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ANNOUNCEMENTS.
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FOR SHERIFF.
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FOR TREASURER.
I announce myself a candidate
for Treasurer of Mecklenburg
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vention.
EDGAR H. WALKER.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.
I announce myself a candidate
for County Surveyor, subject to
the action of the Democratic
nominating convention.
J. B. SPRATT.

FOR CORONER.
I announce myself a candidate
for Coroner of Mecklenburg
county, subject to the action of
the Democratic nominating con-
vention.
A. A. CATHEY.

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THE FIRST STEP TAKEN. THE COUNTY ELECTIONS.

ELECTORAL FUSION WITH THE POPULISTS AGREED ON.

Reu ts of the Meeting of the State Demo-
cratic Executive Committee—Defeat
Thought to be Sure Unless all the Silver
Forces Should be U. it-d.

The Democrats have taken the
step which several days ago it was
said they would take—that is, to
seek fusion on the electoral ticket
with the Populists. The vote of the
State Committee at Raleigh on the
adoption of the resolution was 29 to
5, so the "middle-of-the-road" men
were literally "snowed under."

Those voting nay were Paul B.
Means, Samuel J. Pemberton, H. C.
Bourne, S. Gallert, and Mr. Lee (a
proxy). There was a discussion
which really lasted from 10:30 to 2.
At one time it seemed sure there
would be a recess until this morning.
Here is the text of the resolution
adopted:

Whereas, both the Democratic and
Populist parties, in the national con-
ventions, have nominated William
J. Bryan for the presidency; and
whereas an electoral ticket for Bryan
and Sewall and another for Bryan
and Watson will endanger
the election of Bryan and promote
the chances of McKinley obtaining
the electoral vote of North Carolina;
now, therefore, to the end that all
persons favoring the election of Mr.
Bryan may have their vote counted
in the electoral college for him.

Resolved, That the Democratic
party hereby offers to the Populist
party a fair and just division of the
Bryan electors, and that the chair-
man of the committee is authorized
to confer with the chairman of the
Executive Committee of the People's
party looking to a union of the two
parties upon the one electoral ticket,
and report to this committee as
early as practicable.

The Richmond Dispatch correspond-
ent says: It was frankly said
by many speakers that the defeat of
the party was certain unless all the
silver elements got together. It was
quite noticeable that Populists were
eager for news of the proceedings.
This was particularly the case with
Otho Wilson, who is Senator But-
ler's most trusted counsellor here.
Wilson was this morning in a close
conference with a Democratic nomi-
nee, who is regarded as perhaps the
best posted man in the party.

It was hard to get news last night.
For a time the committee was in
executive session. There were only
two short of the full committee—
that is, thirty four votes were rep-
resented. Members say that Hon. F.
M. Simmons' speech was as easily
the gem of the meeting as Bryan's
was the gem of the national conven-
tion. Cy. Watson made an earnest
speech in favor of unity.

The new State chairman, Matt.
Manly, is given power to appoint an
advisory committee of four members.
This committee will really do the
hard work of the campaign. There
are a good many surmises as to who
will compose it. Among the names
prominently mentioned are F. M.
Simmons, J. H. Poe, Julian S.
Carr, and E. C. Smith—three of
them ex-chairmen. Chairman Manly
will be ex-officio chairman of the
Central Committee of nine.

In the way of campaigning nothing
will be done, it seems until after
the Populist Convention, August
13th. What will the Populists do?
Judge Avery, one of the ablest
Democrats, and one of the acutest
observers says that he finds the
masses of the silver people want fu-
sion. He finds this even in such
counties as Burke and Rowan. His
opinions always have great weight
with the party.

County Affairs.
At the meeting of the county
commissioners yesterday afternoon,
Mr. P. C. Henderson was appointed
to receive bids for the erection of
a bridge over Mallard Creek, near
M. B. Hunter's residence.

It was decided to put the county
road working squads on the Lonegan
ferry and Walker's ferry roads, and
grade and macadamize them for a
distance of five miles from the city.
Mr. J. S. Myers having agreed* to
supply the necessary material, it
was ordered that before the camps
broken up on the Providence road,
the convicts repair the road
near McWatkins.

Messrs. R. B. Morrow, Chas. E.
Kelly and W. P. Baumgardner were
appointed school committeemen in
district 39, in place of A. L. Sher-
rill, J. D. Nixon and G. W. Court-
ney, who resigned. J. W. Glosson
was appointed committeeman in
district 7.

ONLY A QUESTION OF SIZE. AT TWO HEADQUARTERS.

