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PARKER, GORMAN, OR HEARST, IN THE ORDER NAMED

That Seems to be the Order in the Sentiments of the National Democratic Committee—Place for the Convention Chosen Today.

The North Carolina Congressional Delegation Get Together—The New York Delegation—Justice White Rebukes Russell.

(By A. W. Hughes.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—The members of the National Democratic Committee are arriving on every train today, and none of them talk of anything less than victory next fall.

Mr. Joseph Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer, came in today and made an attentive listener to the arguments of counsel on both sides of the North Carolina bond case before the Supreme Court this afternoon. He later attended the meeting of the entire North Carolina delegation in Congress, both Representatives and Senators, who assembled in one of the Senate committee rooms by the courtesy of Senator Simmons for the purpose of "getting together" and acting in harmony if possible in regard to everything of special interest to the State and also in regard to the questions of national importance which are now before the Senate and House.

The meeting of the National Democratic Committee is to name the place and time for holding the national convention. What is uppermost in every man's mind is, who shall be the Democratic candidate?

Parker, Gorman and Hearst are the names mentioned and their chances of nomination are discussed in the order named. When the committee met from the west and south get in tomorrow there may be shifting in the sentiment.

New York has a strong delegation already here in State Senator Pat McCarran, ex-Lieutenant Governor Sheehan and Norman E. Mack. Mr. Mack is the national committee man and the two others are leaders in New York politics.

State Senator McCarran is one of the coming leaders of the New York Democracy. Tall, spare almost to attention, with an inscrutable face, Senator McCarran attracts attention in any crowd.

Mingling among the Democratic politicians today was "Private" John Allen, late of Tupelo, now holding a position on the St. Louis World's Fair Board.

"I want to disclaim now," said Mr. Allen, "in behalf of Tupelo, any designs upon the national convention. The merchants of Tupelo are too busy and the farmers are so engaged with the boll weevil problem they could not get to town to welcome the boys."

Among the members of the House appointed by the Speaker today to attend the funeral of the Representative Skyles, of Ohio, who died at his home in that State on Saturday, is Hon. S. Y. Webb, who is a member of the committee on patents, of which the deceased Ohio Representative was also a member. The Congressional funeral cortege will leave Washington tomorrow evening.

Messrs. Charles Busbee, of Raleigh, and Thomas Settle, of Greensboro, have arrived in the city and are getting matters in shape for argument in the Moody-Gudger contested election case, which will be heard at 10 a. m., Wednesday.

Re-argument in the North Carolina bond case was continued today, ex-Judge Merrimon making a most convincing and thorough exposition of the position taken by counsel for North Carolina that the Supreme Court is without jurisdiction in the case.

Ex-Governor Russell's argument against that position was labored and he was frequently interrupted by both Justices Brown and White, the latter showing considerable impatience at some of Judge Russell's replies. The opinion in the case may not be handed down for some weeks yet.

SENATE TODAY. Senate Bacon Moves to Negotiate Treaty With Colombia—Critical Situation. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—In the Senate today Senator Bacon introduced a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a treaty with Colombia looking to an amicable adjustment of differences growing out of the secession of Panama. He addressed the Senate on the subject. He said he regarded the situation as critical and had read a dispatch from former Consul Smythe, stating the Colombians were greatly aroused and feel the honor of the country demands they should go to war. Mr. Bacon expressed the opinion that this country could reach a peaceful solution by showing some consideration for the people of Panama.

SECRETARY RO. STATEMENT.

