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RACE BATTLE IN TEXAS

In Which an Independent Candidate For Sheriff Was Killed.

STRIKERS FORCED TO GIVE UP

By Judge Hammond's Decision After Having Practically Won Their Strike. A Slight Run On a New York Bank, But It Met the Withdrawals and is Declared Solvent.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 21.—A battle occurred at Wharton between whites and negroes. The independent candidate for sheriff was shot dead. Troops have been called out.

Result of Hammond's Decision.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 21.—The result of Judge Hammond's decision is that the wife drawers, who had about won their strike, were forced to give up and returned to work today.

Slight Run on a New York Bank.

New York, Oct. 21.—There was a slight run on the Merchants and Traders' Bank this morning as a result of the forced resignation of President Baltes. The withdrawals were met. It was announced that the bank had money sufficient to meet every emergency and is solvent. This was concurred in by the clearing house committee after an investigation.

Marchand's Report Received.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Marchand's report was received during the night. It says nothing of Gen. Kitchener, and only describes the routes, the hoisting of the flag, and the fight with the Derwishes. The report only goes as far as the beginning of September, and says that on August 20th the supplies of the party were abundant.

The Peace Commissioners.

Paris, Oct. 21.—The peace commissioners held separate sessions this morning. When the joint session was opened this afternoon it was believed the Cuban debt question would not be decided today, but would be taken up again at the joint session Monday.

Work at Porto Rico Finished.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Schley reports the work of the evacuation commission of Porto Rico concluded. He was ordered to report at Tomkinsville on the cruiser New York with the reports and clerks of the commission.

In a Hurry in England.

London, Oct. 21.—The admiralty has ordered that no dock yard repairs be commenced on the ships of the fleet in reserve unless they can be completed within forty-eight hours.

Seven Lives Lost.

Astoria, Ore., Oct. 21.—Late last night, the four who were injured by the explosion on the torpedo boat Davis, yesterday, died, making a total of seven lives lost.

Outburst of Patriotism in London.

London, Oct. 21.—An exceptional outburst of patriotism due to the Fashoda affair marked the celebration today of anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.

Miles and Shafter on Same Train.

Pittsburg, Oct. 21.—Gens. Miles and Shafter passed enroute to Washington on the same train today, with several members of their staffs.

About Barratier's Report.

Paris, Oct. 21.—The reason Captain Barratier's report contained nothing regarding Kitchener is because the report antedated Kitchener's action.

Another big lot of fine note paper for commercial printing just received. The Free Press carries the biggest stock of paper for printing purposes of any establishment in the State east of the W. & W. R. R., and does as nice printing as is done anywhere. Our prices are low.

A Negro Bulldozer.

Wilmington Star. Some time ago Rev. Jesse H. Page, of Rockingham, wrote a letter to a friend in the western portion of the State describing the condition of eastern North Carolina, under negro rule. The friend gave the letter for publication. It appeared in The Star and other papers some time ago. This letter gave much offense to some of the negroes, one of whom wrote him from Charlotte an anonymous letter, which reads thus:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 11, 1898.

Rev. Jesse Page, Rockingham, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—I have just read your communication on negro rule in the eastern part of the State, as you are pleased to call it. I am a negro myself, and have become disgusted over the malicious falsehoods and baseless rot that is being published by you and the corrupt party to which you belong. I am a minister of the gospel myself, and find that you claim to be; but I do not think the Lord Jesus Christ had much to do with sending you out, for he commissioned his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; they were to preach against every wrong and try if possible to establish peace among all men. In fact the golden rule was to be engraven in our heart, mind and life. I hope you will remember this. Again I learn you are an old man that will not stay here as long as you have stayed, and after all, as long as you have been pretending to preach the gospel, if you don't mind hell will be your portion. But these lying statements that you and your Democratic allies are publishing; will serve to solidify the Populists and Republicans, and especially the negro against you as never before. We, the colored people of this city, expect to start a daily paper here and denounce you and your party as a set of lying hypocrites. If this is the way you expect to get the State back to the Democratic party, we shall see to it that you will never accomplish that end.

I talked with a well respected white man from the east the other day who was a Prohibitionist. He said to me that all of this stuff which is being published by the Democrats and their lying newspapers were all lies, and the white people of eastern North Carolina are disgusted with it. I would advise you to get out of the pulpit, for the Lord Jesus has not had one thing to do with you. When you get true religion you will find that you will be a new man altogether.

If you want to answer me write to the Charlotte Citizen. There has never been a period in the annals of history in which an attempt at nullification has ever succeeded. God will see to it that you and your poor, rotten party will never succeed. Old man, you had better get right, for you are as good an agent for the devil as he wants.

