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WILL VIRGINIA BREAK HER PLEDGE.

The Democratic State Convention of Virginia when it issued the call for the present Constitutional State Convention, which is now in session, adopted the following resolutions: "That it is the sense of this Convention that when such a Constitution shall have been framed, it shall be submitted to a vote of the people, for ratification or rejection."

There can be no question that this was a pledge by the Democratic State Convention and by the Democratic Party of Virginia, as strong as any party or Convention can make it, and so plain and distinct that there can be no misunderstanding of its terms.

It will be remembered that the Democratic Party of North Carolina has recently been guilty of an equally flagrant breach of faith with the public. The Democratic State Convention of this State declared as solemnly and as explicitly as it is possible for the English language to express that if they were put in power, that they would not offer in the Legislature or attempt to enact any constitutional provision, the taking away the suffrage of a single voter or of any class of voters in this State.

The exception referred to is the Charlotte Observer. That paper in a recent editorial has taken the Democratic Party of Virginia to task for violating this solemn pledge. It will be remembered however, that that paper condoned the same grave offense when committed in North Carolina. It may be however, that there is yet left enough of righteousness in the Charlotte Observer to be able to repent of the crime of public perfidy which it once endorsed, and if so, all truthful, law abiding, and patriotic citizens should give it a helping hand.

In this connection it may not be improper to inquire why, such solemn pledges of a party can be broken with impunity. No party would dare to do in North Carolina what the Democratic Party of Virginia has just done if there was a fair and honest election law on the statute books of this State, so that when a majority of the voters desired to register their condemnation, they could have an opportunity to cast their vote and have it counted as cast.

The Simmons' Machine Party in North Carolina and the Machine Politicians in Virginia who have violated their solemn public pledges to the people have in their hands the election machinery by which, and with which, they would steal enough votes and falsify enough returns to overcome any majority that a deceived and indignant public might attempt to register at the ballot box against them. This is another striking illustration of the many grave and dangerous evils that are constantly given birth to and nurtured by a dishonest election law. Not only the political morals of parties and politicians, for these are of the least consideration, but the public welfare, the protection of our citizens, their life and property, and indeed the very foundations of society, demand that there should be pure and honest elections. Then the righteous verdict of the great public jury can and will decide, not only who is faithful and worthy to be in power, but how they shall administer the affairs of the people. Without an honest election law there can be no protection for the rights and liberties of anyone, no guarantee of an honest Government,

and indeed there can be in no true sense of the word any respectable form of Government.

Hence this slogan for every Christian and every patriot should be, honest election and down with the ballot box.

WILL SUCCEED BY "BLACK BELT METHODS," IF AT ALL.

The Charlotte Observer in its issue of Aug. 21st, under the above heading, published the following editorial:

"It appears that there is some difficulty in securing the ratification by the people of the new constitution which is now being framed by the Alabama convention. There is a good deal of opposition to it among Democrats, on account of the grandfather clause, and some of this opposition is on the part of prominent men and much of it is outspoken. It was very different in North Carolina when the amendment to the constitution was before the people last year. There were only two Democrats of State prominence, so far as we are aware, who were outspoken in their opposition to it—one of these intended to it, or, at all events, intended to. In Alabama Senator Morgan is opposed to the new constitution and has been at pains to advertise the fact. Senator Pettus is against the grandfather clause, but the statement has been made that he will advocate adoption of the constitution if it is deep-rooted and violent, and it is even intimated that he will take the stump for the defeat of the constitution. He makes no secret of the fact that he is opposed to it and expresses doubt as to its ratification. He states that he has had communications from many people in the state and that he has personally seen many people, is of the opinion that it will take hard work to have the constitution favorably voted upon and that 'black belt' methods will have to be resorted to to have it adopted. Everybody knows what this means, and the words do not fall agreeably upon the senses. It is time we have done with 'black belt methods' in the South. It is but a step from employing them on black people to employing them on whites, and when this begins there will be music."

The Observer should be careful about stating the truth so plainly, or its loyalty to the Simmons' Red Shirt Machine will surely be questioned. "Black belt methods" supplemented by red shirt lawlessness are Mr. Simmons' chiefest accomplishments.

The weather seems very perverse this summer. In the Northwest it is very hot and very dry. Not only are all crops suffering for want of rain, but the grass on the plains is parching and stock suffering. Along the Atlantic seaboard the conditions are reversed with almost equally bad results. We are deluged with rains every day and the weather is cooler than usual. This is truly one of those "ill winds" that blows no one any good.

It seems that the Charlotte Observer has recently taken a great dislike to red. In speaking of a certain bride groom wearing a red tie, it says in part, "but he could have to some extent been forgiven all his misdemeanors if he had not at the last moment added this red tie incident." We trust the Observer will not forget its great dislike for red when the campaign opens next year.

