

### TO FIGHT FREE SILVER

#### SECRETARY HOKE SMITH TO CARRY THE WAR THROUGH GEORGIA.

### HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR ARRANGED.

He Leaves Washington To-morrow and will Speak at Several Important Cities in the State--Mr. Smith Says his Canvass has Nothing to do with the Senatorial Contest in Georgia--Explains Why he Changed his Views on the Money Question.

Special to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17. Secretary Hoke Smith will leave Washington Friday for Georgia, where he will deliver several speeches against the free coinage of silver. The invitation to deliver the speeches has been extended by leading business men of important cities of the State.

His first speech will be at Gainesville, in the northern part of the State. He will then speak at Columbus, in the district represented by Mr. Moses, a free silver advocate, and then at Cordele, in ex-Speaker Crisp's district. Each of these engagements Mr. Smith has made at the earnest solicitation of the sound-money Democrats in the different localities. Every effort will be made by the men in charge of the arrangements to gather together as many people as possible to hear the Secretary. At Cordele special trains will be run from Macon and Americus, the latter, the home of Mr. Crisp, and the farmer, for miles around each of the cities at which Mr. Smith will speak, will be carried by the railroads at half fare.

There will be a barbecue at Cordele, at which provision will be made for 5,000 people. Assurances have been received by the Secretary from those who have asked him to address them that large crowds of people are anxious to hear him.

In addition to the cities named Mr. Smith has been asked to speak at Rome and at a number of other towns in Georgia. It is probable, however, that he will confine his present efforts to three speeches and that later in the campaign he will accept the other invitations. Mr. Smith's addresses will practically open the sound-money fight in Georgia.

The purpose of Mr. Smith's visit just now is not, as has been supposed, to pave the way for his own candidacy for the Senate next year, but is solely to discuss the financial question.

Speaking of the matter to-day Mr. Smith said: "There is absolutely no personal politics in my trip. I am not in the Senatorial fight, but I am going to Georgia to make a few speeches at the request of the sound money men of the State. The election of a United States Senator from Georgia is still a long way in the future and many things may occur before it takes place. My desire now is to aid the party in declaring in favor of sound money."

His Views Changed With Study. Secretary Smith yesterday gave out the following:

"My attention has just been called to the publication of a letter written by me in September, 1890, to W. L. Peek, and published at that time in The Atlanta Journal. The Journal was then openly opposing the Sub-Treasury scheme, and my personal opposition to it was well understood. The letter clearly excluded the idea of committing me to all of the seven propositions which it presented, although it was known that I did favor the free coinage of silver. I was giving most of my attention to professional work at that time, and supposed, without thorough investigation, that the free coinage of silver would carry the value of the silver bullion coined into a dollar to par, and also keep silver and gold dollars upon a parity, with equal purchasing power. Since then I have given the subject much more study, and, being thoroughly satisfied that the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would result in silver monometallism. I have for several years openly opposed it."

#### Civil Service Examinations.

August 1st the Government Printing office will begin work under the civil service. The Civil Service Commission is now prepared to examine applicants for the position of compositor, pressman and bookbinder in the Government Printing office and for minor positions in that office, such as feeder, helper, folder, sewer, counter, numberer, gatherer, etc.

An examination for these positions will be held at the rooms of the Commission in this city on August 1st and each day thereafter until the examination is completed.

Applications will be received from men only for examination for pressman, bookbinder and helper; from men and women for examination for compositor and counter; from women only for examination for feeder, folder, sewer, numberer and gatherer.

Male applicants must not be less than twenty one years or over forty-five years of age, and female applicants not less than eighteen years or over thirty-five years of age.

The subjects of the examination for compositor will be as follows: (1) Orthography; (2) penmanship; (3) letter writing; (4) arithmetic; (5) practical questions.

The arithmetic will not extend beyond fractions and percentage, and the fifth subject, practical questions, will be weighted heavily in the examination.

The subjects of the examination for pressman and bookbinder will be as follows: (1) Orthography; (2) penmanship; (3) letter writing; (4) arithmetic.

