

With the perils that beset us in this new phase of Bryanism, the North Carolina Democratic State convention had better instruct for Judge Parker as the best way to save the party from more trouble.

PARKER OR NO PARKER.

The result of the Democratic State convention held the past week was that Georgia instructed for Parker, Michigan elected an un-instructed delegation favorable to Parker, Nebraska and Oklahoma bowed down to the Bryan ideal, and Wyoming instructed for Hearst.

The situation has brightened up the chances for the nomination of the eminent and clean handed New York jurist, and we predict that after the St. Louis convention casts a few ballots out of respect for the "favorite son" phantom, the delegates will fall over themselves in getting on the Parker band wagon.

COL. BRYAN'S NEW IDEA.

When Col. William Jennings Bryan was on his European trip or just after he returned, we have forgotten which, he made the announcement that he had "a new idea." He wouldn't tell what it was, and we presumed that he had to wait in breathless suspense for an eruption of the "new idea" till the St. Louis convention assembled.

Whether suspect, however, that Col. Bryan sprung his "new idea" in the platform adopted the other day by the Nebraska Democratic State convention. He was the author of that platform, and the Baltimore Sun has caused it to dawn upon us that the "new idea" is nothing more than "greenbackism" redivivus.

Here is the Sun's digest of the financial part of the Nebraska platform:

The platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention of Nebraska is interesting because it is said to have been written by Mr. William Jennings Bryan and to indicate his views as to what the national platform of the party should be.

Our valued contemporary, the Charlotte News speaks out plainly for instructions for Parker, and says:

Yesterday, Georgia, the Empire State of the South, followed the lead of the Empire State of the North in instructing for Alton B. Parker for the Presidential nomination at St. Louis.

The reports from New York indicate that Murphy has been vastly discredited in his own Democracy Hall for his attitude toward Parker, which is one of unreasoning and unreasonable opposition.

We hope North Carolina will also instruct for Parker. It has happened in the past that the news of what North Carolina was doing in the Democratic Convention was received with agonizing anxiety by the people at home.

The Richmond Dispatch of Friday contains a wise editorial on the situation, and urges Virginia and North Carolina to save the day by instructing for the New York man whose Democracy is straight and whose record is unassailable from any source.

The South holds the key of the situation. It has the power, and evidently has the disposition, to put the party back in the path of sanity and safety.

Romans and countrymen! Free speech has got to be vindicated if every editor in North Carolina has to be sentenced to a term in the Yarborough House. Don't all speak at once.

We get it from the Washington Post that Judge Alton Brooks Parker's wealth is only \$30,000. If that is a fact we are sure his money won't last during the campaign.

Of course, what receiver would be willing to go up against Charley Aycock's game after he gave his hand away?

And Daniels got out of the lion's den without a scratch.

COL. K. M. MURCHISON

Wilmington Mourns Loss of a Prominent Business Man and Esteemed Citizen.

SUMMONS CAME QUICKLY.

Died Suddenly Friday Night at Home of a Daughter in Baltimore—Remains Reached Here Last Saturday Morning—Sad Coincidence.

A gloom was cast over this entire community Saturday morning by the unexpected announcement from Baltimore that Col. Kenneth McKenzle Murchison had died suddenly the night before at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Carter, in that city. The news came as a shock to Col. Murchison's many friends in Wilmington, who had seen him on the streets in apparently the best of health and in the finest of spirits only a day or two before.

IN ROBESON AND BLADEN.

Stedman Leads in One and Glenn is the Other—Results Expected.

ELIABETHBORO, N. C., June 2.—The Bladen county convention was held here to day. Nineteen delegates were appointed to the State Convention.

LUMBERTON, N. C., June 2.—The Robeson county convention held here to-day appointed delegates to the State and Congressional conventions.

TIOTH SQUEEZE FOR C. O. JONES.

Fined \$3,500 for Being Connected With His Illegal Stamp Transactions.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 4.—A verdict of guilty of receiving postage stamps knowing them to be stolen was returned by a Federal court jury this evening against Chas. C. Jones, of Goldsboro, who was on trial for robbing the postoffices at Whiteville and Apex and on the charge for which the verdict was rendered.

A KNOCK-OUT IN HALIFAX

Stedman Gets 39 of 44 Votes in State Convention at Greensboro.

WELDON, N. C., June 4.—Halifax county Democrats at convention to-day endorsed Hon. Frank D. Winston for Lieutenant Governor and gave Maj. C. M. Stedman for Governor thirty-nine and a half of its 44 votes in the State Convention.

Changes at the Seaboard.

Mr. J. T. Lanier, city ticket and passenger agent of the Seaboard in Wilmington, has been transferred and promoted to the agency of the company at Clarkston, N. C.

Sept. Owen Holmes Dead.

The Star has learned with regret of the death of Capt. Owen Holmes, who left his home in Clinton, N. C., some time ago to join two of his sons at Tampa, Fla., but who became sick there and died last week at the age of 72 years.

Five vagrants, tried yesterday and the day before, went to jail for the county roads from the Mayor's court yesterday.

A LIBERATION DAY!

Imprisoned Men in Both Contempt Proceedings Released at Raleigh Yesterday.

CLEARING OF THE DECKS.

Judge Peebles and Lumbermen Lawyers Also Settle Their Differences—Editor Daniels Overwhelmed With Congratulations—A. & N. S.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.—Judge Pritchard has issued an order releasing Editor Josephus Daniels and putting an end to the contempt proceedings instituted against him by Judge Purnell.

