

# The Messenger.

## THE CONVENTION TROUBLE IN LOUISIANA.

From la'e intelligence as to the Louisiana constitutional convention now in session it is regretful to see trouble brewing. There is much discord in the body. The work is not nearing completion as recently reported, and there is serious antagonism that threatens to prevent satisfactory work. Thus far there is a faction that is fighting for a continuance of the rule of the boss. It wants to perpetuate present conditions to a considerable extent that the corrupt machine men continue to work. This is very unfortunate, and shows a want of sense, of devotion to the state of Louisiana and of fidelity to good, orderly government. While one part of the convention is seeking to be so bent as to further the best interests of the state, the other part is conspiring to keep in full vigor of operation the old corrupt system. This greatly disturbs the intelligent citizens generally. It is noticeable that the New Orleans press is full of apprehension and warning. They think that the work of the convention will be indorsed, if indorsed at all, but by a small majority. The vote in the convention for the suffrage clause will hardly go through by more than ten majority, thinks The States. The Picayune is seriously moved, and ominously says:

"Should the labors of this convention be made nugatory by the acts of its members, it will have been done in the interest of the maintenance of the corrupt politics which have so long cursed Louisiana, but which it has never heretofore been possible to throw off, and now that the opportunity for relief shall be wasted and rejected, the people will come to realize that they are in the grip of politicians that nothing can loosen, save a popular violent uprising."

That there are serious complications and variant contending interests is plain enough. There is a clause to allow all foreigners to vote who were naturalized prior to 1898, without any test of property or education. This is urged because in many parishes where the negroes are very strong numerically this foreign vote will be necessary to keep Sambo from "running the machine," and controlling results. So illiteracy can only be downed by special arrangement. Confederate soldiers and their sons must vote, whether illiterate or no, and certain property qualifications are added. So there are three classes of exemptions.

In 1890, according to the census, there were in Louisiana as follows:

White males of voting age, 130,784; colored males of voting age, 119,815; illiterate white males of voting age, 23,961; illiterate colored males of voting age, 82,487.

All property owners assessed for \$300 and upwards, there were 28,158 whites, and 3,770 blacks, outside of New Orleans. Including the city, there were 25,158 white and 4,770 black tax-payers. The Picayune thus analyzes:

"From the above it will be seen that, out of 130,784 white males of voting age, only 35,158 could vote on the property qualification, while 23,961 would lose their votes on account of illiteracy. Of the 119,815 colored males of voting age only 4,770 could qualify on the property clause, while 82,487 would be ruled out on the educational test.

Allowing one-tenth of the illiterate whites to vote on the property tax, there would have to be deducted from the 23,961 illiterates 2,396, which would leave 21,565 whites who would lose their votes by reason of illiteracy and of not possessing \$300 each. By a like rule, 477 illiterate negroes would be able to vote and their number would be deducted from the 82,481, leaving 82,004 negroes who would not be able to vote on any account.

If 21,565 delinquents should be stricken from the total 130,784 white males of voting age, there would be left 109,183 white voters; while, by deducting 82,004 rejected negroes from the 119,815 negroes of voting age, there would be left 37,811 negro voters in the state."

The whites in the south have expended in trying to educate the negroes \$70,000,000. The money to educate is mostly their money. The negroes have no moral or legal right to demand that white tax-payers shall impose upon themselves a great burden to educate negroes who are as free as they are.

## MORMONS HAVE FRIENDS.

The progress of Mormonism in this once staunch old North Carolina still continues a topic in newspapers beyond our borders. The known white illiteracy prevailing, and the rapid increase of the greedy apostles of lust is giving our state a rather savory reputation abroad. Some newspapers are quite disposed to put Mormonism on trial in North Carolina because it comes as sort of evangel of good. At any rate a newspaper of the standing and ability of the Washington Post, puts its view thus wise:

"Inasmuch as Mormonism is making progress in almost all of the states, and especially in the east, an honest account of what it has done in North Carolina would be a valuable contribution to religious, moral, and sociological literature. What are its truths? That is the main question. How has it affected the lives, habits, and character of the converts?"

