The Chatham Record

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No man can now tell whether there will be war, and one man's opinion about it is as good as another's. Active preparations are being made for war by both Spain and the United States. No report has yet been made by the Naval Court of Inquiry as to the cause of the blowing up of the battleship Maine. Of course this long delay is giving our country more time to prepare for war, and troops and munitions of war are being collected all along our coast.

It is now thought by many well informed persons that, without regard to the finding of the court of inquiry, our [illegible] will demand the independence of Cuba and enforce that demand, if necessary. The terrible sufferings of the unfortunate Cubans should appeal to the sympathy of all men. It is credibly reported that 200,000 Cubans—men, women and children—have died of starvation. Humanity demands that this wholesale starvation should cease!

The office holders' meeting in Raleigh last week was a remarkable gathering of the [illegible] Populists, whose only object is to devise the ways and means of retaining their offices.

This remarkable meeting was called to order by an office holder (State Auditor H. J. Ayer) and on his motion another office holder (Secretary of State Cyrus Thompson) was elected chairman. The names of delegates from thirty-five counties are published in the Raleigh papers, and nearly every one is an office holder. All from this county are office holders, and some of them hold more than one office. The Chatham office holders or "pious" Pops, who attended this meeting, were the following: Senator John W. Atwater; Representative J. E. Bryan, who is also a United States Commissioner as the reward for voting for Pritchard, as charged by some of his fellow Pops; Sheriff J. J. [illegible]; Register of Deeds John A. [illegible]; and Mr. R. B. Lineberry, who is county supervisor of the public schools, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, secretary and treasurer of the county alliance, deputy sheriff and deputy clerk of the superior court.

The meeting was held until midnight, not adjourning until 1 o'clock in the morning. There was said to be three elements or factions in the meeting. One faction favored co-operation with the Democrats; another favored co-operation with the Republicans; and the third favored a straight-out Populist fight. It is reported that all the Chatham office holders except Senator Atwater, favored co-operation with the Republicans, and that Mr. R. B. Lineberry declared that "the man who talks of fusion or co-operation of Populists and Democrats is simply wasting breath." But Senator Atwater is reported as declaring "that unless the Populists endorsed the recent utterances of the National People's party, the Democratic party and the Republican silver party, the Populist party in North Carolina would fall to pieces, and that so far as his county was concerned, if the Populists wavered in this regard, the Democrats, fighting under the silver banner, would carry the county by 400 majority."

Finally, after much discussion, by a vote of 46 to 26, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That the spirit of this conference warrants the assertion that any differences which may have existed in the People's party of North Carolina are eliminated, and the sense of this conference is that every effort to create discord hereafter will be an object of grave suspicion, and the promoters of such an effort may be looked on as inimical to reform and good government.

Resolved, That the spirit of the recommendatory addresses by the National Chairmen of the People's party, the Democratic party and the Silver Republican party, invoking a union of all forces favoring a reform of the National financial system, is cordially endorsed, since such reform was the inspiration of the People's party, and is now its greatest purpose.

Resolved, That it is the hope of the conference that the State convention of the People's party may be able to devise means for furthering all its principles and efforts as will in no wise compromise the integrity of the party or the beneficent results of legislation already accomplished."

The railroad commissioners, by a vote of two to one, have overruled the exceptions filed by the railroad companies and have affirmed their former order reducing the passenger rates to two and a half cents a mile for first-class fare and two cents a mile for second-class fare. Of course the railroad companies have appealed to the courts, and we doubt not this arbitrary order of Russell's appointees will be reversed.

The Record will not undertake to say whether or not the railroads charge too much for transportation in this state, but all fair-minded men must admit that this order, made by our railroad commission, was clearly contrary to the law and facts appearing on record in the case before them. In every judicial proceeding the court must decide in accordance with the law and facts appearing of record in the case, without bias or being influenced by personal prejudice or outside pressure. This our railroad commission have most signally failed to do in this most important case.

This arbitrary order of our railroad commission would give very little, if any, relief to that class of our people who most need relief, and yet it would be a very great and oppressive tax on railroad companies and greatly impair their present [illegible]. The great bulk of our people in the country and rural sections, seldom travel on railroads, except when they go on excursions, which are always very cheap. Of course, if this order of the railroad commission should be enforced, the railroad companies could no longer afford to run those cheap excursions.

