

## OPERATORS ON STRIKE.

### THE SOUTHERN TROUBLE REACHES CLIMAX.

Most of the Union Operators on the Southern go out on a Strike. The Differences Stated.

The long looked for and much discussed strike on the part of the operators of the Southern Railway Company became a reality this morning and the Salisbury and Spencer operatives joined in the strike.

The differences between the Southern and its operators are of several months standing.

#### THE GRIEVANCE.

The TRUTH-INDEX representative had an interview last night with one of the operators and he then stated the grievance of his union. A request was made of Capt. Garrison, of the Southern, that some regular system of salary should be established and maintained. He agreed to confer with committees appointed on the various divisions. No satisfactory result was secured and it is claimed that several operators on the committee have since been discharged for acting in this capacity although, as a matter of course, other reasons were assigned. The chief objection on the part of the operators, however, seems to be the low salaries paid and the failure of the Southern to establish a uniform rate of salaries in proportion to the work required.

The strike is fraught with serious consequences. We learn that today the operators left their desks all over the system and that several branches are practically tied up for the lack of them.

Train Dispatcher Frost took charge of the office here this morning, when the force at the depot walked out.

#### MR. GILL HURT.

### In a Wreck in South Carolina.—Slightly Hurt.

Mr. George Gill, a Salisbury boy who is living in Raleigh, was hurt in a railroad wreck in South Carolina Monday, we learn from a party who came in from Raleigh.

It was at first reported that Mr. Gill was killed, but we learn that he returned to Raleigh yesterday having sustained only slight injuries.

#### Fagan & Company.

The firm of Fagan & Co., have been awarded the contract by the Southern to build the side track to the Cabarrus mill, of which your correspondent spoke some days ago, mentioning the fact that this work on the part of the company meant another cotton mill for our town. The track will be about 100 feet long and will be 22 feet high at some places, says the Concord correspondent of the Charlotte Observer.

We are glad to see that the above company, who have an office here and carry an advertisement with the TRUTH-INDEX, are coming to the front in their line at Concord.

#### Mr. Caldwell in Convention.

L. C. Caldwell, Esq., one of the leading lawyers of Western North Carolina, who has been affiliating with the Populist party for the past four years, attended the State Democratic convention yesterday and was in the convention hall all day. Mr. Caldwell was in Salisbury this morning on his way to Statesville.

#### Insane Man.

Deputy Hodge Krider brought an insane man named, Moose in from the Western section of the county this morning. He will be confined in the jail here until some other arrangements are made.

## MR. BINGHAM REMAINS IN.

### NO CHANGE TO BE MADE NOW

He Will Perform the Duties of his Office as Usual and Continues in the Position.—Names of Census Takers.

There will be no change in the district census supervisor of this district as was intimated in Sunday's Raleigh Post.

Mr. J. L. Rendleman has returned from Washington, where he went to see the director in Mr. Bingham's behalf. The latter's health is improving now and it was decided to allow him to continue.

The list of census takers for this district have been appointed and the appointments confirmed. The following is a list of the census takers in Rowan county:

#### ATWELL.

William C. Rose and Floyd D. Brown.

#### CHINA GROVE.

John T. Deal.

#### CLEVELAND.

William A. Lucky.

#### FRANKLIN.

R. J. Haltom.

#### GOLD HILL.

John A. Holschouser and John A. McNairy.

#### LETAZER.

John C. Berlingardt.

#### LOCKE.

Roland J. Hart.

#### MORGAN.

William L. Eagle.

#### MT. ULLA.

Samuel E. Sloop.

#### PROVIDENCE.

Stephen A. Egnhardt and Henry A. Peeler.

#### SALISBURY.

James F. Cowan, Charles J. Bingham, Charles P. Shuping, Eugene H. Bean.

#### SCOTCH IRISH.

William W. Fraley.

#### STEELE.

Jesse M. D. Barrier.

#### UNITY.

Thomas S. Brown.

#### Miss Rothrock Married.

On Monday night Miss Helen Rothrock, daughter of Prof. L. H. Rothrock, of Rowan county, was married to Mr. Henry Ruffy. The bride has a number of friends and relatives in this county.—Concord Standard.