Can the fruits of Mormonism be sound and desirable? A false religion beginning in New York state within our memory and based from the start

upon a fraud, a pretense, and as it grew taking on a form of just quite up to Solomonic times, is not the religion that Jesus Christ taught, and that the New Testament authorizes or allows. How can good come out of evil, or sweet water flow from a foul, poisoned fountain? In North Carolina Mormon success is almost entirely limited to the ignorant, and to the more debased classes as well as the more crejulous and superstitious. The Post is very kind and generous. Hear it:

"This will be another case of Christian against Christian, of sending Christian ministers to counteract the results of the work of Christian missionaries. The Mormons are 'The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.'"

It seems to regard the Mormon thing as highly respectable a body of "Christians." Hear it further:

"An unprejudiced and faithful inquiry would be the right way to ascertain whether or not this great movement in the old North State need 'startle' the clergy and laity of other denominations. By their fruits ye shall know them."

Mormonism may be a 'new thing' in North Carolina, and we rejoice to say it is, but it has a history of some fifty or sixty years. Its record is stained with violence, with wholesale butchery, with widespread lust, with violations of human and divine law, and all in the name of its own sort of religion. It is not needed in this or in any state, where there are homes and piety and purity and virtue and reverence for God and His law. While it is against the spirit of the age to punish or persecute others for what they hold and teach, it is the imperative duty of the Christian ministry to expose thoroughly the wickedness, the baseness, the duplicity, the falsities and pretensions of the Brigham Young tribe of emissaries and corruptionists. The North Carolina press well understand it and is united in its condemnation.

## SPAIN'S FINANCIAL FIX

The Spanish finances are not in a very healthful condition. The long war against Cuba has greatly embarrassed the present government. It was handicapped with heavy indebtedness before it began its destructive war upon the insurgents. Its manner of dealing with Cuba was so oppressive and ruinous that the people rose up in revolt and began their war for liberty and independence. The financial embarrassments of Spain are beyond all fair question most serious, and with such debts it can hardly become again a prosperous country. Spain owed \$170,000,000 when the Cuban war began. It owes now over \$425,000,000. The estimate is that if the country continues in war by the end of the present year the indebtedness will not fall much below \$600,000,000. For a poor country, heavily burdened with expenditures daily that is indeed a great sum. It is stated that Cuba paid before the war about \$25,000,000 annually to Spain. The annual expenditures for the last three years are placed at \$132,000,000. The total annual revenue has been about \$70,000,000. So in three years a deficit has been created amounting to \$112,500,000. This is the difference between regular expenditures and income, not counting the war indebtedness. This is indeed a bad exhibit for a country hankering to whip the United States.

## BREVITIES

There is perhaps no doubt that Mr. Gladstone has cancer of the nose. Hence his great suffering from pains in the face. He will probably not survive many months.

Hon. W. J. Bryan met with a tremendous reception and ovation in New Orleans, according to the city papers. The Washington Post, a gold paper, summarizes as follows:

"It seems that men of all social classes and political opinions turned out en masse to greet and honor him. He spoke to the merchants, the bankers, the professional men, the journalists, the literateurs, the capitalists, the politicians, the artists, the musicians, the Willie Boys, and the riff-raff. All vied with each other in paying tribute to him as a leader, a statesman, and an individual."

Senator Mason has been challenged by an irate Spaniard for words spoken in debate. The Chicagoan will "fight by proxy." It is less hazardous. A long distance will make it safer.

General Blanco says he will resign unless the torpedo squadron is sent to Havana. Uncle Sam talks of capturing it if it is sent. Then there will be a muss.

The news from Washington is repeated that both houses of congress are united in favor of 'free Cuba.'

War in Cuba has been renewed. The peace talk between the generals is off. The total loss on the Maine is 266, or eight more than reported earlier.

The Havana relief station feeds 12,000 people every day.

Mrs. F. H. Burnett, the English novelist, who married a Tennesseean, has sued for a divorce. We have not had much respect for her for two or three years. Dr. Burnett and wife do not agree.

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## ALLEGED BANK WRECKERS

Mehegan and Latham Taken to Raleigh. Important Term of Wake Criminal Court. —More Federal Prisoners for the Penitentiary.

