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THE WEATHER TODAY. Forecast for North Carolina, fair Friday and Saturday; warmer Saturday; diminishing northwest winds becoming light and variable.

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INDIGNATION MEETING OE RALEIGH DEMOCRATS

Protest Against the Outrageous Treatment of The Citizens by the Ring Members of The City Executive Committee

WHOLLY UNDEMOCRATIC UNLAWFUL AND UNFAIR

The Snap Primary and Order for Registration Without Notice the Best Evidence of the Need of a Complete Change in the Administration of Raleigh's Government—The Most Important Contest in the City's History—"Shadrach" Upchurch, "Mesback" Sale and "Abednego" Jones Running Their Steam Roller Over the People of Raleigh.

Raleigh indignant was seen in the court house last night when its insulted citizens met to protest against the outrageous treatment they had received at the hands of the ring members of the city Democratic executive committee. Not since the days of negro domination in North Carolina has there gathered together in Raleigh a more determined assembly of her citizens than that last night. It was a serious body of men, enthusiastic in the cause, but free from undue excitement. That meeting spelled the doom of the present administration.

The meeting last night adopted by a rising vote the following resolutions of protest and denunciation:

Whereas, the Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Raleigh on Monday, March 22nd, called a primary of the Democratic citizens of this city to nominate city officers on March 30th,—thus giving only eight days' notice,—and that, too, immediately following an election in which the people were so absorbed that they could not prepare for the primary, and

Whereas eight days' notice in a primary is wholly undemocratic, ridiculously unreasonable, contrary to all precedent, manifestly unjust and obviously for the purpose of preventing a full and fair expression of opinion; and

Whereas, a majority of the Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Raleigh on last night followed up its outrageous treatment of the Democratic citizens with regard to the primary by calling a registration, at the demand of the law, which they obeyed only because they must,—a registration without notice, to be completed in four days and to close with practically no interval between it and the primary election, a thing unheard of, and surpassing if possible in highhandedness the action in calling the primary, and

Whereas in the same session of the Democratic Executive Committee, the Democratic citizens of this city who desire a change in the city government were denied the right to choose their representatives at the polls on primary day; and

Whereas, this mass meeting of the Democratic citizens of Raleigh desires to make formal protest against and record of their disapproval of the high-handed conduct of the Democratic executive committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we call the attention of the Democratic executive committee to the fact that on the face of the Primary election law for the city of Raleigh, a registration period of at least ten days is required. (See sections 11 and 12) and that in the name of decency, Democracy and justice we demand that the law be complied with.

Resolved, second, That we express our pain and regret that a Democratic executive committee could be induced by heat or led on by those who seem to be governed only by an inordinate lust for office, to the point of so arrogantly efying all the standards of precedent, the dictates of common sense and instincts of justice and honor.

Resolved, third, That we denounce as undemocratic, unlawful and unfair the action of the Democratic executive committee.

Resolved, fourth, That we submit these facts to our fellow Democratic citizens as the best evidence of the need of a complete change in the administration of affairs in Raleigh, and that we call upon them to come with us into this most important contest in the city's history—a contest for fair play, a contest for the common rights of free men, a contest for a true and worthy Democratic party, a contest for a better and a greater Raleigh.

President Sends in Nominations.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 25.—The President today made nominations, among them the following: Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Italy, John G. A. Leishman, of Pennsylvania.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain, Henry Clay Ide, of Vermont.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Argentine Republic, Charles H. Sherrill, New York.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico, Jose Conrado Hernandez, of Porto Rico.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico, Emilio Toro y Cuvas, of Porto Rico.

WANT TO HEAR DEBATE.

Great Demand for Seats at Prohibition Discussion.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 25.—Although seats to the debate between Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, and President Samuel Dickie, of Albion College, Michigan, on prohibition tomorrow night are free, the demand is so great that many offers have been made for seats.

