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FOUR OFFICERS FALL IN A CONFLICT WITH NEGROES

Two of the Negroes Shot to Death and the Ringleader Roasted in a Burning Building.

BATTLE FOLLOWS ATTEMPT TO ARREST

Five Negroes Had Brutally Beaten a Policeman.

THE GFFICERS MET BY A DEADLY FIRE

The Building in Which the Negroes Take Refuge is Fired and Two Are Shot While Attempting to Escape. Others Who Took Part in the Riot Arrested Amid a Scene of Wild Excitement and Rushed to Prison.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—Four white and three negroes are dead, five white men and one negro wounded, and an entire block of buildings burned is the result of a conflict which began here early this morning between the police and blacks. Will Richardson, who is believed to have been half Indian and half negro, the owner of a store on McDaniel street, in the suburbs of Pittsburg and four other negroes brought on the trouble by resisting arrest and defying the officers of Fulton and Atlanta.

The dead:

ED. BATTLE, a bailiff of Fulton county.

H. G. OSBURN, a policeman of Fulton county.

THOMAS GRANT, a city policeman.

EDWARD CRABTRE, a city policeman.

WILL RICHARDSON, the negro desperado who killed these men.

MILTON ROSBY, a negro who attempted to escape from a sewer.

Unknown negro killed in a nearby yard.

Wounded: S. A. Kerlin, beaten by negroes; W. A. Wright, a county policeman, wounded in the left shoulder; W. T. Jackson, a stret car man, wounded in his hip; Owen Heard, a county policeman, wounded in the thigh; Call Officer Spradling, wounded in the arm; Shepherd Finzer, hackman, shot through the hand.

The fight between officers and negroes occurred in Pittsburg, a negro settlement directly south of the city limits on McDaniel street.

The officers attempted to arrest five negroes suspected of having beaten former Policeman S. A. Kerlin nearly to death yesterday afternoon. The negroes resisted arrest by entrenching themselves in a house and the fight resulted. The vicinity is thickly settled with small negro cabins. There are outbuildings and barns and shrubbery over the entire neighborhood which provides such shelter that it was possible to escape from house to house and dodge between fences without being detected. As soon as information of the fight between the negroes and the police reached the city, wagon loads of policemen, heavily armed were hurried to the scene of action and Governor Candler ordered out a detachment of the State militia.

The shooting was followed by a speech from Sheriff Nelms, of Fulton county, advising calmness on the part of the crowd, and the efforts of officers thereafter were directed towards controlling the temper of the white men who were walking the streets of the suburbs with drawn wapons.

While returning to his home on the McPheerson road yesterday afternoon, former Policeman S. A. Kerlin as waylaid by five negroes with whom he had trouble while a member of the force. But for the timely arrival of a trolley car, which frightened his assailants away, Kerlin would have been killed. A sergeant stationed at Fort McPherson, who heard his cries for help, ran to the place and found Kerlin unconscious.

At midnight County Policeman Golden heard that Kerlin's five assailants were located in a house on McDaniel street and he hastened to the city and secured a warrant for their arrest from Justice Orr. [illegible]

Policeman Golden was joined by Officers Osburn and Cheshire and accompanied by a number of Kerlin's neighbors, including Owen Heard, the party started for the hiding place of the five negroes, arriving at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

The house was dark, but as the officers approached the inmates opened fire and Owen heard fell to the ground. He was borne out of range by his companions. The house was at once surrounded by the posse and daylight was awaited before making another advance. The officers, however, determined to make the arrests unaided. The house in which the negro Richardson was located belonged to Annie Milburn, also colored. Richardson owned the store adjoining the house. Here he kept ammunition and guns and was therefore well prepared for a fight.

