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MONSTER MASS MEETING

That is What Convention Advocates Expect.

OCTOBER THE TIME.

A Letter From a Prominent Democrat and an Ex-Congressman. The Opponents.

The meeting of the well known silver men in this city yesterday has given a renewed impetus to the holding of a Silver Convention here at an early date. It was certainly the sense of the Convention to hold a State Silver Conference in accordance with the call formulated by Mr. Smith and others. There was some opposition at first, but it was overcome. Mr. Dowd of the Charlotte News doubted the advisability of holding the Convention at this time. Congressman Luskhart and Mr. Josephus Daniel were opposed to the Convention, but that opposition was overcome by the larger majority of those present including Mr. Smith, Mr. Jarvis and others.

Mr. Smith is enthusiastic about the Convention, which is really intended as a monster mass meeting. It does not look like the opposition is playing much of a hand from the large number of responses being received to the calls sent out. An average of twenty-five signatures are signed to the calls returned.

Mr. Smith says the Convention will probably be held about the first week in October. He is just in receipt of a letter from an ex-Democratic member of Congress which bears pointedly on the subject. We quote from the letter as follows:

Heretofore may seem to creep in for a day by convulsions of dogmatic schismatics with proclaimed and desiring aims; but fundamental constitutional tenets will prevail in the end. So will the money of the people, the money of the fathers, the money of the Constitution in spite of sold out radical Senators and later on subsidized or misguided leaders of orthodox Democratic opinion. The impoverishment of the million to the millions, legitimate illegitimate outcome of the hell-born financial act of 1873 has borne its fruit as was designed by the designers. Such is its continual tendency, if my optics are not afflicted with political strabismus. Not to commit a wrong may be said to be man or party's first duty. To right it if committed, may be fitly termed the second. For a score of years, or since our eyes were opened to "the deep damnation of the taking off" of silver, the tongue of Democracy has wagged without ceasing against the monstrous crime, Time and again we have been on the eve of rectifying it, once to the point of a quasi Presidential veto.

Why this change of base all of a sudden by would-be leaders? Some might hold it open to serious or even sinister suspicion. Why, "the Chief," three chosen by national conventions of his party, and if rumor runs aright, persuadable to being chosen again, was so very circumspect as to require to read by the lightning's flash the perjury of his requirement if stated before giving in acceptance, should straightway thereafter have soared aloft on butterfly wing and led in forbidden fields of finance, let him elucidate. The explanation is far above ordinary capacity. Why other butterflies of gaudy wing should follow is still more "passing strange." Platform is relegated to the rear and "pragmatic sensation" comes to the front. Black is white and white is black, so says Plagmaticus. Hats off, ye turbulents, and bow to the cap of Quasi or else be read into the realm of "treason." The people and the people's money be devilled. Sound money is the catch word. Thus with the King, and so sobers the King's advisers. The lords of Threadneedle and Wall have no rejoined, and who dares say nay? Let him who dares, look to call of family name "non-descript idiot," under penalty of royal displeasure and syndicalist anathema. Thus with the King and the King's advisers. Not in spite of king and king, methinks I bear a little bird sing. "The people soon will be the stronger," and the refrain of his song is no longer money instead of sound.

But coming down from stilt and looking plain facts in the face, there is no denying that a political catastrophe is eminent, nay inevitable only by hercule treatment.

SECRETARY COKE IS DEAD

Passed Away at 3:40 O'clock This Afternoon.

A STATESMAN GONE.

There will be Many to Mourn his Loss and Few to Take his Place.

Hon. Octavius Coke, Secretary of State, passed away this evening at twenty minutes to four o'clock. Mr. Coke was taken worse yesterday, but this morning the announcement was given out that his condition was improved. At twelve o'clock, a change for the worse came which ended in death at the time above mentioned. As soon as the news was given out the capitol was closed.

