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OUR ORGANIZATION WAS ONCE RESPECTABLE. NOW IT'S ANYTHING ELSE

A Great Band of Lawless and Murderous Men.

THEIR THREATMENT OF MISSIONARIES

The Literary Classes Especially Dislike Christianity and They Keep the Passions of the Masses Fanned to a Fury.

Eleven millions of men are said to belong to the great Chinese Society of Boxers, against which Uncle Sam, in connection with the great European powers, may soon direct armed force.

The man fell shrieking, to the ground and twenty-five bandits rushed over his body and into the court yard.

It was such attacks as this, repeated over and over again in villages throughout the province, that resulted in the organization of the Boxers.

Christians do not know just when the Society of the Great Sword had its origin. The natives refer to it as an "ancient society, but that may mean ten years or a hundred."

Then, in turn, some of the missionaries, it may be inferred, became the victims of designing men who professed Christianity in order to obtain aid in avoiding just punishment;

The feelings grew to some extent out of the general contempt with which the Chinese regard foreigners.

In order to overcome this feeling the missionaries have, in most cases, adopted the Chinese dress.

This hatred of Christianity among the literary class finds expression in the most shocking slanders, which are constantly circulated in order to keep alive the hatred of the masses.

It is such wild tales as these that have been used to excite the Boxers against the missionaries, and the same charges have been used in all parts of China, and have resulted in murder after murder.

At the appointed time the mourners gather about and the same high official approaches the tablet.

"Hand up the vermilion pencil," says the master of ceremonies, and a red lead pencil is given to the official.

"Impose the red dot," says the master and the official completes the two words "Chu" and "Wei."

JUST TIRED OF LIFE HICKMAN ENDED IT

Financial Trouble More Than He Could Bear. HE DRANK LAUDANUM

And Then He Cut a Deep Gash in His Throat. FOUND A FEW MINUTES BEFORE DEATH

Beside the Dying Man Was Found Three Empty Laudanum Bottles and a Bloody Razor. The Death of Dr. Elliott, at Catawba Springs.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lenoir, N. C., June 30.—Mr. James Hickman, of the firm of Russel & Hickman, merchants at Granite Falls, was found early yesterday morning with three empty laudanum vials near him, and a deep gash cut in his throat with a razor.

DEATH OF DR. E. O. ELLIOTT.

He Was the Proprietor of Sparkling Catawba Springs.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Newton, N. C., June 30.—Dr. E. O. Elliott, proprietor of the Sparkling Catawba Springs near here, died at his home there yesterday evening of heart failure.

EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENT.

It Adoption Will Benefit the Negro as Well as the White Man.

gro race in the South and this view of the situation is worthy of most serious consideration by this (in some respects) unfortunate people. I speak as their friend and not as their enemy.

MR. MORDICAT'S LAW BOOK.

Judge Winston Writes in Most Complimentary Terms of It.

To the Editor: Some days ago I asked Mr. Mordicat if the first edition of his "Mechanics' Liens" was exhausted.

We are getting some good work, of late, from our best writers in this State. Permanent fame is more surely along this way than any other.

Diseases in Cabbage.

To the Editor: I have received many letters from the Eastern part of the State in regard to a disease in the cabbages, which the writer calls Yellow Side and yellow fever.

Mark Would Still Rule.

There is a little Woodruff and he has a pretty accurate idea of politics, although he is only 8 years old.

What the Amendment Will Do.

Prof. Alexander McIver, (Rep.) "It will bring peace and harmony and good will to all classes of the people."

Democrats Have No Masters.

In his speech here Saturday, Dr. Cyrus Thompson was under the impression that if the Democrats carried the day, Josephus Daniels would be master of all.

A Good Crop.

Siler City has become quite a market for onions. In one day last week two merchants shipped eighty bushels.

COMMENCEMENT AT WEST DURHAM

The Graduates of the Graded School Were Five.

