



NEGRO IN BY FRAUD.

Republicans and Minority Populists Shield Him-- "Katydid" Sutton Squelched By Col. Jno. S. Cunningham.

Here are the names of the members of the House Elections Committee, who yesterday voted to prevent a white man Needham B. Broughton—fairly and honestly elected to a seat in the General Assembly from Wake county from prosecuting his contest against a negro—James H. Young—who was not elected, but holds his seat by fraud:

Thos. H. Sutton, Rep., of Cumberland and.

Frank Jones, Pop., of Jones.
J. E. Person, Pop., of Wayne.
Thos. Person, Pop., of Wilson.
D. B. Sutton, Rep., of New Hanover.

J. E. Bryan, Pop., of Chatham.
Chas. A. Cook, Rep., of Warren, was paired with R. Duffy, Dem., of Onslow, who was absent, and Spencer Blackburn, Rep., of Ashe, did not vote.

Those voting for the white man and a fair trial, and against fraud and the negro were:

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person.
James W. Ferguson, of Haywood.
C. M. Creech, of Johnston.

Pursuant to a motion made by Col. John S. Cunningham last Tuesday evening, the Broughton-Young contest for a seat in the General Assembly from Wake county, was taken up by the House Elections Committee when it met in the Supreme Court room yesterday at 4 o'clock. Broughton was represented by Messrs. W. C. Douglass and W. J. Peele, and Young by J. C. L. Harris.

It was the most interesting meeting the committee has yet held, and, in one respect, the most important. The party lash was applied to Republican and Populist alike, and they did a thing which many had said they would not do—voted to keep a negro in his seat when there is the strongest possible evidence that he is not entitled to it.

The most sensational features of the meeting were the speech of Mr. Douglass, exposing the trickery of Young and his Attorney, Loge Harris, and the manner in which Col. John S. Cunningham closed the face of "Katydid" Sutton, of Cumberland, when the committee went into secret session. While Mr. Douglass was replying to Harris, just before the vote was taken, one could almost see the fur fly as he held up the contemptible tactics of that worthy, who is trying, by means fair or foul, to keep his negro in office and defeat the ends of justice, Loge was anything but happy, but he knew the charges against him were true, and he opened not his mouth. He turned and twisted, but the cat-o-nine-tails of Mr. Douglass' denunciation continued to fall on his back till the chairman grew uneasy and called time.

The case was opened up by an appeal from Mr. Douglass on behalf of the contestant, Broughton, to take some action upon the resolution of the Tuesday afternoon by Col. Jno. S. Cunningham, instructing the committee to appoint a committee to at once take such evidence in the case as has not already been taken. Mr. Douglass said he would not deny that he had knowledge of the resolution before it was presented and he had given his assent to it in order to get to a speedy hearing of the cause. He wanted it decided whether or not his committee had the authority to appoint a sub-committee to take evidence. Mr. Douglass believed it had, and that it was an inherent right, conferred by implication upon the committee in its appointment. If the committee did not see fit to appoint a sub-committee, it certainly could name a commissioner who could proceed at once to take the evidence.

Mr. Harris objected to this on the ground that Mr. Broughton had taken 68 days to complete his case, and he ought not to expect the contestee.

Young, to take less than thirty days. He argued that the committee had no right to over ride the statute requiring the contestee to give the contestant thirty days notice. The depositions taken by the contestant, he said, were closed and sealed up in absence of the contestee and without notice to his attorney; and the contestee, Young, was not allowed to take any evidence, he said, in rebuttal of that taken by Broughton.

Speaking of the waiver of the thirty days notice by the contestant, Mr. Harris said that they had tried to take advantage of him in the attempt to shut him off from taking testimony, and now he didn't propose to give up one hour of the time allowed him by law. The House committee, he said, was only one branch of the legislative body, and it had no right to over-ride the statute; the only remedy, he held, was to pass a special act in regard to the matter.

Replying to Mr. Harris, Mr. Douglass said Harris was the direct cause of this delay, of which he was now so bitterly complaining. The taking of depositions before Marcum was true and again suspended, in order that Harris might go out and attend to private law business, and on Harris's express promise that the case should not thereby be delayed. "Now he comes here whining and growling that we have consumed 68 days and he ought to have 68. As to taking of evidence before J. C. Marcum, Harris never intended to do anything of the kind. It was his intention all the time to take his evidence before Mr. Lehman. He is resorting to a trick to keep his client in his seat when he knows he is not entitled to it."