At 6 o'clock this morning the group of officers who had been watching the house all night, approached the place and called upon those within to surrender. The answer was a volley of shots and County Officer Battle dropped dead. The attacked party retreated some distance and from behind trees and telegraph and trolley poles commenced firing into the store. In a few minutes the door of the house was thrown open and Will King, a negro ran out and gave himself up to the officers. Inside the house Richardson had an unobstructed view in three directions. One block away Policeman Tom Grant stepped from his shelter to fire into the house. A shot from the beseiged house killed him before he could fire.

The attacking party sent word to police headquarters and Chief of Police Ball dispatched the reserves to the scene in several patrol wagons.

The officers to whom King had given himself up determined to make use of the negro, and at the point of a rifle they forced him to walk up to the rear of the house and fire it. As soon as the flames started, the officers, eager to get the inmates of the house, stepped out of their shelter in every direction. Again there was a shot from the house, and this time Officer Edward Crabtree met death.

An instant later there was another shot and County Policeman Robert Osburn fell dead.

The shooting had by this time attracted hundreds of people and nearly every man who came to the scene carried a rifle. The shooting into the house became general, citizens and officers firing together.

Governor Candler was advised by telephone of the rioting and ordered out the militia. Captain W. W. Barker, of the Fifth regiment, was ordered to proceed with fifty men and a platoon gun to the scene of the shooting and co-operate with the city authorities and the sheriff of Fulton county. Chief of Police Ball hurried to the scene on horse back and was joined a few minutes later by Sheriff J. W. Nelms.

The desperado, Richardson, had been lost sight of. The house burned rapidly and a number of inmates were seen to run to the store, to a woodshed and to a barn in the next lot. Orders were quickly given to fire these buildings and in a few minutes several of the buildings were burning.

W. T. Jackson, a street car conductor in uniform, wa one of these attracted to the scene by the shooting. As he was nearing the house he was shot in the right hip, presumably by Richardson.

A negro cabman, driving a spectator to the vicinity of the rioting, was struck in the hand by a bullet.

Call Officer Spradlin, speeding to the scene on his bicycle, received a wound in the arm.

A main sewer which runs through this part of the city was utilized by two of the negroes as a possible means of escape, but to no avail. The crowd had increased until not less than three thousand people, two thousands of whom were armed, surrounded the burning area.

Milton Rosby, a negro, was seen to emerge from the mouth of the sewer. A shout went up and the fleeing negro was shot dead. His body was surrounded and was literally shot to pieces.

The crowd of enraged citizens had scarcely finished this work when another negro was seen coming out of the sewer. He, too, made a run for life and managed to get into the back yard of one of the neighboring homes where he was hot to death.

The fire which had been started by the attacking party spread rapidly and soon the entire block of buildings, almost wholly composed of negro houses, was destroyed. The police were busy arresting the few negroes found in the vicinity. Two of them, Steve Nisbot and Jim Singleton, believed to be members of Richardson's gang, were arrested. The police had great difficulty in getting out of the crowd of enraged people with the colored men. A mob of 2,000 surged around the patrol wagon and clamored for the lives of the prisoners. The officers, throwing their men into the bottom of the wagon, drew their revolvers and forced a passage through the crowd, finally lodging their prisoners in safety in the Fulton county jail on Butter street.

In less than an hour the block of wooden houses was burned to the ground and a search of the ruins immediately followed. In a woodshed in the rear of Richardson's store was found a skull and near it the steel barrel of a rifle. It is believed that the skull represented all that is left of the negro who did the shooting.

The police believe they have arrested all the negroes directly concerned in the shooting but have been give orders by the chief to bring into custody all suspicious characters found in the neighborhood.

The rioting caused the utmost excitement not only in the little suburb of Pittsburg where it occurred but all over the city.

This is the first affair of the kind that has ever occurred in Atlanta. It was not in any sense a race riot, but was the result of a negro defying the law. The negroes who set upon former Policeman Kerlin last night, as well as those concerned in today's shooting, were members of that deplorable majority of the race known alike to black and white as "no account negroes," and who evidently cherished a grudge against Kerlin for something he had done while on the police force.