The debate will be one of three on this subject between the same speakers. The second debate will be in Chicago and the third in some Southern city, probably Atlanta or New Orleans.

DR. ELIOT SPEAKS TWICE IN DURHAM

Party Comes From Chapel Hill by Auto

BIG BANQUET TONIGHT

Party Expresses Delight With Reception in the South—Considerable Interest Shown in the Movement of the Prominent Educator and His Companions—To Address Negroes.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., March 25.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, with Mrs. Eliot, arrived in the city today at noon. They came from Chapel Hill in an automobile, and while in Durham are the guests of Dr. S. F. Mordecai, member of the Trinity College faculty.

While here Dr. Eliot will deliver several addresses, the first being this afternoon and the second tonight, and tomorrow night the great educator will be entertained at a dinner given at the Corcoran hotel by the trustees and faculty of Trinity College. On

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REPUBLICANS HOT OVER JUDGESHIP

All Stirred up Over Talk of Democrat

MARCH ON WHITE HOUSE

All Differences Forgotten in the Determination that the Job Shall go to One of Their Number—Less Chance for Democrats With Each Day That Passes.

By THOMAS J. PENCE.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—The intimation by President Taft that he might appoint a Democrat to the vacant judgeship, and that he was considering the names of two judges of the State Supreme Court, has aroused the ire of North Carolina Republicans, the leaders among whom have assembled in Washington for the purpose of exerting themselves in opposition to any such plan.

State Chairman Adams and National Committeeman Duncan arrived today and were in conference with Republican congressmen from the State, Charles J. Harris, who dined with Mr. Taft last night, and Thomas Settle.

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TARIFF DEBATE TO END WEDNESDAY

Speeches For and Against Bill Continue

CANNON REAL POWER

Sheppard, of Texas, Declares Five Cent Cigar "Between Iron Lips" of Speaker is More Powerful Than the Big Sticks of a Whole Regiment of Tafts and Roosevelts.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 25.—A voluntary admission by Mr. Vreeland, of New York, that he was to some extent responsible for the retention in the Payne tariff bill of the countervailing duty on oil, was the climax of the discussion of the tariff in the House today.

Mr. Vreeland had sat for some time and heard various insinuations that that duty which some have characterized as a "joker" was to be levied solely in the interest of the Standard Oil Company. This he denied, and explained that his action was in response to requests from thousands of his oil-producing constituents and in behalf of 500,000 others engaged in

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CONTEST COMMENCING TO WARM UP SOME

Close of Bonus Offer Shows Many Contestants Where They Have Made Mistakes Which They Will Avoid in The Future, But Those With Proper Spirit Are Not Weeping of Blunders of the Past

President that he understood Mr. Cassel had been seelcted for the place by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

After his interview, Mr. Ellerbe said the President had agreed to hold up the appointment for two weeks if necessary. Mr. Ellerbe declared Mr. Cassel was not a resident of the State but was residing there only temporarily in a business capacity. The Florence postoffice has been under consideration for some time.

Rockefellers Leave Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., March 25.—John D. Rockefeller and party, including Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs. Spelman, Master John Rockefeller Prentice and Miss Mathilda McCormick left here today for Hot Springs, Va.

RACE IS JUST NOW GROWING INTERESTING

Contest Department Is Working Steadily on The Bonus Business Turned in Up to Wednesday Midnight and the Bonus Votes Will Be Mailed to Successful Contestants Within a Few Days—Anxious for Another Bonus Offer.

With plenty of time still remaining for candidates to enter the News and Observer's great $10,000 voting contest, with the bonus period just closed making many present contestants happy, enthusiasm is assuming such proportions now that an exceedingly torrid time may be expected from this time forth.