#### Home for Easter.

The Elizabeth girls who will spend Easter out of town are Misses Laura Watkins and Chasie Brown—who will go to Concord, and Misses Mary Boyden and Alice Rendleman, who will go to Salisbury.—Charlotte Observer.

#### Did Mr. Hoyle Say This!

"In the minister's meeting at Lexington last Monday night the topic was the evil of buying and selling votes. Rev. Mr. Hoyle, who was the principal speaker, drew a very dark picture of the condition of affairs in parts of Davidson county. We went so far as to express his belief that in one township in the county every voter in it, with the exception of three, can be bought. We hope Mr. Hoyle is mistaken; we are frank to say we believe he is mistaken. If not, missionaries are needed here worse than in Cuba or the Philippine islands."

The above is quoted from the Charity and Children and in our opinion the good brother is very much mistaken if he made this statement. We do not know what township he refers to, but we feel confident that no such can be found in this county. We are further constrained to believe that the brother is misquoted, though not intentionally.—Lexington Dispatch.

## WAS A GREAT CONVENTION.

### RALEIGH UNABLE TO SUPPLY ACCOMODATIONS.

Aycock Received an Oration. Overman's Eloquent Speech or assuming the Chairmanship of the Convention.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 12th, 1900.

—One of the most interesting features of the Democratic convention when it reassembled here yesterday afternoon and one in which Salisburyans will take a pardonable pride, was the speech of Hon. Lee S. Overman when he assumed the chair as permanent chairman of the convention. Its effect was electrical. Though he only spoke about ten minutes time and again he was interrupted by whirlwinds of applause and approving shouts from the delegates. Mr. Overman's speech was in part as follows:

"We are here, representatives of the people of the Democratic party to save North Carolina from damnation and degradation (applause and a voice: 'Hurrah for the best looking man in the State')."

"The Constitutional Amendment that we offer to the people of North Carolina is not only a political necessity, but it is a social necessity. Our manhood demands it (applause), our womanhood demands it (renewed applause); our women and our children demand it: our good government demands it. Down with Russellism and Butlerism. (Loud applause and cheering). Twice have we redeemed North Carolina from Negro rule and we will redeem it three and a fourth time if need be (Wild applause)."

At the conclusion of Mr. Overman's speech, M. H. Justice placed in nomination for governor, Hon. Charles B. Aycock of Wayne, who was elected with a unanimous response to loud and long continued calls come forward and spoke. His speech was one of the finest of political nature ever heard in North Carolina.

The following additional nominations were made:

For Lieutenant Governor, W. D. Turner, of Iredell.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt.

Treasurer, B. R. Lacy, of Wake.

Auditor, B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland.

Superintendent of Public Instructions, Gen. Toon.

One of the incidents—and by the way one of the most significant of the convention—was the refusal of the convention to hear Col. Paul B. Means, of Concord, when he stated that he desired to place Prof. Charles H. Mebane in nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instructions. For ten minutes confusion reigned. The colonel refused to retire and the convention would not let him speak. Finally order was secured and he proceeded. The incident was a spontaneous protest against the nomination of any but Democrats.

#### Evidently a Mistake.

The following associated press dispatch appears in this morning's papers: Washington, April 11.—The Senate today confirmed H. C. Budge as postmaster at Miami, Fla. The President today nominated Daniel W. Patrick, of Gold Hill, N. C., to be census supervisor for the second district of North Carolina.

This is evidently a mistake as Gold Hill is in the seventh district and there is no one living there by the name of Patrick.

#### School Closing.

The closing exercises of Franklin Academy takes place tomorrow. Two speakers will be present on that occasion. This school has been very successfully conducted this year.

