

THE SIMMONS MACHINE.

A Sample of its Work in Warren County.

THEY NOMINATED A POPULIST ON THEIR

County Ticket—He Was Also Nominated by the People's Party County Convention—The Democratic Machine Demanded That He Should Decline the People's Party Nomination—He Refused, Saying He Followed Bryan's Example, But They Took Him Off Their Ticket.

Nothing that has occurred during the present campaign has illustrated more fully and conclusively the intolerance and undemocratic spirit of Simmons and his machine than what has just occurred in Warren county.

The Democratic County Convention which met first nominated Mr. Nathan M. Palmer, the Chairman of the People's Party County Executive Committee, for a position on their ticket. They did this because Mr. Palmer had declared that while he was a true Populist that yet he favored the amendment.

The People's Party County Convention met a week or two later and passed a resolution to the effect that since the People's Party State Convention did not make the amendment a party issue that they would nominate Mr. Palmer on their ticket. This was done.

The Democratic county machine soon held a meeting and demanded of Mr. Palmer that he should decline the People's Party nomination and slip his own party in the race as a Populist.

We publish below the lame apology which the Democratic machine made for their action, and under that a card from Mr. Palmer expressing his reasons for refusing to comply with their unreasonable and autocratic demand, and expressing his opinion of such conduct.

The Machine's Apology.

To THE PUBLIC: We desire to explain to the public why Mr. Nathan M. Palmer was taken off the Democratic county ticket. He was nominated by the Democratic county convention as a Populist who favored the Constitution. The amendment was not nominated by a wing of the Populist party that was opposed to the Amendment and his name placed on a ticket with men who are openly opposed to it and working against the passage of the Amendment, one of whom is Mr. C. A. Cook, the leading Republican of the county, whom it is well known that the honest rank and file of the Populist party will not support because they must, and we believe to recognize the fact that he represents no political principle in common with theirs.

Mr. Palmer's Statement.

To THE FAIRMINDED PEOPLE OF WARREN COUNTY: GENTLEMEN—I publish this article simply to show to the good fair-minded people how I have been dealt with as I felt hurt and aggrieved at the course pursued by a few.

It is generally known that I was nominated at the last Democratic convention as a Populist to fill the office of county treasurer. I was then some few weeks later nominated by the Populists after I insisted that they should not put me on the ticket. I then went to the chairman of the People's Party and told him that I could not accept.

LETTER FROM C. J. BRASWELL.

To Mr. J. Z. Green, Editor of Our Home.

Dear Sir:—When I wrote you the card asking you to stop my paper, I had no idea of provoking a controversy or seeing it in print, but really I have no objection to its publication, since it affords me a text for a very long sermon on the fusion, fusion bosses and Braswell and his "New Revolution." I have been abused and ridiculed so much for the past eight years that I have learned not to get "wrathy" simply because I do not endorse the political course of any man. Since you have boasted (so modestly of course) of what you do for the cause of reform you will pardon me for referring to my political course since the formation of the People's Party. In 1890 when the Alliance of reform element controlled the Democratic party in this State to a very great extent I went into the Democratic primaries and worked hard to secure the nomination of farmers and reformers, believing that by so doing we could secure a fusion government through a party dominated by the reform element. I am glad to see that you are now a reformer and I am glad to see that you are now a reformer and I am glad to see that you are now a reformer.

All I ask, friends, is justice. If I am wrong condemn me—I am right sustain me, as independent, fair-thinking men. Most respectfully, NATHAN M. PALMER.

A False Charge.

Editor Times-Visitor: The CAUCASIAN of last week charges us with displacing a white pressman and putting a colored man in his place at a checker in the office of the Times-Visitor. We have not displaced any pressman in our employment. One young man whom we had in our employment for many years, and who is a press-feeder, was put on one of the other papers, and another white pressman could be employed; and the young man we employed came from THE CAUCASIAN office.

Mr. Click, who wrote the squib on hear-say, informed us that he was misinformed in regard to the matter, and that the article in the paper was a correction in his next paper. The above appeared in the Times-Visitor of the 27th inst. and was the same to me about it. I told him how I came by the facts. He asked me to correct it. I first told him I would say in a card from Mr. Palmer expressing his reasons for refusing to comply with their unreasonable and autocratic demand, and expressing his opinion of such conduct.

The Ridiculous Last Act of a Notorious Body.

The Senate and House of Representatives met at 4 o'clock, p. m., July 31st. There were present in the House 131 members. The Journal of the House shows that the House adjourned six o'clock, on motion of Mr. Boushall.

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Jonathan Edwards.

