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The Morganton Lynchers Denounced. In accordance with the request contained in the last resolution published below, we copy the resolutions adopted at an immense mass meeting of the citizens of Union county, held at their county-seat last week, as follows: WHEREAS, On the 9th day of August, 1889, Robert Parker, a former citizen of this county, who was then attending school at Rutherford College, N. C., was shot from ambush and foully murdered by an unknown person; and, whereas, Franklin Stack was suspected, on the part of certain persons, of being the slayer of Mr. Parker, for the reason that the latter had killed a brother of the former some ten years ago; and whereas, by reason of this suspicion Mr. Stack, who was a worthy man and a highly respected and honorable citizen of this county, was arrested at his house while in the quiet pursuit of his labor, (when he, having previously heard that he was suspected, had told the sheriff he could be found if wanted) and carried to the county of Burke under a warrant issued by a Supreme Court Judge, Mr. Stack cheerfully submitting himself to the proceedings under which he was arrested, that the law, having taken him into its toils, would insure him a fair trial, upon which the accused avowed to the end, that he could have fully established his innocence; and whereas, on the morning of the 11th of September, 1889, while Mr. Stack was confined in the county jail of Burke, where the law had placed him to await the trial which is guaranteed to every citizen, and which had been expressly promised him when arrested upon the warrant of a Supreme Court Judge, and while the presumption of the law as to his innocence was strengthened by his solemn and repeated averments that he was innocent and could prove it, Mr. Stack was forcibly taken from jail by a mob of midnight assassins, who, while trampling the law under foot themselves and bent upon committing the crime of which he was accused, and which he bitterly denied as long as he was granted utterance, denied him the right of a confessed felon and summarily executed him in the face of his dying declaration that he was innocent;

A similar trial was held at Fayetteville, in this State, about 1852, and was one of the most notable in our judicial annals. It was the trial of Mrs. Simpson for poisoning her husband, and, although acquitted, it was generally thought that she was guilty.

THE UNRELIABILITY OF HUMAN TESTIMONY was very forcibly illustrated at a coroner's inquest held at Asheville, on last Saturday. A man had been run over and killed by a street railway car, and at the coroner's inquest several persons testified that the dead man was a carpenter, named Boyd. Among the witnesses who swore that the dead man was Boyd were a policeman and the physician who attended him and one of whose cousins Boyd had married. Before the inquest was closed, however, Boyd made his appearance and presented himself before the jury as much alive as any of them! Other witnesses were then introduced and it was satisfactorily proved that the dead man was named Morgan. This incident reminds us of an old saying, "Believe nothing you hear, and only halt you see." Human testimony is very fallible and ought always to be carefully weighed.

AN ELECTION was held in France, on last Sunday, for a new Chamber of Deputies, the legislative body of that country somewhat similar to our Congress. The returns indicate a majority in favor of the existing government, and a complete defeat of that blatant demagogue, Boulanger. The election passed off quietly, which proves that the excitable Frenchmen are learning something of self-government. We must confess our surprise that the French Republic has lasted as long as it has. It will no doubt astonish most of our readers to learn that the election was held on Sunday, but for many years that has been the usual day for holding elections in France, where Sunday is not regarded so sacred a day as it is in America.

EVERY EFFORT is being made by the managers of the next State Fair to make it a great success by getting the farmers interested in it. A handsome premium is offered to the County Alliance that makes the best exhibit, and also to the sub-alliance that makes the best exhibit. There will be a grand alliance mass meeting on Wednesday night of fair-week, at which prominent alliance men from this and other States will be present, and important matters will be discussed.

Alliance Headquarters will be established on the Fair grounds in full view of the Entrance Gate, near Agricultural Hall, in charge of Col. L. L. Polk, State Secretary, and will be kept open during the week for the accommodation of visiting members.

OUR STATE Penitentiary is likely to become self-supporting and no longer be a burden upon the taxpayers of the State. The Raleigh News and Observer has published a statement of its expenses and its earnings for the months of June, July and August, from which it appears that the earnings in these three months exceeded the expenses \$1,651.04. This is certainly a good showing and very creditable to the present directors of the penitentiary. Heretofore that institution has cost the State from one to two hundred thousand dollars a year, and the taxpayers will now be pleased to learn that all this money will hereafter be saved.

urante a movement which shall make every citizen feel that in truth and in fact, he has the protection of the law of the land.

