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DISFRANCHISEMENT OF THE NEGRO CONSIDERED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

Already Senate Has Passed "Beard Disfranchisement Resolution" - House Has Measure Under Consideration.

The Principal Opposition Will Come From The Prohibition Forces - Senator Money And Others Defend Bill.

By Associated Press.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 8.—A joint resolution by Senator Beard, proposing an amendment to the constitution relating to suffrage, better known as the "Beard disfranchisement resolution" comes up as special order in the house of representatives to-day when United States Senator Money from Mississippi and state Senator Beard will address that body in its favor.

This resolution, which passed the senate last week, contains this clause: "Every white male person of the age of 21 years and upwards, who shall be at the time of registration a citizen of the United States," etc. "shall be deemed a qualified elector at all elections under this constitution," which language is directly in conflict with the fifteenth amendment to the Federal constitution.

The principal opposition will come from the prohibition forces, who are strongly opposed to this measure being submitted to the people at the same time as the state-wide prohibition resolution. This sentiment will in all probability defeat the disfranchisement resolution.

BRISTOW OPPOSES DUTY ON LEAD IN TARIFF BILL

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 8.—As soon as the tariff bill was taken up by the senate and the section placing a duty of two and one-half cents per pound on pig lead was read, Senator Bristow arose to oppose increase from one and one-half cents a pound as provided in the house bill.

Saying the increased rate would make it equal to rate of the Dingley bill, Mr. Bristow read from tariff hearings held by the ways and means committee to show that it was there contended that this increase if made would necessitate an increase of duties on other ingredients that are used in making paint. He argued that the house had been judicious in its action.

"It makes no difference what the house did from time to time," said Mr. Aldrich, interrupting. "We are here to do justice to this industry in view of the facts of this case."

14 of Ships Crew Probably Lost

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 8.—It is believed here that 14 members of the crew of the steamer Adella Shores have perished and that the boat lies at the bottom of Lake Superior, off Whitefish Point.

News From Lion Hunter

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 8.—The Roosevelt expedition is still in camp on the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, near Nachakos. All are well.

It is reported that two more cases of smallpox have been discovered among the porters of the expedition.

Mr. Roosevelt will proceed to George MeMillan's in La ranch some time between May 15th and 20th.

Mr. Haas Gets Big Contract. Mr. J. W. Haas, the well known cement and concrete contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract for the construction of 14 concrete bridges in Albemarle county.

Daring Plan to Rob Treasury of \$100,000

By Associated Press.

Gori, Russia, May 8.—A daring plan to rob the treasury of Gori, in which \$100,000 were kept, was discovered last evening.

The scheme of the criminals, five men and a woman, was to dig a tunnel

Wadesboro News Items

Special to The News.

Wadesboro, May 8.—The Daughters of the Confederacy have arranged for Memorial Day exercises at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. After the opening exercises, Rev. J. H. West will read the scripture lesson for the day and Rev. T. W. Chambliss will deliver the address. The Frank Bennett Chapter will attend in a body.

The May term of the superior court will convene Monday morning and Judge J. Crawford Biggs will preside. This term is given to civil cases and unless all signs fall the term will last only a few days. The arranged calendar does not call any important cases.

The commencement exercises of the Wadesboro public schools begin this afternoon with a piano recital by the music pupils under the direction of the music department, Miss Jessie Moore. The program promises to be of special interest.

Monday night the children of the primary grades will give the operettas, Bonniebell and Elma for the benefit of the Betterment Association. The training of these children is under the direction of Misses Bessie Ashcraft, Rena Lassiter and Bernice Turner.

The commencement exercises proper will take place Tuesday night. The prize offered by Mr. J. G. Boylin for the best declamation will be contested for by Preston Alexander McLendon and Archibald Ewart Morrison. The prize offered by Mr. W. Clyde Bivins for the best essay goes to Miss Janie Wilma Gallego who will read her essay, "The New South" Tuesday night. The contestants for the prize were, Robert Frederick Gray, "The Panama Canal," Miss Laura Elizabeth Ledbetter, subject, "The Country Girl," Miss Caroline Ashe Lockhart, subject, "Patriotic Songs" and Missina Lee Winiree, subject, "The Manufacture of Paper." The limited time forbids the delivery of all of the essays and they were submitted to the judges and the prize awarded to Miss Gallego and she will be the only speaker Tuesday night. The Class Historian, Miss Laura Elizabeth Ledbetter will read the class history and prophecy. The literary address will be delivered by T. W. Bickett, State Attorney General. The evening's exercises will be enlivened with musical selections.