Scores Colomb. for its Presumed Passion and Prejudice Against United States. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—Shortly after the cabinet meeting today Secretary Root issued the following statement regarding the Isthmian policy of the administration: "Publication in various quarters of news indicating that the government is preparing to send troops to the Isthmus to carry on military operations against Colombia has been a source of considerable annoyance to legislative and to the War Department. No state of war exists between the two countries, no inauguration of hostilities is contemplated by this government, no preparation for war is being made. It is not believed by the President nor by the Secretary of State that any occasion for the employment of troops in the Isthmus is likely to arise. They have used their utmost efforts to convey General Reyes and the Bogota officials of the friendly intentions of this government toward Colombia, and of their readiness to good offices in settlement of any questions in dispute between Colombia and Panama. The difficulty is for them to believe that the authorities in Bogota can be so blinded by passion and prejudice as to declare war against us and even if this rash step should be taken by Colombia this government would be in no haste to respond to her challenge. The President makes all possible allowances for the natural excitement in Bogota over the state of things for which the Colombian government is alone responsible and of which it was fully forewarned, but they must sooner or later recognize the irresistible forces of accomplished facts and the sooner this is done the better for all parties. We have done them no wrong. We would like to be of service to them if they are wise they will not put it out of our power to help them by any act of rashness and violence."

S. C. LEGISLATURE.

Concurrent Resolution Adopted for Attendance on General Gordon's Funeral.

(Special to The News.) Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—The General Assembly convened at noon with a full attendance of both houses. Reading the Governor's message took up most of the morning session and several new bills were introduced and read by title. Candidates for State Librarian for Dispensary Board and other offices are much in evidence. Following the reading of a special message from the Governor, urging proper representation of the State at the funeral of General Gordon, a concurrent resolution was introduced designating the Governor, the Chief Justice, three Senators and five Representatives to attend the funeral in Atlanta.

PHILIPPINE BONDS SOLD.

They go to Fiske and Robinson at 107.577—Proceeds for Friar Lands. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—The War Department today accepted the proposal of Harvey Fiske and Sons, of New York, representing Fiske and Robinson and the National City Bank of New York for the purchase of \$1,000,000 bond issue of Philippine government account purchase of Friar's lands at 107.577.

FUNERAL TRAIN STILL IN FLORIDA

The Remains of General Gordon Reach Jacksonville Tonight and Atlanta Tomorrow Morning—Honors to the Dead Hero.

(By Associated Press.) Miami, Fla., Jan. 12.—The remains of General John B. Gordon attended by a military escort of Florida troops, left Miami early for Atlanta where the body will arrive Wednesday morning. Jacksonville, Fla., will be reached tonight at 7 o'clock and the remains will be transferred immediately to the train for Atlanta.

All yesterday and last night the body lay in state in the Presbyterian church in this city and hundreds paid homage to the dead Confederate leader. Every honor possible has been bestowed by the people of Florida and towns along the route to Jacksonville have requested the train to make stops so they may view the remains; but few stops can be made. Upon reaching the Georgia line a military detachment will meet the remains and an escort of citizens appointed by the Governor of Georgia will meet the party at Macon, Ga. The party will reach Atlanta at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and the body will be carried directly to the State Capitol where it will lie in state until ten o'clock Thursday morning when the funeral exercises will be begun.

Ex-Governor Bushnell Ill.

(By Associated Press.) Columbia, O., Jan. 12.—Former Governor Bushnell was stricken with apoplexy last night suffered another stroke today. His condition continues critical.

OUR FOUR BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Mr. Victor, of Danville, is Elected Cashier of the First National and Mr. Frank Gilreath President—Mr. F. Cox Elected Director.

The four National Banks of Charlotte held their annual meetings today. The most interest was centered in the action of the directors of the First National as a president and cashier were to be named. Owing to the continued illness of Mr. M. P. Pegram, who has been president of this institution for several years, in fact since the death of Col. R. M. Oates, a successor was named. Mr. Frank Gilreath, the head of the well known shoe firm of Gilreath & Co., was named for the presidency, and Mr. Geo. W. Bryan was elected vice president.

The position of cashier was tendered to Mr. H. M. Victor, a well known tobacconist of Danville, Va. Mr. Victor was apprised of his election by wire and it is expected that he will accept within the next few days.

The following board of directors was elected: J. C. Burroughs, P. M. Brown, J. S. Myers, F. B. McDowell, Frank Gilreath, Geo. W. Bryan and Dr. John H. McAden. Mr. McAden is the only new member of the board, all the others being re-elected.

THE FIRST TRIP.