6th. That we call upon the good people of Burke county, many of whom we know to be good citizens, and the great masses of whom deplore the tragedy enacted on the night of the 11th instant, and upon whom we are obliged to rely, to hunt up the perpetrators of this crime and bring the guilty parties to justice.

7th. That we call upon His Excellency, Daniel G. Fowle, the Governor of the whole people, to do all in his power to discover the parties, who have so grossly outraged the law, who have inflicted such summary injustice upon one of our helpless citizens and make them answer for the crime they have committed at the shrine of the law which they have insulted and violated.

It was resolved that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the Governor of the State; that they be published in the Equivocal and Express and the State press be requested to copy them.

A Disastrous Land Slide. QUEBEC, Sept. 19.—A disastrous land slide occurred here at 8 o'clock this evening. Several houses, with their occupants, are buried beneath tons of rock and earth. None of the debris has yet been cleared away, and there is no way of estimating the loss of life, except that it is certain that all who were in the neighborhood that is inundated must have perished by this time. The slide started near the Citadel, at the summit of Cape Diamond, and swept down with constant gathering force and volume, overwhelming everything in its track. The river front at the base of the rocky heights crowned by the Citadel is crowded with dwellings clear up to the beginning of the ascent, and at least five of these are buried out of sight.

QUEBEC, Sept. 20.—The extent of last night's disaster is likely from present indications to fall but little short of that which occurred on nearly the same spot on May 17, 1844, when eight buildings were destroyed and thirty-two persons killed. In 1852 several others were killed half a mile further up the street by a similar avalanche of rock. Still the warnings were disregarded, and people continued to build and to take up their habitations immediately below the overhanging masses of rock that juts out from the front of the cape and the narrow street that bears the name of Quebec's powder and that occupies all the space that remains between the cliff and river, save the wharves which serve also as the back yards of the houses who re last night's disaster occurred.

The damage is estimated at \$100,000. The shipping office in the Dominion government building has been turned into a temporary morgue and at this writing over 20 bodies lie in it.

It is difficult to identify some of them so much have they been disfigured and crushed.

ESTON, Sept. 20.—The Journal's Quebec special, dated midnight, says it is known that at least 200 dead bodies still remain under the pile of debris. Rescuing parties are at work, but are meeting with accidents, as huge masses of rock still continue to fall from the cliffs.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin. The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Crop Bulletin, issued by the U. S. Experiment Station and State Weather Service, co-operating with the U. S. Signal Service, show that during the first part of the week ending Friday, September 20th, the rainfall, temperature and sunshine were all about the average with favorable effect on crops, except in the extreme north-east portion of the State and a few localities in the central part where there was an excess of rainfall. The normal rainfall for this week in September is 1.15 inches. Elizabeth City, Pasquotank county, reported 3.25 inches in five days, which is 2.10 inches above the normal. Monroe, Union county, reported 2.29 inches in four days, 1.14 inches above the average. During the last part of the week a decided cool wave passed over the State, producing very light frosts Thursday and Friday mornings on the low ground. During the last few days the rainfall has been about the average with an excess of sunshine. Cotton is generally maturing well and picking is progressing rapidly. Tobacco cutting and curing continues and has been nearly finished on some farms. Peas and Potatoes good crops. The prospects are encouraging in most sections of the State.

EASTERN DISTRICT. An excess of rainfall in the north-eastern counties has been decidedly unfavorable to crops generally. In other portions average conditions prevailed with benefit to crops. Some correspondents estimate at least half a crop of cotton and a larger yield of corn.

CENTRAL DISTRICT. Average rainfall, temperature and sunshine, except during the last few days when there was a deficiency of temperature and excess of sunshine. Light frosts occurred on low ground as far north as Wake county on Thursday and Friday mornings without causing any damage whatever. Excessive excess of rainfall in portions of Union county, the weather has been very favorable. Cotton maturing well. As stated in previous reports the tobacco crops in some places, though bright, lack gum and body.

WESTERN DISTRICT. All reports indicate that the weather conditions have been favorable to crops. Temperature somewhat below the average. The minimum Friday morning was about 46 degrees. Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, reported light frost. All crops are fully up to the average in this district.