Capt. Coke was born at Williamsburg, Va., and came to this State in 1868. He was chairman of the State Democratic Committee in 1880 and was at one time a State Senator from Chowan. He was appointed Secretary of State on the death of Col. Saunders in 1891 and was elected to succeed himself in 1892.

A whole-souled gentleman; a statesman and a valuable citizen has passed away. There will be tears in many eyes when these lines are read.

We learn of Capt. Coke's death just before going to press. An extended notice will appear tomorrow.

"BUFFALO BILL" COMING.

Great Wild West Show Will be in Raleigh Oct. 9th.

Raleigh is to be favored with more shows this season than has been the case in years. Buffalo Bill, the greatest of his kind will locate his camp in this city on October 9th. This show will stop at several places in this State while on route to the Atlanta Exposition where they will give a several month's engagement. The show is now in Pittsburg.

Mr. S. H. Seman, the Advanced Agent was here this morning making arrangements for their appearance here. He says the performance is given in open air and a "wall" of canvas conceals the wonders and sights from public gaze. Bledsoe's Grove will probably be chosen for the performance. The show is unsurpassed by any similar organization. It is as large as a circus, carrying 510 horses and 400 people. 38 cars are required to transport them. Wm. Cody, as he is commonly known was under the command of Major Hayes out in West Mr. Cody is very fond of the Major and often writes to him. It will be a happy meeting between them on the 9th.

SUING FOR FOREST DAMAGES.

Blue Loses His Suit Against the Aberdeen and West End.

The cases of Blue versus Aberdeen and West End Railroad, which has attracted so much attention, was decided yesterday in Charlotte in favor of the railroad. Blue claimed that he had sustained damages to the amount of \$1,500, caused by sparks flying from the engine belonging to the railway and setting fire to his woods.

Col. J. W. Hinsdale, of this city, appeared for Blue. Affidavits were filed by the plaintiff to the effect that undue influence had been brought to bear upon the jury. This question is being argued today by Col. Hinsdale at Charlotte.

It is said that should Blue finally win, an number of suits will be instituted against the road. There have been quite a number of forest fires up that way.

The Governor has honored a requisition made by the Governor of South Carolina for Charles Lloyd now under arrest at Sanford. Lloyd is charged with the killing of one man and the injuring of another at the Hulle coal mines in Lancaster county, S. C.

Miss Gerie Rosenthal, daughter of Mr. L. Rosenthal, gave a moonlight ride and ice cream party to her young friends of the surrounding neighborhood on Fayetteville street last night. The little girls enjoyed the outing and made the air merry with their happy songs and laughter.

WANTED TO JUMP FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

She Was Urged to It by a Trifling Husband-The Police Prevented the Leap.

DRIVEN TO DESPAIR.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Aug. 30.—Owing to the police receiving a "tip" a woman was prevented from gaining glory through jumping off Brooklyn bridge today. The husband was out of work and he said to be none too anxious to work. He persuaded his wife that she could soon make a fortune after making the leap. The attempt was made at 4 this morning, but the police lined the roadway and prevented the leap.

TRINITY COLLEGE OPENING.

Bright Prospects. The Improvements Being Pushed.

Trinity College has bright prospects for a large opening next week. The Durham Globe says: Every day brings many letters applying to have rooms reserved for the coming year. For every indication there will be a very large attendance.

THE FRIENDS CONVENT.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Beginning today the Friends of Human Progress will hold a three days convention at Forest Temple in the town of North Collins. Among the speakers who will address the convention are Hon. L. U. Montion, of Grand Rapids, President of the Michigan Association of Spiritualists and J. Williamson Fletcher, of New York city.

WITH FIRE AND SWORD.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 30.—Passengers from Havana on the last steamer said that Gomez attacked the city of Puerto Principe Monday, burning one entire ward.

SHOT HIMSELF ON A TRAIN.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 30.—R. T. Allen, of Omaha, Neb., shot himself this morning on a Central train a few miles out of the city. He was traveling with his wife en route home from Jersey City.

