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LET THEM TAKE THE MEDICINE.

The negro vote in the United States is between seven and eight million. In some States now they hold the balance of power. The Republicans are uneasy for fear that the negroes are going to cause a split in the ranks at the Chicago Convention.

For fear of this split last week Booker Washington was called to the White House by the President and they proceeded to have a long conference. Note the importance of Booker Washington at the capital when the read the President's message has sat by the President during all the conferences as long as Booker Washington did. The enemy tells us that the negro is no longer in politics and that the Republicans have a lilly white party to-day.

We answer them by saying that their party is still the negro party because every negro who is allowed to vote in the North votes the Republican ticket. The fact that Booker Washington was a party to a conference with the President proves that they are still a powerful factor. The President was the negro Washington to limit up the negro delegates to the National Convention for Secretary W. H. Taft for the Republican nominee this time. There are always a few negro leaders who can control the negro vote. In spite of the fact that the negroes have sworn vengeance against the President and against the Brownsville shooting scrap, they will be lined up all right in due time. Whoever saw a negro that was not a fool? They are all weak minded and easy led. Booker Washington is about the biggest fool of the whole bunch too, because he has forever destroyed the high usefulness among the white people of the South when he was persuaded by Teddy to dine at the White House. So we are confronted each Presidential election year with this large negro vote and the Republicans ought to have sense enough to see that the sooner they disfranchise the negro the better it will be for their party. The social equality question in the North has no doubt a great deal to do with their holding on to Sambo. He is received socially at their Cosmopolitan Society Meetings and at most all other swell places, then they say, "Why not give them a place in politics?" It is in their business not let them take all their medicine.

A DISGRACEFUL ADMINISTRATION.

The billion dollar Republican Congress, which adjourned without a single praiseworthy act (with the exception of a few unavoidable laws it passed) voted to build up a better white \$5,000,000 a year is necessary to maintain one. Agriculture, which is our most important industry and the main al to the prosperity of the Nation, only got about one half of what one battleship costs. There are no wars or even rumors of wars, hence no necessity for this great waste of money for the Navy. Then, it is to be hoped, our surplus millions may be used for purposes of real benefit to all the people. The past Congress was a do nothing Republican Congress with a great expenditure of the public funds that brought the people hardships instead of relief.

DEMOCRATS WILL WIN.

The Republican Defeat. It matters not who the Republican nominee is nor whether he is for Roosevelt policies or otherwise; the Republican party with all its broken promises and billion dollar wastes of money will go down in defeat as it deserves to do at the election in November. The panic, brought on by the unwise and dangerous Republican administration, the lack of confidence between capital and labor and between producers and consumers and a thousand other short comings in States as well as the whole nation, will carry the Democratic party to victory in Congress as well as in the White House.

INDEPENDENTS AT WILMINGTON

We notice the organization of an Independent Club at Wilmington and one A. C. Shuford, of Newton, who is of course out of harmony with whatever party he belonged to is the organizer of the club. Those who join any such organization will surely regret it. Stay in the Democratic party and make it a stronger and more useful party is the best course to pursue.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Board of Education of our county have several months now to look to the needs of our public schools. That they need improvements goes without saying. Every public school building should be made creditable and attractive. The boys and girls who will attend these schools should be given every possible advantage. We feel sure that the

Board of Education will do all in its power for the advancement of these schools. They are all that many of the children will ever enter.

WILMINGTON WILL COME.

The People Are Thinking.

Every important gathering that meets in Wilmington these days is struck with the importance of making that city a greater seaport town. With a 30-foot channel to let in all large vessels from whatever port they may sail, Wilmington will become one of the leading Southern cities. It is of interest to all the people in the State, and our Senators and every Congressman should stand by Wilmington's demands in Congress for large appropriations for the harbor. The saving to our people in freight rates, the opening up of trade that we are so badly in need of now, and coming in touch with all large seaport cities, at home and abroad are problems of great importance to our State and Wilmington is the only city that can fill the place needed at this time or in the future.

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Hon. Locke Craig and Hon. W. W. Kitchin spoke in joint debate at Charlotte to a large audience. They are both good speakers and everybody in the State, who has kept up with the contest waited for the battle of the giants. Even the Radicals looked with interest for it, not realizing yet that they haven't a man fit for Governor of the State.

THE CROP OF 1908.

The Berry Season One of the Most Profitable—With One Exception is the Largest on Record—Big Volume of Business Done and the Money it Brought to This Section.

By way of illustrating the value of the trucking industry each year to Wilmington's commercial and business interests and summing up, the shipments this year in comparison with other years, the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, of Wilmington, in its recent issue, says: "The past week witnessed possibly the last shipment of strawberries out of this territory for the season of 1908. With one exception—the year 1904—has been the longest shipping season on record; and all things considered one of the most profitable. The first shipment of record went forward April 2nd, the last one June 5th—practically nine weeks. Of course the carload movement stopped two weeks ago. Mt. Olive sending out the last car on May 24th. Since that date shipments have been wholly by express. From start to finish prices ruled satisfactory and in the main profitable all round, the transportation and refrigerator service being all throughout, a precedent the railroads and refrigerator people must live up to."

