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THE Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President are Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, of New York, and ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia. They were nominated last week by the Democratic national convention held at St. Louis. Parker was nominated on the first ballot and Davis was nominated by acclamation.

This convention was one of the most notable ever held and will never be forgotten by any of the thousands who attended it. The immense building in which it was held was crowded to its utmost capacity during all the sessions of the convention, which were held with short recesses from noon on Wednesday until after midnight on Saturday night. One session was all night, like our State convention at Greensboro. But it was unlike our State convention in one respect. Our State convention spent most of its time in nominating its candidate for Governor and very little time in adopting its platform. The national convention spent most of its time in adopting its platform and very little time in nominating its candidates.

The platform is a compromise between the gold standard and free silver Democrats, and is one on which all Democrats—both Bryan and Cleveland—can stand consistently. The financial question being settled and no longer being an issue there is no reason for Democrats to be divided on this dead issue anymore than to be still divided on the dead issue of carrying slaves into the Territories. Consequently there is no allusion in the platform either to the gold standard or to free silver. The platform is outspoken, however, and utters no uncertain sound on all the live and important issues of the day. There is one great difference between this platform and that of the Republicans, which should secure for it the support of all white men in the South: and that is, it does not demand a reduction of the South's representation in Congress and the Electoral College because of the disfranchisement of the ignorant negroes.

With this platform and these candidates the Democrats all over the United States are once more happily reconciled and reunited. With this platform and these candidates the Democrats all over the United States will stand united and present a solid front during the coming campaign.

THE North Carolina Press Association will hold its annual meeting on the 26th and 27th of this month at Morehead City, and it will be a most pleasant and interesting meeting. An attractive programme has been arranged for the meeting, the notable feature of which will be an address by Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

Morehead City has been unusually attractive this summer and has been more largely patronized than usual. This is due to the excellent management of the Atlantic Hotel by Mr. A. J. Cooke, who is now in charge of it and is one of the most capable and courteous hoteliers in the South.

"TIME sets all things right." This old saying was forcibly verified by the vindication of ex-President Cleveland at the national convention last week, when that great body went wild at the mention of his name. He had patiently bided his time, in nowise heeding or disturbed by the unjust censures heaped upon him. His vindication has come at last and is full and complete. Those who now yelp at his heels are too insignificant to notice.

PARKER's telegram was a magnificent exhibition of moral courage and honesty of purpose. He completely refuted the allegation of those who had accused him of not having any decided convictions. He had shown for several weeks that he was wise enough to be silent when "silence was golden," and this remarkable telegram showed he had the courage and wisdom to speak when his silence might be misunderstood.

OUR nominee for President is a man of simple habits and as "plain as an old shoe." He was born on a farm, where he worked until he was sixteen years old when he began to teach a country school to get the money to help pay his expenses at College. He is one of our country's great self-made men, rising from a young country teacher to be Chief Justice of the greatest State in the Union. His life is a fit example for the youths of our country to emulate and imitate.

The announcement of his nomination for President was made to Judge Parker as he was coming out from his usual morning swim in the stream near his house. The day after his nomination to the highest office in the world he went to church and as usual handed round the plate just like any other church official would do. After church some of his neighbors called to congratulate him and they sat on his piazza talking and taking things as simply as any neighbors would do in visiting. He is a man of the people and with him as our President the people's interests will be safe.

Our nominee for Vice-President was for twelve years a United States Senator from West Virginia and is extensively engaged in the mining and industrial development of that State. So popular and influential is he in West Virginia that he will carry that State for the Democrats, although for several years it has gone Republican.

SOUTHERNERS were conspicuous at the Democratic national convention. It was called to order by ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas; its temporary chairman was Congressman Williams, of Mississippi; its permanent chairman was Congressman Clark, of Missouri; the chairman of the committee on platform was Senator Daniel, of Virginia; and Senator Bailey, of Texas, and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, were among the most influential men in the convention.

This was in pleasing and striking contrast to the Southern men and their influence in the Republican national convention, and forcibly illustrated the difference between the two parties in the South.