**ALABAMA IS TREMENDOUSLY DEMO-
CRATIC.**

Gains All Over the State—Johnson's Ma-
jority is Between 50,000 and 60,000—In
the Legislature 59 on Joint Ballot.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug 4.—The
size of the Democratic majority seems
to be the only thing remaining in
doubt regarding the result of yester-
day's election. The majority for
Johnson is variously estimated at
from fifty to sixty thousand. Gains
are made everywhere, except in Mo-
bile and Macon counties. The Demo-
crats have a majority of 59 in the
Legislature on joint ballot.

POPULISTS AND DEMOCRATS FIGHT.

One Man Killed and Five Wounded Near
Columbus, Ga.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Aug. 4.—A special
to the Enquirer-Sun from La-
fayette, Ala., says: News has just
reached this city by wire of a terri-
ble tragedy which occurred at Five
Points, 10 miles above here this af-
ternoon, in which one man was killed
and five others dangerously
wounded. It was a battle between
Populists and Democrats. George
Cumbee, Democrat, was killed in-
stantly and his brother, Reuben,
dangerously wounded. Lem Satter-
white, Democrat, was shot in the
hip. A. P. Trammell and two other
Trammells, Populists, were
wounded. A large posse from here
has gone to the scene. A second
posse from Roanoke has also gone.
A private message over the wire
from Five Points at 8 p. m. says that
pistol shots are now ringing out on
the night air. The Democrats had
been to Lafayette to bring in the
election returns and were on their
way home when they were met at
Five Points by a crowd of enraged
Populists, who attacked the Cumbee
boys and cut, shot and beat them
and a general row ensued. The posse
that has gone to the scene is much
enraged and if the guilty Populists
are apprehended much blood will
be shed and probably more men killed.
The Cumbee boys are sons of Rev.
John Cumbee of this county and are
sturdy, moral, upright men and are
among the best citizens of the coun-
ty. They have never been in diffi-
culties of any kind before.

HUNTER CHALLENGES HENRY.

Will he Accept or Back-own?—A Meeting
Being Arranged Which Mr. Henry Will
Be Invited to Attend.

It is understood, or at least it has
been talked around, that it is Mr.
W. R. Henry's boast that the Demo-
cratic speakers do not meet him be-
cause they are afraid to do so.

Mr. R. B. Hunter will challenge
Mr. Henry to a joint debate and ar-
rangements are now being made to
get up the meeting. It is to be held
in the lower part of the county,
probably in Providence township,
and Mr. Henry will be invited to
put in an appearance and meet Mr.
Hunter, or shut up. The challenge
will be formally extended in a day
or two and then the date and place
of meeting will be announced.
Should Mr. Henry accept, the meet-
ing will be a rousing big one. Peo-
ple will gather from all over the
county to see him and Mr. Hunter
lock horns. Mr. Hunter and the
people who are getting up the meet-
ing are very much in earnest and
Mr. Henry will have to speak or
score a square back down.

A NEW CAMPAIGN FEATURE.

Camp Meetings to be Held by Friends of
Silver.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—Sen-
ator Gorman says that he received a
letter a few days ago from a promi-
nent member of the Free Silver party,
stating that one of the features
of the pending campaign will be the
unique methods of appealing direct-
ly to the voters in all parts of the
country. It is proposed to establish
a regular camp meeting style of
campaign. Tents are to be pitched
in various localities, where town
halls are inaccessible, and daily
evening meetings are to be held.
These meetings will last for a week
or ten days, and during that period
there will be reading of the Scrip-
ture, hymn singing and lectures on
the money question.

These meetings are to be conduct-
ed on the most economical plan, and
those who participate in them will
be requested to observe the strictest
simplicity in the matter of accom-
modations and provisions. In many
instances the campaign committees
will provide the refreshments for
those who don't feel able to bring
their own provisions. The main
object is to impress upon those in
attendance the benefits to be derived
from a change in the financial sys-
tem of the government.

Senator Gorman says that such a
plan of campaigning ought to be
popular, but as a practical man he
realizes that it will require a sub-
stantial campaign fund to conduct
such a campaign on a general scale
throughout all the States of the
Union. Outdoor political meetings
or picnics have long been popular in
many of the Southern States, but
the camp meeting idea is something
new, and is in the nature of an ex-
periment.

Hebronites Turned Down.

The county commissioners met
this morning to hear the petition of
the patrons of Hebron school, No.
2, in Sharon, to allow them to elect
their school teacher, expressing dis-
satisfaction with the choice of the
committeemen. The commissioners
dismissed the petition.

Address by Mr. Reid.