Wilkie Collins, the well known novelist, died last Monday.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 1889.

The Pension office muddle still furnishes the republicans with worry and the democrats with amusement. The trouble seems to have been to find a representative G. A. R. man for the position of Commissioner who was willing to reverse the methods of Tanner in the conduct of the office.

Ex-Representative Warner of Missouri, to whom the position was first offered, was rather inclined to accept, but after spending a night with President Harrison at Deer Park, and finding out what was expected of him, he declined and it was given out that he could not afford to give up his private business. The real reason was that he would not agree to conduct the office on any other method than that adopted by Tanner.

Then the position was tendered to G. S. Merrill, of Massachusetts, and it is understood that he has accepted it with all the conditions imposed by President Harrison. Gen. Merrill is an ex commander in chief of the G. A. R. but he is very conservative on the pension question and has always voted with the minority of that organization in opposing the proposed service pension. The present acting Commissioner of Pensions, acting it is supposed under orders from President Harrison, has revoked the orders of Tanner allowing all pensioners receiving less than \$4 per month to be examined upon application for a re-rating, and the one making the evidence of a single private sufficient to prove original disability. The administration has taken the back track on the pension question.

In the mean time Tanner is waiting to receive the appointment of Recorder of Deeds for this District, which his friends claim was promised to him if he would resign, while the citizens here irrespective of party are up in arms against his getting this position which President Harrison has promised them should not be given to any one not a citizen of the District of Columbia.

President Harrison's position is far from a bed of roses. The white clerks in the navy pay division of the Fourth Auditor's office are in a bad humor because Secretary Windom has appointed a negro chief of that division. These who remain under him deserve no sympathy.

Tanner's friends are starting a movement to drive Secretary Noble out of the cabinet. They want ex-Representative Goff of West Virginia, to succeed him. But Mr. Clarkson's friends will probably have something to say about that.

The Civil Service Commission has written a letter to the postmaster at Minneapolis scolding him for violating the law in making appointments in his office.

Representative Cutchings, of Mississippi, thinks that the only legislation of importance which will be passed at the coming session of Congress will be the repeal of the tobacco tax, and that can only be passed with the assistance of democratic votes.

Secretary Tracy is getting on very dangerous ground. He is considering the advisability of building the two 3,000 ton cruisers provided for by the last Congress in Government navy yards. Mr. Tracy means well, but if he escapes the political strikers he will do well. It does not require a very long memory to remember what attempting to build vessels in Government Navy Yards a few years ago cost the people. Better stick to the contract system.

Representative Bynum of Indiana expects a very lively session of Congress. He says: "We have a lot to worry the republicans about and we will be very apt to make it interesting for them."

Members and Senators are getting quite plentiful around Washington. They recognize that the session of Congress which begins in December will be a long one, how long no man is at present in a position to even make an intelligent guess, and they come early to make preparation for it. The absence of decided opinion on both sides as to what will or will not be done is very marked.

Judge Groff of Nebraska, is the new Commissioner of the General Land office. His appointment was a great disappointment to a number of aspiring gentlemen. Senator Sherman still lingers here, and there are people who say that Foraker would prefer his staying here. He fears the assistance of the Senator more than his absence and has not yet asked him to take any part in the Ohio campaign. Somebody must have been whispering something in the governor's ear.

A Timely Rescue. MORHEAD CITY, N. C., Sept. 22.—Gov. Fowle and a party of friends were out trolling Saturday evening and espied a boat in distress near the bar buoy. The sea was running very high, but after much difficulty the Governor's boat rescued them. As it was near sundown there was no other boat out, and the party, consisting of the two sons of Dr. Ennett and Mr. Lewis, principal of the High School here, would certainly have been drowned but for their timely aid.

Brutal Sport. NEW HAVEN, Conn., September 21.—During a football match today between the Yale University eleven and a picked team from different colleges, three men had to be carried from the field, and several other players were quite badly hurt. Harvey Holback, of University, eleven, was roughly tackled and severely sprained ankle resulted. He was carried from the field in great pain, and it will be several weeks before he can play again.

The Nation's Crops.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The weather crop bulletin for the week ending yesterday says that the reports from the Northwest and the States of the Ohio Valley indicate that an excellent corn crop has been secured, and that only slight damage has resulted to crops in those sections from recent frosts.