Raleigh, N. C., March 24, 1893. This morning Sheriff W. L. Stallings and deputy sheriff J. W. Wiggins, of Edgecombe, arrived here, having in custody James G. Mehegan, president, and H. T. Latham, cashier, of the Citizens' bank, of Tarboro, who stand charged with wrecking the bank at Abbeville, Ga. The Georgia detective who took to Tarboro the bench warrant of Associate Justice Walter Clark for the arrest of Mehegan and Latham, also returned with the party. Mayor Holton of Abbeville, who procured the bench warrant, did not go to Tarboro, but to Charleston, S. C. It is claimed by the Mehegan and Latham 'loop' that the Abbeville bank lost something like \$12,000. This afternoon, at the supreme court room, Mehegan and Latham were given a hearing before Judge Clark. It appears that the requisition by the governor of Georgia will be honored, but that there will be an application for a writ of habeas corpus to determine whether it is a proper case for requisition. This is done to hold the matter up until Governor Russell returns from Wilmington tomorrow. The arrest caused some surprise at Tarboro, though for some days the sheriff and chief of police had been receiving telegrams to have an eye on Mehegan and Latham. Abbeville is a little town of 1,000 people. It had only Mehegan, a private and unchartered one, which Mehegan and Latham bought February 1st, March 13th it was closed. Messrs. Donnell Gilliam and Henry A. Gilliam came here with Mehegan and Latham as counsel.

It appears that Louisiana is being sued to test the legality of the fertilizer tax, just as is the case here.

Ex-Judge Robert P. Dick has gone to his home at Greensboro from a Baltimore hospital. He is weak but much improved.

The negroes complain that their white republican friends are stopping subscriptions to negro papers.

One of the country Baptist churches has expelled several of its members who joined the Mormon church. Mormon elders say they are working in seventy counties in this state.

H. F. Esmerine, who had been in jail here a month, was given a hearing yesterday on the charge of killing his father-in-law, a farmer named Strickland, in the eastern part of this county. He was allowed to give bail in \$500 for his appearance. He confessed that he had seduced a young sister of his wife.

North Carolina still keeps the lead in the matter of old names. One just discovered is that of Bugaboo academy in Wilkes county.

The supreme court today finished the very light Seventh district docket.

C. T. Bailey, who it seems is to get the Raleigh postoffice, is here, having returned from Washington. He appears to be quite nervous, for some reason.

At next week's criminal term of Wake superior court there will be an unusually large number of interesting cases. Among these are governor Russell's eight suits against A. B. Andrews, of the Southern railway, for \$5,000 for refusing to answer railroad commission questions; suits against the Southern and Seaboard Air Line for giving free passes; the trials of Young, the Petersburg and Raleigh burglar, and Langdon, the young Philadelphia who forged and swindled here, the case of Jim Booker, colored, who three years ago blew out the brains of Mahala White, also colored; and the Glass divorce case.

Reports state that there is a malignant type of diphtheria prevailing in Yadkin county.

There are now in the penitentiary 294 convicts, of whom fifty-seven are women. One of the last arrivals is from Wilkes county, a white man who is to serve fifteen years for murder. Strange to say, he was one of the very first prisoners to enter the penitentiary, when it was opened in 1870 and he served ten years.

Five federal convicts from Mississippi arrived at the penitentiary today. Twenty convicts were sent to a state farm today and a like number will be brought back and put to work in the shift factory.

## DYNAMITE JETTISONED

By Filibusters to be Recovered—Significant Naval Orders.

Key West, Fla., March 23.—A number of Cuban filibusters, residents of this city, were arrested by the naval station, with the information that they jettisoned thirty-nine tons of dynamite from a filibustering schooner when in danger of search and capture, some seven weeks ago.

It is understood that they dumped it overboard in the vicinity of Sand Key Light, seven miles south of here. Commandant Forsyth recognizes the great danger to American warships if the stuff remains there, and the torpedo fleet will try to locate and recover it.

The commandant has just received orders from Washington to refuse to give out any information regarding movements of the fleet. The order is very emphatic, and does not mince words regarding reporters. Coming at this time it is very significant. The selection of the battleship Iowa for the commander-in-chief's flagship is regarded in the same way.

W. S. QUIGLEY.

Charlotte News: Daniel Lyles, colored, one of the hands at the North Carolina Cotton Oil mill, happened to a very serious accident this morning. Lyles was working with a portion of the machinery known as the "cake crusher." His left hand was caught in the cogs of the wheels, and before assistance could arrive his hand from the wrist to the end of his fingers was terribly ground up.

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## NORTH CAROLINA.