The end of the first bonus period has shown many where they made their mistakes. Of course, the great majority of contestants utilized the first great opportunity to such good purpose that they slept the sleep of the peaceful and victorious Wednesday night, but those who did not secure one or more clubs of five are by no means dismayed. Their failure to take advantage of the first offer, while temporarily discouraging, has in no way affected their determination to get their share of any succeeding bonus offers that may be made. Already the query is frequently being made: "What is your next offer going to be? When will it be made?" With a bulldoggy tenacity worthy of the greatest admiration the contestants who failed on the last offer, are going after any future opportunities that may be presented. And this is because of the fact that the first period may be considered as being almost wholly educational. They know now what things to avoid.

When a Man is Down.

And after all, what's the use of being discouraged? A little rebuff, a slight set back, a trifling disappointment are all but the acid testings of the pure gold of a man's resolution. In this world it has been demonstrated that there is no failure except in no longer trying. Some genius who knew, embodied the fighting, winning spirit in a rollicking little ditty several years ago, and he named it "A Man's Never Down 'Till He's Willing to Stay." Experience would seem to prove that this is true. And by that same token it is usually found to be the man who has undertaken nothing worthy of great consideration.

The game is just growing interesting now and many a game is won in the ninth inning. And it's always the extra-inning games that prove the real merit of those who participate. Work is one of the best remedies on earth for mental disturbances. If you're worried because you didn't get in on the first bonus offer, make a firm resolve to try the work cure today. Stand up straight and squarely on the two feet that God gave you, look every man fearlessly in the eye and proclaim your purpose honestly, heartily and with a spirit of that confidence in your own ability which begets confidence in others.

Look to The Future.

Regretting past mistakes is a most woeful waste of valuable time that can be employed so profitably by going straight ahead and avoiding the making of those same mistakes a second time. So therefore it isn't good business to be constantly looking backward. Edward Bellamy made a fortune by "Looking Backward," but Lot's wife only made her salt. Merely a difference in people, time and conditions, that's all. Which prompts the thought that while every dog may have his day, the kind of day depends largely upon the sort of dog.

So now its time to forget the past and devote your time to the future. Get busy right now. Every candidate has heard over and over again the meaningless words: "No, I can't subscribe, but I'll do all I can to help you." They have heard the words so many times and noted the expression that accompanied them that they can almost tell at a glance just about what a man is going to say when he is approached. It is an experience that is as commonly recurrent as the rising of the sun—only it's a happening of greater frequency.

A Ready Answer.

But the wise contestants are not discouraged by this sort of "help." They have an answer ready which goes something like this: "Well, if you really want to help me, show that you mean it; if you don't subscribe, you don't mean anything at all. There's only one way for you to be of any assistance to me and that is to subscribe to the News and Observer." In which case the pretended friend must either "come across" or virtually admit that his conversation was composed solely of soft southern zephyrs, or rather, as it is vulgarly known, common old "hot air."

And then there is another class of friend you will meet. He is the gentleman whose promises manifest such an alarming tendency to take the re-

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WOMEN BAPTISTS ADJOURN TONIGHT

Session Has Been Very Successful

High Point, N. C., March 25.—At the afternoon session of the nineteenth annual convention of the Baptist Women's Missionary convention, a vice-presidents' conference was held, followed by a mission conference. The "Sunbeams" also held an interesting conference.

The special features of the night session were the speeches by the Rev Livingston Johnson, of Greensboro, and Dr. Porter, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Johnson's theme was "Womanhood." At this meeting Mr. Johnson was presented with a record book with all the names of the "Sunbeams" who had contributed to State missions.

Dr. Porter's address was a gem. He and Dr. Willingham are very active members of the Southern Baptist convention and keep in touch with every department and hence are capable of talking along the lines they chose last night.

The convention comes to a close tonight with an address at the auditorium by Dr. Masters, thus ending one of the most notable gatherings in the history of the city.