THE friends of temperance everywhere are greatly encouraged by the glorious victories won last week at Charlotte and New Bern. At each of those cities prohibition defeated the saloons by overwhelming majorities, very much larger majorities than the most sanguine prohibitionist had hoped.

The victory for prohibition at Charlotte and New Bern will encourage the temperance forces at Greensboro and Wilmington, where elections for a dispensary will be held on the 16th and 27th of this month. Truly will the advocates of temperance have cause to rejoice when the saloons are voted out of such important cities as Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville and New Bern.

Ants Destroy Boll Weevil.

Washington, July 11.—The effectiveness of the Guatemalan ants in checking the ravages of the boll weevils in the cotton fields has been tested, and Mr. Cook, the expert of the Department of Agriculture, in a telegram to Secretary Wilson today, announces that the ants promptly destroyed the weevil and the Texas red ants as well. The telegram, which was the subject of great satisfaction to Secretary Wilson, was from the chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry and is dated Victoria, Texas. It is as follows:

"After four weeks of captivity and of sugar diet, the Guatemalan ants promptly destroyed the Texas boll weevils and also the Texas red ants, the harmless species which it was feared they might resemble."

Color Line in New York.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 11.—There is intense feeling among the negroes of the village today because a negro clergyman was put out of a white man's barber shop here Saturday night when he insisted upon being shaved by a white barber. It is believed by many to have been a carefully planned proceeding on the part of the negroes to give expression to the declaration of a more liberal policy toward the negroes in the Republican national platform. At any rate, the negroes say they will make an effort to have the matter laid before the president at once, and they are confident he will uphold them.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, July 7, 1904. Peace and quietude reign in Washington. Even conversation is carried on in subdued tones. It would suit Judge Parker as a residence first rate. Congress and Catherine wheels, Roosevelt, roman candles and rockets have gone off, and the smudge is being rapidly dissipated. While waiting for confirmatory news from hot St. Louis our people sit on their shady lawns and hail each other with "How cool it is!" There is no excuse for going out of town this summer. Meantime, the usual thousand or two come from the Gulf States and settle down in our hotels and boarding houses confident that they have arrived at a northern mid-summer resort.

Two or three of the Filipinos "Commissioners" linger at the capital, and they freely call attention to President Schurman's trenchant remark at the New York banquet that "if we were able to prepare the Cubans to be fit for self-government in 24 months, and the residents of Panama to be fit to govern themselves in 24 hours, it ought not to take 24 years to train the Filipinos up to that point." Secretary Taft and White-law Reid were present at that banquet and said a whole lot of irrelevant things but did not reply to this caustic observation.

Steamboats on the Potomac are running about a quarter full on their excursions, and the owners are sad-hearted at the lack of a dividend. The Stocum horror hangs upon the shoulders of Secretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce, like a veritable Old Man of the Sea. A large part of his daily mail consists of petitions and appeals for the punishment of the criminals who are guilty of that massacre of a thousand women and children, and other large bagfuls consist of remonstrances from steamboat owners against "mere sentimentalists" robbing them of their dividends. The Secretary is sorry that the dilemma has two horns and would be happier if he were not allowed any option in the matter. The President insists that "the guilty must be punished," but he did an indiscreet thing in attending his nephew's wedding up in New England instead of attending the mighty funeral of eight hundred victims of his inspectors which took place on the same day. To be sure, they were neither Rough Riders nor voters, but there are times when sentiment seems to be in order. Contrasted with this is the persistent refusal of Grover Cleveland at the beginning of his first administration, to dismiss a Republican supervisor of inspectors who had shown himself remarkably efficient.