Notwithstanding that the entire city was much wrought up over the killing o fthe officers order was restored with wonderful promptness, and the passions of an enraged people were remarkably retained. Fifty enlisted men of the State militia will do patrol duty tonight in the disturbed neighborhood, and the police doing duty in that part of the city have been reinforced. There was some talk of closing all saloons at 6 o'clock tonight, but Major Mims said that after a consultation with the chief of police it was thought unnecessary. If any such precaution is deemed necessary for the regular closing hour—10 p. m.—Mayor Mims instructed Chief Ball to issue the order and enforce it.

As a precaution the companies of State militia located in this city were ordered under arms by the Governor tonight. In a statement issued late today, Governor Candler declared that all innocent negroes and their houses will be protected at every cost, and all riotous conduct on the part of anybody, white or black, will be met with whatever force necessary to preserve order.

REV DR. HAWTHORNE DISGUSTED.

With the Modern Shows of Adulation For Monarchy.

(Richmond News.)

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor of Grove-Avenue Baptist church, said today that it was his opinion that the action of President Roosevelt in appointing Dr. J. L. M. Curry special ambassador to Spain would be one of the issues in the next Presidential campaign and the voice of the people would be heard on the subject. "I am a Democrat," announced the doctor, "and I am utterly disgusted with this show of adulation for monarchs. It is exasperating and I think Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry would turn in their graves if they knew of the situation. I came near boiling over when the German prince was here and it seems now an open question whether this country will return to a monarchy.

"I do not criticise any person, least of all Dr. Curry, who is a good Baptist, but I do criticise the principal and action of sending a special embassy which I believe illegal and unwarrantable. This is not my unsupported opinion," declared the doctor," but it is the thought of a large majority with whom I have talked."

SMASHUP DELAYS TRAINS.

Editors Meet Next at Hendersonville. Engine Started Out of "Pure Cussedness"

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., May 17.—The Winston train was three hours late last night, owing to a smash up by a switching engine and a freight car on the yards at Winston. It is said that the congestion of business there, either from lack of yard room or sufficient work force, is something beyond endurance by the business men, and a large delegation has recently been to Washington with hundreds of letters from the business men there, begging for relief. The Southern Railway seems to be overwhelmed with business, and the frequent mix ups on the main line is becoming a serious matter. Delays has been reported for years that a double track was absolutely indespensible from Lynchburg to Charlotte and would be built. The rumor of building has broken out afresh, and this time with degree of hope that it will be done.

The young man who was on the runaway engine reported from Lexington two days ago, is a nephew of District Attorney Holton, of Winston. He was a fireman, and at last reports was still alive. His name is A. E. Holton, Jr., and the statement that he was pranking with the engine, I understand is incorrect. It was an old engine and the engineer stepping to the telegraph office for a few minutes, it ran off itself and the young fireman didn't know how to stop it.

Hon. Franklin McNeill, Chairman of the Corporation Commission, is here today in consultation with the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the taxable valuations of property in Guilford county.

Messrs. Clark, of the Statesville Landmark, Whittaker, of the Winston Sentinel, and Sherrill, of the Concord Times, who compose the executive committee of the State Press Association, met here yesterday and after some hours in wiring about rates for board at the competing towns, concluded to select Hendersonville as the place, and June 25-26 as the time of holding the next annual meeting of the State Press Association.

Judge Frank Winston passed through here this morning going to Wilkesboro to hold a special term of court there next week.

They do say that Dr. Tyre York has broke out afresh up there and is going tsotart a brand new party in opposition to all courts, railroads and county officers. He is said to be billed for a big speech there Tuesday of court, and expects to sweep the county on that platform.

Baltimore Sun One Cent.

(By the Associated Press.)

Baltimore, May 17.—The Baltimore Sun, one of the old time, conservative, high-priced newspapers of the country, announces today a reduction of its price from two cents to one cent.

