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## THE LOCKHART CONTEST.

### THE ARGUMENT LASTED FOR FOUR HOURS.

An Early Decision is not Looked for—Judge Bennett's Speech the Feature of the Day—Mr. Walker Make, a Good Speech.

Special to THE NEWS.  
WASHINGTON, April 14.—The argument in the Lockhart case was concluded yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Judge R. T. Bennett, of Wadesboro, and Mr. Platt D. Walker, of Charlotte, appeared for Mr. Lockhart, and Judge Dan. L. Russell and Blocks of Five Dudley appeared for Martin.

The committee room was well filled with interested North Carolinians, Congressman Linney, John B. Hussey, Mr. Hardison, private secretary to Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Charles R. Thomas, of Newbern, Col. Henry G. Williams, Judge Buxton and Col. Rose of Fayetteville, Congressman Woodard, Ex-constituent Cheatham, Col. Thomas Sutton and Cyrus Thompson and others.

There were present of the committee Messrs. Prince, who presided, Long, Taylor, Miller and Bailey. Chairman Johnson, of Indiana, was sick, and Strode is out of town to be gone for some time. So that even though the case has been submitted, an early decision is not looked for as in addition to Strode and Johnson being absent, Long is going away in a few days. This will leave the committee without a quorum, if the Democrats should choose to absent themselves from the meetings, which doubtless they will do.

It is useless here to follow the counsel through the detailed and able arguments which altogether lasted for four hours.

The interesting feature of the day was furnished by Judge Bennett, who delivered some good thrusts into the Populists in his characteristic style causing much laughter. Blocks of Five Dudley had laid much stress upon the alleged using at Wadesboro by Democrats of "noxious chemicals and rotten eggs."

Judge Bennett at one point took up the matter of "rotten eggs." "There were noxious chemicals," interrupted Dudley. "I'll get to them," retorted the Judge. "If you want anything worse than a rotten egg, I'll let you go to your fusion crowd." Then the Judge proceeded to show that the throwing of the eggs was only the act of a few boys.

Again in the midst of his speech, Judge Bennett having worked himself to a high pitch exclaimed, referring to fusion, "What an unnatural feast—Great God Almighty! Join tigers to the chariot and milk the goats!"

He sneeringly spoke of the Populists in another place as "these gentlemen with modern ideas of government, who regard prosperity as robbery." After clinching a fact, he exclaimed: "That's the law and the prophets!" Then he denounced the Populists glaring full and passionately at Russell and Dudley as "these political Pariahs at war with organized institutions of government."

When the Judge was finally out of his stopped short saying "God bless you!" He had made a fine impression, as also had Mr. Walker who made a close lawyer's speech without color.

The arguments in the Shaw case are being heard today, and he and his friends and counsel feel perfectly confident of his being seated.

W. E. C.

**A Beneficial Effect.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 14.—The thorough ventilation which the action of the Sultan towards the Protestant and Catholic mission in Asia Minor has received, has had a decidedly beneficial effect. United States Charge d'Affairs, Ribble, has received a written assurance from the Turkish Government that Rev. Geo. Knapp, the American missionary expelled from Betis will be delivered to the United States Consul at Alexandria, it is further stated that the Sultan's viade, providing for the expulsion of other missionaries from Asia Minor has been repealed for the present at least. The missionaries needn't anticipate any further trouble. It is understood in both cases the Sultan acted upon the advice of the Russian Ambassador.

To Fight for \$6,000.  
PITTSBURG, April 13.—Peter Maher and Frank Slavin will meet for a twenty rounds fight, before the Eureka Club, at Long Island City, on May 29th., for a purse of six thousand dollars.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### SCENES OF DISORDER AND GREAT CONFUSION.

Dockery Makes a Fiery Speech and Denounces the Chairman—Loge Harris Called Down—Dancy Also Speaks—Russell Carries the Convention—It Was a Three Hours' Series of Pandemonium—The Lot of the Chairman Not a Happy One, But He Runs Things His Own Way.

The Republican county convention was called to order Saturday at 12 o'clock in the Mayors court room by J. Fisher Correll, county chairman. At that time the court room was pretty well filled with negroes, a dozen or more white men being sandwiched here and there.

First and foremost among the visiting statesmen was J. C. Logan Harris, of Raleigh; Maj. H. L. Grant, of Goldsboro and Jno. C. Dancy, of Raleigh.

The McKinley-Pritchard Russell faction had their program arranged. McMullen, col. moved that the chair appoint a committee on credentials. The following were appointed: J. W. Mullen, J. L. A. Hennegan (col.), J. A. Pethel (col.), W. T. Houston, Joseph strong. Credential committee then retired and according to the program Loge Harris was called on for a speech. He responded promptly. Goode asked that the time be limited as both sides wanted a hearing. He was promptly squelched and Harris proceeded.