We would like to ask the Winston Republican who is the "Religious editor" of the News and Observer. It says it is not "Josephus." We do not mean to take issue with the Republican on the matter—only asking for information.

The Washington Post says: "The Democratic party will do well to remove all vestige of Tillmanism from its recruiting station." If the party should decide to do this the Raleigh News and Observer will have to pull up stakes.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT NEAR COLUMBIA

Five Men Crushed to Death by the Fall of an Immense Bridge.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—A serious accident happened yesterday morning, as a result of which five men were killed and a number sustained severe injuries. The accident occurred on the new bridge of the Southern Railway over the Congaree River in process of construction. The massive new beam bridge is being built upon the piers of the present bridge, and as fast as a section of the new bridge is put in the old bridge is taken out. It was two of these massive beams weighing about sixty thousand pounds each, that came down, the one upon the bed of the old bridge the other going on into the river. They were suspended from the derrick supports about 15 feet above the bed of the old bridge, and these supports gave way. The Southern Railway was in no way concerned in the accident, the responsibility resting entirely upon the Phoenix Bridge Company of Pennsylvania, the contractors. The fall of the bridges massive beams came very near knocking the bridge to pieces. It trembled and shook from the shock, but stood intact. Five men were crushed to death beneath the great weight, four killed outright and several wounded. The dead are: S. J. Castlebury of Pennsylvania, white, and four negroes.

MORE SOLDIERS FOR MANILA.

The Number There to be Increased by Four Companies of Infantry.

Manila, Aug. 25.—In the city of Manila there are now less than 1,000 effective soldiers and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that the guard duty is too heavy for the present force. As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless, in the event of an uprising in the future, such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available for such an emergency.

General Chaffee says he considers the city of Manila to be perfectly orderly and he can see no prospect of an uprising. Commissioner Wright thinks the people "extremely peaceable." He is satisfied that, although among a certain class there is some discontent on account of the land tax which is not yet understood, this class is not likely to foment trouble.

Many army officers express themselves as gratified at the increase in the military force. They think that with the military guard withdrawn from the prison, an uprising might result in the release of some 1,800 prisoners. This possibility is regarded as a menace to the city by those who take that view of the case, as they regard the white guard as insufficient.

WILMINGTON'S OFFICIALS IN A FIGHT.

William J. Bellamy and Iredele Meares Have a Personal Encounter.

A special to Tuesday's Morning Post from Wilmington says: CITY Attorney William J. Bellamy whipped ex-City Attorney Iredele Meares in one of Wilmington's most public street fights this morning, and the affair created considerable excitement for a while. When Bellamy met Meares he began using a whip on him at once. They clinched, and friends ran up to separate them. Meares claims that he was struck by one of Bellamy's friends in the mix up. Meares received a bad gash on the head and several other bruises.

The trouble grew out of the contest for city attorney when Bellamy defeated Meares. There has been bad blood between them ever since. Bellamy claims that Meares has been making slanderous remarks about him and defaming his character. It is understood that another matter which has not come to the surface is at the bottom of the trouble today.

Bellamy went to Meares' office to cow-hide him, and, not finding him there, met him a few minutes later in the streets.

It is thought that more serious trouble may follow, as both factions are prominent people and there is great bitterness between them.

Jonesboro man Commits Suicide

Sanford, N. C., Aug. 26.—Lucian Acree, secretary and treasurer of the Jonesboro cotton mill, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the heart with a .38-calibre pistol. He has been in ill health for several months and had recently returned from the hospital. Without doubt, he was temporarily insane when he did the shooting. He got up this morning feeling better than for some time. After eating a hearty breakfast he left for his office. This was seven o'clock and about eight o'clock he was found with a bullet hole in his heart.

He was forty-six years old and had been a citizen of this place about fifteen years. On the 14th of last February he was happily married to Miss Evarita Bryan.

Mother Refused to Receive her Dying Son.

Norfolk, Aug. 26.—William Ives, aged eighteen years, was shot and fatally wounded by police officers who caught him in the act of burglarizing a Berkeley shoe store Sunday morning. When Ives was carried home his mother refused to permit the dying boy to be brought into the house. She had repeatedly warned him to give up his evil ways, she said, and now that he had brought himself to such a miserable end, she could do with him as she pleased. There being nowhere else to carry him, the officers were finally forced to break into her house and leave Ives to the mercy of his heartless mother.

Lost Post Office Money.

Havana, Aug. 26.—A. C. Westall, chief of the money order bureau of the Havana postoffice, has lost \$4,000 belonging to the department. He was taking a remittance of \$4,000 to pay into the treasury, and entering an omnibus, placed the money on a seat beside him. When he started to get out he found the package containing the money gone.