(Signed)

411 South Mint St., Charlotte, N.C. It wasn't a negro rough who wrote this to one of the most honored and beloved ministers in this State, but it was a preacher, who took this way of attacking under cover, and insulting the man who had incurred his resentment. The writer is Rev. D. C. Covington, colored, pastor of Clinton chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, in Charlotte, who for some time has been editing a Sunday column in The Observer for the special benefit of the colored people. A comparison of the writing in the letter with the manuscript furnished The Observer establishes the identity. (His services have been doubtless dispensed with.)

The animus that runs through this insolent and outrageous letter shows that Rev. Covington gives more thought to politics than he does to religion, and it shows, too, what a deep hold the spirit of race aggressiveness has taken on the average negro, of whom the preacher is no exception.

The Fate of Pharaoh's Horses.

Wilmington Messenger. Here is a fine figure in the negro incendiary sheet at Kinston:

"Let's stand together and pull like Pharaoh's horses and carry the old party to success."

The last time "Pharaoh's horses" were seen or heard from they were foundering in the Red sea and were eternally swamped. Most good people would like to see "the old party"—the black radical thing, eternally swamped in the Red sea of politics and disappear forever from North Carolina.

Cotton Market.

The New York cotton market opened this morning for November 5.20 and closed 5.20. January opened 5.33, closed 5.31. Spot cotton at Kinston, 4.80.

Fifty bales were sold on the Kinston market today.

Snow at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 21.—Snow fell here today, the earliest known.

WON'T REDUCE WAGES.

Southern Cotton M'f'gs Ass'n Says No Necessity of Reduction.

PORTE AGREES TO EVACUATE.

Sends Official Reply to the Ultimatum Of The Powers, Agreeing to a Complete Avacuation of Crete by Ottoman Troops. Some Klondikers Ice Bound on the Yukon.

Raleigh, Oct. 21.—The Southern Cotton Manufacturers' Association says that there will be no reduction of wages this winter, there being no necessity for a reduction.

Porte Agrees to Evacuate Crete.

London, Oct. 21.—A Central News dispatch from Constantinople says that the Porte has sent an official reply to the ultimatum of the powers agreeing to a complete evacuation of the Island of Crete by Ottoman troops.

Some Klondikers Ice Bound.

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—The steamer Caronne arrived this morning from St. Michael with a number of Klondikers. "The Yukon is now freezing" and several steamers are said to have been aground on the sand bars in the river, with ice forming around them.

The Investigators at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Oct. 21.—The war investigation commission arrived this morning, and drove to headquarters of the Department of the Gulf, but afterwards went to Ft. McPherson. It intends to examine several witnesses and start to Austin tonight. The sub-committee may go to Knoxville.

Probably No Hawaiian Cable.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The American commissioners at Honolulu have looked into the matter of cable connection. They found the ocean six miles deep in the Japanese current, and fear it will be impossible to lay the cable because of the inability to anchor.

LAGRANGE NEWS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, Oct. 13, 1898.

Miss Bruce Sutton is in town today.

Cotton is selling at 5 cents on this market today.

Rev. C. E. Forlines is protracting a meeting at Hickory Grove church this week.

Street Commissioner W. H. Harper has had two new pumps driven on Cassel street.

Rev. F. D. Thomas will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Misses Ida Sutton and Pearl Hardee went to Kinston today to stand teachers' examination.

The Baptist entertainment last Friday night was well attended, refreshments choice and receipts gratifying.

Miss Kate Southerland, who had been visiting Miss Celess Dillon, returned to her home in Mt. Olive Tuesday.

Rev. J. W. Rose, assisted by Rev. S. J. Porter, of Morganton, will begin a series of meetings in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. A. J. Sutton and Miss Lela Gardner, of Cadez, came today and left this afternoon. Their many friends were glad to see them.

Presiding Elder W. S. Rose will preach in the M. E. Church Friday night (21st) and hold the fourth quarterly meeting on Saturday and Sunday.

Sparks' circus attracted a large crowd Monday. The little fellows are never forgotten on circus day. One lady (she had no children) said she went because Mr. Sparks ejected Congressman White at Tarboro and would not let him sit among the white people.

Private Roscoe Rouse is home on a thirty days furlough from Jacksonville, Fla., visiting his parents in Trent township. He says he has not engaged in any active warfare except with the sandflies and mosquitoes. He will return to be mustered out and will remain in Florida, where he has been living the past two years.

"OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Esmond Averitt, the five-year-old son of Mr. Stephen Averitt, and nephew of Rev. O. L. Stringfield, was burned to death Monday at his home near Inwood church, four miles south of Raleigh.