Travelling is now very different nowadays from what it was fifty years ago. [illegible] travellers [illegible] pleasant [illegible] stage coach [illegible] travelling [illegible] reminded of this [illegible] trip [illegible] Macon, Georgia. Leaving Pittsboro [illegible] Macon [illegible] travelling [illegible] in the afternoon of the second day we returned [illegible] morning. [illegible] years ago [illegible].

It is needless to say that the [illegible] part of this trip [illegible] the Seaboard Air Line—as far as Atlanta [illegible] connection is made with all points South. Travelling on this system of roads is not a fatiguing journey, but is made as pleasant and comfortable as can be with trains that are noted for their handsome equipment, safety and celerity.

The Supreme Court of the United States have decided that they have no jurisdiction in the case, and have therefore dismissed the appeal of Railroad Commissioner Wilson against Caldwell, who was appointed by Governor Russell. Therefore Caldwell and Pearson will retain their offices until the Legislature convenes, if Russell does not remove them also.

At last North Carolina has a daily newspaper; that is, a paper published every day, Sundays included. Heretofore all of our "daily" papers have been published only six times a week, but now the Charlotte Observer is being published every day, which journalistic enterprise is greatly enjoyed by its appreciative readers.

The very idea of a gang of selfish office holders meeting at Raleigh, and passing resolutions and dictating what the people of North Carolina must do!

The time has been when the office holders were considered to be the servants of the people, but now they act as if they are the bosses!

Relief for Maine Victims.

Washington, March 21.—The House today unanimously passed the bill for the relief of the survivors and victims of the Maine disaster. The bill reimburses the surviving officers and men for the losses they sustained to an amount not to exceed a year's sea pay, and directs the payment of a sum equal to a year's pay to the legal heirs of those who perished.

The report of the court of inquiry on the Maine disaster will be handed to President McKinley on Friday of this week, and he will transmit it to Congress next Monday or Tuesday, when its contents will be made public.

Chairman Manly's Address.

The Democratic State Executive Committee, at its meeting on the 22nd of last month, authorized Chairman Manly to call the State convention to meet at Raleigh, on the 26th of May. Accordingly he has issued the following:

Pursuant to [illegible] State executive committee adopted at its meeting held February 22nd, I hereby give notice that the Democratic State convention will be held in the city of Raleigh at 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, May 26th, 1898.

The plans [illegible] is recommended [illegible] of the county executive committees [illegible] primaries and county conventions.

[illegible]

Judicial [illegible] should [illegible] for the State convention [illegible] districts [illegible].

[illegible]

Clement Manly,
Chairman State Dem. Ex. Com.
Winston, N. C., March 18th, 1898.

Two Sheriffs Shot.

Senatobia, Miss., March 21.—In a shooting affray here today, Sheriff W. J. Bray was killed and Deputy Sheriff Homer Gilmore dangerously wounded.

The trouble was between Ashley Cocke and Homer Gilmore. Cocke emptied his pistol at Gilmore, three shots taking effect, while Gilmore missed his assailant entirely. Cocke then walked across the street, meantime reloading his pistol. Sheriff Bray, hearing the shooting, hastened to the scene and drawing his pistol, ordered Cocke to throw up his hands, Cocke at the same time calling out to the sheriff not to come any further. Bray fired, but missed, and then Cocke, taking aim shot his antagonist through the head.

Killed by a Mine Explosion.

Madrid, March 18.—A terrible explosion took place today in the Santa Isabel mine, at Belmez, province of Cordova. Twenty bodies have already been recovered and many men are as yet unaccounted for. Five of those rescued have succumbed to their injuries.

Convicts are grading the proposed railroad from Raleigh to Lillington.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 18, 1898.