DEMOCRATS WHO'LL DIRECT THE FIGHT

Executive and Finance Committees Named

WASHINGTON THE BASE

Chicago is the Executive Committee's Headquarters.

A SUB-COMMITTEE MAY BE SELECTED

This Will Have Charge of the Campaign in the East and South and Its Headquarters Will be Washington.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 17.—Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, previous to his leaving for Chicago to hold a conference with Benj. T. Cable, announced the following as members of the executive and finance committees which will have charge of the conduct of the Democratic Congressional campaign:

Executive Committee—Benjamin T. Cable, Illinois; F. M. Cockrall, Missouri; Edward M. Shepard, New York; James D. Richardson, Tennessee; Judson L. Harmon, Ohio; David S. Overmeyer, Kansas; Jacob Ruppert, Jr., New York; Josiah Quincy, Massachusetts; F. G. Newlands, Nevada; E. C. Hall, Wisconsin; John S. Robinson, Nebraska; C. B. Randell, Texas; D. S. Gooch, Kentucky; James M. Griggs, Georgia.

Finance Committee—Lewis Nixon, New York; W. A. Clark, Montana; James M. Guffey, Pennsylvania; Isador Strauss, New York; George Turner, Washington; Henry S. Black, New York; Clark Howell, Jr., Georgia; Frederick Potter, New York; Carter Harrison, Illinois; George P. Foster, Illinois; P. V. Deuster, Wisconsin; J. A. Norton, Ohio; James P. Taliaferro, Florida; John Dougherty, Missouri.

The general headquarters will be in Washington. The headquarters of the executive committee will be located in Chicago. It is probable that Chairman Cable will select a sub-committee which will have charge of the campaign in the East and South with headquarters in Washington. A meeting of the executive committee will be held in this city May 29th.

H. & B. Beer's Market Detter

(Special to News and Observer.)

New Orleans, La., May 17.—Owing to the observance of Whitsuntide holidays, the Liverpool market was closed, therefore operators here had to work on the American situation. Consequently our market opened 2 to 5 points lower, and as the Chronicle's weather report issued yesterday afternoon was favorable, it soon became apparent that further liquidation would take place. Free selling on stop orders and the fear that the anthracite coal strike would extend, occasioned an additional break of 11 to 19 points on summer positions and 4 to 7 points on new. Every effort was made to establish a rally about this time, but the weakness of spots and abundance of selling orders prevented, causing a net loss of 14 to 20 points on old crop options and 6 to 10 points on new. The movement was light and indications point to a continuance of small receipts as there is little or no export demand. As long as spinners are sympathetic the amount marketed will be nominal and it is questionable whether these bullish figures will have any lasting effect, considering tight money, the probability of the coal strike disrupting business generally in America and the absence of demand for the raw article. Under these circumstances the prospects of the next crop will overshadow the statical situation, and daily weather conditions will exert more influence in the future on values than any thing else. Notwithstanding there has been a sharp decline locally our market is still the highest relatively in the world. Such being the case, we again urge our friends operating in the summer months either way, and suggest that transactions be confined to the new as they are becoming more active.

H. & B. BEER.

The Fight on the Primary Fails.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., May 17.—At the meeting of the county executive committee otday it was decided that the primary with the oaths will stand. The vote was 18 to 11. The primary was called for the 5th of July and the county convention for the 12th of July. A big fight was made against the primary and the oath, but not enough votes were secured by the opposition to defeat it

Events at Clayton.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Clayton, N. C., May 17.—Mrs. W. C. Elasingame has been sick the past week with fever, and Miss Cleve Barnes, the substitute teacher for Clayton school, has been teaching in her place. Little Winnie Barbour, daughter of Mr. A. J. Barbour, has been quite ill for some days.

Preparation is being made for the commencement at Clayton, which will take place June 5th and 6th.