The arithmetic of this examination will be of an elementary character.

Applicants for the positions of compositor, pressman, and bookbinder will not be admitted to examination unless they have had five years' experience in the particular trade in which they desire to be employed, four years of which must have been rendered as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman.

They will be required, in addition to the regular application, to file a sworn statement with the commission showing

their experience at their trade, when and where employed, the names of their employers, the reason, if any, why they left their service, and such other information as may be found necessary to show their qualifications for the positions which they seek.

In addition they must furnish vouchers from three persons certifying as to their length of service and their skill and experience in their trade, or, if this cannot be done, by their fellow-workmen who have knowledge of the facts in the case.

Appointments to the Government Printing Office will not be apportioned exactly among the several States and Territories, but it will be the aim of the commission to distribute appointments as far as possible among the States and Territories.

No person can be eligible for appointment to more than one branch of the service at the same time, and persons whose names are on the eligible list for appointment to any other branch of the service must write to the commission and request that their eligibility be canceled before they can be admitted to the examinations for the government printing service.

Mr. W. K. Carr, son of Gov. Carr, leaves to-night accompanied by his wife for North Carolina, to visit relatives.

Mr. B. F. Aycock and wife, of Goldsboro, are in the city visiting at Mr. J. H. Hinnant's.

Mr. Frank Patterson, nephew of Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson, formerly of Winston, now on the Baltimore American, was married to-day at Frederick, Md., to Miss Ethel Thomas.

Ex-Congressman Oeatham, who has been in the city several days, left to-day for North Carolina. In regard to his contest case he remarked, "They who are in position to know say I have a strong case and it is impossible for me to lose my seat if evidence counts for anything." He refused to say anything about the political situation in North Carolina, saying that any opinion he could give might injure his case before the next House.

Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Gold, of Wilson, stopped in the city returning from New York. They leave to-night for Harper's Ferry, to spend some time.

Mr. Roy Thomas, of the Geodic Survey, left yesterday for Wilmington, to spend vacation.

Hon. John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, arrived in the city to-night.

Arrivals.  
P. W. Foushee, Greensboro.  
J. H. McLaughlin, Fayetteville.  
C. Murchison, Greensboro.  
W. R. Tucker, Raleigh.

### THE PAMLICO MURDER CASE.

The Woman's Body Recovered and the Coroner's Inquest Held.

Special to the News and Observer.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 17. The body of Laura Thomas, the colored woman of Stonewall, Pamlico county, who was murdered Friday by her husband, was recovered Saturday, after several hours work by dragging. Coroner Hooker at once summoned a jury with the following citizens on it: S. W. Ferree, J. T. Riggs, Wm. Harris, Alvin Daniels and Prof. W. E. Nelson. Dr. J. P. Redding was also summoned to make a post-mortem examination.

The woman's head and neck were badly bruised and her neck was found to have been broken in two places. The verdict of the jury was that she was murdered by her husband, Gabe Thomas. After Thomas had been arrested and placed in jail it was found that he and two burglars confined with him had in some way come into possession of a file and had nearly filed one of the bars of the cell through. The jail is a brick one with steel cells.

This occurred Sunday night. Since that time the precaution has been taken of hand cuffing Thomas and fastening him in addition by a chain to the floor. The two burglars have also been shackled. The man who furnished the prisoners the file has also been arrested and is now in jail.

The evidence against Thomas appears to be direct and conclusive. Following are the circumstances of the killing.

On Friday evening, Gabe Thomas and wife went to Mason Point fishing ground. After they had been fishing while they began quarreling. Several fishing boats were fishing some distance from them but near enough to hear them quarreling and see him hit her, after a while the witnesses saw Gabe throw his wife overboard; his father living near the landing, Gabe went to his house.

The news soon spread and the constable of Stonewall summoned a posse of men and went to the house of the murderer's father and captured him. He denied all and said his wife fell overboard.

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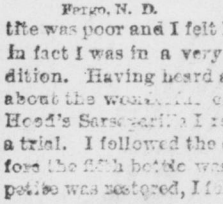
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