Naval Hospital Ship to Be placed in Commission

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 8.—The surgeon generals of the navy will soon detail five medical officers for duty on the naval hospital ship, Solace, which will be placed in commission at Charleston navy yard within two months. Forty hospital corps men intended for duty aboard the Solace are now being trained at the naval medical school here.

Aiken, S. C., Boy Takes Handsome Prize at Yale

By Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., May 8.—The McLaughlin memorial fund prize at Yale, established for the encouragement of English composition in the freshman class, has been awarded to Joseph La Conte Bell, of Aiken, S. C. His subject was "The Eclogues of Virgil."

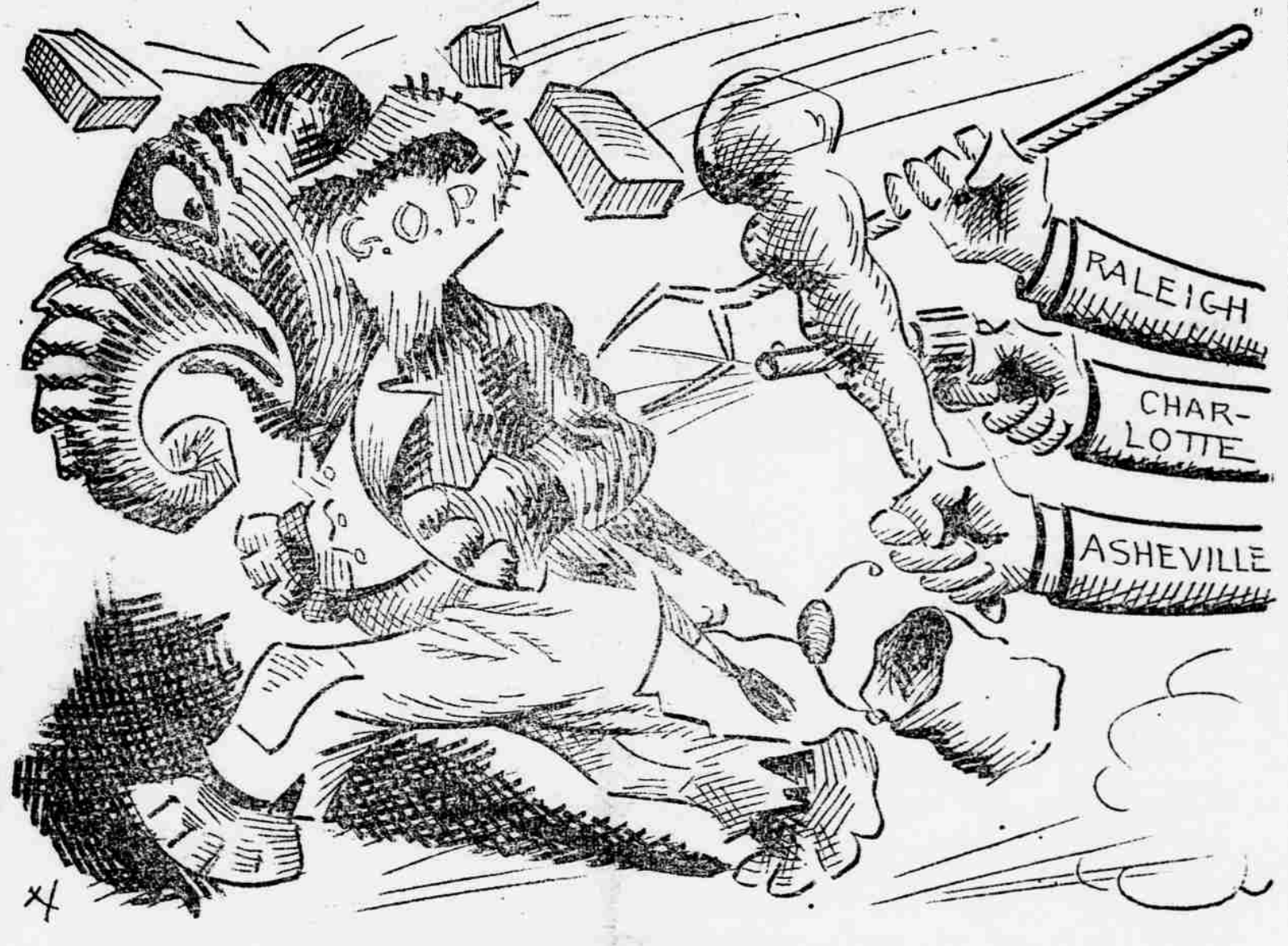
In The Fla. Legislature

Tallahassee, Fla., May 8.—The house has passed the Stokes bill prohibiting usury and usurious contracts in this state. The bill requires that mortgages shall state separately the principal, interest and fees secured, and that creditors shall give vouchers for money received from debtors.