CHARLOTTE WINS A FIERCE CONTEST

Eighteen Innings and But One Run Made.

AND THAT ONE IN THE LAST

One of the Most Brilliant Games on The Diamond.

GREENSBORO AGAIN DOWNS NEW BERN

Wilmington Forfeits the Game to Durham, As Manager Bear, Angry at a Decision, Withdraws His Team From the Grounds.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Charlotte 1, Raleigh 0.
Greensboro 2, New Bern 1.
Durham 9, Wilmington 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Charlotte	8	3	.727
Raleigh	8	4	.667
Greensboro	7	5	.583
Durham	7	5	.583
New Bern	4	8	.333
Wilmington	1	10	.091

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE.

Raleigh at Greensboro.
Wilmington at Charlotte.
Durham at New Bern.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., May 17.—Eighteen innings of as brilliant ball as has ever been played on any diamond resulted this afternoon in a victory for Charlotte by the narrow margin of one score. Raleigh put up an excellent game, and had Leonard received at all times the support that was given Bishop, the score would have been different. The winning run was made by Lehman in the 18th inning on a bat drive to left field by Cooper. It was a lucky hit, and was the termination of one of the most remarkable games in the history of base ball.

TABULATED SCORE.

CHARLOTTE.	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cooper, l. f.	6	0	1	5	0	0
Weaver, c. f.	3	0	2	1	1	0
Person, r. f.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Armstrong, 1b.	6	0	1	19	0	0
Osteen, s. s.	7	0	0	8	6	0
Ashenback, r. f.	5	0	2	5	0	0
Brouthers, 3b.	6	0	2	4	6	0
Hempleman, 2b.	5	0	0	3	4	1
Lehman, c.	6	1	1	9	2	0
Bisnop, p.	6	0	0	0	3	0
Total	52	1	9	54	22	1

RALEIGH.	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Pastor, s. s.	6	0	0	2	5	0
Soffle, 2b.	7	0	0	10	7	0
Hook, 3b.	7	0	0	0	2	0
Farrell, 1b.	7	0	1	22	0	1
Roy, c. f.	7	0	4	2	0	0
Myers, r. f.	7	0	0	2	0	0
Traeger, l. f.	7	0	2	2	0	1
Smith, c.	5	0	2	11	4	0
Leonard, p.	6	0	0	1	5	0
Total	59	0	9	52	23	2

Score by innings:

		R.	H.	E.
Charlotte	000000000 000000001	1	9	1
Raleigh	000000000 000000000	0	9	2

Batteries: Raleigh, Leonard and Smith; Charlotte, Bishop and Lehman.

Summary—Earned runs, none; two base hit, Ashenback; sacrifice hits, Smith, Soffle, Person, Armstrong, Hempleman, Lehman and Bishop; stolen bases, Brouthers (2); bases on balls, off Leonard 5, off Bishop 0; struck out, by Bishop 9, by Leonard 9; hit by pitcher, Cooper; wild pitch, none; left on bases, Raleigh 7, Charlotte 10; double plays, Osteen to Hempleman to Armstrong. Time of game, 2 hours and 24 minutes. Umpire, Mace. Scorer, Orr.

Greensboro Wins a Tight Game.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., May 17.—The game today was a beauty. New Bern held the locals down to two runs, both teams playing fine ball.

Five times each team went down in one, two, three order, the visitors scoring in the ninth on a wild throw of McKernan to elly, Devlin coming in. The excitement throughout was intense, but the best of feeling prevailed.

Score:		R.	H.	E.
Greensboro	001000010	2	10	4
New Bern	000000001	1	9	3

Batteries: Courneen and McTeer; Bass and Daum.

Summary—Base on balls, Courneen 3, Bass 0; struck out, by Courneen 4, by Bass 3. Time of game, one hour and twenty-five minutes. Umpire, McNamara. Attendance, seven hundred.