He commenced with the Mecklenburg Declaration and made a regular Republican speech advocating fusion on the electoral state and county tickets. He said the object of both parties this time should be to shut the Democrats out and secure every office to be voted for. Fusion would be the means by which this desirable end could be accomplished. He said that if cooperation prevailed this year the state would be carried by an overwhelming majority. If cooperation failed neither Republicans or Populists could succeed, cooperation was a matter of self preservation.

He stated that Populists had made a fair division of the offices in the counties last time, and in the legislature they divided the offices with out regard to color or condition. He confirmed the report first published in the News that there would be fusion in this county. He wants both parties to be "dovetailed into each other," and favored giving Populists 6 of the electoral ticket, the Republicans 5.

Mr. Harris said he favored fusion from top to bottom. At this point a voice said: "Who ever built chimney from top down?"

He said that every member of the legislature should be pledged to vote for Pritchard. How do Populists like that?

At this point Mr. Harris was interrupted by calls for Dancy. Here the disorder began. Harris could not proceed. The chairman called for order in vain. The clamor for Dancy was so great that Harris had to give up his speech, and Dancy addressed the convention. He made a taking speech advocating Dockery.

Dancy was getting in some good work and was called down.

Mr. J. W. Mullen, of Huntersville, then reported for the committee on credentials. The report riled out Lemley Dewese, and Mallard Creek box 2. The chairman rushed this report to a vote over the protest of the Dockery people and declared it carried. Stewart (col.) protested against putting the question before convention was ready. A motion was then made to appoint a committee on nominations and resolutions. At this stage of the proceedings pandemonium broke loose again. A voice was heard. "This whole thing is not worth a hill of beans" "I have the floor and am not going to sit down." Correll said that the actions of the convention was a disgrace to the Republican party.

H. C. Dockery arose in the middle of the room and said: "I am an old time Republican. I never saw such gag law. I never saw townships ruled out in such disorder. I never saw a chairman apply the gag law like this one. I would rather be a thief in hell than some of these people. Ninety per cent of the Republicans of Mecklenburg favor Dockery." At this point the Dockery people got enthusiastic and the other side began to raise a clamor. Dockery continued and then put this question: All who favor Dockery say I." There was a roar of I's. All who favor Russell say I. The I's were much weaker. "Dockery wins by 240 to 15," announced Mr. Dockery.

Here pandemonium broke loose

again. At the top of his voice Dockery shouted: "I doubt if the devil wants some people here judging by their actions here today."

For 15 or 20 minutes nothing could be done for disorder. Motions to adjourn were made, and all sorts of disorder prevailed. Policemen were called time and again. Disorder prevailed. Nearly every delegate was on his feet. After half an hour order was partially restored.

The chairman overruled every motion made by the Dockery people, ran over them rough shod, and they withdrew. Forty seven delegates withdrew. After the bolt everything was harmonious and the cut and dried resolutions were passed. These resolutions endorsed McKinley, Pritchard and Russell; and declared in favor of complete fusion on National, State, and county tickets. These resolutions were adopted with a whoop by the remainder of the convention, the vote was announced as 74 to 0.

The following delegates were appointed to the State and district conventions: W. S. Clanton, Jo. Strong col., J. F. Correll, Wm. McMullen col., Ed. McDonald, H. B. Kennedy, col.

District—J. F. Correll, Wm. McMullen, col., J. L. Hennegan, col., J. W. Mullen, S. J. Caldwell, col., A. Shepherd, col.

This was an old time Republican convention. It was for the most part a perfect pandemonium. As the chairman said it was a disgrace to the Republican party.

These are the people who are trying to get control of the affairs in Mecklenburg county. The Populists are to fuse with them.

Republicans, Populists and Democrats will all agree that the proceedings today were a disgrace to our community.

## A VANCE STATUE.

Mecklenburg Will Honor the Memory of the Noble Leader.

A large, enthusiastic and harmonious meeting in furtherance of the erection of a monument in Mecklenburg county to the memory of Senator Vance was held at the Law Building Thursday afternoon, and organized by electing major C. Dowd president and Mr. Richard N. Tidley secretary.

A free discussion on the purpose of the meeting took place. Plans were examined and a fitting location considered. As this is a county matter, it was the general sense of those present, made known by a vote, that the monument should be on property owned by the county, and that in front of the future court house would be the most appropriate place.