## THE MERCHANTS SPEAK.

### TELL OF THE OBJECTS OF ORGANIZATION.

In view of the talk that has been indulged in recently with reference to the Merchants Association the following card is of interest:

TO THE CITIZENS OF SALISBURY AND VICINITY:

Whereas false and prejudiced misrepresentations have been made concerning the intention of the organization of the Salisbury Retail Grocers Protective Association, therefore we the members of the same desire to make the following statement:

That the purpose of said organization was not for the advancement of articles in the grocery line—not at all. We do not want to do so. We have no schedule of prices nor will we have. What then was the object of this organization?

The object of the same was to stop, if possible, the unbusiness-like and deceptive way of doing business as it was being practiced by certain grocery dealers in this city.

Also the social interests of the members were considered in the formation of the organization. Also such benefits as they might derive for themselves through an Association in dealing with the products of trusts etc, were considered in the organization. For verification of these facts we refer to the Constitution and By-Laws governing the association and will cheerfully furnish same to any person desiring to see them.

Now we claim that a Grocers Association is considered a worthy and creditable institution in any city throughout the country.

We claim that the interests of the people of this city who buy groceries are promoted just as much in the regulation of business to a consistent, uniform, living basis as the interests of the members of the Association. We say this because no business man intends to give his customers articles of merchandise at absolute cost all the time. He may present you with a bouquet on one article but he expects you to pay for same on the next. And the more he gives you the more profit he is going to have in return.

We appreciate the fact that there exists today among the professions, mechanics, laboring classes etc, organizations of one nature and another, and that they exist for good and not for evil. We have no cause to censure them or even look with suspicion upon them. We grant them good. We the members of the Grocers Association of this city have been here for long years with our families and children and expect to remain here if possible. We have always been willing to extend a helping hand in case of distress. We responded so far as we have been able to the institutions within the city. We make no demands neither do we intend to advance an price. We say that we have nothing but right and equity on our side. We ask charity before you censure. We ask that a committee of the people of Salisbury or vicinity attend any meeting of the association and see and hear everything said and done. We insist upon this as we have no secrets whatever. Also we most respectfully ask that our customers continue to give us their patronage as we assure you that we are determined to give you the same fair treatment in the future as we have in the past.

Very Respectfully,  
SALISBURY GROCERS ASSOCIATION.

COTTON REPORT.  
New York, April 21.—Cotton bids April 48, May 49, June 41, July 42, August 27, Sept. 844.

## DEWEY AND BRYAN MATED.

### TALK OF RUNNING THEM TOGETHER.

Some of the Democrats Look With Favor Upon the Suggestion. Large Attendance in House.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—There is said to be a movement on foot to nominate Admiral Dewey for Vice-President on the ticket with Col. Bryan. By many politicians this matter is being discussed with more or less interest, and many of them believe that this will be the outcome of the Admiral's candidacy for the Presidency, unless he himself prevents it being done. Geographically Admiral Dewey would be a suitable candidate for Vice-President with Bryan, he being an Eastern man, and Bryan a western man.

Even as astute a politician, as Representative Catchings, of Mississippi, is quoted as saying that the Democratic convention at Kansas City will nominate Admiral Dewey for Vice President on the ticket with Col. Bryan. Ordinarily Gen'l Catchings is regarded as a very good political judge, and his predictions as to political events have been sought on many occasions. He firmly believes, it is said, that Dewey will be the Democratic candidate for Vice-President.

Other Democratic members of Congress, while they will not talk publicly upon this subject look with some interest upon the suggestion of Bryan and Dewey as the Democratic ticket. It is difficult, however, to get them to come out openly in favor of Dewey for the second place on the ticket.

It was announced at the Capitol yesterday afternoon that Admiral Dewey after his trip to Chicago, is contemplating a tour of the State of Michigan, and other Western States. His tour of Michigan will take place some time during the latter part of June.

When the House convened yesterday at noon, the attendance was larger, or as large, as it has been at any time during the present session of Congress. The voting on the Porto Rican amendments was set for five o'clock. Almost every single southern member of the House was in his seat when the voting took place.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, is hopeful of securing a favorable report from the committee on Military Affairs upon his bill for the appropriation of One Million dollars for the support and equipment of the National Guards of the various States. There is not much likelihood, however, of it going through the House this session.

