GEO WHITE TO PULL OUT

Will Leave N. C. with 50,000 Negroes

HE ADVISES EMIGRATION

The Negro Congressman Declares that He Will Not Be a Candidate for Congress Again—After Voting Here in November He Will Go to New York and Locate—He Hits Senator Butler and All the White Republicans

George H. White sounds the welcome news that he will shake the dust of North Carolina from his feet and locate in New York.

The negro Congressman will not even stand for re-election to Congress and couples the announcement of his determination to emigrate with the news that he will carry 50,000 negroes with him.

Recent events do not indicate that New York is the inviting field for the negro just now, but the negro Congressman may be of the opinion that his army of 50,000 negroes will work a change in the conditions that exist in the metropolis with reference to the black man.

In an interview in Washington, D. C., Congressman White announced the program of his future. He took occasion in this interview to slap Senator Pritchard and the white Republicans in the State, whom he feels have cut him loose. The negro Congressman said in his interview:

"I cannot live in North Carolina and be a man, and be treated as a man," said Mr. White. "In my intercourse with the bar of North Carolina in the past I have never been made to feel that I was on a different plane with any one else because I was a colored man, but I know that cannot be so any longer. I expect to practice law in New York, and if not there, then I will locate in some State up this way. I have made up my mind in the last three or four days not to be a candidate for renomination to Congress.

"I have three reasons for this determination," said Mr. White. "In the first place, my wife's health has been wrecked on account of the maliciousness of the political attacks made on me, and I am sure the excitement of another campaign for re-election would kill her. Secondly, I am satisfied I could not secure a certificate if I were elected, and thirdly, I must devote myself to some employment that pays me money. I have not sufficient means to carry on a political fight that can only prove expensive.

"My wife is a refined and educated woman and she has suffered terribly because of the attacks that have been made on me. She is now ill in New Jersey, and I am afraid she will be an invalid for a long time. I have been the target for those who have been fighting against the negro race in North Carolina and nothing has been too hard to say of me.

"I do not care to have a contested election case. I know what they are. I will step aside and devote my time to practicing law, and I think I can get along. I am afraid it will be a long time before there is another colored man in Congress, and I think it is a shameful condition that one-eighth of our population should be denied a representation in the person of some member of their race. The colored people have been faithful as servants and faithful as citizens. There are always criminal classes wherever you go, but take the mass of the colored people and they will be found to be law-abiding people and true to their friends.

"I will vote in North Carolina in November. I have property there, and I do not propose to break up my home there until the constitutionality of the election law has been tested in the courts. The new law does not go into effect until 1902, but it is a duplicate in most respects of the Louisiana law, and I have been retained as counsel to test that law, and after the coming election a case will be made out, and it will be carried through the courts.

"The result of the constitutional amendment of North Carolina will be that the State will lose 50,000 of its colored people in the next eight or ten years. You must remember, this restrictive measure against the negro is not really political. The political part of it is a mere subterfuge, and is a means for the general degradation of the negro. My plan is to advise and encourage the immigration of the negroes of North Carolina to the west and north, but especially to the west. I do not want to see them colonized anywhere, for that would result in a repetition of what has taken place in North Carolina and the south generally. I think they should lose themselves among the people of the country. A few families should settle here and a few there. Then their children will be better educated. But the bulk of the colored people must of necessity remain in the south, and I think this plan of immigration will not only benefit those who leave the south, but those who remain there as well. This immigration should be systematic, and a home should be provided for a colored family before they leave their old homes in the south. There should be no wholesale removal."

"Where do you think they should go and what should they do?" he was asked.

"Our people are agricultural, and I think the vast west is the place for them. In the east and north they can only be domestic servants, but if they went to plant themselves as a part of the country they should go on a farm and own their own homes. That is what the ambitious man should do, but if he wants to be a servant and a dude the hotel is perhaps the best place for him. I believe that a third or a half of the colored population of North Carolina will leave the State eventually. It will take some time."

"How about colonizing the colored people in some section of the country, as has been proposed?"

"I have no patience of talk about colonizing the colored people in some separate State or Territory. What is good for the white man is good for the colored man. Then, if they had a State or Territory the white man would go there. See how white men are going in Indian reservations and marrying Indian women in order to get advantages that come to them from such marriages."

"How about the Philippines as a field of activity for colored people?"

"I believe the conditions of the south will eventually cause many of our people to go to Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii or the Philippines. There are too many negroes in the south—that is the trouble."

"What can the colored people accomplish politically?"

"I do not believe the black man has much relief in any political party. He must paddle his own canoe; he must think for himself and act for himself. Legislation will not help him. Senator Pritchard said in a recent speech before the Republican State convention that the white people pretended not to want the negro in office, and he called their attention to the fact that the Supreme Court of the State has said that the Legislature has power to pass legislation for local government, giving to certain classes the right to hold office, and Senator Pritchard, in that speech, said if the emoDcrats meant what they said about preventing negroes from holding office he would join them in passing through the joint assembly legislation placing those counties in which colored people are in the majority under white control. The fact is, the white Republicans of North Carolina are Republicans in order to get the negro vote to maintain them in office, but they do not want the negroes to hold office."