Touching upon the kind of monument, the opinion strongly leaned toward a figure somewhat larger than life-size on a pedestal 15 or 20 feet in height, making a total elevation of about 25 to 30 feet, the cost of which, it thought, would be from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

A governing committee was appointed, consisting of Maj. C. Dowd, Dr. J. H. McAden, E. T. Cansler, S. Wittkowsky and J. B. Ross, with general powers to take charge of the enterprise; including the appointment of sub-committees in every township in the county and ward of the city to canvass and receive subscriptions. Those wishing to contribute to the worthy object can do so through any one of the governing committees. Lists will also be prepared and placed at all the public offices in the city, in the prominent stores and personal application will be made for funds to consummate the object in view as soon as conferences have been held with friends from the county outside of Charlotte, of which due notice will be given by the committee.

RICH N. TIDY, Secretary.

## Missouri Democratic Convention.

SEDALIA, Mo. 15.—The democratic state convention to elect delegates to the national convention in Chicago is in session here today. Bland, Stone, Vest and Cockrell will be the delegates-at-large and a platform adopted declaring in positive and emphatic terms for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The convention was called to order at noon by Charles C. Moffitt, chairman of the State Committee. Ninety five per cent of the delegates are instructed free silver.

## Arizona and the Statehood.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—At a special meeting of the House committee on Territories today, the Arizona Statehood bill was reported favorably. The House vote stood five in favor to two against.

## NOT L. RUSSELL'S WAY.

### LAST SATURDAY WITH THE STATE REPUBLICANS.

Dockery Shows up Much Better Than the Russell Faction—Some of the Conventions All in for Fusion and Boogie.

Saturday was a great day politically with the Republicans in the State. There were several conventions on the order of that in Mecklenburg, notably in Robeson county. The indications are good for a great deal of bar pulling on the occasion of the State convention. After the regular convention in Charlotte, Saturday afternoon, the Dockery faction, quite a crowd of 56 delegates, met at Goode's Hotel and organized in the regular way. They endorsed Dockery and elected Goode an un instructed delegate to St. Louis. They also appointed the following delegates to the State and district convention: J. M. Goode, M. B. Williamson, W. R. Hinton, E. D. Hagler, L. B. Clark, A. I. Stewart. Alt-mates, J. S. Coles, M. W. Peoples, G. W. Maxwell, Paris Grissom, Mack Whitley and June Fox.

There is a big split in Union county, where they have two chairmen and will have two conventions, one to send Russell delegates and the other for Dockery men. The split in Union is more decided than in any other county.

There is also trouble in Robeson county. At the convention at Lumberton, Saturday, honors were evenly divided between Judge Russell and Col. O. H. Dockery. A number of visiting statesmen were present, among them O. H. Dockery, Jr., and Parson Leak, who were working in the interest of Dockery, and W. J. and D. B. Sutton, who were pulling for Russell. A great deal of bitterness was manifested and hot words were indulged in freely. At one time it looked as if a row was imminent, the trouble growing out of the appointment of the Committee on Credentials. After a great deal of wrangling, a compromise suggested by the Russell men was agreed upon, by which the votes of Robeson were equally divided between Russell and Dockery, each receiving two votes.

The Forsyth convention at Winston, refused to adopt McKinley resolutions. There are two factions in Forsyth on the presidential question. They don't seem to be bothering much about the State.

Haywood county declares for Moody for Governor. It is significant to note that McKinley and Pritchard were also endorsed.

The Buncombe Republicans endorsed McKinley, Pritchard and Pearson, and prayed for fusion.

Cleveland county sends Russell delegates to the convention. McKinley, Pritchard and fusion were strongly endorsed.

Richmond county, Dockery's home, strongly endorsed Dockery and Pritchard. That county also put up Sheriff J. M. Smith for Congress, and endorsed fusion.

McDowell went for McKinley, Pritchard and Pearson, endorsing Moody for Governor, but making Dockery second choice. The Moody vote of course is complimentary.

The Wake county Republican convention is called to meet in Raleigh May 2nd. The executive committee appointed a committee of five to confer with a committee of Populists to arrange for a continuance of fusion. Neither Russell nor Dockery was endorsed, though both factions claimed a majority of the members of the committee. Fusion was strongly endorsed.

## Big Victory for the Insurgents.

HAVANA, April 14.—The Insurgents surprised the settlement of San Gabriel, near Rodas, belonging to the Central plantation at Constancia, the property of Marquise Apetzeguia, leader of the Conservative party. The Constancia plantation was strengthened by 53 forts. Eight hundred laborers had been mobilized there, besides it has the protection of several bodies of Guerrillas. The expense of the plantation is, monthly, thirty thousand dollars. The insurgents made their way in a dense wood. The Guerrillas attacked them, but were overwhelmed and retreated with a heavy loss.

