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AN ABSURD RUMOR.

There has been some discussion in the papers over the idle charge that Congressman Patterson was defeated for renomination through the influence of the Atlantic Coast Line Company. The truth of the matter is that the Atlantic Coast Line is less mixed up in politics than any railroad company in the south.

We had seen publication of this rumor before it was mentioned in The Chronicle, but considered it too absurd to mention for the purpose of denying. That there is not a word of truth in the charge it is hardly necessary for us to say.

The Chronicle is correct in saying that the Atlantic Coast Line is less mixed up in politics than any railroad in the south. The officials of that company attend strictly to their own business which is the conducting of the affairs of the railroad, and by so doing they have made it one of the best paying properties in the whole country.

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The absurdity of this company opposing Mr. Patterson's re-nomination because he advocated deepening the channel of the Cape Fear between Wilmington and Fayetteville is apparent on the face of the statement. It would benefit the Coast Line to have the river made navigable for steamers the year round by developing a wide scope of territory. Industries of all kinds would be multiplied in the territory served by that system.

The mayor of Salisbury knows now that a mob cannot be overawed by the noise of blank cartridges. He was late in finding that out, however.

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THE SALISBURY LYNCHING.

It is impossible to imagine what motive actuated the men who took those three negroes from the court at Salisbury and hanged them. They did not have the usual excuse of the law's delay or the miscarriage of justice. There was no reason to suppose that the guilty ones would escape speedy justice. There was not near as much excuse for this lawless act as there was in the Wadesboro lynching, and we reckon the prosecution of the lynchings in this case will prove as great a fiasco as it seems it will be in the other.

MESSRS. BRYAN AND SULLIVAN.

So far as we have seen, Mr. Sullivan, of Chicago, has made no reply to Mr. Bryan's demand that he should resign his position as a member of the democratic national committee; but the democrats of Cook county made reply in their primaries last Saturday. The results of the primary put Mr. Sullivan in absolute control of the democracy of the county. He will go to the state convention with the solid backing of the Chicago and Cook county democracy.

We hope Guilford county is not to suffer the disgrace Rowan has just gone through. The sheriff of that county should profit by the mistake of Rowan's officers and be prepared to defend his prisoner at all hazard should the attempt be made to lynch him.

That was one time when the supposition that the guns were not loaded was correct and they did not go off unexpectedly.

REV. DR. A. C. DIXON RESIGNS

Noted Divine, Native of North Carolina, Relinquishes Pastorate of Boston Church to Go to Chicago.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 6.—Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Ruggles St. Baptist church, Boston, has forwarded from Minneapolis his resignation, to take effect October 1. Dr. Dixon has accepted a call to the Moody church in Chicago. He came to Boston from Brooklyn five years ago, where he was for several years pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist church. He is a native of North Carolina and has served pastorates at Chapel Hill, N. C., Asheville, N. C., and Baltimore. He was with the Emmanuel Baptist church of the latter city for eight years, going from there to Brooklyn. Since his coming to Ruggles Street the church membership has increased from 800 to 1,200.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

Tried to Whip the Editor.

Down in Izzard county, darkest Arkansas, they do things up brown, says Ben Murdock. An editor called a member of the legislature a "top-eared liar" and the editor went into the office to lick the editor. After a minute's conversation the editor man threw the "top-eared liar" out of the window on to a shed roof, which was rotten, and the legislator man fell through to a porch below, lighting on a sleeping dog. The dog rose up and bit the man on the arm where up in the "top-eared liar" kicked the dog. At this moment the owner of the dog hearing a commotion, rushed around the corner, very mad. It is not safe to kick an Izzard county dog, so the owner of the dog kicked the "top-eared liar" off the porch into a convenient horse trough. About this time the member of the legislature concluded that he was a top-eared idiot and went home.—Kansas City Journal.

Every man who participated in the fiendish lynching of the three negroes at Salisbury last night is guilty, before God and in the eyes of the law, of murder, yes murder pure and simple!—Charlotte News.

Dampness at Peterhof is the official explanation of the imperial family's preparation for flight to Tsarkoe Selo. Betleg than getting too warm!—Boston Transcript.

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Respectfully,
apr 24 3m W. H. BIDDLE.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democratic Voters of New Hanover County.
With a high appreciation of the kindness shown me by my Democratic friends in the past in electing me to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of this county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to that office and ask your support at the approaching primary.

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