White said he knew of no colored man who was a candidate for the nomination as representative in Congress from his district in North Carolina. Several white men, he said, want the place in order to get or keep some Federal office, knowing that they cannot get a certificate of election.

FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Negro Bound Over to Court in $30 Bond by Mayor Powell

In the mayor's court yesterday morning Charles Freeman, colored, was bound over to the criminal court under a $30 bond to answer the charge of cruelty to animals. The evidence in the case was to the effect that on Saturday afternoon Freeman was driving and unmercifully whipping a badly crippled horse on Fayetteville street. The principal witnesses against the negro were Mr. M. Rosenthal and Mr. Hutchings, of Higgs' store. They testified that the horse was in a pitiful condition, one leg being so badly swollen that the horse was obliged to struggle along on three legs drawing a cart with three inmates.

The negro Freeman and the other occupants of the cart were from Obelin and came to town with watermelons and to do some trading. The horse is the property of Rev. Caesar Johnson and was loaned to Freeman to make his crop, Freeman's horse having died. The horse was delivered by the city authorities to Johnson after the case against Freeman was disposed of. It seems that Freeman has previously been convicted of cruelty to a mule.

Another disposed of by Mayor Powell yesterday was Ben Cook, a 14-year-old negro, fined $2.00 and costs for an assault on a 12-year-old playmate.

At 4 p. m. today Otho Hicks will be tried on the charge of taking $12.00 in money from a man by the name of Sanders. The offense is charged to have been committed in the Fourth ward Saturday night.

YOUNG SHADE TREES IN DANGER

Chairman Drewry Says Property Owners Should Water Them.

In discussing matters of street improvement yesterday Mr. Jno. C. Drewry, chairman of the street committee of the board of aldermen, said that it is a matter of the highest importance that property owners in front of whose property maple shade trees have been planted during the past two years shall see that they are properly watered during the present severe drought.

Mr. Drewry says that a good supply of water should be poured about the roots of these trees every day and grass or other debros spread around to prevent the hot sun from baking the ground and seriously injuring the trees. The drought has very seriously injured many of these young trees and unless the property owners give them immediate attention as indicated by Mr. Drewry there is great danger that quite a number of them will die outright. Let them have immediate attention by all means.

DEATH OF MR. I. C. HILL

Died Suddenly Yesterday—Funeral at 10 a. m. Today.

Mr. I. Claud Hill, for many years a prominent merchant on Wilmington street, died suddenly about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in ill health for the past two months, but his death was entirely unexpected. He and his wife were sitting on the rear porch of their residence on South Person street, when Mr. Hill started to the front door to admit a physician who had just rung the door-bell for the purpose of paying a professional visit to Mr. Hill, but before reaching the door he fell dead.

Mr. Hill was 37 years of age, and had been in business for himself for the past five years. He was a son of Mr. Andrew Hill of this county, had been married ten years and leaves a wife and four children.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning, and the interment will be at the home of the father of the deceased, five miles east of Raleigh.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mrs. Minnie L. Cross Died Sometime Sunday Night—Funeral Today

Mrs. Minnie L. Cross, wife of Mr. Henry Cross, was found dead in her bed about 6 o'clock yesterday morning at their home, 107 East Davie street. Her infant child, just a month old, was sleeping soundly by its dead mother's side when the death was discovered.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones of this city, and was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Cross about a year ago. Her death is attributed to heart failure. She was a Baptist, her membership being with Mt. Tabor Church, and was a most estimable Christian lady.

The bereaved husband and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad affliction.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. G. T. Adams from Central Methodist Church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

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SOUTHERN VISITORS

Commissioners of Agriculture Meet Today

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Second Annual Convention to Be Convened at Noon—Secretary Jas. Wilson Arrives Today and Speaks Tonight—Estimate of the Cotton Crop to Be Prepared by the Commissioners—A Scheme to Break Up Speculating.

Raleigh will have as guests today distinguished citizens from every Southern State, who come to attend the second annual meeting of the Cotton States Association of the Commissioners of Agriculture.

The association will meet today at noon in the handsome auditorium of the new annex to the museum at the Agricultural building, which will be thrown open to the public for the first time.

Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, will arrive this morning from Washington, D. C., and will address the association tonight. Among the arrivals yesterday were Mr. O. B. Stevens, the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia, who is the president of the association; Mr. Royal Daniel of the Atlanta Journal, the secretary; Col. J. A. Redhead, the Commissioner of Agriculture of Mississippi, and Colonel Robinson of Mississippi. The early morning trains will bring delegates from all the Southern States and visitors from this and other States. The annual meeting promises to be well attended and will be an important one in many respects.

