. It was also ordered to be read from the pulpit and inserted in all church papers. The report showed a high percentage of fifty-two presbyteries and submitted narratives to the committee.

The committee on foreign correspondence reported relative to a communication from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church, asking that a committee be appointed to consider with like committees of other unions of reformed churches, that the appointment of such a committee be not made, as there was no evidence in the report that just cause existed in hoping that the object proposed might be gained in this way. It was adopted.

A resolution was adopted to have Dr. Whyte, elder of High Street Presbyterian church, London, England, for services rendered the assembly a African mission, and for kindly aid given missions and missionaries, was passed.

The report of the committee on Sabbath schools was adopted by the assembly. Dr. A. L. Phillips of Richmond, as recommended in this report, was retained as general superintendent of Sabbath schools and young people's societies.

The report on systematic benevolence was adopted. It showed that every presbytery on the roll including two that were omitted in the past year or a total of eighty-one, had sent a report. This report showed that a grand total of \$466,753 had been given for specific causes during the year ending March 31, which compared with last report showed a net gain of \$13,973. An ad interim committee was appointed to take up the question of schedule of systematic benevolence and report to the next assembly.

The report of an ad interim committee on committees and commissions was put on the docket for consideration at the next assembly. It was ordered published as an appendix to the minutes. Adjournment is not yet in sight. Many commissioners have come home.

The forty-third General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church formally adjourned to-night. The afternoon session was long and all unfinished business was cleared from the docket.

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