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TO PROSECUTE REGISTRARS.

Judge Boyd's Charge to the islature appropriated funds for the de-Federal Grand Jury.

RUTHERFORD REGISTRARS

As a Result of the Prosecution it is Believed That 30,000 Negroes Will Vote Republican Ticket at the **Next Election**

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 1 .- Judge Boyd's charge to the grand jury at the opening thority he should be punished. And not of the Federal Court here this morning the least element of interest in this proing upon a movement for indictment of registrars. He defined the constitutional of its qualifications, dwelling at length upon the qualifications the voter must at the first term,

"The law of North Carolina," he said "should be observed by the court"; adding that under the law the general qualification for a voter was an educational one and that any person who was 21 years of age and had resided two years in the tax and could read the constitution and

It became a right, he said, not only guaranteed by the State constitution but a right guaranteed by the laws pressed the opinion that such a course and Constitution of the United States and ought to be protected. He said that feeling of gratitude for their second poan inhibition against any State denying ticket. This, in turn, would send Senator or abridging the right of a citizen to vote on account of race or previous condition of servitude; that when the constitution was adopted by the State there their attractiveness. of servitude; that the registrar or of the United States and would be guilty if he made such discrimination, although

THE SECOND CAMP ... GN AGAINST THE REGISTRARS.

Its Beginninning (ficially Announced by W H. Hildebrand Who Reported Pritchard's

Speeches in Pritchard-Craig Debate.

Campaign No. 2 of persecution against registrars has begun. It was officially announced by W. A. Hildebrand, who reported the speeches of Senator Pritchard in the Pritchard-Craig debate in the late campaign, in the Charlotte official organ of the Republican bosses. The story is signed as a special from Washington, though it bears the ear-marks of having been inspired in the Federal court circles in Charlotte. It is as follows:

REGISTRARS TO BE INDICTED.

; Washington, Nov. 29 .- Prompted by clause.' methods which, it is alleged, characterincreasing ten-fold the interest in Cabarrus county. what many still regard as the Couth's very much unsettled "race issue." This contemplated step, which has for its object the fixing of the status of the edu cated negro, whose condition as an elector is admittedly abnomalous, calls for the indictment of a large number of election officers.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HOLTON HAS THE EVIDENCE.

This radical move has been formulated to the last detail, and United States District Attorney A. E. Hoiton now has in his possession documentary evidence which he has confided to a few friends will result in the certain indictment of registrars from different parts of the State. To supplement this evidence however, witnesses, educated negroes preachers and school teachers will a once be subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury at the December term of the Federal court in Charlotte, which convenes next Monday.

RUTHERFORD NEGRO PREACHER TO

TESTIFY. Among the witnesses, it is thought will be the Rutherford county negro preacher who was stood aside by the registrar because of his inability to spell correctly the word "divided," the years. colored divine having written the word "devided," in copying a paragraph from the Constitution. John W. Simpson, who represents one of the best known families in the county, was the registrar who put this rigid construction on the law, and it is said that his name figures in the papers that are in course of preparation in the office of the district attorney. Republicans admit, however, that Mr. Simpson was consistent, and was not

white electors, who applied for registration under the grand-father clause. Smoking the Pipe of Peace Under Dangerous Circumstances. confederates have these articles or if they were hidden in a different place by It was Mr. Simpson whom State Chairman Simmons singled out for a special communication in which the Democratic Senator took the position that the negro preacher had been treated with a harshness contemplated by neither the spirit nor the letter of the exclusion provision of the election law. As some registrars turned deaf ears to their State chairman's injunction it is not believed that he will this time come to their reseue as was the case before, when the Legfense of the registrars before the indictments against them were quashed, and when different conditions prevailed. This belief has encouraged the court officers in their contemplated step.

JUDGE BOYD TO BRING THE MATTER UP IN COURT.

Judge Boyd, will, it is understood, charge the grand jury in terms similar to his utterances before the jury at the Statesville court before the election, when he cautioned election officers against an arbitrary construction of the law, and defined the privileges of those seeking the right of suffrage. Judge Boyd is expected to tell the jury that the State and Federal Constitutions can only be upheld by a fair and impartial interpretation of the law, and that when a registrar arbitrarily supersedes and abuses his auwas construed as having significant bear- posed proceeding is that the registrars will stand charged with a penitentiary

It is not known yet just how many amendment of North Carolina and spoke officers are marked for indictment, but it is not likely that there will be more than a score of defendants summoned