Colonel Elliott, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary yesterday reported to the House with an amendment to the bill for the establishment of a term of the United States Circuit Court at Newberne, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina. This measure has the support of the members of the bar of that section, and it is thought that it will be passed before long. The North Carolina delegation are much interested in the measure, and will seek an opportunity to put it through the House on its passage, which will require unanimous consent.

It is now estimated that eight or nine southern Democratic Senators will vote to seat Ex-Senator Quay when his case comes to a vote on the 24th inst.

Mr. C. V. White, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is in the city for a few days. He is here on a business trip, and is registered at the National Hotel.

New Post Offices have been established in North Carolina at Oneida, A'amance County, and at Pugh, Person County.

Robert R. Hunt has been commissioned Postmaster at Cody, Virginia.

## OVERMAN ELECTOR AT LARGE.

### IT LOOKS SERIOUS.

McNeill and Rogers Re-Elected Corporation Commissioners.—Patterson is Also Re-Elected.

[Special to TRUTH-INDEX.]

Raleigh, N. C., April 12, 1900.—The Democratic convention this morning nominated S. L. Patterson, the present incumbent for commissioner of agriculture; H. B. Varner for commissioner of labor and printing; Franklin McNeill and Samuel L. Rogers, the present incumbents, for corporation commissioner; W. B. Council Judge of the tenth district; Lee S. Overman and Daniel Hugh McLean electors-at-large; Julian S. Carr, E. J. Hale, Walter E. Moore and Thomas A. Jones, delegates-at-large to the National Convention at Kansas City. The platform was adopted as presented and the convention adjourned at 8:40 o'clock this morning.

#### A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Building Sinks and is Practically Swallowed up.

Pittsburg, April 12.—A terrible disaster occurred here about half nine this morning and it is feared that many lives are lost. The large four story warehouse of Armstead and McKelvey at their white lead works collapsed and seemed to sink in the ground. It is reported that thirty persons were in the building. All went down with a crash. The structure seemed to give way all at once and sink as if by an earthquake. Two were carried out badly injured but are still living.

Noel Caspie and D. C. Berlead were killed outright, both were salesmen of the firm. Four persons are still buried in the ruins and it is believed that they are dead. Twelve injured have been taken out alive but terribly mangled. One wall fell into the street burying two men. The collapse was due to the removal of a partition in the wall adjoining the building. The foundations were not sufficiently supported, and the rain yesterday caused earth to soften and crumble.

#### A BIG WHEAT CROP.

Nine Million More Bushels this Year Last.

Cincinnati, O., April 12.—Price Current says the wheat here mainly favorable to the crop. Where it has been dry needing moisture it is not getting relief. Spring seeding progressing favorably. Good start, and a full crop indicated. There is a crop in corn. The government indicates ninety bushels of winter wheat year and several million more than the average.

#### HISTORICAL.

Boston, A church at Massachusetts met in burned to morning.

#### BOER MOVEMENT CHECKED.

Elandslaagte—Wednesday.—The Boers renewed their attack today. The advance on British position was checked by the big naval guns. The Boer movement is directed toward cutting off communication from Ladysmith.

## IT LOOKS SERIOUS.

### BOERS RENEW ATTACK ON BULLER.

Ninety Guns are Loaded and Roberts Has 900 Men.

Elands Laagte, Boers renewed attack on Buller today.

London, April 12.—A thousand Boers moved toward posted on a range between Kroonstadt and Teyateyan guns are on the Kopje is forth.

#### THE PRESIDENT.

Charles H. Allen, President of Washington president Charles H. Allen, Secretary of the President.

#### Raid in New York.

A raid in New York City resulted in the discovery of a large quantity of whisky. The raid was made by the government every day. After leaving the warehouse a search through stills was made and found the same barrels of whisky, eight over 400 gallons, and one old pine field over a barrel. The raid was made by the government. They seized the "stuff," of which it is not known to whom it belonged.—Lexington

#### People.

People to do their banking while others prefer to have their banking done for them.

#### The Salisbury Savings Bank.

Offers its services to those who want a general banking service.