## Eight Bodies Recovered.

LONDON, April 14.—An explosion occurred at Brancepeth Coal mine, township Willington, Durham, last evening. Eight bodies have been recovered and ten others are believed to be in the pit dead, while twenty-six are entombed alive, with a possible hope of rescue.

## THE THOMPSON-SHAW CASE

### NO DOUBT ABOUT SHAW BEING THE WINNER.

Hard to See How the Committee Can Stand the Overwhelming Showing Made by Shaw's Lawyers—Person Is?

Special to THE NEWS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The case of Thompson vs. Shaw was argued yesterday. It was well planned as to presentation and compactly and clearly put by Thomas, of Newberne, Rose, of Fayetteville, and Judge Buxton, of Fayetteville, in the order named. Many persons remarked on the likeness of Judge Buxton to Abraham Lincoln.

The whole effect of the arguments was one of delightful lucidity. It is almost impossible to see how the committee can stand the overwhelming showing made by Shaw's lawyers. The presentation of young Thomas was exquisite.

Col. Sutton didn't do badly with his meagre outfit of facts, but he represented the bold spectacle of Thompson's coming up here to disfranchise the good law abiding citizens of Fayetteville, who he knew were against him, but in spite of which fact he yet had the gall to ask for a seat as representative of their district. Thompson was backed up by the presence of Senator Butler, Sanford, Skinner and Stroud. The case will probably be decided next Monday.

Congressman Linney left yesterday to go to his son, who was badly hurt at Durham. He has the deep sympathy here of all who know of his distress.

Judge Buxton returned last night, as also did Mr. Platt Walker and Judge Bennett. Mr. Thomas will leave Tuesday. Messrs. Sutton and Thompson will linger awhile longer.

Col. Rose left last night for Baltimore, whence he expects to leave tonight for home.

Mr. Geo. H. Parsons, of Wadesboro, is here.

## The Special Term Adjourned.

The special term of the Criminal court was adjourned last Saturday. The regular term began Monday morning.

Sentences were imposed today as follows: Mark Dixon, larceny, 12 months on the chain gang; Jas. Jenkins, larceny, 12 months on the chain gang; George Litch, larceny, 6 months on the chain gang; Wm. Foster, assault and battery, \$5 and cost; Wm. Davis, fals. pretense, 12 months on the chain gang; Tom Ross, carrying concealed weapons, 30 days on the chain gang.

## The Programme in Raleigh.

The Pops and the Republicans are trying to get together at Raleigh, on a campaign agreement. The Populist Executive Committee meets this evening. Butler is there. Chairman Holton has notified the members of the committee appointed by the Republican Executive Committee to confer with the Populists, to meet at the Park Hotel at 10 a. m., Friday morning. A similar committee from the Populists will meet them.

## An Unpledged Delegation.

OMAHA, April 15.—The Republican State convention, to elect delegates to St. Louis, will be called to order at 5 o'clock this afternoon by chairman Hainer of the State central committee. There has been a strong effort made to have the delegates instructed for Manderson but the McKinley feeling is too strong and a compromise by sending an unpledged delegation will be made.

## Colorado Democrats.

DENVER, April 15.—The Democratic state convention, to elect delegates to Chicago, is in session today. Aside from the regular business mentioned in the call the delegates will be entertained by Senator Tillman the South Carolina statesman and free silverite.

## Bland Consents to be a Candidate for the Presidency.

SEDALIA, Mo., April 15.—After innumerable conferences last night, Richard H. Bland has consented to become a candidate for the presidency. A resolution endorsing Bland was prepared to present to the Texas convention.

## The Mississippi Rising.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—The Mississippi is higher than for years. It is believed that a further rise, which must come will drive the people of the west side to the hills.

## Consul General Lee.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, has been nominated to be Consul General of the United States to Havana, to succeed Williams, resigned.

## WIFE NEWS.

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scribers we will give a good family  
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## Dist. Conventions.

The Populist Congressional con-  
vention for this District will be held  
at Winston April 16th. The Re-  
publican Congressional convention  
will be held at Maxton April 22d. Judg-  
ing from the fact that the Republi-  
can convention met last, it would seem  
that the "fusion" arrangement are  
being made. The Wilmington Mes-  
sengers say that there are five Re-  
publicans will be the candidate for  
Congress.

Magill Monday gave THE  
Times a piece of bark from a  
cork tree. The tree grows on  
the coast of S. C., and has attained a  
growth of 100 feet. The piece of cork  
is two corks for a quinine bottle.  
The growth is regarded as quite a  
curiosity here. A cork tree grows in  
the yard of George W. Patterson's  
at Concord and stoppers for a jug can  
be cut from it.