A notable recent event was the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Jonathan Edwards, in the Episcopal Church in Northampton, Mass., where Edwards was pastor for twenty-three years—1727 to 1750—until driven out because of the pugnacity of his preaching, and especially because he opposed the "half-way covenant" system then common in New England. One hundred and fifty years have passed since the sad hearted pastor said his farewell to the people and scenes which were dear to him, and went forth, he hardly knew whither.

Half a Mile of Babies.

"Baby walking" is the popular name of the long stretch of broad cement walk which skirts the west edge of Lincoln Park, from North avenue to Center street in Chicago. An observant man, walking South, passed twenty-six baby walkers and met thirty-two; in two struggles were howling away a Lincoln Park policeman. An observant lady, walking South, passed twenty-six baby walkers and met thirty-two; in two struggles were howling away a Lincoln Park policeman.

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POWERS ON THE STAND.

Denied The Charges Made Against Him.

A MOTION OF ACQUITTAL WAS MADE.

Influence, Not Intimidation, Was the Purpose of Bringing Mounted Men to Frankfort.

Georgetown, Ky., July 30.—Ex-Secretary of State Calhoun Powers took the stand in his own behalf today.

Powers admitted that he organized the body of mountaineers who went to Frankfort on several occasions last winter, but declared this was done for influence with the State Cabinet Board and the Legislature, not for the purpose of intimidation.

The defendant entered a denial of the charges made against him by Calton, Nonkes and other witnesses. He denied that Henry Yontsey had the keys of his office on the day of the assassination, but he said there were two keys to the office, one of which was in the possession of former Assistant Secretary of State W. J. Davidson and another in possession of Ben Rowe, Governor Taylor's colored porter. Powers said that neither of these keys was ever in his possession, and that he had his own key in his pocket in Louisville the day of the assassination.

The defense opened its side of the case with a motion for peremptory instructions for a verdict of acquittal. The motion was submitted without argument and was promptly overruled by the court.

Attorney Paulker stated the case for the defense. He said the defense will show that the contents of the State office were not tried on Judicial lines, but on a partisan basis, and that politics was responsible for the present prosecution. He intimated that the prosecution knows the identity of the assassin but has concealed him. It will be admitted, he said, that Calhoun Powers and Charles Finley organized a body of mountaineers to be sent to Frankfort in January, 1898, but that this was only to intimidate the legislature and not to intimidate that body. He declared that the men who composed the mountaineer body were not bad citizens, and that some of them were good citizens, and he charged that the Democrats had large bodies of men in Frankfort to back up the contestants.

It would be proved, he claimed, that Yontsey, one of the main witnesses against the prosecution, never in Frankfort until yesterday; that Finley and Anderson and Robert Nonkes testified for money, and W. H. Calton in the hope of obtaining immunity from the prosecution, and that Wharton Golden's evidence would be successfully contradicted.

The defendant, Calhoun Powers, took the witness stand. He declared he never knew Jim Howard, Harlan Whitaker or Richard Combs, three of the witnesses against the prosecution. He had only known Yontsey since January last.

In regard to the bringing of the mountaineers to Frankfort, witness said: "There were three crowds of men brought to Frankfort, and I had something to do with the organization of each. The purpose was to show the interest of these people in the matter at issue and not to intimidate at issue."

Many a man who says he would rather be right than be President, can't be either.

Men take opposite sides on the money question but the majority are on the outside.

Last Week in the Philippines. Manila, July 29th.—In last week's exciting ten Americans were killed and fourteen wounded. One hundred and eighty soldiers were killed and sixty taken prisoners. Forty Filipino soldiers were captured. Ex.

A limited number of scholarships is being offered by Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C., to young ladies without property preparing to teach who apply at once.

The demand for teachers holding diplomas from this institution has been increasing for several years and during the past year went beyond the supply.

A FRIGHTFUL BLUNDER. Will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promote healing. Cures Old Sores, Cerebral Ulcers, Boils, Fleas, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Price cure on earth. Only 25c a box. "Cure guaranteed. Sold by all Druggists.

BRAVE MEN FALL. Victims to cholera, fever and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in the loss of appetite, nausea, headache and tired, listless, rundown feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Indiana, He says: "Electric Bites are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It didn't take me to give me new strength and good appetite, but anything I could take, I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50c at all drug stores. Every bottle guaranteed.

Our Foreigners. Foreigners cling to the great cities, though in none of them do they outnumber the natives. In New York, however, and some other of the larger cities the foreigners and those of foreign parents unquestionably outnumber the American parents of two generations' standing.

MIGHTY LATE SPEAKING.

Why Was This in These Boston Columns? No Need of Schools for Political Machines Must Destroy Man's Thought and Words.