There were cases often in which it took ten years to prepare the plaintiff's case, and the defendant was given only three days to prepare his answer, he continued. "It is a contemptible trick to try to thus defraud a man of his rights by this delay. Politics does not enter, and should not enter into this case. The most humble man should be allowed to enjoy any property that he may justly be entitled to. A seat in the Legislature is property, and as such the title to it ought to be determined, and determined at once."

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At this point the committee went into secret session and everybody not members was asked to retire.

As was to be expected Katydid Sutton, of Cumberland, was the first to deliver himself on the matter under consideration. He is one of those political Pharisees who thinks no good can come out of Nazareth—a turn-coat himself he thinks the only way to let the world know what his politics is at any particular time, is to keep up his pea-pod chatter, making about as much noise as his little green sack and having about an much effect. He began in a cracked, piping voice by making a motion to report the resolution unfavorably and spoke at length in the same strain, contending that Young was in the right and Broughton all in the wrong.

After the Katydid had ceased his shrill chr-chr-rr-r, Col. Jno. S. Cunningham spoke in favor of the resolution, saying that there ought not to be any politics in this matter, but that it ought to be tried on its merits and at once. He stated that he had investigated the law on the subject and he found the best lawyers in Raleigh, almost to a man, of the opinion that the committee had a right take such action as may be necessary to secure a speedy and fair trial of the cause.

This was too much for the Katydid and he at once set up a mighty chirping, whereupon Col. Cunningham proceeded to shut him up with a few sharp words and finished his speech without further interruption. Before concluding his remarks, however, Col. Cunningham pointed out to the committee that it had always been the custom in cases of this kind to pursue the course he was advocating.

Both Person, of Wayne, and Person, of Wilson agreed with Col. Cun-

ingham that the case ought to be brought to speedy hearing, but they did not see how it could be done under the law.

Bryan, of Chatham, had been on the Elections Committee before and the course advocated by Col. Cunningham had always been pursued and was intended by the Constitution, but he thought the statute prohibited it.

This remarkable argument made it necessary for "Little Bille" to explain his anomalous position when the time for voting came, as it did immediately on the conclusion of the argument. It was a strict party vote—7 to 3—all the 7 being Republicans and Populists and the 3 being Democrats.—News and Observer.

THE CUBAN REFORMS.

A Meeting in the Palace at Which They Were Discussed, and Garcia Appointed to Meet General Gomez.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 30.—Advices received to-day by the steamer Olive-tte say a secret meeting was held in the Palace recently, in which Alunada, Weyler's substitute; Palmerola, secretary of the government; Montora, Galvez and Cueto, for the Autonomist party, and Rabell and Rivero, for the Reformists, took part and it is hinted a representative of firm of H. Uppman & Co., Rothschild's agents at Havana, assisted. The object of the meeting was to discuss the reforms soon to be granted Cuba. The consent, it appears of the Cleveland administration was considered necessary, and it was believed would be granted, but as in all contracts where bilateral interests are concerned, the party of the third part must give his entire conformity, it was thought advisable to explore that party's will and, if possible induce him to give his voluntary consent, either by framing promises, or if necessary, by monetary influences, which would be very liberally expended.

Somebody was required to make overtures to Gomez, who is the remaining, so they believed, or visible head of the revolution, and Marcus Garcia, the renegade Cuban, who had been purposely called for the meeting, was designated. He accepted the proposition at once. He will start tomorrow for Santi Spiritus, and from there will proceed to Gomez's camp, which is said to be in that vicinity. Doubts are entertained as to whether Gomez will receive him, or enter into any negotiations with the Spanish government. It is reported Gomez has warned Garcia that if he catches him, he will hang him as a traitor to his country. The participation of the Rothschilds in this affair makes the impression that a deep money game is behind the screen, and that reform humbug is simply a bluff on the part of Spain on the United States and Europe, to avoid diplomatic contingencies, which may arise when the McKinley administration comes into power. Undoubtedly if the so-called milk and water reforms are granted, Weyler will not be the man to promulgate them, as he is not a person to deal with rebels.

IS FLAG OF TRUCE IN SIGHT?

Madrid, Jan. 30.—The Epoca says that General Bacarraga, Minister of War, has intimated, in the course of conversation, that an arrangement with the Cuban rebels, looking to a cessation of hostilities in Cuba, may possibly be reached soon. The Madrid papers profess belief that the recent visit of United States Minister Taylor, to the Duke of Tetuan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was an event of great importance in its bearing upon the situation in Cuba.