30,000 NEGROES MAY BE ALLOWED

At a moment's reflection it is apparent that such a procedure on the part of the United States district attorney may be attended by consequences of the greatest political import. Should the law be allowed to take its course, backed by State, six months in the county and four an approving public sentiment, it will weeks in the precinct, had paid his poll- mean that something like 30,000 black men will, at the next election, or certainly at the election following, exercise the right of franchise under the State constitution amendment. A Republican of State prominence has exwill throw the State into the Republican column, as the negroes would, out of a Federal Constitution there was litical emancipation, vote the Republican Pritchard back to the Senate, a nossibility that will always be to the Senator a cherished dream, in which prosspective judicial appointments will lose

of course all this is merely deal in in futures, the interesting, not to say, sensational, fact for immediate considofficer who made such a discrimination eration being that once more the Demowas guilty of violating the criminal laws cratic registrars are to be indicted in the Federal court.

Following the Hildebrand story, the he exercised such under color of State | Charlotte Observer prints the following: THE SUBPOENAS ISSUED.

> District Attorney Holton Says a Number of Registrars Will be Indicted. District Attorney Holton was seen

yesterday by an Observer reporter and questioned as to the communication from the paper's Washington correspondent. "Yes, ten or twelve registrars will probably be indicted." said the district attorney. "There may be others, I don't know how many. I am, of course, only doing my duty in the matter, and I shall take action only where the law has been clearly violated. In this prosecution I am not a Republican or a politician: am only the district attorney, who is determined to do his duty.

"The specific charge against the registrars is that they denied the right of voting to negroes who were entitled to vote-who were school teachers, holding a county certificate, and preachers who could qualify under the educational

The Observer reporter ascertained ized the conduct of the recent election that three subpoenas were issued yesterin some of the counties in North Caro- day against John W. Simpson, a regislina, Federal officials have planned legal trar, of Rutherfordton county, and F. B.

CERNED.

Senator Pritchard, when questioned by the Observer man, stated that he had nothing whatever to do with the indictment of the registrars. "It is a matter that rests solely with the district attorney," said he, "and if I had an opinion in the matter I would consider the expression of it unwise and undignified.'

It is to be regretted that the reporter did not ask Senator Pritchard these di- here recently, get down to a winter basis rect questions: "Were you consulted in reference to the indictment of registrars? Did you know it was to be done?"

Takes Her Own Life.

(By the Associated Press.) Dexter, Me., Dec. 1.-Mrs. Hattie the charge of having poisoned her nineyear-old daughter, from whose funeral ends a case which promised to be as as well as people all along the line of sensational as any inquired into in many | that and the Raleigh road.

Drowned in Deep Run,

(Special to News and Observer.) Hill, for twenty years in the employ Arriving here, he was turned over to of the Old Dominion Steamship Company,

has resigned. James T. Windley, while intoxicated, was drowned in about four inches of difficulty escaped.



CONSTITUTION.

Representative Taylor Offers a Resolution in the Case of Glass.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 1.-Representative Taylor, Chairman of the Elections Committee No. 1 of the House, offered a dentials of Carter Glass, elected to the Virginia district, be referred to his com- | funeral. mittee and inquiry made as to "whether they are based upon returns of a lawful election for members of Congress held in Virginia, November 4, 1902; and upon what character of registration lists and under color of what Constitution or ordinance such election was held, and whether at said election the right of franchises accorded to all citizens of Virginia alike without regard to race or color and whether any citizens of the United States who were entitled to vote for members of Congress" were deprived of any rights.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Elections, No. 1. It will first be determined by the committee if such an inquiry is to be made. The object of such an inquiry as the resolution suggests would be to test the validity of the Virginia Constitution.

VICTIM OF FIREBUGS.

Change of Schedules --- A Fighting Negro on the Train.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 1.-Mr. R. P. Richardson, a successful farmer, near Reidsville, seems to be as much a victim recently to fire bugs, as ever Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt county, was. Saturday night his new barn was fired, steps that will doubtless have the effect McKinney and D. H. White, registrars of feed, were destroyed in the flames. In the effort to rescue a specially valuable SENATOR PRITCHARD NOT CON- horse, Mr. E. E. Richardson was badly burned.

Several months ago Mr. Richardson lost by fire his barn, stables and fourteen mules, and the destruction now of the new building and team so recently supplied, makes the loss especially severe, and the crime that much more atrocious. Efforts heretofore made to locate the miscreant have been futile and they will probably be renewed with vigor, since the last outrage.