The senate this week passed the Florida's representatives in congress to use all honorable means to have placed on the free list all fertilizers and manures and all materials used in their manufacture.

To Promote Music Festival.

Mr. J. Leon Williams has returned to the city from Richmond to take charge of promoting the musical festival during the 20th celebration.



HE TRIED TO BUTT INTO MUNICIPAL POLITICS!

TELLS HOW NIGHTRIDERS GAVE GRIPS

Waverly, Tenn., May 8.—Ed Stanford, who testified yesterday, was the first witness examined to-day in the night rider trial. He remembered seeing nearly all of the night riders on trial at various meetings of the clan. The night riders grip was to clasp hands and touch the pulse at the wrists with the fore finger.

Sheriff O'Hary testified that Grady Ashley and Sam Dickerson came to him to make a confession. They were taken before General Bowman, Dickerson stated that he was the one that whipped Justice Reese, but hated to do it, but he had been voted to this task. Violators were not promised any immunity for confessing.

W. F. Warren, formerly of Perry county, Cripple Creek district, who appeared against Will Fortner last night, states that he took a copy of the oath of the night riders of Perry county from Fortner and was to bring it to Tad Smith, of this county. Instead of surrendering it to Smith he placed it in a baking powder cup and buried it, and it remained buried until taken up and given to the attorney general yesterday. He also turned over to the state the mask, or cap, he wore in Perry county.

Warren was allowed to tell that at the Blue Hole bridge meeting, in this county, he heard the agreement reached that all night riders were to keep mum so as to stay out of court until the trouble died down. This was the general meeting of Perry and Humphrey counties night riders since January, when it is alleged that plans were to be laid to keep down indictments and secure the release of members if arrested.

Rose Swan, a confessed night rider, detailed the proceedings of all the meetings of the night riders. He helped to cut the telephone wires on the night of the Reese raid. He was detailed to do the work.

Grubb Nominated Judge.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of William L. Grubb as judge of the Northern district of Alabama.

Acquitted of Actor's Death

Jacksonville, Fla., May 8.—Two sensational killing episodes were ended here Thursday when the grand jury ordered the release of Miss Jessie Brown and R. A. Humphries.

Miss Brown shot and killed Earl P. Adams, her sweetheart, following the announcement of Adams' engagement to another woman.

Humphries shot and killed both his 16-year-old wife and Thomas McManus when he found the two together in his home.

The mother of Mrs. Humphries committed suicide because of brief over her daughter's death.

U. S. FLAGS ARRIVE.

Six Hundred Will be Unfurled in Charlotte for the 20th.

FINLEY FAVORS WISE FOREST MANAGEMENT

That the wise management of the forests is regarded by President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, as a necessity in the development of the South is strongly brought out in his recent address to the student body of the University of Georgia.

"In my opinion," said President Finley, "the economic importance of the management of our Southern forests so as to secure from them the largest present profit consistent with their preservation can not be overestimated. In addition to their influence upon stream flow, tending to diminish the destructiveness of floods and to maintain higher water for navigation and for the generation of power in dry seasons, they form the foundation of our woodworking industries."

Until comparatively recent years the North Atlantic states predominated in furniture manufacturing and other woodworking industries. Timber supplies in that section have been almost exhausted and these industries are following the rapidly receding forests into the South and West, greatly increasing the value of our timber lands.

"If Southern woodworking industries are to thrive in years to come, they must be assured of a constant supply of their raw material. This can be brought about only by the adoption of scientific methods of forestry by the owners of our woodlands."

DROWNS TRYING TO SAVE WOMAN AND CHILDREN

Memphis, Tenn., May 8.—In a futile attempt to save the lives of his sister-in-law, Mrs. B. P. Chiles, aged 45 years and her little daughter, Virginia Chiles, aged 12 years, William Eberhardt, 35 years old, a member of the St. Francis Levee board, a wealthy plantation owner and prominent Memphis merchant, was drowned in the Mississippi river near Pecan Point, Ark., Wednesday night.