Of the Southern's Palm Limited—A Beautiful Train. The Southern's Palm Limited, one of the finest trains ever turned out by the Pullman Company, arrived in Charlotte this morning at 8:48 o'clock on its initial trip to the "Land of Flowers."

The train pulled into the West Trade street station just 28 minutes late. It left Washington 56 minutes late and by splendid management this lateness was cut in half.

From the engine to the rear coach the train was brilliantly lighted by electricity, and presented a beautiful sight, even in the early morning hours when its passengers were sleeping in their cozy and comfortable beds.

EXTRA SCHOOL TAXES.

More Schools are Falling in Line—Five Start For Year. Two school elections for the purpose of voting a special school tax will be held during the present month, and February, the first elections of the year in Mecklenburg county. The elections will be held, one in Crab Creek township, school district No. 1, on February 8, and another in Crab Orchard No. 2, on January 15th. Each election will be on the proposition to vote 25 cents on the hundred dollars and \$1 poll for school purposes in addition to the present available funds. This is an excellent start for the present year and may be taken as a token of what the county will do during the present year in the way of bettering her school facilities.

At the present time Mecklenburg stands near the head of the column of counties in North Carolina when it comes to the question of public schools and it is safe to predict that a number of other school districts of the county will fall in line and vote extra taxes for schools during the year 1904.

Prominent Southern Educator.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 12.—The work of the Southern education board, in cooperation with the general education operation with the general education board, was discussed last night at a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria. All the prominent educational institutions of the Southern States were represented. Robert C. Ogden, of the Southern executive board, presided.

Manager Takes Morphine.

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Jan. 12.—William A. Matthews, formerly manager of the defunct Piedmont Loan and Banking Company of this city, under indictment for embezzlement, was found dead in the hotel here to-day. A morphine bottle half-filled with that drug was found in the dead man's pocket.

THE WEATHER.

Light Rain Tonight; Clearing Wednesday; Warmer Tonight.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

New York Contingent to Throw its Strength to St. Louis for the Convention. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Democratic National Committee met at the Shoreham Hotel, in this city, today for the purpose of deciding on the time and place for holding the next Democratic National Convention. The convention was called to order at noon by Chairman James K. Jones, of Arkansas. Before the session began every chair in the room was filled. Chairman Jones' first words however cleared the air for all but the members of the committee. He announced the rule the national committee had always held its meetings in executive session and directed the Seagate-at-Arms to clear the room. The settlement of membership in the National Committee for the District of Columbia is one of the questions that promises to give rise to a lively discussion.

It is said that the New York contingent will throw its strength to St. Louis after one or two ballots. The general talk was that the time for the convention would be for the first week in July.

A CLOSE CALL.

Charlotte People Who Intended Going to Iroquois Theatre. Mrs. M. C. Tate, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. V. A. Weaver, in Chicago, writes have that it was by the merest accident that she and her little grandson, John Van Alstyne Weaver were not in the horrible party rather than attend the Iroquois Theatre the afternoon of December 30th.

Mrs. Tate writes that she and her grandson left home with the intention of attending the play. They arrived at the entrance to the theatre and were in the act of going in when her grandchild pointed out to her that she had been invited to a little party given by a friend in the neighborhood. The question was debated as to whether they would attend the performance or that Master John Van Alstyne should fill his engagement. They finally decided that the young man would go to the party rather than attend the performance. This decision, in all probability, saved the lives of both.

Mrs. Tate has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Weaver, since the marriage of her son last fall. She will remain in Chicago some time yet.

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In advance of the ceremony that will make this couple one, The News desires to extend its heartiest congratulations and wishes for a long and happy married life.

HANNA ELECTED.

Rather a Large Majority in the Ohio Legislature for Uncle Mark. (By Associated Press.)

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\$50,000 FOR SCHOOLS THE COMING YEAR IN MECKLENBURG

This Amount is Greater by 25 per cent. than Any Previous Year in the History of the Public School System in this County.

Board of Education Today Appropriated the Amounts for the Different Schools and did Other Business of More or Less Importance. Fifty thousand dollars for public schools in Mecklenburg. This is the sum expected by the county board of education of Mecklenburg county for apportionment among the various schools of the county. This amount is the largest ever available before.