Two boys who were in the omnibus say that some one in the vehicle threw the money to some one in the street. The police suspect that Westall is the victim of sharpers. Westall is bonded for \$10,000. He may be prosecuted for criminal negligence.

The Most Beautiful Woman in America Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., 26.—A private telegram from Charlottesville, Va., announced the death of Miss Maudie Coleman Woods, in that city. Miss Woods was pronounced the most beautiful woman in America by a committee from the Pan-American Exposition, and her profile adorns all of the medals issued by the board of award.

500 OPERATIVES LOCKED OUT

Columbia Mills Refuse to Work Union Labor.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—Five hundred operatives at the Olympia, Granby, Richland and Capital City Mills, who refused to make up the time that will be lost on Labor Day by working six hours over time last Saturday, were denied admission to the mills this morning and were notified of their suspension for a week. The operatives fell in line and paraded through the village with much cheering. Textile Union No. 211 is meeting to-night to take action and is receiving hundreds of new members, since the strength of the union has been divulged. President Smith-Whaley said today: "We do not propose to have unionism in our business. The mills in South Carolina have agreed to employ no union labor, whatsoever. I will close down every mill before I will employ a union man. All of my operatives will be required to sign an agreement that they will not belong to a union."

The union strength is estimated at 900 old members and has increased by several hundred recently. The union is expected to declare a strike at its meeting to-night, which will affect 3,000 operatives.

President Whaley will issue his ultimatum to-morrow. It is understood, requiring all employees to sign his agreement to leave the union, and will not, moreover, reinstate the 500 shut out until the pledge. The police are guarding the mills to-night to prevent dynamiting.

A WEEK ON THE SEABOARD.

Fireman Rosemont Killed, Two Engineers and a Postal Clerk Injured.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 25.—The Florida & Metropolitan limited train of the Seaboard Air Line was totally wrecked last night at 10:25 o'clock seven miles south of Cheraw, due to a sand bar washout. The killed and wounded are: Fireman Rosemont, crushed to death; Engineer Muse, shoulder and leg injured; Tom Cleary, another engineer, injured in knees and legs; postal clerk messenger, name unknown, slightly bruised. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. Neither of the conductors was hurt. The engine and four front cars left the track and were turned completely over. The engine was a mass of debris. The tender fell fifty yards away. The track was torn up for 150 yards and every car was off the track. Relief came from Cheraw at midnight.

187 Villages Burned.

London, Aug. 26.—The total losses from the recent forest fires, which have partly destroyed several towns, are estimated at \$10,000,000, says a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail. "The fires have been mostly incendiary and are attributed to the Jews. It is estimated that 250,000 acres of forests have been destroyed and 187 villages completely or partially wiped out."

Boers Refuse to Accept Offers of Surrender.

London, Aug. 26.—Gen. Kitchener cables: "I have received a long letter from Steyn containing argumentative statements of the Boer case, and saying that he will continue the fight. Also a short letter from De Wet's camp. Both writers acknowledge receipt of my proclamation and protesting. He states that the Boers intend continuing the fight. On the other hand the surrenders lately have greatly increased."

Horse Ditched Train.

Barnesville, Ohio, Aug. 26.—A Baltimore and Ohio train, carrying the Pennsylvania Knights Templars to Louisville, was ditched here today. The engineer was killed, the fireman fatally injured and the passengers badly bruised. Running over a horse caused the accident.

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Two Negroes Have a Fatal Duel in a Jail Cell.

Greenville, Tenn., Aug. 25.—James Ross and Walter Pierce, negroes, were committed to the Greene county jail last Saturday night, for trivial offenses, being placed in the same cell. The jailer had scarcely left the cage when the men drew knives, which they had hidden about their necks, and engaged in a deadly fight.

Quickly as possible Ross was dragged from the cell, but not until he had fatally stabbed Pierce, who sank back on his bunk dead. Ross was only slightly out.

An Old Pastor.



No man in the capital city of the State of Ohio is better known than the Rev. James Paine. For many years he has been the successful pastor of the Second Baptist Church of that city. Every day his venerable figure and kindly face may be seen on the streets of the city where he has labored for so many years. What a history of benevolence and self-sacrifice might be written simply giving the details of the every-day life of this faithful pastor and eloquent preacher.

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The Machias at Colon.

Colon, August 26.—The United States gunboat Machias has arrived here. The German cruiser Vineta is expected shortly. The Chilean cruiser Ministro Centeno has been ordered to Guayaquil and will probably proceed to Panama. The government sent troops Saturday to Bocas Del Toro, near which town rebels are reported.

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