The party were crossing the Mississippi river from Pecan Point to Island 35, where Mrs. Chiles lived, in a batteau towed by a gasoline launch. In some way the larger craft was sunk and the occupants of the batteau were suddenly thrown into the water. Eberhardt, who is an expert swimmer, at once went to the rescue of Mrs. Chiles and her daughter. For fully half an hour he battled with the swiftly flowing current and again and again succeeded in getting the struggling women to the overturned boat only to lose his hold, and finally all three sank.

The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Four in School Yard Struck By Flash

Denison, Tex., May 8.—Lightning struck the school yard at Beunington, Oklahoma, to-day. Roy Shumate and Ollie Gray are believed to be fatally injured, and Nathan Rigar and Lorena Harris were injured.

—Mr. L. B. Humphrey, representing the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, has established headquarters in Charlotte and has room No. 1018, Realty building.

Working For Better Team

Local Baseball Magnates Meet With a View to Strengthening Bunch on Diamond - Avoid Last Year's Experience.

A meeting of the holders of the local baseball franchise was held last night and it is understood that steps were taken to strengthen the local team, which has been meeting with general disaster everywhere of late. The local baseball public is very much disappointed and criticism has been heard on all sides. Almost everybody in Charlotte loves a good game of ball but the fans can't stand last year's experience. One year of the Waterloo business is sufficient. The chief complaint is that Charlotte is too economical in the salaries of players, and that she ought to get the best team in the league, no matter what it costs. It doesn't matter whether she runs the game as a money-making institution or not, say the critics. The best team in the best ball town in the state, is what the public wants. It will be a pleasure, therefore, for it to know that the local magnates are aroused to the situation and are working to better the team.

The boys started the season off in fairly good shape and won enough games to keep Charlotte in the first division. Winning two out of three games from Nick Carter's bunch brought encouragement into the camp, and everybody believed that the boys would play a better game when warmer weather set in. They might have done so but those who had that idea failed to reckon that the other teams in the circuit would, also, play a better game with a change in the weather.

At any rate with the Spartanburg series on the home ground last week, trouble of some kind spread among the players and they have not been able to overcome it. Lost six straight games. It brought out the hammers and they have been used freely ever since the team went away.

The signing of Reggy for short stop and the shifting around of the players, has again brought encouragement into the camp and the fans most interested in the success of the local team in the race for the pennant are inclined to be patient a little while longer. These changes are calculated for the better.

Reggy played with the Anderson club last season. His playing was so good a high order that the Jacksonville club in the South Atlantic League, drafted him. When "weeding out" time came Jacksonville had a few extra men to farm out or lease.

Since it was against the rule to farm them in this league Charlotte was able to buy the ex-Anderson star.

Reggy has a great record as an infielder, his percentage last season being higher than any other short stop in the Carolina League. His record was as follows: Games played, 59; put out, 152; assists, 187; errors, 23; percentage, 937. His batting average was .225.

With Reggy at short stop, Linneborn who has been dissatisfied in that position, will probably be returned to third where he belongs. Brennan at second base is as good as they make 'em. Shumaker played a star game at first for awhile but his average for some reason has been pulled down in latter days. Warner and Collins at the receiving end could hardly be improved on. Moreland in center covers the ground like the dew in the morning. Left and right fields are uncertain.

Noojin who is to report in a few days will likely take one of the outfield positions; and if Hunter would only return it has been rumored for several days that he would return but if the report is true Collins would not be the first to know it, and he's not here.

With the line-up as suggested above it is believed that Charlotte might finish somewhere in the first division, first, second or third. It is believed that the fans would be satisfied with either position in the "Standing of the Club's column" at the close of the season.

Girl Killed in Mexican Riot

El Paso, Tex., May 8.—Additional reports received here of the recent riot on the Sanborn ranch, near Vera Cruz, Mexico, are that seven persons were killed during the riot and that Harold Sanborn, of Chicago, son of the president of the La Junta plantation, was dangerously wounded. Young Sanborn is still being held in jail, the charge against him being the killing of a 19-year-old girl, who, it is alleged, stabbed Sanborn's back partner, Vicente Espinosa, in the neck.

The killing of the girl took place in the general fight that followed.