The Department of Agriculture is about to muster ants into its service in the war that is being made upon the boll weevil in Texas. Dr. O. E. Cook, of that Department, arrived in New Orleans from Guatemala on Tuesday bringing with him across the Gulf 90 little bags filled with the curious ants which are supposed to be the deadly foe of the boll weevil. Before this reaches the reader's eye they will have arrived at Victoria, Texas, where a division of the Agricultural Department is stationed, ready to find out what these insects are worth as exterminators. The boll weevil is a very dainty feeder and he dies in a day or two if he is kept where he cannot get any cotton boll. He is a strict vegetarian, and above all things he is fond of the blossom of the cotton plant. The egg is laid in the bud where the larva and pupa enlarge to the mature weevil. In this process the nectar distillery is destroyed and the ants who largely live on this nectar are not only disappointed but enraged. They thereupon set their police upon the track and hunt the weevil to his lair and destroy him, by stinging him to death. They sting nothing else, but are very fond of the sweet liquid found in the nectararies of the cotton plant.

I called yesterday at the Department of Agriculture and obtained the above mentioned facts and others. Dr. Webber, of the Laboratory of Plant Breeding, said, "Cook found cotton and the boll weevil growing in Guatemala together. At first he thought he had discovered a new kind of cotton that the weevil would not attack, but further investigation showed that there was an ant present whose activity kept down its natural enemy, the weevil. Whether this red ant will act in Texas and Louisiana as he acts in Guatemala, is the question. Can he survive the Gulf State winters? Will he be compelled there to make the weevil his prey in order to get his breakfast, as he is in Central America? We do not know, but we shall cooperate strongly and actively with Dr. Cook. The ants will not be given their liberty at present, of course. In company with an infested cotton plant a few of them will be confined in a coop covered with mosquito netting, so that neither ant nor weevil can get out, and they will be left to secure the survival of the fittest. If it works well, more will be brought. The sad fact is that some drastic remedy must be found. If this little ant fails to protect us, there is great danger that the weevil plague will in fifteen years more extend over the entire Gulf region."

Summer School at the A. & M. College.

WEST RALEIGH, JULY 9TH.

EDITOR RECORD:—This is the largest meeting composed principally of country teachers ever assembled in North Carolina. There are nearly 600 who have taught only in country schools. To one who never saw very extensive eating going on, it would be a matter of considerable interest to take a peep into the dining room of the A. & M. College at meal time, when more than 300 hungry teachers are doing justice to the good fare set before them and asking no questions. It seemed a very extravagant expectation when Mr. Chas. J. Parker, the secretary, some weeks ago said he believed there would be nearly 1,000 who would attend this school. I find no one who now doubts that the total registration will reach 1,000 or even more.

I am sorry that Chatham county has the smallest representation of any county adjoining Wake. Some counties not adjoining Wake, however, have sent as high as 40; and Duplin, Wayne and Robeson have large delegations of teachers here.

The corps of instructors is all that could be expected or desired, and the lecturers are coming up to the announcements formerly made. It would pay any of our teachers well to be in this school. They would go back to their schools able to do the work more easily and efficiently, and give better results to their patrons. One difficulty seems to be in the way of some of the teachers is that they cannot take it all in. There is so much instruction given at the same hours that they must select a special course in order to get best results; though some of the teachers change from one recitation room to another, and thus try to get a little of all. The vocal music class has nearly 250 in it.

Dr. Winston and all the managers are doing all they can to make every one feel as comfortable as possible, and that they have succeeded in so doing is shown by the fact that no complaints about rooms, lodging or fare are heard. Many teachers board at the Baptist University for Women and at the Deaf & Dumb Institute. I am lodging with Mr. F. E. Sloan, quite near the College, and a more comfortable place could not be found anywhere. I was quite sick for about two days, when Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, who are almost doctors and are practically "trained nurses," gave me every attention, and with the aid of Dr. Rogers, I am out again and about as well as ever.

When the recitations and lectures are all over for the day, it is a pleasant sight to see a crowd so large gather on the beautiful green lawn of the campus in front of the College and under the delightful maple shades, and to see school boys and school girls life displayed so plainly that even a passing stranger could easily conjecture that these are members of a school. Then there are a few among the crowd, who owing to the fact that they are not young boys, but old enough to have "some dignity about them," do not display so much boyishness, but I can assure you they do not frown down the jollity of this lively assemblage nor in any way discourage it.