Trouble in Durham.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., May 17.—Wilmington quit the ball field this afternoon during the last half of the seventh inning, and Manager Edgar Bear threatens to "bust" the league.

The game between Durham and Wilmington had pulled along for six and one half innings with neither side scoring. In Durham's last half of the seventh, with two men on the bases, the [illegible] was called safe on reaching fir[illegible] The decision did not suit Manager Bear and he "kicked" vehemently, but the decision was held.

As the result of this Manager Bear withdrew the Wilmington team from the game and Umpire Proud declared it forfeited to Durham by a score of 9 to 0.

It is reported that Manager Bear declares that unless the Durham team leaves the league his team will withdraw. The Wilmington team is due to play at Charlotte to-morrow, and further developments are awaited.

E. J. BEAR IS FINED.

The Result of His Attack Upon Proud, the Umpire.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., May 17.—Mr. E. J. Bear, manager of the Wilmington baseball team, was before the mayor this morning on the charge of assaulting Umpire George D. Proud, of the North Carolina State League. He was fined $25 and costs, the total amounting to $28.40.

The outcome of the trouble was on account of decisions made by the umpire in Friday afternoon's game. Mr. Bear went to the Central Hotel last night to see Umpire Proud. Hot words followed from Bear, who then struck at the umpire. Mr. Proud dodged the blow, but made no effort to strike back. Then a second blow was aimed at him, but two gentlemen who were present caught Mr. Bear and prevented further trouble.

Sergeant Cutts arrested Mr. Bear at Hotel Carrolina later on in the night and carried him to the police station. Bond for his appearance was fixed at $50. A check for the amount was tendered, but not accepted. In a few minutes Mr. Alphonsus Cobb, manager of Hotel Carrolina, appeared and went on his bond.

Baseball men generally regret the occurrence, and hope that no further trouble will result during the season.

National League Games.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Pittsburg—		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	11011131*	9	14	3
Philadelphia	10100000 1	3	10	7

At Chicago—		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	01000000 0	1	3	1
Boston	00300000 0	3	3	0

At Cincinnati—		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	20000301*	6	7	0
New York	00000100 0	1	6	6

At St. Louis—		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	01003000*	4	11	2
Brooklyn	00000100 1	2	9	0

American League Games.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Baltimore—		R.	H.	E.
Baltimore	12000022*	7	9	2
Washington	03000001 1	5	9	3

At Boston—		R.	H.	E.
Boston	00200020 01	5	9	3
Philadelphia	20000020 03	7	14	2

At Chicago—		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	20210010*	6	13	3
St. Louis	20000000 0	2	4	2

At Cleveland	20044031*	14	17	1
Detroit	0000 00000	0	3	6

Southern League.

At Birmingham—Birmingham 1; Atlanta 4.

At Memphis—Memphis 5; Little Rock 8.

At New Orleans—New Orleans 7; Shreveport 8.

At Nashville—Nashville 6; Chattanooga 6 (ten innings, called on account of darkness.

STRIKING EMPLOYES RETURN.

R. J. Reynolds Company Will Raise Wages Ten Per Cent.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., May 17.—Three-fourths of the five hundred machine operatives in the tobacco factory of the R. J. Reynolds Company, who went out on a strike Thursday, have returned to work. The others are expected to return in a few days. The company has decided to give the operatives in every department an increase in wages of ten per cent.

Buck Wright, who shot and fatally wounded Thomas Newsom in Stokes county on Thursday, was arrested this afternoon near Bethania, this county. It is reported that Newsom died today.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

State Auditor Dixon Speaks at Winston Graded School Commencement.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston, N. C., May 17.—At the commencement exercises of the Winston graded schools last night, State Auditor Dixon made a charming address on the advancement of education in North Carolina. The H. Montague scholarship medal was awarded to Miss Ora Miller, the University scholarship to Aladdin Rosenbacher, and A. & M. scholarship to Jennings Walker. Miss Kate Jenkins received a set of Shakespeare's works, prize offered annually by D. H. Browder to the member of the graduating class making the highest average.