The stack has been subscribed for the erection of a wooden mill, at Booneville, Yadkin county.

The old Salisbury Watchman has suspended. It was one of the very oldest of state papers.

Kinston Free Press: The acreage in truck crops in this vicinity is about double what it was. The cabbage crop of some of our truckers are very fine, while others are not so good.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Reese champion is employed in the Southern freight yard as car-coupler. Yesterday while in the act of coupling two cars, they came together suddenly, catching his hand and crushing it and his wrist.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. M. L. L. who lives near Troutman's, was at work in a well on a Mr. Smith's place, at Mooresville, last Saturday, when he met with an accident which came near costing him his life, if indeed it does not prove fatal.

Lumberton Robersonian: A well posted gentleman told us Monday that from present indications the tobacco acreage in Robeson county this year would be five to seven times as large as that of last year or the year before.—A twelve horse power engine and other machinery have been purchased for a plant at Cameron, Moore county, to manufacture grist mills from the stone taken from quarries near Deep River.

Mr. Lentz was in the well removing the curbing and the was being drawn out. A piece of the curbing became detached and falling back struck Mr. Lentz on the head, fracturing his skull. A small strip of the curbing was driven in to his head to the depth of nearly two inches, making a horrible wound. It was at first thought that Mr. Lentz would die, but he is recovering, and his physicians think there is a small chance for his recovery.

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## STATE PRESS.

Yes—we have no faith in fusion. As has been said, the populist party growing tidally a party of opposition. If it should be accorded a co-operation, it would signify failure to carry out its part of the bargain. The most permanent and abiding idea in the populist brain is a deep and undying hatred for the democrats.—Smithfield Herald.

The situation among the republicans is more or less mysterious as well as amusing. There is not the slightest doubt that more or less secret work among the self-constituted leaders is going on, but among the masses there is evidently but little doing. The feeling among the leaders is anything but harmonious though the more powerful are hoping to whip the rebellious lines, the one thing among many others that bothers them just now is the new colored paper with its plain notes of warning.—Winston Journal.

The Washington Post says that every effort is being made "to minimize the influence and participations of congress in the matter of the question of being out of the Cuban war and the Maine disaster. We are told that the president, Speaker Reed and Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, are their heads together to prevent any vote in the house after the report of the investigating committee is made. The present plan is to pigeon-hole the report in the foreign affairs committee, and leave the determination of the country's policy to the president alone.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle gravely generally bays, cheemuts or browns; and observes that "winning race horses are for every hundred bays among them the fifty cheemuts and thirty browns. There is no record of an important race being won by a pie-bald." Beloved, you are a mile behind. In the Old North State there is a pie-bald breed that can outrun honesty truth and justice, hands down. These pie-balds take no training, either; they are born runners. They run into office, and now they're running the state. You've never heard of Daniel L., have you, who runs against railroad trains or Komulie Z., who was content to outrun a mile? Then we boast of Charles Henry, who runs on wheels, and Senator Butler, who runs the governor's train, and several others who might well be run in. Better post yourself before you deny that pie-balds can run.—Charlotte Observer.

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## Raising Cotton's Price

(From The Manufacturers' Record.) The Philadelphia Enquirer believes that the new plan of bonded cotton warehouses as described in The Manufacturers' Record will result in better prices for cotton. Commenting editorially upon the plan The Enquirer says:

"It is a movement of importance to both the north and south, since it can hardly fail to help establish firmer prices for cotton; and as cotton is still the chief American product of export, better prices for cotton mean greater wealth in this country, a quicker absorption of the American securities held by European capitalists, a prompter establishment of American independence and greater freedom from the dangers of English financial panics, to which our habit of borrowing subjects this country, often with disastrous results. . . . The bonded warehouse will provide the farmer with the means for raising working capital, while it takes away the necessity of breaking the market for cotton as soon as the crop is ready."

## Arrested for Murder

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Red Springs, N. C., March 23. Jim Owen, a white man, came to town with Deputy Sheriff Barber yesterday and called for mail for both of them. The deputy found a letter from Sheriff J. W. Hall, asking him to arrest Owen for murder, and he did so. Owen's home he said to be in Harnett or Johnston, and he is accused of murdering a man in Randolph. He was kept under guard here last night and will be taken to Asheboro today. I did not learn the particulars as to the time, places, cause, etc., of the murder.

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