I have only one regret about it and that is that there are so few Chathamites here. I expect more from Chatham next Monday.

R. P. JOHNSON.

Negroes Have Bloody Fight.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Greensboro, July 7.—A bloody and most brutal fight occurred here last night about 11 o'clock between two negroes named John Lee and John Coleman. They had an altercation yesterday morning amounting to nothing more than a determination to have it out when they were better prepared. By agreement they met last night on East Market street. Lee had a razor, Coleman a solid lightwood club, four feet long and about the size of a man's wrist, and as heavy almost as lead. Both men are of powerful build, being over six feet tall and weighing at least 200 pounds each. The actual fight is yet shrouded in mystery. Police-men summoned to the spot last night found both men lying unconscious in the street. They were taken to their homes, and at 12 o'clock today were unable to give any account of the desperate duel. The lightwood club, wielded by one, is bloody all over and the razor, by the other, has coagulated blood all over the handle. The condition of the men shows that Lee who wielded the razor, is having a close race for life, with Coleman, who used the club. The latter is cut on the breast, across the throat, on the shoulder, face and right arm and has lost much blood. Lee shows that the club broke his nose, possibly his skull, and one arm and his face is pounded into a jelly. Both men are dangerously near death, and officers are feeling no concern about their escaping arrest.

There was a very severe storm at Raleigh on last Friday afternoon, when lightning killed two colored children and the wind blew down several large trees.

Dr. John L. Williamson, of Alamance, died on last Saturday, aged about eighty years.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

New York, July 10.—Seventeen persons were killed and 40 injured, some of them seriously, as a result of a regular passenger train on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie Railroad running into an excursion train which was taking water at Midvale, N. J., at noon to-day.

A Murderous Madman.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—A peasant named Michealoff yesterday became insane in the village of Almsina. He killed his wife, brother, his brother's wife and his aged mother, with a hatchet. He injured several persons who interfered with him, set fire to his mother's home and the blaze spread destroying fifty other houses. The madman, in the height of the fire, jumped into the flames and was incinerated.

A Strange Death.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Goldboro, July 9.—A very strange death occurred at Fremont last night. A heavy storm of wind, hail and rain swept over Fremont Wednesday afternoon in which many valuable trees were damaged. After the storm had passed a Mr. Rose went out into his orchard where many of his trees were blown down and otherwise damaged. In attempting to pull a limb from one of the large trees he ruptured a blood vessel, which resulted in his death. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

Killed In A Well.

From The Charlotte Observer.

North Wilkesboro, July 11.—William Harrold, who lives on Rock Creek, fell in a well this morning and will die from the accident. He had just made a blast with dynamite and had gone down in the well to work. He filled one box and told the men at the windlass to draw him out. They started to do so but when he was about 25 feet from the bottom he let loose and fell. A man went down to him to bring him out and he came near being asphyxiated. In about a quarter of an hour a darkey went down and succeeded in fastening him and he was drawn out.

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Young Man Accidentally Shot.

Special to Morning Post.

Scotland Neck, N. C., July 11.—A peculiarly sad funeral was held here Friday. On Monday July 4th Mr. Walter Gray together with some other young men and some ladies went to White's mill a few miles from town for an afternoon outing. As a part of the diversion they placed a cup on a stump in the water and took turns shooting at it with a pistol. Mr. Gray rowed into the pond to replace the cup when it was knocked off. As he was pushing back to the shore a pistol in the hands of Mr. Will Allgood was accidentally discharged. Mr. Gray exclaimed that he was shot but as he did not fall those on shore thought he was joking. He called for assistance and when he reached shore it was found that the ball had entered his stomach.

WORLD'S FAIR RATES

VIA Seaboard Air Line Railway

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On account of the World's Fair, St. Louis, Mo., the Seaboard Air Line Railway, in connection with the C. & O. Route via Richmond and the N. C. & St. L. Route, via Atlanta, will sell round trip tickets to St. Louis, Mo., at greatly reduced rates from all stations. Rates from principal points as follows.

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MAY—NOVEMBER, 1904. SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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