The board convened this morning for the second day's session in the office of the county superintendent of education. The first matter before the board was to ascertain just how much money was available for school apportionments.

A telegram was read from State Treasurer B. R. Lacy at Raleigh, stating that \$2,769.00 was available from the State fund for Mecklenburg county when all taxes were paid. This sum, together with what is expected to be turned over to the board by the finance committee now in session is expected to bring the total to \$50,000 which is said to be the largest amount for school purposes ever raised in the county of Mecklenburg. This does not include the funds available in certain districts from the special school tax.

The board of education found that there is approximately at the disposal for apportionment to the schools of Mecklenburg county \$52,440.89, but by the advice of the county attorney the board reserves \$2,396.89 to meet releases which are being allowed by the county commissioners, which leaves \$50,044.00, total school fund; expenses of the board of education, superintendent's and treasurer's salaries and com. \$2,307.00 for the year aries and com. \$2,307.00 for the year leaves for apportionment to the various schools of the county \$43,987.00. This is apportioned to the townships per capita as follows:

APPORTIONMENTS BY TOWNSHIPS. City of Charlotte—No. of children, 6625; amount appropriated \$13,125.00. Charlotte Township—No. of children, 2,894; amount appropriated, \$6,752.00. Berryhill Township—No. of children, 636; amount appropriated \$1,485.00. Steel Creek Township—No. of children, 745; amount appropriated, \$1,739.00. Sharon Township—No. of children, 657; amount appropriated, \$1,533.00. Providence Township—No. of children, 820; amount appropriated, \$1,913.00. Clear Creek Township—No. of children, 685; amount appropriated, \$1,598.00. Crab Orchard Township—No. of children, 1,096; amount appropriated, \$2,557.00. Mallard Creek Township—No. of children, 869; amount appropriated, \$2,023.00. Deweese Township—No. of children, 778; amount appropriated, \$1,815.00. Lemley Township—No. of children, 494; amount appropriated, \$1,153.00. Long Creek Township—No. of children, 851; amount appropriated, \$1,985.00. Paw Creek Township—No. of children, 863; amount appropriated, \$2,013.00. Morning Star Township—No. of children, 624; amount appropriated, \$1,456.00. Pineville Township—No. of children, 659; amount appropriated, \$1,258.00. Huntersville Township—No. of children, 676; amount appropriated, \$1,575.00. Total—No. of children, 18,852; amount appropriated, \$43,987.00.

CHARLOTTE TOWNSHIP—WHITE. District No. 1, Seversville, two teachers, \$60 per month each; \$540. District No. 2, Dilworth, three teachers, \$110 per month; \$1,125. District No. 3, Freeland's Chapel, one teacher, \$40 per month; \$40 per month; \$360. District No. 4, Oak Grove, one teacher, \$40 per month; \$385. District No. 5, Belmont, five teachers, \$192.50 per month; \$1,880. District No. 6, Nevin, one teacher, \$30 per month; \$300. District No. 7, Groveton, one teacher, \$35 per month; \$370. District No. 8, Chadwick, one teacher, \$35 per month; \$340. Total, \$5,300.

CHARLOTTE TOWNSHIP—COLORED. District No. 1, Biddleville, two teachers, \$45 per month each; \$75. District No. 2, Clanton, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$200. District No. 3, Wilson, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$152.

STEEL CREEK TOWNSHIP—WHITE. District No. 1, Steel Creek, two teachers, \$75 per month; \$352.50. District No. 2, Observer, two teachers, \$75 per month; \$352.50. District No. 3, Boyd, one teacher, \$30; \$135. District No. 4, Knox, one teacher, \$30; \$135. District No. 5, Shopton, two teachers, \$50 per month; \$360. Total, white, \$1,335; special tax, District No. 1, \$160; special tax, District No. 2, \$150; total, \$310.

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BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, WHITE. District No. 2, Dixie, 2 teachers, \$75 per month; \$400. District No. 2, Berryhill, 1 teacher, \$30 per month; \$150. District No. 3, Big Springs, 1 teacher, \$75 per month; \$380. Total, white, \$1,085.00.