A feature of national importance will be the estimate of the present cotton crop, which will be prepared by the Commissioners of Agriculture from the Southern States. The estimate will not be given out by the association until the latter part of the week.

President O. B. Stevens of Georgia will call the association to order at noon today. Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ Church, will deliver the opening prayer. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by his excellency Governor D. L. Russell on behalf of the State, by Hon. R. N. Sims on behalf of the city, and by Col. John S. Cunningham on behalf of the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture. The response on behalf of the association will be made by Dr. H. C. White of the chair of chemistry in the University of Georgia. A recess will be taken until 4:30, when President Stevens will deliver his annual address, and Secretary Daniel and the standing committees will offer their reports. The night session will begin at 8 p. m., when Hon. James Wilson, United States Secretary of Agriculture, will deliver an address. His subject will be "The Relation of the National Department of Agriculture to the State Departments of Agriculture—Suggestions for Improving Them."

An elaborate program, embracing discussion of timely topics pertaining to the field of agriculture, has been arranged. The speakers on the program Wednesday are Prof. Milton Whitney and Dr. H. W. Wiley of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Col. R. J. Redding of Georgia, Dr. J. F. Dugger of Alabama, Prof. B. W. Kilgore, the State Chemist of the North Carolina Experiment Station; Prof. W. F. Massey of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, and State Chemist McCandless of Georgia. Wednesday evening Prof. J. A. Holmes will give an illustrated lecture on the subject of "Roads and Road-building." Each commissioner of agriculture will read a paper on the agricultural conditions in his State. Farmers' institutes will be discussed, and there will be a report of a special committee which will be an interesting feature of the meeting, pertaining to uniform fertilizer guarantees and the branding of fertilizer bags.

The session Friday will be devoted to veterinary, entomological and botanical subjects.

The sessions of the association will be attended with much interest. Ladies are extended a cordial invitation to be present. A good attendance is expected from various sections of the State. Among those who will arrive early this morning are Chancellor Walter Hill of the University of Georgia, Prof. H. G. White of the University of Georgia, Col. R. J. Redding, director of the Georgia State Experiment Station; State Chemist McCandless of Georgia, Prof. J. F. Dugger of Alabama, Hon. J. W. Lee, Commissioner of Agriculture of Louisiana; Frank Hill, Commissioner of Agriculture of Arkansas. Representatives from Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina will be present.

An important matter that will come before the association will be a uniform plan of action, which the legislatures of all the Southern States will be requested to adopt, and by which a check can be put on speculators who manipulate the cotton crop. By legislative enactment it is desired that tax assessors be required to make returns of the following questions, which shall be included in the regular list of qpestions embodied in the tax lists:

"How many acres have you in cotton?"

"What is the probable yield?"

"What is the condition of your crop?"

It is further planned that the legislatures require tax assessors to send these returns to the county officers, who in turn shall forward them to the Secretary of the Cotton States Association, where, after tabulation, they will be at the command of the public. It is believed that such action by Southern legislatures can put an effective check on cotton-market speculators who seek to take advantage of the farmers.

President O. B. Stevens, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, said last night, speaking of the cotton conditions in his State:

"The cotton crop in Georgia last year amounted to one million bales. This year the crop will be 950,000 bales. Everybody is happy and contented and the farmers, who are in good circumstances, are making money. They are going to hold their cotton this year. Georgia is coming to the front in the textile world. There are 110 cotton mills in course of construction in our State."

Col. J. A. Redhead, the affable and genial Commissioner of Agriculture from Mississippi, stated last night that Mississippi would yield only half a cotton crop this year. "The deficiency in the crop," Colonel Redhead stated, is attributable to the fact that the farmers decreased their acreage and the crop has been badly damaged by the drought."

The Cotton States Association of the Commissioners of Agriculture was organized last October in Atlanta. Col. O. B. Stevens of Georgia, the originator of the association, was elected president. Mr. Frank Hill of Arkansas was chosen first vice-president, and Mr. S. L. Patterson of North Carolina, second vice-president. Mr. R. F. Wright of Georgia was elected treasurer, and Mr. Royal Daniel of Atlanta, Ga., secretary. The next meeting, which was the first annual meeting, was held in New Orleans last January. It required two days to agree as to the next place of meeting. The selection of Raleigh was a victory for Mr. Patterson, the splendid head of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Mr. Patterson was given valuable assistance in having the association meet here by Mr. Royal Daniel, the secretary of the association and one of the talented members of the Atlanta Journal staff.

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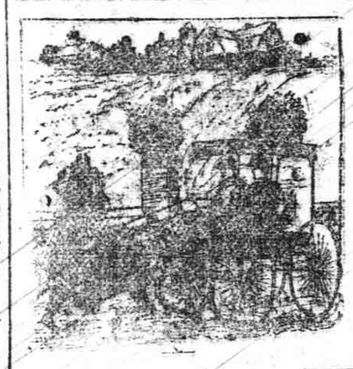

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