Train schedules, so frequently changed after today, when the following changes took place: A new passenger, No. 29, will pass through Greensboro from Washington to Atlanta, at 6:45 p. m.; the train from Raleigh arriving heretofore at 7 p. m., was moved up to 6:35 to connect with 29. No. 35, which now passes at 7:10 p. m., will arive at 7:15; the afternoon train for Winston left at 3:15 p. m. in-Whitten, who was arrested Saturday on stead of 1:28; the train for Raleigh left at 3:05 p. m., instead of at 1:28. These changes are made so that mail from the she had just returned, committed suicide North on the fast flyer, arriving here at yesterday by hanging while in the cus- 2.56, may be forwarded without delay and tody of the deputy sheriff. Her leath will be of inestimable benefit to Winston,

On the train from Reidsville last night, Bob Vanhook, a colored passenger, became so boisterous that the conductor had to reprimand him. He showed fight, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the conductor and porter kept him Washington, N. C., Dec. 1.-Capt. David in bounds until Greensboro was reached. Sheriff Jordan, and on the way to jail made several efforts to cut the officer

more lax in his mental examination of water in Deep Run, near Yatesville. At a recent meeting of the Sanior class being out doors.

of the A. and M. College here for colored, strong resolutions of thanks were adoptd, expressive of appreciation of the efense made of the institution by the chairman of the board of trustees, Hon. A. M. Scales. W. F. Robinson was elected chairman; A. C. Burnette, secretary, and the resolutions, offered by John R. McLendon, were unanimously adopted by

Mr. C. B. Wilson, an estimable citizen, who has been sick a long time with fever and resultant complications, died this morning at 2 o'clock. He was forty years of age and leaves a wife and several small children.

Mrs. Austin Whitsett, of Graham mother of Messrs. G. W., Alfred and J. W. Whitsett, of this city, died at her some there last night, aged \$5. She had been an invalid for seven years, and during a long life, had been a true mother

CASTRO PLAYS FOR TIME.

Claim

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 1.-President Castro, of

Venezuela, handed, probably on Thursday last to the German minister at Caracas, a written acceptance of part of Germany's claims, sufficiently comprehensive to delay the presentation of a British, if not rendering it altogether unnecessary. It is also understood that Great Britain's demand will be satisfied.

Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen and the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, are now in correspondence over Venezuela's change of front. This government considers that a peaceful settlement of the question in dispute is quite probable and attributes President Castro's yielding to the fact that he has become aware that the United States would not interpose any obstacle to the forcible collection of the claims of Germany and Great Britain.

President Castro tried by every mean to keep Great Britain and Germany apart in discussing the settlements, intimating or promising one thing and then another. Germany, having entered into a general agreement with Great Britain to exact a settlement jointly will not make a separate agreement. Consequently the two powers may yet conclude it necessary to disregard President Castro's qualified offers and present an ultimatum to Venezuela.

The German cruisers Amazone, Ariin naval quarters is that the cruisers would undoubtedly have heard the noise. will be sent to the West Indies irredere's instructions. This is the comto be a cool, sensible man, who will denothing hasty.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 1.—President Castro has twice sent for United States Minister Bowen during the last few days and has had prolonged interviews with him, at which the Minister of Foreign Affairs was present. Both the President and Mr. Bowen refused to be interviewed.

Snow in Cherokee.

(Special to News and Observer.)

THE TRUSTS.

A Number Along This Line Introduced Into the House Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 1.- A number of bills of the measures is introduced at the disapproved any of the proposed meas-

A joint resolution offered by Represen-A Written Acceptance of Part of Germany's tative H. C. Smith, of Michigan, proposes an amendment to the Constitution, conferring upon Congress power to define, regulate, prohibit and dissolve

trusts, monopolies, etc. Representative Hepburn (Iowa), chairman of the Committee on Commerce, introduced a bill in the House today appropriating \$500,000 to be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General in joint ultimatum by Germany and Great the employment of special counsel and Fourteen Men Eelieved to Have Gone Down agents of the Department of Justice, to conduct proceedings, suits and prosecutions in the enforcement of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

The resolutions and all bills on this subject were referred to the Committee

BIG THEFT OF DRY GOODS.

Two Men are Arrested and Sent to Greens boro.

