

THE COUNTY UNION.

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The Democratic party is naming its standard bearers for the next campaign and the battle for the "white man and white metal" is now on. If we win we must not falter but strike for the front and keep straight ahead, not stopping to look back. Every Democrat has a work to do and now is the time to commence. Go out to your primary and county conventions when they are called and help to put out the best men that you have for your candidates and then bend every energy you have to elect them. The women of your State look to the Democratic party to give them protection from the negro rule that is now upon us. They look to it to put white men in school boards to examine their daughters and pass upon their fitness for teachers in the schools of the State. They look to it for the protection of their homes and their children. Democrats can you be lukewarm and indifferent when you see your proud State disgraced by the Rep-Pops in placing negroes on school committees for white schools, and electing them to offices of trust and authority? We know you will not, so be up and doing; the battle has begun and we must win.

The selection of Hon. F. M. Simmons to be chairman of the executive committee is conceded to be the proper thing by the Democrats of the State. Mr. Simmons has good executive ability, as he proved in the campaign of 1892 when he was at the helm and steered the party to success. He will make a determined effort to carry the State this time and we believe he will succeed. He has been prominent in politics for several years and he is a close observer and thoroughly familiar with the tactics of the enemy. With the aid of the State and central committees he will inaugurate and conduct the strongest campaign seen in this State since 1876.

The "Initiative and Referendum" has been a strong plank with the Populists, but we hear very little from them now on this subject. Some time ago the Populist orator was fluent in his explanation of the "Initiative and Referendum," but you hear him now and he is talking about fusion and how to beat the Democrats. The "initiative and referendum" can wait but the Populist orator wants office and can't. Nit.

The Populist convention in the sixth district endorsed the nomination of O. H. Dockery for congress. It will be remembered that Dockery is the nominee of a Republican convention which was presided over by a negro chairman and negro secretaries, and which passed resolutions endorsing McKinley's administration but refused to endorse Russell's administration. Are Populists in the sixth district for the gold standard?

The Populist in this district, the third, do not seem to be very enthusiastic. We were told at Clinton that at the convention which nominated Hon. John E. Fowler there were only seven delegates besides the Sampson delegation. The honest Populist will hardly vote for a gold bug Republican this year.

From the recent acts of the Populists it is doubted whether that party is for free silver and reform or not. It appears to us that it is office they want and that they will fuse with anything or anybody to get it. How the real followers (?) of Jefferson have fallen!

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Great Naval Battle at Santiago.

Cervera's Fleet Totally Destroyed by Admiral Sampson's Squadron.

Spanish Admiral Captured With 1600 Soldiers.

The public mind has been in a state of expectancy for several days and Saturday when the news came that General Shafter had lost 1000 troops and that he had fallen back and called for more troops the excitement was increased and it was with grave doubts that he was expected to win with such a desperate foe, and with the enemy strongly entrenched and an army considerably larger in number than his. When the news came Monday morning that Admiral Cervera had attempted to run out of the harbor with his fleet and that Sampson had destroyed every one of his ships great joy was felt all over this country and a sigh of relief was expressed for General Shafter and his brave soldiers who had been in battle for three days.

Washington, July 4.—The Secretary of the Navy has received the following: "Playa del Este, via Hayti, 3:15 a. m., July 4, Siboney, July 4 3:45 a. m.—To the Secretary of the Navy: The fleet under my command offers the nation as a Fourth of July present the destruction of the whole of Cervera's fleet. It attempted to escape at 9:30 a. m., and at 2 p. m. the last, the Cristobal Colon, had run ashore, 60 miles west of Santiago, and let down her colors. The Infanta Maria Teresa, Oquendo and Vizcaya were forced ashore, burned and blown up within 20 miles of Santiago; the Furor and Pluton were destroyed within four miles of the port. Our loss is one killed and two wounded; enemy's loss probably several hundred from gun fire, explosions and drowning. About 1,300 persons were taken prisoners, including Admiral Cervera. The man killed was George H. Ellis, chief yeoman of the Brooklyn.

(Signed) "SAMPSON."
Washington, July 4.—At 11:25 to-night the Navy Department posted the appended translation of a cipher cablegram received from Commodore Watson. It is similar to that received to-day from Admiral Sampson, but contains the additional information that 350 Spaniards were killed or drowned, 160 wounded and 1,600 captured. Commodore Watson's dispatch follows:

"Playa del Este, July 3. "To the Secretary of the Navy: "At 9:30 a. m. to-day the Spanish squadron, seven in all, including one gun-boat, came out of Santiago in column and was totally destroyed within an hour, excepting the Cristobal Colon, which was chased 45 miles to westward by the commander-in-chief Brooklyn, Oregon and Texas, surrendered to the Brooklyn, but was beached to prevent sinking.

"None of our officers or men were injured, except on board the Brooklyn. Chief Yeoman Ellis was killed and one man wounded. Admiral Cervera, all commanding officers, excepting three of the Oquendo, about 70 other officers and 1,600 men taken prisoners. About 350 killed or drowned and 160 wounded, the latter being cared for on the Solace and Olivette. Have just arrived off Santiago in Marblehead to take charge, while commander-in-chief is looking out for Cristobal Colon.