Owing to the unusual large number of delegates to the convention the services last night were held in the auditorium of the South Main street school. The sermon yesterday by Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Wake Forest was an able effort, Mr. Lynch being easily one of the most eloquent ministers of the Southern Baptist convention. The excellent qualities of womanhood were emphasized by him: Her predisposition being to religion, her great mission in the word and the vast difference between the woman of a Christian nation and those in utter darkness; her unselfish devotion to the cause, etc.

Cortelyou Heads Gas Company.

New York, March 25.—George B. Cortelyou, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, was today elected president of the Consolidated Gas Co., of this city.

RUSS HELD FOR RIVAL'S MURDER

Charged With Shooting Jerry Bigford

Wilmington, N. C., March 25.—As the result of the coroner's inquest and preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace in Columbus county today, Cleveland Russ, 21 years old, said to be a rejected suitor of Miss Squires, of Bladen county, was committed to jail without bond at Whiteville, N. C., for trial in the State Superior court next month on the charge of having murdered Jerry Bigford, a well known young farmer and merchant, who was shot to death through a window in his home, near Freemans, N. C., Tuesday night, and who was to have married Miss Squires the night following the finding of his body in his home, where he resided alone.

A large number of witnesses were examined, including Chief of Police Edmundson, of Chadbourn, whose bloodhounds followed a trail four miles through swamps and across the river to the Russ home, where three brothers were arrested.

Leading attorneys of Columbus county and Wilmington appeared on both sides at the hearing today, the prosecution urging strongly that jealousy afforded the motive and the bloodhounds were unerring, while the defense sought to set up an alibi by the brothers and others at the Russ home the night of the murder, and claiming that the theory previously adopted by the officers directed the trail of the dogs to the house. Two of the brothers were released from custody, but were recognized as witnesses for the higher court.

Miss Squires, the fiancee of the dead man, and her father were present for the inquest, but neither was introduced as a witness.

All the parties to the affair are prominent in their respective communities. Cleveland Russ is being taken to jail at Whiteville tonight, but no violence is feared.

THE WILMINGTON ELECTION RESULT

Official Count Does Not Alter First Report

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 25.—After a vigorous fight in the Democratic primary yesterday, the city has again settled down to business. The official canvass of the vote did not change the result as announced last night, Capt. Walter G. MacRae being nominated for mayor over Alderman Martin O'Brien by a majority of 166.

The first and fifth wards gave majorities for O'Brien, but these were more than overcome by majorities in the central wards for MacRae. The aldermen elected are J. A. Karr and W. L. West, first ward; F. W. Bonitz and Jos. H. Hinton, second ward; S. J. Ellis and Louis E. Hall, third ward; B. O. Stone and W. E. Yopp, fourth ward.

In the fifth ward Thomas B. Willard was elected by a large majority, but a secondary primary is necessary between W. W. King and J. B. Fales is necessary to the nomination of the second candidate for alderman from that ward.

Old Colonial Home Burned.

An old colonial home belonging to R. W. Bordeaux, near Castle Haynes, was burned yesterday afternoon, entailing a loss of $2,000, there being no insurance. Mr. Bordeaux had recently removed to Rocky Point and a negro was in charge of the place, though Mr. Bordeaux had much of his furniture stored there and in his cellar had a large amount of fine old wines of rare vintage. The fire was from an unknown origin.

Strawberries Damaged.

Reports from Rocky Point are to the effect that strawberries in that vicinity were badly damaged by frosts of the past two mornings. Berries that were protected are reported damaged 15 per cent, while those unprotected are reported to have been cut

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THREE TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Judge Scores the Convicted Negroes

(By the Associated Press.)

Powhatan, Va., March 25.—Judge Hundley today sentenced to death Isham and Joseph Taylor and Lewis Jenkins, who were convicted yesterday of having murdered Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson. They will be electrocuted April 30th in the penitentiary at Richmond.

Wm. Brown was today on trial for murder, and John Brown, his father, will be tried tomorrow for arson and burglary, both capital crimes in Virginia. John Brown is the man sentenced last evening to fifteen years imprisonment for complicity in the Skipwith murder plot.