(Special to News and Observer.) High Point, N. C., Dec. 1 .- Early yesterday morning parties entered the stores of the High Point Clothing Company and Mr. J. H. Petty, on North Main effected at the High Point Clothing Company's store by breaking the large onehalf inch thick plate glass in the front store by breaking the glass in the door. It is supposed that a large rock or crow bar was used in breaking the glass, and that it was done at the time a train was adne, and Niobe continue fitting out at passing in order to counteract the noise, Kiel for prolonged absence. The view as parties living in close proximity

About two weeks ago there came two spective of the Venezuela affair, hence suspicious looking characters here and it is believed they will sail, even though engaged work at one of the factories, President Castro may yield. It is under- and secured board with a Mr. De Lapp. stood that the squadren will touch at These two parties were up all of Satthe Azores and thence go to St. Thomas urday night in their room, so reported where it will receive Commodore Sche- by the landlord, whose wife on going to make up the bed the next morning found modore's first command promising action a large bundle of clothing and shoes beyond routine sea duty. He is reputed under the mattress. On asking what this meant, one of the party, who had happened to come into the room, replied that they belonged to him and his friend; that they had bought them last night from a negro agent from Richmond, and not to touch them. This aroused the suspicion of Mr. De Lapp, the landlord, who was told the circumstances by his wife, and he immediately sent up the street to find if any store had been broken into and with the request to send officers to his house and

secure the burglars, if this be the case. The men gave their names as Goode Murphy, N. C., Dec. 1 .- Snow fell here and Parker. They were arraigned before all day throughout Thanksgiving, but it 'Squire Johnson in the Mayor's office and did not remain long on the ground. The sent to jail at Greensboro on the noon mountain peaks on all sides of Murphy, train yesterday. In their possession were however, are covered in white and are found one half dozen overcoats, four pair very beautiful. The weather this fall shoes, six light suits of clothes and has been the best in the remembrance of on their backs they each wore a new the oldest inhabitants, and fires having suit of clothes, all belonging to Mr. J. with the knife the conductor had with been necessary for only about two weeks, H. Petty. None of the clothing taken and even yet it is not too cold to enjoy from the High Point Clothing Company was found, and it is not known whether house today.

they were hidden in a different place by the two thieves. Their old clothes were brought from the boarding house to the Mayor's office, and there Messrs. Goode and Parker were required to hand over the stolen clothes on their backs for their own old clothing. On the witness stand the two swore they were innocent as angels, and that they simply bought the clothes from the negro named, because it was a big bargain. However, they failed to give a clue to the negro' whereabouts or his name.

REFUSED INCREASE OF SALARY.

Reverend Mr. Vines of Asheville Who is Greatly in Demand.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 1.-Rev. W. C. Newton, the much beloved pastor of the First Baptist church here, recently resigned his charge, in consequence of a determination to take up missionary work in China. The congregation called Rev. W. M. Vines, of Asheville. Since receiving the call from Greensboro, Mr Vines had been also invited to become the pastor of a church in Danville Louisville and Knoxville. Mr. Vines

has declined the call at Greensboro. There was a report current in Asheville that to retain him the Asheville church had increased Mr. Vine's salary \$800 per year. This rumor was effectually settled in a communication from the officers of the church to the Asheville Citizen, which incidentally shows that this consecrated, godly man is much in demand. The card states that instead of the salary having been raised for the purpose of holding him, Mr. Vines had, before having received this recent shower of calls, refused an increase of salary, and upon the assurance recently of an additional five hundred dollars a year, he declared that instead of that having any influence over him, if | Senate side there were similar exhe decided it was his duty to remain in changes. Large numbers of Represen-Asheville, he should do so at his old tatives also journeyed to the Senate salary, refusing to consider any increase at all. In the meantime the congregation here is doubly disappointed, and the Asheville church buoyed up with hope at being able to keep their beloved pas-

CONCHA IS RELIEVED.

And the Chances of a Treaty With Colombia Seem Brighter.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 1.—Senor Concha has been relieved as minister for Colombia by orders from Bogota, and it is believed were introduced in the House today af- that Dr. Thomas Herran, the present feeting commercial combinations. None secretary of the legation here, will be accredited as minister to succeed Senor Conchas in the course of a few days. "in Israel," prominent in all good works.

Her sons, accompanied by their wives, request of the administration. Several Meanwhile Dr. Herran has been clothed Fifty-seventh Congress from the Sixth left for Graham today to attend the have been shown to Attorney General by his government with full authority to Knox, but he neither has approved nor presecute the negotiations looking to a was in session twelve minutes today,

> powers. Herran. It is, of course, assumed from treaty have been bettered.

WRICK OF A STEAMER.

With the Charles Pebard.

(By the Associated Press.) Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 1 .- The steamer Charles Hebard was wrecked at ridors anxious to gain admission. Among Point Mainse early today. She broke up and disappeared completely, and it is believed her crew of fourteen men were also lost. The schooner Alcha, with the Hebard had in tow is still missing on terest in the proceedings. The absence Lake Superior.