Young Woman Leads White Plague War

Chicago, May 8.—A woman is to be in charge of the real fight against the white plague, which is to be waged by the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute. She is Miss Edna Foley, of Boston, Mass., and she has already taken up her preliminary duties.

The institute has seven dispensaries in different parts of the city and nine graduate nurses, who assist in treating the tuberculosis patients.

Over these dispensaries and nurses Miss Foley will have full charge and the responsibility for the treatment of the afflicted will rest with her.

BOY BADLY HURT BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN

Special to The News.

Chester, S. C., May 8.—Hubert, the 11 year old son of Mr. George A. McCain, of Waxhaw, N. C., accidentally discharged the contents of a double-barrel shotgun into his right lung last night about 8 o'clock.

He was brought here on the early morning train and carried immediately to the Magdeline Hospital. There is the barest chance for recovery.

Mrs. Boyle Guilty

By Associated Press.

Mercer, Pa., May 8.—Jury in trial of Mrs. James Boyle returned verdict of "Guilty as indicted in second count." Second count charges her with aiding and abetting kidnapping.

Mercer, Pa., May 8.—"Life in the penitentiary would kill me, and rather than submit to this I would take the 'Dutch route,'" said Mrs. Doyle to-day.

Like her husband, she is anxious to tell more than has been brought out in the trial of herself or her husband, regarding the kidnapping of "Billy" Whittle, in the trial of herself or her husband regarding the kidnapping of "Billy" Whittle.

"If Jimmie and I are sent to the penitentiary," she said, "we will not go alone. Others will go with us or join us soon there. Half the truth has not been told yet in this case. One other man, who planned the whole affair has not been arrested. I am willing to suffer for any crime I may have committed, but there is no evidence that I have been mixed up in this case and rather than suffer injustice from this court I will quit this earth and take justice from my Maker."

The address of Judge Miller, counsel for Mr. Boyle, to the jury was begun this morning.

One of the instructions to the jury given by the judge reads:

"The jury cannot convict merely upon the sworn testimony of witnesses. Alleged conspirators must be shown to have been formed in Mercer county, and if the testimony does not show this the defendant cannot be convicted of the crime charged."

He made it clear that the commission of the act in this county would have to be proven to convict of the crime of kidnapping and that it must be proved that the abduction was planned in Mercer county before she could be convicted on the second count.

CAMPUS NOTES FROM WAKE FOREST

Special to The News.

Wake Forest, N. C., May 8.—The president's and the burzar's reports will be put into the hands of the printers to-day, and together with the treasurer's report, will be privately distributed in the next few days.

President Potat heard the speech of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, in the tariff debate in Washington Tuesday, and feels like congratulating our friends of the Baptist University for Women upon securing so superb a speaker for the literary address commencement.

The societies have arranged for the next anniversary celebration. The result of the election was as follows: Ezellian Society—Orator, W. R. Hill, of Rutherford county; first debater, H. B. Jones, of Union county; second debater, R. R. Blanton, of Rutherford county.

Phiomathesian Society—Orator, J. J. Best, of Duplin county; first debater, E. N. Johnson, of Sampson county; second debater, S. C. Hilliard, of Wake county.

The friends of Mr. Hubert Potat will be interested to know that he will complete his examinations in Columbia University in time to arrive here for the commencement exercises. It is indirectly learned that Mr. Potat's Ph.D. test on French was highly creditable to the modern language department of this college, the professor declaring that no better showing in French had been made by any man who had not studied in Europe.

Dr. E. W. Sikes left Wednesday for Monroe, where he spent a day with relatives previous to going to Shelby to make an address at the commencement of the graded school.

President Potat left yesterday for Washington, N. C., where he will speak at a high school commencement.

What Might Happen if Connor Was Appointed

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—On the strength of the reports from Washington that President Taft has finally determined to appoint Associate Justice H. G. Connor of the supreme court bench, to the Eastern Carolina United States judgeship, friends of Superior Court Judge W. B. Allen, of Goldsboro, under the leadership of Solicitor Arthur D. Jones, put in circulation today

a petition endorsing Judge Allen for the next anniversary of the supreme court bench that would be made vacant by Judge Connor's resignation. It is understood that the document already bears the names of nearly all the members of the Raleigh bar. Many here believe that in the event of a vacancy on the supreme court bench Governor Kitchin would most likely appoint J. S. Manning, of Durham, who was manager of Mr. Kitchin's campaign for the governorship.