GOLD TO BE SHIPPED TO-MORROW.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Indications pointed this forenoon to a shipment of two millions and four hundred thousand of gold to Europe by tomorrow's steamers. Two and a quarter millions will be taken out of the sub treasury.

South Dakota State Fair.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 30.—The State Fair opened here today with a good attendance and a large list of entries in all the departments. It will last until September 4th.

Knights Given a Reception.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PRORA, Ill., Aug. 30.—The State officers of the Knights of Macabees of the world will be given a reception this evening at the Odd Fellows hall by the Peoria lodges.

A TOWN WIPED OUT.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. TUCUMAN, Washington, Aug. 1.—It is feared that the town of Samner is entirely wiped out by forest fires. An engine and hose cart were sent from here last night, no word was received since the arrival.

Today's New York Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The market was very feverish, opened irregular and closed after various ups and downs at 6 to 8 points below last night. Tendency easily steady. Sales 416,000 bales, the largest on record. Options, September, 7.99-01; October, 7.96-97; January, 8.14-15; December, 8.06-06. March, 8.23-24.

WILSON HONORED.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Pastmaster General Wilson has been notified of his election as a member of the Green-brier hunting club of Virginia which has a preserve of sixty thousand acres.

DEFENDER IS WINNER.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Defender finished at 2:55 defeating Vigilant by five minutes.

OFF TO COLLEGE.

The following young men from Raleigh, all pupils of the Raleigh Male Academy, that excellent preparatory school conducted by Messrs. Morrison & Denson, have either entered the various colleges of the State or will shortly do so when they open. To Wake Forest have gone, Walters Durham, T. J. Briggs, Jr., Willis Briggs, John Heck, Henry Heck, Baxter Durham, Harry Pool, James Briggs and Joe Mosely.

At the University the school will be represented by Fab. Haywood, Grimes Haywood, Richard H. Lewis, Brown Shepherd, Richard Bastes, John Andrews, Stanford Harris, Percy Whitaker, Junius Grimes, Claudi Denson and Alf Thompson.

To Trinity will go Jos. Separk and Wilbur Card, while Messrs. E. Denson, Chas. Turner and Henry Tucker will enter medical colleges.

Mr. Judd Carroll sizes up some Animal Specimens.

Mr. O. J. Carroll is the most original analyst and student of human nature that we know of and his descriptive powers are formidable. There are many good things going the rounds and when people hear them they know without being told that the only original Judd Carroll conceived them. In other words he has them all sized up, like a certain friend of Dr. D. E. Everett who keeps a book in which he has all his acquaintances entered up as fools, d—fools and other kinds of fools Mr. Carroll brought down the house in a crowd in the Yarbore House lobby last night by a dissertation of his own. It was characteristic and rich.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

In 1856, just forty years ago, Miss Nancy Hilliard kept at Company Shops on the North Carolina Railroad probably the best breakfast and supper house ever kept by anyone on any railroad. Now its Burlington, and not Company Shops, and Ed. and Charley Ward, and not Miss Nancy, yet the meals are all the same and it may be a little better—a bountiful table, good bread, butter, and coffee, and chicken steak, eggs and everything else cooked nice and tempting.

Sundays are big days at Burlington as scores of drummers congregate to have a quiet home-like time and hear Mr. Charley White tell some of his good jokes.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

On March 10th, of this year there was a total eclipse of the moon. The pleasure of viewing it was partially interfered with by clouds, though there were frequent intervals when there would be an unobstructed view and the phenomenon of nature be seen with delight by the spectators.

The time is close at hand when there will be another opportunity of seeing such an eclipse. It will commence at twelve minutes to ten on the night of Tuesday, September 3rd, and end at six minutes past four next morning. It will be total for six minutes past twelve until thirteen minutes to two o'clock.

This eclipse will be visible to North and South America.