(Signed) "WATSON."

REFUSES TO SURRENDER.
Washington, July 4.—Following is the correspondence of General Shafter, demanding the surrender of Santiago:

"Paya Del Este, July 4, 1898. "Headquarters Fifth Army Corps July 3.

Hon. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington: "The following is my demand for the surrender of the city of Santiago: "Headquarters United States Forces, Near San Juan River, Cuba, July 3, 1898, 8:30 a. m.—To the Commanding General of the Spanish Forces, Santiago:

"Sir: I shall be obliged, unless you surrender, to shell Santiago de Cuba. Please inform the citizens of foreign countries and all women and children that they should leave the city before 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

"Very respectfully, your obe-

dient servant, W. R. SHAF-

TER.

"Major General, U. S. A."

Following is the Spanish reply, which Colonel Dorst has just received, at 6:30 p. m.:

"Santiago de Cuba, 2 p. m., July 3, 1898.

"His Excellency, the General Commanding Forces at San Juan River: I have the honor to reply to your communication of to-day, written at 8:30 a. m., and received at 1 p. m., demanding the surrender of this city, on the contrary case announcing to me that you will bombard this city, and that I advise the foreign women and children that they must leave the city before 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. It is my duty to say to you that this city will not surrender; that I will inform the foreign consuls and inhabitants of the contents of your message,

Very respectfully,
JOSE TORAL,
"Commander-in-Chief, Fourth Corps."

"The British, Portuguese, Chinese and Norwegian consuls have come to my line with Colonel Dorst. They ask if non-combatants can occupy the town of Caney and railroad points, and ask until 10 o'clock of the 5th inst, before the city is fired on. They claim that there are between 15,000 and 20,000 people, many of them old, who will leave. They ask if I can supply them with food, which I cannot do for want of transportation to Caney, which is 15 miles from my landing. The following is my reply:

"Commanding General Spanish Forces.

Santiago de Cuba, July 3. "Sir: In consideration of the request of the consuls and officers in your city for delay in carrying out my intention to fire on the city, and in the interest of the poor women and children who will suffer very greatly by their hasty and enforced departure from the city. I have the honor to announce that I will delay such action solely in their interest until noon of the 5th; providing, during the interval, your forces make no demonstration whatever upon those of my own.

"I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,
(Signed) "W. R. SHAFTER,
"Major General U. S. A."

LATEST

To-day's (Wednesday) papers state that up to Monday night there had been little fighting at Santiago and that the women and children and foreign residents were leaving the city. The Spanish General still refuses to surrender the city and that General Shafter would commence the bombardment of the city yesterday at noon. The list of killed and wounded in Friday and Saturday's battle on the American side is placed at 1,800. The Spanish losses are unknown but must be considerably greater than ours. Troops are being rushed rapidly to re-enforce Shafter.

In Friday's battle Lieutenant William E. Shipp of the tenth cavalry, a North Carolinian, was killed. He married a daughter of F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, and leaves a wife and two children.

The first expedition to the Philippines arrived at Manila on June 30th. It stopped on the way and took possession of the Ladrone Islands, capturing the Spanish Governor and officers and some troops and took them to Manila.

One Minute Cough Cure is the best preparation I have ever sold or used and I can't say too much in its praise."
—L. M. Kennon, Merchant, Odell, Ga.
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Meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive committee of Harnett county at Lillington on Monday the 18th of July. It is most earnestly urged upon every member to be present, as matters of great importance to the party are to be considered, among them the calling of the county convention, to put our Legislature and county candidates in the field.

D. H. McLEAN, Chairman.

Congressional Convention.

CHARLES R. THOMAS NOMINATED.

The Democratic convention held at Clinton last Thursday was one of the most enthusiastic and largely attended conventions ever held in the district. Each county was represented with a good delegation and the best of feelings existed between the friends of opposing candidates.

The convention was called to order at 12 o'clock M. in the court house, (Judge Adams who was holding court having adjourned court for the day and tendered the use of the court house to the convention) by the chairman, Hon. W. E. Murchison, of Jonesboro. Committees, organization and platform were appointed and retired. The committee on credentials was by vote of the convention dispensed with as there was no contest. The committee on permanent organization reported naming Hon. W. E. Murchison for chairman and Editor Bethune of Clinton as secretary, and invited all the members of the press present to assist him. The convention then adjourned for dinner and to meet at 2 o'clock in the college building which was prepared for the convention by the public spirited citizens of the town. A resolution of thanks to Judge Adams, who is a Republican, was passed unanimously.

At 2:30 o'clock Chairman Murchison called the convention to order in the college building and the contest for a candidate began. The committee on platform reported as follows:

"1, That we recommend to the convention the adoption and ratification of the Chicago and State Democratic platforms.

"2, That we recommend the adoption of the majority rule."