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A Beautiful Wedding.

One of the prettiest and most impressive of the season's marriage ceremonies transpired Wednesday, January the 20th, at the residence of Mrs. M. L. Morton, of 707 W. Fayette Street, when Miss Betty C. Woods—sister of Mrs. Morton, and one of the most popular and charming of Southern belles—gave her heart and hand, "For better or worse," to her lord of love, Mr. Samuel Adams; known as being one of the most popular and obliging business men of Danville, Va.

The bride was becomingly and exquisitely attired in an imported traveling gown of electric Gondazagan blue broadcloth ornamented with Artuscan polar fur, which blended harmoniously with a white broadcloth vest embroidered with glittering braid of dazzling gold, in combination with an "a la mode" hat and gloves to match. She carried a superb bouquet of bride roses.

Such a lovely bridal robe, such a lovely bride, words fail to portray! but the picture of loveliness in one upon whose glory the Sunny South could look with conscious pride.

Miss Woods is of Roxboro, N. C., where she resided with her sister and brother-in-law—Mrs. M. L. and the late Dr. Richard A. Morton.

It will be remembered Miss Woods made her debut among Baltimore friends last season, at a reception on N. Charles Street, where she supremely reigned Queen of hearts.

The groom was handsomely attired in the conventional black and as he vowed the eternal protection for his person royal, a visible "I came, I saw, I conquered"—look veiled his countenance. The links of love were united into a chain of blissful wedlock by the eminent divine, Rev. Dr. Richard's, of Fayette St. M. E. Church.

Miss Caroline Von Summers Reiche, of Chestertown, Md., was maid of honor and was robed in a handsome gown of white silk, with her hair dressed in Grecian style, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She with the other lady attendants,—Miss Katherine Hangen and Miss Katherine O'Bryan, two of Baltimore's popular belles, and who were also robed in white silk—were satellites of beauty, reflecting a halo of glory around the queen-like splendor of the brides brilliancy.

Mr. J. J. Street, of N. C., acted as best man with Dr. W. H. Mosley of Va., and Mr. Thos. Keates of Baltimore, as following attendants. Dr. H. McKee Tucker and Dr. A. M. Bobbitt, both of Raleigh, N. C. acted as ushers.

With Mendelsshon's Wedding March, Mr. W. Mack Reiche, of Chestertown, inspired the gentle, graceful tread of the hymenial group on their merry march, to the drawing-room, where the nuptial knot was tied; and as the fatal "I will" was pronounced, the notes from the piano seemed to echo: "Breathe those tender words again," Dr. Mosley and Miss O'Bryan entered first, Mr. Keates and Miss Hangen next, the best man and maid of honor next, followed by the contracting parties.

The drawing-room was absolutely decorated with palms, evergreen and cut flowers; and beneath the mellow glow of innumerable jets, presented a fairy scene of loveliness.

Mrs. Morton tendered a royal reception in up-to-date style, her dining parlor be lavishly and artistically decorated for the occasion.

After a few weeks honey-moon the happy couple will reside in Danville.

No cards were issued and only

immediate friends invited, among whom were, Rev. Dr. Richards, Mrs. Jeff. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reiche, Misses Fannie Morton, Caroline Reiche, Katherine Hangen, Katherine O'Bryan, Ida J. and Edith Layfield, Miss Hangen, Carrie Jackson; Messrs. J. J. Street, W. H. Mosley, Thos. Keates, A. M. Bobbitt, H. McKee Tucker, J. E. Catchell, T. R. Thomas, W. H. Lawson, T. A. Carter, J. O. Bosley and W. M. Reiche.

ONE OF THE GUESTS.

FRESH STATE NEWS.

It is said the Populists of Pitt condemn the course of Harry Skinner.

A bill is introduced in the Legislature to form an insurance department with an insurance Commissioner at its head.

Judge Norwood writes members of the legislature that he is going to reform his habits.

Marshall Mott is to get the United States attorneyship of the Western district.

Stewart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, is to be adjutant general.

Governor Russell pardons a Wake county convict.

Auditor Ayer expects \$20,000 from his ruling as to taxing gift enterprises.

Governor Russell and others caused the delay of the impeachment of Judge Norwood; the resolution will now be introduced.

There is a highway robbery in the suburbs of Raleigh.

Senator Butler left for Washington last night.

The president nominates W. S. Harris to be postmaster at Wilson.

Tom Watson telegraphs a friend in Raleigh that Butler is a "despicable character."

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