In the winter wheat States the ground is generally in good condition, and seeding is progressing rapidly. Young wheat is well advanced in Kansas, where the weather was favorable, except in the extreme northwestern portion of the State.

In Kentucky and Tennessee the tobacco crop was improved. It was slightly damaged by a light frost on Wednesday. About one half the tobacco crop is out in Kentucky. In Pennsylvania a portion of the tobacco crop remains uncut, the weather being too wet for curing.

The weather during the week in the cotton region was favorable, except in Tennessee, where rain caused some damage, and in Alabama, where drought proved injurious to the plant, which is reported as opening rapidly. The weather was generally favorable for picking, but in Texas cool weather retarded the opening of the bolls. In Arkansas leaf and boll worms injured many fields, and in Missouri the second appearance of worms has proved very destructive in several localities, in the eastern portion of the cotton region the weather was favorable and planters are encouraged.

Crops are being harvested in Louisiana, but rain would improve the cane crop, the present crop conditions in this State being reported as very good.

In New Jersey the weather was decidedly unfavorable, and all growing crops were injured by the daily rains in this State.

In New York the weather was favorable for the corn harvest, and winter wheat is good and pastures fair.

In New England wet and cloudy weather proved injurious to corn in shock, and caused the sprouting of oats and buckwheat. The fruit crop was also injured, and apples are dropping badly.

Murder in Moore.

From the Charlotte Daily.

On last Tuesday night, at Mrs. Catherine Stone's about 5 miles East of here, a horrible murder was committed. Mrs. Stone, who is about 80 years old, and a colored woman, Bettie Johnson, were the only occupants of the house. About ten o'clock Mrs. Stone says, a man came to the house and demanded admittance. She told him to leave—that they were alone, and wanted no company. He insisted upon going in. The negro woman threatened to shoot him if he didn't leave, whereupon he pushed the door open and shot her down. He then went into the adjoining room, where Mrs. Stone was, and demanded money, and threatened to kill her if she didn't give it to him. She told him there was no money there, and that if he killed her she would get none. He then jumped on her and choked her and beat her in the face, and then left. She says he struck a match while in the room and that there was a little blaze in the fire-place, but couldn't tell whether he was white or colored. Bettie Johnson, the murdered woman, was shot in the mouth and the abdomen.

Coroner Ferguson went to the scene of the tragedy as soon as notified, summoned a jury of inquest to investigate the crime. After a long and patient examination of witnesses, the jury returned a verdict that Bettie Johnson came to her death by a gunshot wound in the bowels, the gun being in the hands of Christopher Medlin. Medlin was arrested by Sheriff Currie, who was at the scene of the murder, and lodged in jail here last night.

Medlin is a nephew of Mrs. Stone and lived with her, but was away that night.

The Negro Exodus.

From the Wilmington Messenger, Sept. 19th.

Messrs. Charles Jones, Southern Passenger Agent of the "Memphis Route," and H. S. McCleskey, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Georgia Pacific Railroad, arrived in the city yesterday, and still other passenger agents are expected to come in today. They are here to look after the colored emigrants who have decided to try their fortunes in the West and South-west.

It is understood that a special train has been chartered on the Carolina Central Railroad and that between now and noon tomorrow it will leave for Charlotte with from 300 to 500 emigrants bound for the Delta region of Mississippi. Ex Alderman Geo. W. Price, who is interested in the exodus, informed a *Messenger* reporter yesterday that a few of these emigrants are from the country around Wilmington but that most of them are from the populous suburban districts of the city. A number of the emigrants have arrived in the city ready to take their departure, and to our reporter yesterday they spoke in most hopeful and cheerful terms about going away to make their homes in another part of the South. It is understood that those in the city who intend to go, are also ready to leave when the hour comes.

The exodus has commenced all along the line, and will continue from now till the 1st of January. Parties have already left Raleigh, Salem and Mount Olive, and it is said there will be a wholesale departure from New Bern in a few days. We are informed that between Wilmington and Fayetteville and Wilmington and Charlotte there will also be a considerable emigration, but that it will not take place until December or January, after the crops are gathered.

A Chicago newspaper suggests Foraker and Tanner as a Presidential ticket for 1892.

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