The roll of counties was called for nominations. Bladen county through Mr. Lyon placed the name of W. S. Cook, of Cumberland, before the convention. Craven presented her candidate, Charles R. Thomas, through Mr. J. A. Bryan. Sampson's candidate, Jno. D. Kerr, was presented by Mr. F. P. Jones, of Harnett. Onslow nominated Thos. E. Gilman through Mr. W. D. Humphrey, Harnett, Duplin, Jones and Moore seconded the nomination of Thomas. Moore and Cumberland seconded the nomination of Cook. The total number of votes in the convention was 251, necessary to nominate 126. A ballot was ordered and the roll was called resulting: Cook 91, Thomas 98, Gilman 23, Kerr 38. The roll was called rapidly and the voting showed little change, Thomas gaining a little on Cook each ballot until the 14th ballot when Thomas received 129 votes and was declared the nominee of the convention. His nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. Thomas came forward and addressed the convention in a happy speech of a few minutes in which the large assemblage of democrats saw that they had chosen a standard-bearer that was able to meet the enemy and with their united efforts he will rout them from the field on the first Tuesday in November next.

The convention was harmonious and enthusiastic and worked with good will and best of feelings and every Democrat went away pleased with the nominee and the work of the convention.

Hon. Jas. A. Bryan, of Newbern, extended an invitation to the convention to hold its next session in his city.

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Lillington Gleanings.

[By Telephone.]

Mrs. H. T. Faucett was here visiting friends Thursday.

Miss Mary Watson, of Summerville, was in the city Thursday.

A. F. Johnson, Esq., went to Dunn Friday.

Miss Fannie Reid McKay is visiting friends here this week.

Rev. Mr. Bruton filled his appointment here Sunday at the Methodist church.

Misses Evelyn and Fannie Kate Bryan, of Summerville, spent Sunday and Monday here.

Miss Josephine McKay, of Norval, is here visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers spent Sunday at Dickinson.

Dr. J. A. McKay who has been with us several weeks returned to his home at Dickinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Young, of Dunn, were here Monday.

Mr. H. T. Spears and family of Dunn, are visiting relatives and friends in the village.

Rev. J. A. Atkinson, one of the faculty of Elon College, was a visitor in the village Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Salmon, of Legal, is visiting Mrs. S. A. Salmon.

The county commissioners were in session Monday. They agreed that if by private subscription an amount sufficient to pay one-fourth of the cost of a cupalo for the court house could be raised that the county would pay the other three-fourths.

Our young people had an enjoyable social party at the residence of Col. O. J. Spears Monday night.

July 5th.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. Hood & Grantham.

Benson News Notes.

Correspondent to THE UNION.]

Mr. W. G. Parrish, wife and daughter, Miss Alma, of Jonesboro, is visiting the family of Mr. J. D. Parrish this week.

Mr. N. G. Myatt and son, of Dickinson, were in town Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Morgan has been in Smithfield on professional business for several days.

Miss Esther Smith, of Rome, visited her brother, Mr. R. F. Smith, last week.

Miss Emma Starling from Sampson is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. L. Barefoot is recovering from an attack of fever.

Several of our citizens attended the speaking at Smithfield Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Norman, of Rockingham, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Jones, this week.

Rev. J. A. Campbell will begin a revival at the Baptist church here Wednesday night and will be assisted by Rev. L. R. Carroll of Warsaw. The meeting is expected to continue several days.

Mrs. E. F. Moore returned Saturday from a visit with relatives near Four Oaks.

The continued hot dry weather has damaged crops to some extent in this section as reported by the farmers, but we are glad to see a very refreshing rain fall here this afternoon.

July 5th.

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N. B. HOOD.

THE WAR

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We continue at the same stand ever ready to serve our customers promptly and politely.

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Our line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods is complete in every particular. All kinds of thin things such as Lawns, Organadies, Dotted Swiss, etc. We have also Black, White, and Blue Duck, Crush suitings, Linen goods of all kinds, guaranteed Irish Manufactured stiffening for collars. Any kind of linings, Trimmings, Laces and Ribbons, all colors. Can match most anything.

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We carry the nicest and largest selection of Umbrellas in Town, prices from 48c to \$2.50.

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J. L. BENTON.

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Yours truly,
J. L. BENTON.

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NOTICE! By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Harnett county, at November term 1897, in the case of W. H. Sikes against Emory Harrington and wife, Sallie Harrington, I will sell for cash, at the Court House door in Lillington, N. C., on Saturday July the 30th, 1898 at 12 o'clock M. Forty Acres of land lying in Upper Little River Township, Harnett county, N. C., and more fully described in a Mortgage Deed executed by the defendants, Emory, and Sallie Harrington to W. H. Sikes, on the 11th day of February A. D. 1893, duly probated and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Harnett county, North Carolina, in book "F." No. 2, page 569. This June 28th, 1898.

OSCAR J. SPEARS, Commissioner.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of Alexander Gregory, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of May, 1899, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of May, 1898.

A. W. GREGORY, Executor.

Three troubles quickly result in the completion of the man who neglects his liver.

Don't neglect your liver.