The Biblical Recorder of August 1st 1900, says: "It brings the blood to one's cheeks to see the same thing and even more outrageously the high school students in North Carolina of the common rights of American people is reported to have been so taught in the Bible school the higher institutions of the South, for whose support they are doing battle. It matters not that these schools are entirely unconnected with the Bible school in question. Freedom of speech; freedom to state political opinions is a cardinal doctrine of our State and Nation. It is a shame, too, that bodies of distance have taken the law into their own hands. To do this is to sow the wind and the whirlwind shall be raised up to blow it down. We do not, we are loath to need not listen to late speakers."

Mr. Bailey, the above sounds right. "For it got crowded off your editorial page. But it's good reading, and we hope the readers of the Recorder will not only read it, but pray over it, and join in with the sentiments of it, and make it a part of their religio sacred. We fear, however, that you will forget this in the next State campaign. You will have to or antagonize the Democratic speakers, for they cannot take or win on any other kind of an issue. We are sure they did not show their professed love for white supremacy by their action in appointing registrars etc."

But we hope you will stick to it and then advocate race racism. It is cowardly not to be willing to do so.

ALMOST A TRACEY IN COURT. Judge's Narrow Escape During a Murder Trial.

Norfolk, Va., July 30.—The waving of a loaded pistol, which formed part of the evidence in a murder trial, came near costing Judge Portlock, of the County Court, his life today. It was during the trial of William H. Jenkins, colored, charged with the murder of George Williams, alias Tom Ghent. The murder was committed while in Capt. McShally's hands and the ball narrowly missed Judge Portlock's head.

The murder occurred on Sunday morning, April 22, and originated in a dispute over the estate, which Jenkins alleged was from him in a game of crap. Jenkins was in Lindsay's bar, borrowed a pistol, procured cartridges at another place, and then, hunting up Williams, fired three shots into him. Jenkins was immediately arrested. He was convicted of the murder in the first degree. The trial elicited the fact that Williams and fifteen or twenty other negroes were engaged in a game of crap on Sunday morning, and the murder occurred. Judge Portlock was notified that he would be after in such cases consider that they knew that these places were being run, but if they were not, they would consider them inefficient and remove from office the last one of them.

DUKE OF SAXONY DIES IN GERMANY.

Victoria's Second Son Succumbs—Body to be Taken to England.

Coburg, July 31.—The Duke of Saxony died at 10 o'clock last evening at Rossau castle. Recently at a capital of Saxony in Germany. It was discovered that there was a cancer growth at the root of the tongue. At the desire of the Duchess and other members of the royal family, who were aware of the nature of the disease, Duke took up his residence at Rossau. He was unaware of the real state of his health for some time.

During the minority of his father, the Duke of Albany, the government of the duchy will be conducted by hereditary Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, the guardian of the young duke.

London, July 31.—The news of the death of the Duke of Saxony-Coburg-Gotha, second son of Queen Victoria, created a sensation in London, as it was totally unexpected. The Duke was deeply affected and the Prince of Wales deeply affected.

It is stated that the Duke was many days mourning, the bells in the tower of St. George's chapel being tolled.

It is stated that the body of the late Duke will be embalmed and brought to England for interment and that it will lie in state at Windsor.

Remedy for the Out Suet.

Do not sow oats without testing them for the out-suet, if the out-suet has ever appeared on the farms in the vicinity, and there are few places where it has not. The out-suet is a disease of the oat, and it is then what is smut. The formula given for oats is one pound of bone-meal or sulphate of copper, in eight gallons of water for ten bushels of oats. The grain by using this preventive for smut is an increase of crop and an improvement in quality.

Means of the Bonanza.

The possibilities of the "animal crop" are remarkably well shown by Mr. W. A. Fraser in his new tale, entitled "Means of the Bonanza." These are stories of Rod, the Boy, and the fur-bearing animals of the Northwest and the half-breed trappers who have them. Each of the tales teems with curious bits of woodlore and little-known facts about the moose, bear, deer, lynx, fox and wolf.

Mr. Arthur Hanning who has illustrated the stories, is a sportsman and naturalist, as well as an artist. The first of the stories which will appear in THE SATURDAY EVENING POST of September 1.

Negro Lynched in Georgia. Knoxville, Ga., July 27.—Jack Hilsman, a negro 26 years old, was lynched near here and his body ridged with bullets by a mob. Almost a week ago Hilsman attempted to assault the 14-year-old daughter of Jas. Mitchell, a well-known planter of the county. He was arrested and taken here for safe keeping, but brought here for a preliminary trial. A coroner's jury was unable to give the names of any of the members of the mob.