While the crop was not more than 70 per cent of normal or what the outlook indicated earlier in the season, none of the markets really suffered for want of berries and with equal truth it can be said that none were ever glutted or overstocked. The daily bulletin as issued from the Association headquarters at South Rocky Mount by Shipping Master Bauman during the shipping season and posted at all stations every morning, enabled the growers and shippers to distribute their berries intelligently and to the best advantage. Hence good prices prevailed and satisfactory returns made. In this way the carload receipts for each market were known at every shipping station the following day and the prices ruling on the different grades of stock.

"Wilmington being the central figure around which all this great and prosperous industry revolves and the clearing house for the greatest fruit and trucking district in the South, it is interesting to note the wonderful increase in bank deposits here since the shipping season opened, as disclosed by the official statements of the national banks made on May 14 to the government at Washington on that date. "The total volume of strawberry shipments out of this territory for the season of 1908 totals up 1,515 carloads in refrigerator cars and by the Southern Express, including the carloads and express shipments over the Seaboard Air Line between Wilmington and Raleigh. The average value this year per car has surpassed anything of record, the amount ranging anywhere from \$2.75 to \$3 per crate, net. At this rate it will be seen that the strawberry crop of this year has distributed in the neighborhood of \$1,145,625 throughout this section. The numerous local banks throughout the producing district show a healthy increase of deposits, while the banks of Wilmington make an equally fine showing. For instance, the statement of the Southern National Bank, as published in another column to-day, shows a gain of \$285,644.27, in comparison with the bank's statement to the government a few weeks ago. While we have not the figures for the other banks, it is safe to say that altogether combined they will show up with enough to swell the deposits among the Wilmington banks to at least half a million dollars. "This vast sum will go in part to the liquidation of outstanding obligations, next to cautious investment, and then to the credit account of people who are on the lookout for profitable investments. It is safe to say that fully half the remaining six hundred thousand dollars will gradually gravitate to Wilmington. To this should be added \$150,000 from the lettuce crop sales, \$200,000 from the potato and other vegetable crops around Wilmington, making a total of more than a million dollars that Wilmington and Wilmington's business interests handle from the trucking industry this year. For this reason we maintain that every encouragement possible should be thrown around the industry. Let our members of the Senate and House of Representatives at Raleigh take note and govern themselves accordingly."

MAGNOLIA.

Mr. John W. Stokes, of near Turkey, was in town last week.

Dr. C. S. Boyette and sister, Miss Jessie, of Clinton, joined his family here Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Fryar, where all her children and grandchildren had a family reunion Sunday.

Miss Lillian Colwell, of Watha, and little Miss Carroll, from Bennettsville, S. C., are visiting their grand-mother, Mrs. L. J. Carroll.

Mr. G. H. Smith, of Delway, was on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Miss Eva Middleton is visiting friends in Warsaw.

Dr. Carr is again at home from a week's visit to the western part of the State.

Miss Kate Johnson, of Durham; spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. H. M. Swinson.

Miss Lanie Barden returned Monday night from Wilmington where she has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. Newbury.

Mr. J. H. Newbury and family, of Warsaw, visited his mother, Mrs. H. E. Newbury, Sunday.

Miss Adele Scott, of Rose Hill, who has been clerking for the Newbury Co. two weeks, returned home Monday afternoon.

Misses Kate Middleton and Mattie Pickett left Monday morning for Wilmington to take in the fireman's tournament.

Miss Minnie Southall returned to her home in Clinton Monday after spending two weeks with Mrs. W. R. Newbury.

Misses Swinson, of Wilmington, visited his brother, Mr. H. M. Swinson, Sunday.

Prof. V. C. Ray left Tuesday morning for his home near Raleigh. Our people are pleased to know he will return in the fall to again take charge of our graded school, which he has served so faithfully and satisfactorily. Best wishes to him during his absence.

Mrs. Barfield and Mrs. Taylor, of Mount Olive, visited Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. J. W. Cobbs last week.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society will have its ice cream supper, Mr. J. A. Matthis' new store, Friday night, June 26th. The proceeds will be paid on their parsonage and they earnestly ask the patronage of all their interested friends. These ladies are working hard to help pay this debt, and those who have money spare can't spend it in a better way or where it will be more appreciated.

Mr. John Barden, of Warsaw, was in town Tuesday morning.