HONORS WON BY SEVEN

The Scholarship Prize Was Taken by Jesse Weatherspoon.

DEPARTMENT PRIZE, OCTAVIUS CRABTREE

A Most Interesting Program Rendered to a Large Audience. A List of the Graduates and Honor Pupils. Prizes Presented by Principal J. T. Henry.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., June 30.—The closing exercises of the West Durham Graded school took place on Friday night in the school building in that village.

The graduates were Misses Florence Bailey, Cora Anderson and Maud Wilkerson; Messrs. Jesse Weatherspoon and Benton Pendergrass.

Honors were won by Adolphus Clark, Zannie Anderson, Grover Shields, Emma Avent, Claudie Powell, Earl Davis and Octavius Crabtree.

THE PROGRAM CARRIED OUT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

- Vacation Song, by the school. Recitation. Doll Drill, by ten of twelve girls. Recitation, by Miss Pauline Sneed. Cantata, A Trip to Europe, by the school. Recitation, by Miss Lina Washington. Speech, by Richard Daley. Farmer's Song, by a number of boys. Recitation, by Miss Florence Bailey. Fan Drill, by fourteen or fifteen girls. Good Night, by the smaller children. Presentation of Prizes, by Prof. Henry.

NEVER SCRATCHED A TICKET.

A Brave Uneducated Cumberland Democrat Favors the Amendment.

The uneducated white men, who are Democrats—and that embraces most of them—will vote for the Amendment.

"I am not an educated man. I can't read or write. I don't know my name when I see it. I am a poor man—was at Bethel and at Bentonsville and fired the last cannon there. I have never scratched a Democratic ticket, have been voting thirty-six years and have voted at every election. Now the most important time in the history of North Carolina has come, when it is a question as to which shall rule the white man or the negro.

His J. W. X CARROLL. Mark Witness:—A. M. Williams.

To the Point.

(Atlanta Constitution.)

Many and long are the letters written from the seashore at this delightful season. The following, however, to a plodding, stay-at-home husband, is beautifully brief:

"Dear John: I'm where The ocean hollers, I send some shells; You send some dollars!"

Sunday's Atlanta Constitution has a beautiful picture of Miss Lillian Slocum, of Fayetteville, who is attending commencement at Athens, Ga.

The poor shoemaker manages to hang on to the last.

HOW DEMOCRATS WILL WIN.

They Need Only to Carry New York, Maryland and Kentucky.

(Chicago Times-Herald.)

And now Western Republicans must be prepared to face the difficult task of electing McKinley and Roosevelt without relying on New York State.

Total Necessary to elect 232. It will be perceived that if Bryan wins in New York, Kentucky and Maryland in addition to the States he carried in 1896 he will be elected.

In order to overcome any such possible result of the abuse of Western sentiment in Philadelphia it will be necessary for Western Republicans to win at least nine electoral votes among the following States which cast them for Bryan four years ago:

California 1, Idaho 3, Kansas 10, Montana 3, Nebraska 8, South Dakota 4, Washington 4, Wyoming 3.

REPUBLICANS BOSS IT.

They Ordered the Populists to Drop Johnson and Crumpler

(Sampson Democrat.)

At the regular session of the Legislature, Sampson's two Populist representatives, Messrs. R. M. Crumpler and C. H. Johnson, voted for the amendment.

Mr. Johnson's name was offered for Senator, but at the dictation of the Republicans he was knocked down and dropped out, politically speaking.

The Republicans Are Dismayed.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Lenoir, N. C., June 30.—Mr. Aycock's masterly speech, delivered here on the 23rd inst., has accomplished a great deal of good for Democracy.

White Supremacy Clubs are being successfully organized over our county. A meeting of nearly 300 persons was held at Patterson last night.

The enemy is greatly dismayed since Chairman Crisp's espousal of the cause of White Supremacy.

If at the age of 40 a man meets a woman he thought he loved at 20 he is apt to believe that luck was with him after all.