The conference with President Taylor and the Chamber of Commerce officials was very satisfactory and satisfactory results are expected to result therefrom within the next ten days.

The Peables Contempt.

An order of Justice Connor concurred in by Justices Walker and Douglas of the Supreme Court this afternoon dismisses the contempt proceeding against Southernland, Kerr and Orrill, the three men whom Judge Peebles ordered to jail at Lumbermen for making an affidavit charging him with drunkenness in the contempt hearing against the Robeson county lawyer.

Settlement With Lawyers.

Following close upon this dismissal of the three affidavits comes the issuance of an order to-night by Judge Peebles, adjudicating and settling all differences between him and the Robeson county lawyers.

Associated Press Account

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.—The contempt proceedings of Federal Judge Purnell against Editor Josephus Daniels and Chief Justice Johnston, which have been in custody since Monday for refusal to pay \$2,000 fine, was ended short of this afternoon, Mr. Daniels being released.

After argument Judge Pritchard dismissed the case and released Mr. Daniels, saying that he failed to find anything in Section 725. Revised United States Statutes, to warrant the action, and hence he ordered the respondent dismissed.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Boarding House Wrecked—Four People Fatally Hurt and Others Injured.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., June 4.—Four people were fatally hurt and eight others seriously injured to-day in an explosion of natural gas which wrecked a large boarding house here.

STRENGTH OF THE CANDIDATES.

According to Figures Received at Greensboro, Major Stedman Has a Lead.

GREENSBORO, June 3.—Reports received here this week show that Stedman has made still further gains in the primaries recently held.

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SEABOARD OFFICIALS HERE.

Vice President and General Manager East and Others Held Conference in Wilmington Saturday—The Policy.

ANOTHER FIELD DAY.

Stedman Managers Highly Gratified at Returns from Saturday's Primaries.

EXPECTATIONS FULLY MET.

Several Counties Give Greensboro Man More Than Had Been Included in the General Estimates—Wake, Cumberland, Scotland, Etc.

"Another field day for Stedman" pretty well expresses the results in Saturday's county conventions and primaries held in the various sections of the State so far as could be heard from at a late hour last night.

WAKE IS FOR STEDMAN.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 4.—Returns from the Wake county Democratic primaries to-night show that Stedman gets 28 out of the 38 votes to which the county is entitled in the State Convention.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., June 4.—The Cumberland county Democratic convention to-day instructed 15 votes for Stedman and three for Glenn.

GREENVILLE, N. C., June 4.—Township primaries held in Pitt county to-day selected delegates to the county convention next Saturday.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., June 4.—Water covers the northern section of this city and hundreds of families have been driven from their homes.

FLOOD IN ARKANSAS.

Rivers Rising and Bottom Lands Submerged—Families Moving Out.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 4.—A special to the Arkansas "Gazette," from Van Buren, Ark., says:

WADESBORO, N. C., June 4.—Impossible to give exact figures of the vote in the Democratic primaries of Anson county.

MORVEN, N. C., June 4.—In Morven precinct primaries to-day, Stedman led with 38 votes; Turner received 30 and Glenn 2.

JONESBORO, N. C., June 4.—In the Jonesboro primaries to-day Stedman received 23, Glenn 15 and Turner 1.

CLINTON, N. C., June 4.—Sampson county convention was held to-day and will send seven delegates to the State Convention for Glenn and two for Stedman.

LAURENSBURG, N. C., June 4.—In the Laurens to-day Stedman received 214 votes and Glenn 236.

RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER:

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Fifty-eight young men graduated the past week at the North Carolina University.

It all depends, in the minds of some people, upon who does the speaking or writing, whether the freedom of speech and the liberty of the press should be untrammelled.—Raleigh Post.

The second meeting of the State Real Estate Dealers' Association will be held in Greensboro June 22d.

Raleigh Post: A contemporary from another State announces in tones of despair: "There is no news from Port Arthur." If its hot stuff you're after drop the cable and get central to connect you with North Carolina.

Enough peanuts are raised within easy reach of Hertford, N. C. to keep a peanut factory busy all the year, and a party of local capitalists who have already selected a site at Hertford are planning to build there a factory.

A Summers, charged with defaulting with eighteen hundred dollars of the money of the Singer Manufacturing Company, at Greensboro, has been located at Bloomingville, Ills. Governor Aycock has issued a requisition on Governor Yates for his absconder.

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Thomas Moore, a visitor from Hartford, Conn., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver at Asheville on last Friday afternoon at the McLean home.

Winston Sentinel: The production manfacture of tobacco in the Winston-Salem internal revenue district for the ten months of the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1903, and extending to the close of April, 1904, aggregated 27,332,680 pounds, an increase of 6,181,150 pounds over the corresponding period of 1902-03.

Unless executive clemency should modify the sentence in the meantime, it will be a few days now before Sheriff Marsh will be called upon to perform the duty so abhorred by all officers in his position—the hanging of a criminal.

Statesville Landmark: It is assumed that the nomination of Mr. Linney for Congress by the Republican anti-Blackburn convention at Taylorsville Wednesday doesn't mean that the ex-Congressman will seriously enter the race in opposition to Blackburn, but that the nomination will be used to bring the Blackburn people down to earth.

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