Dewey on Active Duty.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 1 .- Admiral Dewey resumed active sea duty today for the first time since his return to the United o'clock. States from his ever memorable cruise street, and stole almost a wagon load in the Philippine waters. His fourof clothing, shoes, etc. Entrance was starred pennant was hoisted on the President's yacht, Mayflower, at the Washington navy yard about 9 o'clock, and accompanied by the members of his show window, and at Mr. J. H. Petty's staff, the Admiral sailed away to assume direct command of the large fleet engaged in the maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea.

A Mutineer in Irons.

(By the Associated Press.) man steamship Briscarnia, Hamburg to floor, although not as elaborate as usual, New Orleans, stopped here for coal early filled the chamber with perfume and this morning and put ashore for safekeeping H. Zatner, a seaman, who is members were good-natured and jovial charged with mutiny and assault upon and there was no outcropping of partisan is first officer. When the ship sailed feeling to mar the re-assembling. Speakthis evening Zatner was put aboard in er Henderson received a cordial reception irons. He will be taken back to Ger- as he assumed the gavel, but beyond many for trial.

Two Thousand Bales Ablaze.

(By the Associated Press.) Genoa, Italy, Dec. 1.-A pontoon containing 2,000 bales of cotton, which had been discharged from the Italian steamer Mongibello, from Pensacola and New Orleans, caught fire today and it is probable that the cotton will be totally lost.

Hartsville Post-Office Robbed.

(By the Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Dec. 1.-Early yesterday morning the postoffice at Hartsville, Darlington county, was robbed of The safe was broken open. No clue to an hour. the robbers has been found.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Great Crowds Were Present at the Opening Yesterday.

LITTLE BUSINESS DONE

The President's Massage Will not be Delivered to Congress Until Tc-day---Both Houses Were in Session but

a Short Time.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1 .- The second Early in the forenoon the corridors gave There were the usual scenes and incidents that attend the opening of Congress. A bright sunny day brought out a large crowd to greet the law makers. In the lobbies of the House members were exchanging greetings, while on the

Chamber to shake hands. To be seen in the corridors and lobbies on both sides were many public officials who left the departments to witness the cpening. Notable among those who gathered at the Capitol this morning were some of the members-elect who will take seats next December or earlier, should an extra session be called. Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed was among the visitors at the Capitol. Prior to the hour for convening he visited among the members of the House, where he once served so many years, then among the members of the Senate. He was greeted on both sides by frie

A Twelve Minute's Session.

and former associates.

ances.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 1 .- The Senate canal treaty with considerably enlarged the first day of the session, an adjournment until tomorrow being taken Minister Concha having stood fast out of respect to the memory of the late against several strong representations Senator James McMillan, who died during from his own government favoring a the recess. Rarely has the historic treaty, the latter decided to place the Chamber presented such an appearance further negotiations in the hands of Dr. as it did today. The custom of placing flowers on the resks of the Senators of this change that the chances of the the opening day of a session is one which long has been followed, but the display today was admittedly the most magnificent of any that heretofore have been seen. Many of the Senators were

early on the floor and were kept busy ex-

changing greetings with old acquaint-

The galleries were packed to suffocation and hundreds stood outside the corthe interested spectators were several members of the diplomatic corps. Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, occupied a conspicuous place and exhibited much inof Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain, was particularly noticed. His place today was taken by Rev. J. F. Prettyman, of Washington, D. C. No business was transacted, beyond passing the customary resolutions that the Senate was ready to proceed to business and fixing the hour of convening the session at 12

President pro tem Frye appointed Mr. Platt (Conn.) and Mr. Jones (Ark.), as the committee to wait upon the President and the Senate adjourned until to-

In the Lower House.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.-The 52nd Congress in the House was as usual a spectacular event. The galleries of the freshly decorated hall were packed to the doors with people prominent in society Newport News, Va., Dec. 1.—The Ger- and politics and the flower show on the added grace and beauty to the scene. The this there was no demonstrations. The proceedings were purely perfunctory. A prayer, the calling of the roll, the swearing in of members elected to fill vacancies created by death or resignation during the recess, the adoption of the customary resolutions to appoint a committee to wait upon the President, to inform the Senate that the House was ready to transact business and to fix the daily hour of meeting, summarizes what was done. Then the death of the late Representative Charles A. Russell, of Connecticut, which occurred in the early fall, was announced by his successor, Mr. Brandge, the usual resolution of regret was adopted and the House, as a further mark of respect adjourned until tomorrow when the President's message will be about \$200. Most of it government funds, received. The session lasted less than

The leaders on both sides were surrounded and greeted while they found

Buncombe moved into her new court their way to the desks, but there were no (Continued on Page Five.)