The Fuquay Excursions.

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The popular-priced weekly excursions to Fuquay Springs—fifty cents for the round trip and giving about three hours at the springs are growing in public favor. Increasingly large numbers of people are availing themselves of these agreeable outings this summer. The train will leave the Union station at the usual hour, 2:30, this afternoon.

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DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH

The Day Losing Its Hold on the People.

A MOST GLOOMY REPORT

What the Committee on Sabbath Observance Find.

PROPOSED SEMINARY CONSOLIDATION

Dr. Walden's Resolution to Leave the Matter to Committee to Report to the Next General Assembly Prevails.

(By the Associated Press.)

Jackson, Miss., May 17.—Dr. Russell Cecil, of Virginia, presided today at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States. Mr. Hemphill, of Louisville, called up the report made at the last assembly on the consolidation of Danville and Louisville seminaries into the Kentucky Theological Seminary, under the agreement that the consolidation was not to be effective unless endorsed by the synods of Kentucky and Missouri by the General Assembly. While reflecting on no one, Dr. Hemphill doubted the responsibility of the assembly in giving its consent.

Dr. Walden, of Georgia, opposed the consolidation of the seminaries and offered a resolution to leave the matter of seminary juriediction to a special committee of five to report at this assembly.

Dr. Leavell, of Texas, and others urged that a permanent committee could attend to it and offered a substitute. Dr. Walden's motion prevailed. Dr. Hemphll insisted that the two synods had a right to consolidate if they desired.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance declared "that the Sabbath is slowly but surely losing its hold upon the public conscience. As was reported last year, there was no encouraging sign of improvement. In fact," the report said, "advices from presbyteries were more gloomy than ever.

"Sunday travel and traffic excursions, social visiting, frequenting postoffices, receiving and answering letters was indulged in. Sunday newspapers are gradually extending the area of their patronage and Sunday in many States is as other days only."

The importance of observing the fourth commandant was urged.

The report closes:

"It remains for only to ask the assembly to impress it upon the minds and hearts of our people that Sabbath desecration is not the trifling offense some are disposed to regard it, but in the sight of God, its desecration is a great sin and which like the wedge of gold and Babylonish garments of old, will most assuredly bring defeat to the hosts of Israel and judgment of God upon the nation that thus rebels against his authority."

BUT ONE CONVENTION.

J. Wiley to be Rebuked For His Attack on Simmons.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., May 17.—At the meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, held today for the purpose of deciding whether or not the county nomination convention should be combined with the convention for selecting delegates to the State, Congressional and Judicial conventions. It was decided to combine, holding one convention, that on July 9th.

Two negroes were arrested here yesterday for working a bunco game on an unsuspecting country man.

A telegram was received today from Washington, stating that J. Wiley Shook is to be reprimanded for his attack, through the Republican press, on Senator Simmons. The President has written to the Secretary of the Treasury, directing that gentleman to administer a rebuke.

EASON ALLOWED BAIL.

Was in Jail Charged with the Murder of James Ellis in Wilson County.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., May 17.—Today before Judge Henry R. Bryan a habeas corpus case, that of J. W. Eason, was heard and Eason was allowed bail in a $3,000 bond.

Eason is charged with the killing of James Ellis from ambush near Saratoga, this county, and on the preliminary examination before a magistrate was committed to jail without bail. Judge Bryan held that he was bailable, as there was not sufficient evidence to hold him on the charge of murder.

Sunday School Convention.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Goldsboro, N. C., May 17.—The Sunday School Convention of Fork township, held at Oakland today, was largely attended. Several went out from here to make speeches, Rev. F. W. Farrier, H. B. Parker, Mrs. Sue V. Hollowell and Mayor Hood. A general good time is reported. Much good was accomplished.