Mr. J. Sol Reid will address the
Bryan and Watson Club at Provi-
dence Hall, next Friday night. A
good speech may be expected, for
Mr. Reid is one of the best.

AT TWO HEADQUARTERS.

**BIG FORCE AT ONE; LITTLE FORCE AT
THE OTHER.**

Harrison to Speak at the Republican Nat-
ional Meeting—Gov. Stone, of Missouri,
will Probably Preside at the Democratic
National Meeting.

NEW YORK, August 3.—The
regular campaign work was begun
at the Republican national head-
quarters on Madison Avenue this
morning. Hanna was on hand
early and was joined by N. B. Scott,
of West Va., and Powell Clayton, of
Arkansas. The latter will have charge
of the speaking arrangement of the
campaign. Scott will give his at-
tention chiefly to the Southern
States. The document and mailing
room is being fitted up and arrange-
ments are being made for a big ratifi-
cation. Ex-President Harrison
will be the principal speaker.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—There
is a marked difference in the amount
of activity displayed by the two
congressional committees. The Re-
publicans have a large paid working
force, while the Democratic force
numbers about ten, and a small
volunteer force. The Democratic
National Committee will meet in
New York on the eleventh, the day
before the notification. Chairman
Jones says the main headquarters
will be decided upon at this meeting.
Gov. Stone, of Missouri, will prob-
ably preside at the notification meet-
ing.

THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Railroad Accident Near Durham—Engi-
neer and Fireman Fatally Injured and
Train Burned.

WINSTON, N. C., Aug 3.—A
freight train on the Oxford &
Clarksville railroad went through
a bridge twelve miles from Durham,
last night. The engineer and fire-
man were fatally injured. The
train was burned.

Mecklenburg Camp Confederate Veterans.

The annual meeting of Mecklen-
burg Camp No. 382, United Con-
federate Veterans, was held in the
city hall today at noon.

The report of W. B. Taylor, treas-
urer, showed \$11.60 on hand. The
amount paid out by order of the
Commander since the last meeting
was \$55.75, and the amount collect-
ed was \$23.95.

Officers were elected for the en-
suing year as follows:

Commander, S. H. Hilton, Lieu-
tenant Commander, R. B. Hunter,
Lieutenant Commanders for the
wards and townships: Ward 1, J.
M. Earnhardt; Ward 2, W. W. Ran-
kin; Ward 3, J. M. Kendrick; Ward
4, W. I. Friday; Berryhill, W. J.
Brown; Steel Creek, T. W. Neely;
Sharon, S. A. Kirkpatrick; Pineville,
J. A. Younts; Providence, J. H.
Howe; Meroving Star, John R. Hood;
Clear Creek, D. A. Junston; Crab
Orchard, P. C. Harkey; Mallard
Creek, John G. Alexander; D-weese,
C. E. Bass; L-mley, A. J. D-err; Long
Creek, W. P. Craven; Paw Creek,
John F. Frazier; Huntersville, J. B.
Nicholson; Chaplin, Rev. E. A.
Osborne; Surgeon, Dr. J. P. Mc-
Comb; Quartermaster, C. W. Riven-
bark; Treasurer, W. B. Taylor; Sec-
retary and Adjutant, D. G. Max-
well.

Thanks were extended Louis
Leon, the retiring Commander for
his services for the past two years.
Thanks were returned to the city
of Richmond and W. B. Johnston,
A. R. Gates and F. M. Parks, speci-
ally, for the recent entertainment.

The retiring Commander called
attention to the neglected condition
of the graves at Winchester. Louis
Leon, R. B. Hunter and C. W. Riven-
bark were appointed to commu-
nicate with other Camps to devise
means for raising funds to purchase
headstones for the North Carolina
soldiers buried there.

The Congressional Convention

The Democratic congressional con-
vention of this, the 6th district, meets
at Rockingham next Wednesday 12th.
It is a foregone conclusion that the
result will be the unanimous nomi-
nation of Hon. Jas. A. Lockhart, of
Wadesboro, the standard bearer in
the last campaign, whose seat was
given to the Populist Martin, by the
committee on contests.

Jailed for Attempted Assault.

Officer Hodges yesterday afternoon
came in from Crab Orchard township
with a negro named John Mays
charged with an attempt to assault a
colored girl named Ella Cochrane.
Mays was arraigned before Esquire
J. L. C. Junkin for a preliminary
hearing, and was committed to jail
in default of bond.

Miss Claribel Whitesides of Rich-
burg, S. C., arrived in the city Sat-
urday evening and is visiting her
sister Mrs. J. Arthur Henderson.