In sentencing the prisoners Judge Hundley said: "I would be false to my convictions of duty if I failed to utter some words of warning to your people. The savages who once roamed over this land never planned a massacre with more cold-blooded premeditation or executed it with more heartless cruelty. You were not strangers to the map or to the aged and helpless woman you murdered, but you lived almost at their doors and fed upon their bounty. You came to their door in the night time and with the voice and language of friends you called them to the door and shot the man down, brained the good old lday with an axe, dragged her body down the steps like the carcass of a slaughtered beast and burned them up in their own dwelling, in all likelihood while still alive.

"The most discouraging and shocking feature of it is that so many of you in the same neighborhood could be induced to engage in it; that it could be conducted with such profound secrecy and is regarded by your people with such indifference. Viewed in that light it assumes a dark and sinister aspect; marks an epoch in the history of your race and

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RED LIGHT RAID IN ROCKY MOUNT

Five Women Are Placed Under Arrest

(Special to News and Observer.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 25.—For an alleged violation of both the State and city laws, a raid of the red light district of this city was made last night by officers J. M. Reams, C. O. Hedgepeth and H. N. Hedgepeth, and as the result five women, namely Daisy Harris, Mae Wilkins, Emma Wood, Audray Wilkins and Gladys Lupton are held under fifty-dollar bonds for their appearance in recorder's court tomorrow morning upon the charge of running, and being occupants of a house of ill fame. The first two women, are held upon a more grave charge than the remaining three, as they are not only occupants but proprietors of the houses, and if this is proven, the State law in the matter will make it hard lines for them.

The raid was made last night between nine and ten o'clock and the inmates of the houses were locked up for a possible half hour while their bond was being arranged. This is the first move upon the part of the administration to rid the city of this vice and according to instruction issued this morning the police will make other arrests if they do not shake the dust of the city off their feet, and that at an early date.

The Harris woman is an old offender, and has figured in the courts of this city before.

It is understood that the Lupton girl, who gave her age last night to the police as nineteen, is not over fifteen years old, and that she was brought to this city about ten days ago from Richmond. However, she does not claim that city as her home. Her case may be more thoroughly investigated, as to when and by whose hands she came into this deplorable career, and there may be developments from this phase that will make matters embarrassing to someone.

NOT ACTING FOR TAFT

INCOME TAX BILL HIS OWN, SAYS REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Mar. 25.—In the House of Representatives today Mr. Stevens (Minn.) denied that he was concerned in the perparation of an income tax bill in order to carry out any policy of President Taft on that subject. The newspapers, he said, had given that impression.

Mr. Stevens declared himself in favor of a modified income tax, and he thought a bill could be devised which would so segregate the various sources from which the tax might be collected as to leave no doubt as to what may be held unconstitutional. It was, he said, his intention to prepare such a bill, but added that it would be on his own responsibility.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—It was stated at the White House today that President Taft has not committed himself in any way to an income tax, either as an immediate aid to the treasury or as a prospective measure to be considered by Congress at its next session.

Attorney General Wickersham, who talked with President Taft today, stated that he had not prepared any bill for the President concerning a tax on incomes. He is understood to have prepared an inheritance tax bill and between now and next winter may give attention to an income tax bill.

TO CONSOLIDATE WORK

NEWBERRY'S PLAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY SECRETARY MEYER.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 25.—The plan of former Secretary Newberry for the consolidation of the work of various navy yards will be conformed to under the present administration and thoroughly tested before any preparation materially to modify it is considered. A statement to this effect was given out by the Navy Department today.

"It is not the intention of the department," it is decaired in this statement, "to depart from the general plan of consolidation and reorganization as laid down by the regulations and the general orders issued until this plan has been given a fair test. It will probably be found after trial that many improvements are desirable and necessary for the efficiency of the navy in the methods as tentatively laid down. It is the intention of the department, after a sufficient time has been given to test the plan in its present form, to order a board of officers to make such recommendations as may be found to be desirable."