Misses Bessie and Hortense Strickland, of Wilmington, visited the Misses Frederick last week. Miss Salie Frederick returned home with them Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mattie Frederick visited friends in Wilmington last week.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

By virtue of the power vested in me by an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin county, rendered on the 10th day of June, 1908, in a Special Proceeding entitled "W. J. Clemmons and wife against George Cooper and others, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, at the Court House door in Kenansville on the 18th day of July, 1908, at one o'clock P. M. the following pieces or parcels of land situated in Duplin County and in Kenansville, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: In the town of Kenansville, beginning on the South side of the road leading to Hallsville and 16 feet from the upper corner of the Willard dwelling lot (now Grove Academy), thence South 52 West 21 poles and three links to a stake; thence North 38 West 25 poles and 4 1/2 links to H. C. Koonce's (now Stanford's) line; thence North 53 East about 21 poles to the road; thence down the road to the beginning, containing four acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: A tract known as the Mill Pond tract, beginning at a holly on the line of the Branch making into the head of the Mill Pond, A. P. Farrior's (now Albertson's) corner, between Cooper and said Farrior and Graham; running thence with the said Farrior's and Cooper's line (North 45 East 145 poles) to the main road leading from Chinquapin to Kenansville; thence up the road North 60 West 56 poles to B. R. Cooper's, and 60 W. Millard's corner; thence with their line as it meanders to the mouth of Indian Grove Branch where it makes into Mill Pond; thence down the Mill pond, with Graham's line, to the mouth of beginning of said beginning branch.

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a lightwood stump at the cross roads and runs South 55 West 104 poles to a bay, C. L. Boat's corner, thence South 17 East 34 poles to a stake, Frank Southerland's corner of the F. L. Faison tract, thence North 77 East 44 poles to a stake; thence South 11 West 37 poles to a stake; thence South 26 East 21 poles to a stake; thence South 55 West 23 poles to a stake, Frank Southerland's corner; thence South 33 West 66 1/2 poles to a stake on the South margin of Perstimon Swamp; thence down the said margin of said Swamp 160 poles to the Chinquapin and Kenansville Road; thence with said road North 15 East 32 poles to a curve in said road; thence North 15 West 98 poles to the head of a ditch, Hiram Brinson's corner; thence with said ditch South 80 West 28 poles to a stake, Hiram Brinson's and Frank Southerland's corner; thence West 30 poles to a stake, Frank Southerland's corner; thence North 20 West 22 poles to a stake; thence East 30 poles to a pine on Hiram Brinson's line; thence his line North 22 West 38 poles to a stump his corner; thence North 74 1/2 East 30 poles to the road; thence with said Road North 28 West 120 poles to the beginning; containing 185 1/2 acres more or less.

FOURTH TRACT: Beginning at a stake, Toney Hussey, North East corner of the old line, and runs the old line North 54 East 73 poles to a pine; thence North 90 poles to a stake in the place of a water oak on the North-east edge of Long Pond; thence West 76 poles to a stake, the second corner of the Old House tract; thence South 45 West 101 poles to a stake, the Northwest corner of the Toney Hussey tract; thence his line South 41 East 108 poles to the beginning; containing 98 1/2 acres. The terms are cash and each tract will be sold separately. This 11th day of June, 1908. J. O. GARR, Commissioner.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of power of sale in a mortgage deed executed to Mary Botic by James C. Taylor and wife, and registered in the Registers office of Duplin County in Book 95, page 100, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Kenansville, N. C., on the 6th day of July, 1908, at 12 M. the following tract of land in Limestone township, Duplin county, North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a pine Elizabeth Hall's corner, and runs South 146 poles to a pine Elizabeth Hall and Thomas G. Whaley's corner, thence West 105 poles to a pine, Geo. L. Smith's corner, thence North 146 poles to a tree, Elizabeth Hall's corner in Ivy Smith's line, thence East to the beginning, containing 75 acres, more or less. This the 29th day of May, 1908. S. W. GRESHAM, Adm. of Mary Botic, Mortgagee. Stevens, Beasley & Weeks, Attya. June 3-4.

NOTICE.

By virtue of power vested in the undersigned commissioners appointed by an order of the Superior Court of Duplin County November term, in a certain proceeding entitled Fornie Simmons vs. Alonzo Smith et al., the undersigned commissioners will offer for sale, and sell for cash, at the court house door in Kenansville, N. C., on the 6th day of July, 1908, (First Monday) all the lands described in the complaint in said action, said sale to be at noon on the said 6th day of July, 1908, and the sale is to raise funds to pay the indebtedness existing on said land by mortgage and Judgment liens on same, the said land described and bounded as follows: First tract lying and being in Duplin county in Smith's township, bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at a permission on the North East bank, Ivey Smith's corner, just below Miller's old ford and runs with Smith's line east 154 poles to two white oaks, thence with the McCulloch patent line nearly North about 20 poles to a stake on an island, north side of Tandam, thence nearly East about 40 poles to the run of Tandam thence up the said branch about 40 or 50 poles to a holly, gum and bull bay; thence the said land marked trees a water oak, Smith's corner, thence along Smith's line to a white oak, thence about an East course along said Smith's line to a red oak and gum near the road, thence along a run of marked trees to the run of Tandam, thence down the said run or canal to LaFayette Smith's line; thence with his line, to a cypress near river bank thence up the river to the beginning, containing 180 acres more or less.

Also another tract on Play Pond branch, beginning on the run of said branch and runs South 87, East to a stake on the new road, thence with road to Play Pond branch, thence down the branch to the beginning, containing 20 acres more or less. This the 29th day of May, 1908. THAD JONES, E. M. LAND, J. O. GARR, Commissioners.

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