Spanish gall can go no further, now that Spain has made the charge that the presence of a fleet of U. S. war vessels at Key West and the active preparations for war which are being made in this country are responsible for the failure of autonomy in Cuba. It is well understood in Washington that the only object Spain had in charging this country with [illegible] was declared to be a failure by [illegible] as long ago as last January, [illegible] to make some of the European governments believe that the U. S. had schemed to make autonomy a failure in order to have an excuse for driving Spain out of Cuba. That it is a lie makes no difference to Spain, for [illegible] Chinaman is a novice in lying, trickery and general cussedness compared with the Spanish statesman [illegible]. Our fleet will remain at Key West until it moves on Cuba, and our preparations will go right ahead regardless of Spain's charges [illegible] any European [illegible].

When will Mr. McKinley make public the report of the Maine court? That is what everybody is asking [illegible] in Washington. It is believed that Mr. McKinley [illegible] Navy Department [illegible].

[illegible]

Representative Stokes of S. C. called on Mr. McKinley this week and handed him a letter from Gen. Joseph L. Stoppelbein, commanding the First Brigade S. C. Cavalry, containing the following: "The people of South Carolina stand ready and willing to shed their blood in defense of the Stars and Stripes, and if ever our people are united they are today. We know no factional or party lines when the honor of our country is at stake. As you know, I command the largest body of Cavalry in the U. S. My command and I are at the service of the President, and, while I understand that militia cannot be pressed into service for a longer period than ninety days, I now, through you, formally tender my services to the President for ninety months if need be. The people of S. C. have implicit confidence in the wisdom of the President at this critical moment, and feel that he will do the proper thing."

Representative Alexander, of New York, while the House was considering the Post Office appropriation bill, made a little speech for home consumption, insisting that the House should go on record with an explicit declaration that the government was bound by law and good faith to maintain the gold standard. Nobody answered his speech, because it answered itself. If the country was bound by law to maintain the gold standard, the goldbugs would not desire any further Congressional action. It is because it is not so bound by law that they would like to see Congress act. Thirty days from the time the first gun is fired, in the war with Spain, Mr. Alexander, in common with everybody else, will find that the gold standard cannot be maintained. It could not be maintained in war, even if its maintenance was explicitly provided for by law.

Raleigh's new postmaster will be C. T. Bailey.

Court of Inquiry's Report.

Washington, March 21.—The procedure in connection with the submission of the report of Maine court of inquiry by the President to Congress is now clearly outlined, and a cabinet officer today explained the general line of action [illegible] upon receipt of the report which [illegible] next Thursday. A copy of it will be laid before the Spanish government [illegible] the report will be sent to Congress and made public [illegible] accompanied by a message from the President [illegible] conclusions [illegible] Spanish government [illegible] appropriate action [illegible]. It is stated positively that no part of the report, and no intimation of the findings, has reached the executive authorities in Washington as yet.

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Four Old Twins.

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Messrs. Thomas and Wm. L. Moss were born in 1822, [illegible] 75 years old. The former lives [illegible] miles from Henderson and the latter about one mile from Kittrell, and have always resided within a few miles of their birthplace.

Both were married in early manhood, but their wives have been dead a number of years and they have never [illegible].

They are quite active for men of their ages, carrying on their farm work in all its branches, plowing or doing anything that comes to hand. They believe in hard work and temperance in all things.

Vance also comes forward with perhaps the oldest twin sisters in the State. They are Mrs. Mary G. Aycock of Henderson, and Mrs. Martha L. Parham, who lives near town. Their maiden name was Pleasants. They were born in 1832 and are therefore 66 years old.

The close resemblance of these ladies was always very striking. A true story is told on Mr. Aycock that when he was seeking the hand of the lady who afterwards became his wife it was with considerable difficulty at times that he could distinguish one from the other. And when the wedding day came the sisters appeared similarly dressed. The groom approached looking slightly embarrassed and undecided as to whom he was to marry, and when asked which one he would take, replied that either would do.

Murdered for a Pipe.

Shenandoah, Pa., March 19.—Charles Sedusky, aged 21, and Charles Kingheiser, aged 21, quarreled this morning over an old clay pipe. They met again this evening, when the quarrel was renewed. Sedusky pulled a 32-calibre revolver and shot Kingheiser in the head, the bullet penetrating the brain, which caused the victim's death 20 minutes later.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson was nominated, last week, by the Populists of Georgia as their candidate for Governor, but he has declined that empty honor(?)

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March 5, 1898. W. A. [illegible], Commissioner.

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