COLORED RACE. District No. 1, Mt. Olive, 1 teacher, \$20 per month; \$60. District No. 2, Berryhill, 1 teacher, \$20 per month; \$90. District No. 3, Muddy Broad, 1 teacher, \$10 per month; \$40. District No. 4, Rhyme, 1 teacher, \$20 per month; \$90. District No. 5, Long, 1 teacher, \$20 per month; \$90. Total colored, \$400.

\$50,000 SCHOOL FUNDS.

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District No. 4, Myers, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$170. District No. 5, Shaw, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$130. District No. 6, Hales, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$160. District No. 7, Greenville, 1 teacher, \$20 per month; \$165. District No. 8, Irwin's, one teacher, \$20 per month; \$140. Total, \$1,452.

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The board was also informed that all arrangements were completed for the taking over by the county of the new school property at Huntersville, N. C. In this transaction the county is represented by Mr. H. N. Pharr, of this city.

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BARON HAYASHI JAPAN'S MINISTER, PUBLISHES VIEWS

Says There was a Mistranslation of Dispatch as to a Prompt Resort to Arms, Favors Neutrality of the Chinese Empire.

Japanese Cruisers Sail and British Ships Protect Them. Russian Commander Chooses a Camp—Meeting of the Elder Statesmen.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 12.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said today that he had communicated to the British Foreign Office the action of Japan in urging Chinese neutrality. The minister added that the words "Promptly resort to arms" used in the London Times dispatch from Peking today appears to be a mistake which he attributes to a mistranslation by Chinese officials. "What we have done," said the minister, "is to urge neutrality upon China, in the event of war so as to minimize the disturbance of trade, avoid international disorders in China, guard foreigners resident in the interior and avoid unnecessary complications of China's finances and for the purpose of limiting war so far as possible the theatre of war, should war result." I have not yet received any intimation as to what or what is the result so far of the deliberations of the elder statesmen.

Baron Hayashi's view of the Russian circular referring to the treaty rights in Manchuria is that it is contradictory. "No treaty rights," the minister says, "can be of any real good unless Russia recognizes China's sovereignty in Manchuria. By this last declaration Russia appears to do this but at the same time persistently refuses Japan's demand for formal recognition thereof. That is the point on which such a grave issue hangs."

United States and Japan. Peking, Jan. 12.—The United States and Japan are strenuously endeavoring to establish their rights in Manchuria under the new commercial treaties before the war broke out. Ratifications of American treaty were to have been exchanged at Washington yesterday. According to latest reports the delay involved in mailing the Chinese copy to Washington, Minister Conger is urging the Government to send a telegraphic copy and to authorize the Chinese minister at Washington to make the necessary exchanges to make it impossible for the United States to claim the right of sending consuls to Mukden and Antung. Ratifications of treaty between Japan and China were exchanged at the foreign office here yesterday. According to latest reports to Japan Russia proposes to concede to Japan no higher status in Manchuria than is involved in the formal confirmation of her treaty rights.

Britain Protecting Japan. Rome, Jan. 12.—According to news received here the Japanese cruisers, Kasuga and Nuisen, bought at Genoa from Argentine, have gone in the direction of Gibraltar, followed closely by British ships.

Threatening News. Port Arthur, Jan. 12.—It is reported here owing to the threatening news received from Korea the commander of the Seventh Russian brigade has gone to the Yalu river to select temporary camps and erect a concentration of troops.

Russia Makes Promises. Washington, Jan. 12.—The following announcement has been posted at the State Department: "Russian ambassador called yesterday upon the Secretary of State and conveyed to him the assurance of his government that Russian authorities would place no obstacles in the way of full enjoyment by the Powers having treaties with China of all rights and privileges guaranteed by such friends in Manchuria."

Reply Soon Expected. St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Japan's reply is expected in two or three days according to reliable information received here and there is good reason for believing the reply will be so worded as to prevent an immediate rupture, leaving both governments in the position to continue negotiations looking to a pacific settlement.

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