GEOLOGIST HOLMES AND GEOLOGY.

State Geologist Holmes arrived in the city this morning from Chatham county, where he has been gathering specimens and information for the exhibits at Atlanta. Mr. Holmes states that three of the coal mines are being run regularly, and that they are behind in orders. He has also been to Sanford, where the brownstone quarries are being pushed. There are three of them run by Michigan, Pennsylvania and Norfolk parties. They are also having more orders than they can fill.

The reports reaching here about the Farmers' Institutes which are being held by Commissioner Patterson, Dr. H. B. Battle and Prof. Massey are most encouraging. Much interest was taken in the one at Gastonia Monday and Tuesday. Congratulatory resolutions were passed by the Institute to officers present from this precinct.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

The Arrington Tribunal had a Meeting.

A WITNESS EXAMINED.

The Meeting was Secret—Ex-Sheriff Cockrell Gave Testimony Last Night.

The Arrington court had their conference yesterday on schedule time with a full house and Chief Justice Campbell playing the leading role. The conference over with, the court resolved itself into a regular session and began the examination of witnesses which lasted until after eight came on. There seems to be a distinct danger of the court running one of its conferences and regular sessions together, but in the do. sessions of this most august and Supreme Tribunal are kept from behind public gaze, it will never be known.

The Chief Justice and all the Associate Justices were out on street parade this morning and so far as could be learned neither a conference or regular session had been held.

Last night Mr. J. J. Cockrell, Ex-Sheriff of Nash county, was examined. "Judge" Phillips refused to give out any further information about the session. He declined to state anything about the nature of the meetings which are all secret. Mr. Phillips said "we will decide positively today whether or not we will admit newspaper reporters." Mrs. Arrington wants the meetings secret, the Chief Justice—well, he doesn't care.

Justice Phillips was anxious to impress on the reporter that everything would be given out later on.

The gentleman who is keeping the records has not been seen so far. In the meantime, the court has taken a step forward for one witness has been examined. When the others arrive another session will be held.

Baron George Kuehne, the clever book-keeper of Barbee and Thompson, Mr. Ed H. Lee and other gentlemen had a narrow escape while taking a ride near Brookside Park. A car with which some small boys were playing came around the corner and came near running over them, but they were saved by the presence of mind of the driver, and it is said that the delicate peach-blow tint of the Rhine in Mr. Kuehne's cheeks blanched to the white of Parian marble.

An exciting run-away occurred this morning on Wilmington Street, as Mr. George Norwood of Millbrook was driving a carriage in which were Mrs. Norwood and sister and Mr. Norwood's son, the horse took fright and ran at a terrific rate until checked by the superior power and skill of Mr. Norwood in front of D. T. Johnston's store. The ladies held their self possession admirably and fortunately no one was hurt.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

At New York: 0 2 2 0 3 10 14

Louisville 0 0 0 0 0 10 0 1

At Boston: 1 0 3 0 7 0 3

Cleveland 0 1 0 0 1 3 0 4

At Philadelphia: 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0

Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0

At Brooklyn: 4 0 1 0 3 10 12

Cincinnati 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 1

At Washington: 2 2 0 1 3 1 9

St. Louis 6 1 0 2 0 0 9

At Baltimore: 2 2 0 1 3 1 9

Baltimore, O; Pittsburg, I. Called; wet grounds.

Mr. Tom Pescud's fine driving horse became frightened and started up the street on a runaway yesterday afternoon. The horse was stopped before any damage was done.

The Morganton band of eighteen pieces will furnish music for the next State Fair. The chief marshal says that the social feature of the next State Fair will be notable. The tournament is expected to attract a large number of young people.

Governor Carr, Auditor Furman, Worth and Mr. Young Chairman of Mr. the Board of Directors have returned from Halifax where they went to inspect the State farms. They report condition of the crops as excellent and in fact the best that they saw anywhere on the road. There is some sickness among the convicts, but not as much as usual.