Tonapah Stock Paying 140 Percent.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 25.—An extra dividend of 10 per cent in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 per cent. was declared today by the directors of the Tonapah Mining Company. This puts the stock on a dividend basis of 140 per cent. per annum. The stock advanced to $7 a share today.

FELL FROM WINDOW

UNIDENTIFIED MAN HURT IN FAYETTEVILLE—TO RE-ORGANIZE SOUTHERN LIFE.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Mar. 25.—An unidentified young man of respectable appearance fell from a second-story window of the Averitt hotel this morning and was seriously though perhaps not fatally injured, as the result of attempting to pull on his shoes while sitting in the window. The man, it is said, was intoxicated.

At a meeting of a large number of citizens held at the town hall today in response to a call issued by E. A. Poe and D. H. Jones for the purpose of taking steps to hold the Southern Life Insurance Company in Fayetteville. A committee of thirteen representative citizens was appointed to bring about the desired results.

If the efforts of this committee are successful, which seems very probable, it is understood that the Southern Life will be re-organized and converted into a mutual insurance company.

Kills Himself on Train.

(By the Associated Press.)

Savannah, Ga., March 25.—George H. Bell, a former member of the State Legislature, who gained notoriety through his efforts to escape from the State lunatic asylum where he was confined for about four years following his service as legislator, today killed himself by cutting his throat while on a passenger train from Macon to Savannah. He was recently released from the asylum.

LOSES HER NOVEL SUIT

WOMAN HURT WHILE RIDING IN PHYSICIAN'S AUTO FAILS TO RECOVER.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 25.—The somewhat novel legal question whether owners of automobiles are liable for injuries suffered by their guests while speeding was raised in a suit for $25,000 damages brought against Dr. Julian P. Thomas, the aeronaut, which was decided in his favor here today. The suit was brought by Miss Frances Haas, who was riding with Dr. Thomas when his machine was wrecked against a telegraph pole two years ago. She lost a leg and was otherwise seriously injured.

Justice Brady held that it was for the jury to decide whether or not the plaintiff assumed the risks of the ride when she entered the defendant's automobile. If they found that she did assume the risk or that she asked the defendant to increase speed she should not recover. If they found that the defendant recklessly and voluntarily and against the protest of the plaintiff exceeded proper speed, the verdict should be for the plaintiff. The jury decided that Miss Haas could not recover damages.

Kick on Northern Man.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Representative Ellerbe, of South Carolina, called upon President Taft today to ask that the appointment of Howard N. Cassel, a son of Representative Cassell, of Pennsylvania, as postmaster at Florence, S. C., be held up for ten days. Mr. Ellerbee told the

MOVE IN SORRELL CASE

DURHAM EX-POLICEMAN TO SEEK FREEDOM UNDR INSOLVENT DEBTOR'S OATH.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., March 25.—Preparations are being made for a new move in the case of Albert V. Sorrell, who is being sued by Henry F. Edwards for $10,000 on the charge of alienating the affections of his wife and destroying the peace and happiness of his home. Sorrell is still in jail and it is now said that on April 13th, that being twenty days from the time he was first incarcerated, application will be made for the release of the defendant on the insolvent debtor's oath.

Sorrell alleges that he is not worth anything above the $50 allowed by law, and that a portion of his property is owned by his wife and the remainder of the property is held jointly by him and his wife, and that he cannot dispose of same except by signature of his wife, and that he does not own, in the meaning of the law, anything above the limit of the patiper. Notice has been given that application will be made for the insolvent debtor's oath on April 13th, the expiration of the twenty days' imprisonment.

This morning, at an early hour, there was quite a severe wind and rain storm, followed by hail and later on in the day there was a second hail shower. The wind and rain did considerable damage, especially to awnings. There was no great damage inside the city, however.