There were 8,000 people at the Democratic convention and speaking at Tarboro Tuesday. It was a very remarkable gathering. Nearly all the white voters of Edgecombe county were present.

Dan Brown, a bad negro, was shot and killed at Winston Wednesday night by Walter Jeffries, colored. The trouble grew out of Jeffries employing Brown's sweetheart to cook for him. The defendant surrendered to the officers. He claims that Brown shot first.

The Democratic state committee has obtained from the attorney general the official list of all persons convicted of crimes in the various counties during the past two years. Some persons have an idea that pardon by the governor restores citizenship. It does not.

POOR WHITE MEN AND NEGROES.

The Negro Senator, Lee Person, Predicts That They Will Eat and Sleep Together.

Apex News. This certifies that I heard Lee Person, the negro politician, of Edgecombe, speak at Lucama, Wilson county, Friday, Oct. 7th, and among other things, said Lee Person said that the time had come when the poor white man and negro were equal, and that the time would soon come when the white man would invite the negro to eat and sleep with him.

He advised the negroes to register, and go to the polls with pistols and rocks in their pockets, and not be arrested by any white man unless they had killed somebody or stolen something. Said Lee Person advised all negroes to stop working for the whites and said, as long as the negro brushed up stores and waited on the whites that the whites would think themselves above them, and advised them to stop waiting on them.

This is only a sample of the three hours' speech made by the burly politician, the whole tenor of which would array the blacks against the whites. At the close of the speech Person advised the negroes to organize a club and meet once a week, and he would send a man to give instructions. Can the white men of Wake tolerate such acts! Answer at the polls.

WILLIAM S. SEARS.

Apex, N. C.

HOOKERTON ITEMS.

October 20, 1898.

Rev. W. D. Sasser went to Kinston last Saturday.

Dr. Thos. M. Jordan went to Kinston Wednesday.

Mr. W. P. Hardee, of Institute, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. D. V. Dixon, of Kinston, came last Wednesday and will return today.

Mrs. George W. Hart and Herbert Sylvant visited friends in Snow Hill last Sunday.

Mr. O. C. Wilkerson, of Kinston, spent Wednesday night with his uncle, Dr. T. M. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dixon went to Greenville Sunday to visit friends and returned on Monday.

Mr. Charles Warters, of Plymouth, has accepted a position as salesman for Mr. J. J. Edwards.

Mrs. Wylie Singleton's dry kiln and about 100,000 feet of lumber were consumed by fire last Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. L. Sasser returned to her home near Goldboro on Saturday, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Jordan.

Misses Ola Patrick, of Institute, and Dora May, of Boston, returned to Institute Saturday, after spending several days with Mrs. D. H. Dixon.

A CYCLONE IN TEXAS

Followed by Heavy Electric Storms Does Much Damage.

FREIGHT BLOWN FROM TRACK

At the Town of Missouri, Express Crashed into the Wreck, and the Smashed Cars Covered Several Square Rods. Deer Park and Pasadena Nearly Razed. Enormous Injury to Cotton Crop.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 21.—A cyclone followed by heavy electric storms swept across Texas before daylight this morning. At the town of Missouri a freight train was blown from the track. The California express train, running at the rate of forty miles an hour, crashed into the freight wreck, and the smashed cars covered an area of several square rods.

The towns of Deer Park and Pasadena, were nearly razed, the wind cutting a wide swath. Many strong buildings were demolished. Great damage was also done to buildings at Missouri.

The injury to the cotton crop throughout a large area of the state is enormous.

Texas Passes In.

Lewis, Del., Oct. 21.—The battleship Texas passed in today to take part in the peace jubilee at Philadelphia.

In 1870 Japan was visited by a terrible epidemic of smallpox, which almost decimated Yokohama. Vaccination was made compulsory in 1896. The Japanese are said to have been struck with the fact that pockmarked foreigners were rarely seen in Japan.

Knit Underwear

N. Y. Racket Store.

Ladies', Misses', Children's and Infants' Vests, Misses' and Children's Union Suits and Pants. We have fixed prices very low, the lowest that can be made. Good value in these goods. See them.

New York Racket Store, Pridgen Block, No. 41 Queen St.

The Wonderful Petrified Man.

Not from California, or somewhere else. This strange looking marble man was found by Mr. Wm. Buff in an old graveyard by the overflow of a creek near the Saluda river, in Lexington county, five miles north of Columbia, S. C., November, 10, 1893. Pronounced by all the the Southern medical colleges and chemists as the most perfect petrified body ever discovered. As a scientific curiosity they say it has few equals. Will be on exhibition at

KINSTON, October 25th and 26th.

In Mr. Ford's marble shop, Main St. Open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., from 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m. daily.

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