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DESERTERS MAY GET PENSION

Confederates who Went Over to the Enemy May Come Under The Liberal Construction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—It is not improbable that official announcement will be made in a few weeks of a radical change in the present attitude of the Pension Bureau toward pension claimants who had a Confederate cause, irrespective of their latter service for the government, is a bar to pension. Commissioner of Pensions Evans believes that if a claimant served in any capacity in the Confederate service but later deserted or left its ranks, enlisted in the Union army, served therein and was honorably discharged, it would be an injustice to refuse him a pension. He believes that having performed honorable service in the Union army the past hostile service should be overlooked. Assistant Secretary Webster Davis, whose decisions have been in the line of liberal construction of the pension laws, is understood to have similar views. The question has been referred to the President and Secretary Bliss for their approval.

Secret Commission For Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The fact that a secret commission has been appointed by this government, for Cuba leaked out at the State Department to-day.

Commissioner Calhoun's Secretary Fishback, is en route to Havana on some mission for President McKinley. The trip is involved in mystery.

PAGE WILL VOTE FOR TYLER.

The Virginia Alliance President Urges Populists to Support Tyler.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 21.—Major Mann Page, president of the National Farmers Alliance, is out in a letter to-day in which he says among other things, with reference to State politics: "I shall vote and do all I can to secure the election of Hon. J. Hoge Tyler, the Democratic nominee for Governor of Virginia, believing him to be the choice of the people of Virginia, who have for many years recognized him as the friend of the agricultural and industrial classes. Should the Populist committee, which, I understand, is to meet in Lynchburg September 13, determine to keep Capt. Cooke before the people as their candidate for Lieutenant Governor, I shall vote for him, and I trust that they will rise above party and endorse the Democratic candidates for Governor and Attorney General."

UNITED STATES TO AID CUBA,

UNLESS SPAIN DOES SOMETHING.

The Present Administration Favors Intervention Unless the Cuban War is Speedily Ended—American Ministers in European Countries Instructed to Ascertain What Foreign Governments Would Do in Case of Our Intervention—England Would not Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Officials of the State Department are very reticent about a report in circulation that definite instructions have been given all of our foreign ambassadors and ministers in European countries to sound and ascertain the attitude of European governments in case the United States should intervene in Cuba. While general denial were made by some of them, others intimated that the United States was ready to assume the position taken by President Grant in 1874, as shown by the instructions of Secretary Fish to Minister Cushing, although it never appears that these instructions were carried out, and there is no knowledge of what Spain would do in the premises. It is possible that Minister Woodford will have a different report to make. It can be stated, on information received here, that there is no truth in the report that Lord Salisbury has not replied at all to the attempt of our ambassador to sound him on the subject and that his attitude gives reason to believe that he will not oppose such action as our interests may make necessary.

Minister Woodford's instructions are to intimate to Spain that the United States will intervene unless the situation in Cuba speedily improves. These in effect were the instructions which were given Mr. Cushing by Mr. Fish, and it is understood that the attitude of the United States is almost identical with the position taken during General Grant's administration. Then, as now, the good offices of the United States had been tendered to Spain to bring about settlement of the war, "but," said Secretary Fish, "the well-intended proffers by the United States were unwisely rejected by Spain." The Secretary reviewed the situation, which presents many similar phases to that which exists now. Secretary Grant said the Secretary regarded independence as the only and necessary solution of the Cuban question. The attitude of the present administration is said to be on the same lines, and it is stated that Minister Woodford will make it clear to the Spanish authorities that our interests will make intervention by the United States imperative, unless something is done speedily by Spain to improve the present situation, disastrous as it is to all our interests.

A Tobacco Fair.

WINSTON, Aug. 20.—The Winston tobacco board of trade held an enthusiastic meeting this afternoon and organized a tobacco fair association and selected an executive committee to formulate plans for a tobacco fair, or exposition, to be held the 1st of November. Col. A. B. Gorrell was chosen president of the association, Col. G. E. Webb secretary, and T. L. Vaughn treasurer.

ENGLAND TO WARN SULTAN.

Salisbury's Instructions May Be Disclosed To-Day.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Special dispatches from Constantinople say that the meeting of the peace conference to-morrow is likely to develop a crisis. It is understood that Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador to Turkey, has received instructions, the nature of which will be developed at the meeting.

ARMENIAN RISING FEARED.

According to other dispatches the revolutionary threats of the Armenians are causing some anxiety. The Armenian quarters of the city are specially patrolled, and other precautions are taken, it is said also that the Armenian Patriarch has disavowed the action of the agitators, apologized profusely and humbly to the Sultan and encyclical denouncing the bomb throwers, which was read in all the Armenian churches to-day.

Dispatches from Canea, Crete, say that the Ethniké Heteria (National Brotherhood) has been very active of late in Crete, trying to sow the seed of dissension, and has secured the election of its nominee as President of the Cretan Assembly.

Is President Diaz Marked?

SAN ANTONIA, Tex., Aug. 21.—F. P. Gonzales, editor of El Grito Pueblo, a Spanish paper published in the town of Beeville, is in receipt of a letter of recent date from an influential friend in Mexico in which it is stated that the authorities have discovered an Italian anarchist who has just arrived in that country with the intention of taking the life of President Diaz.

It is believed that the anarchist who has marked President Diaz for his victim belongs to the band whose aim is to assassinate the rulers of the great nations, and that his coming to America is in pursuance of a general plan.

Hurdle Mills Items.

We had a nice rain last Sunday evening doing good to all growing crops, and cooling the atmosphere. Although it was accompanied by a heavy wind, we have not heard of any serious damage.

Elder Jas. A. Burch of Burlington N. C., preached at Pine Hill school house last Thursday evening at 4 o'clock. Quite a crowd was present.

A few of the people of the vicinity attended the association at Camp Creek. They reported a pleasant trip.

William Rimmer, of Mooresville, Iredell Co., has been visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood the past week.

Ricard Miller, wife and little daughter Anne, of Tolars, Orange Co., were pleasant visitors at F. H. Daniels last Sunday.

Death of Mrs. A. F. Page.

Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. at her home in Aberdeen, Mrs. Catharine Page, wife of Mr. A. F. Page, died suddenly. Her husband left her in her usual health in the morning, and setting on the porch. Her maiden name was Raboteau, and she was a niece of the late Mrs. C. C. Barbee and also of Miss M. L. Barclay.

There were present with Mrs. Page at the time of her death all her children, except Walter H. Page, associate editor of the Atlantic Monthly. The surviving children are Misses Mary, and Fannie Page, Messrs. Walter H., Robert N., H. A., Christopher and A. Frank Page, Jr. Besides these her aunt, also Mrs. Esther Raboteau was with her.—Press-Visitor.

Berea Briefs.

MR. EDITOR.—Seeing nothing in THE COURIER from this place, I take a great pleasure in giving you the news from our little town.

Dr. Marsh, assisted by Rev. Mr. Morton, of Roxboro, closed a very successful meeting at Mt. Zion last Saturday.

Miss Fannie McFarland, of Centergrove, who has been spending a while with relatives here has returned home, to the regret of her many friends.

Several of our people attended the Association at Camp Creek.

Revs. J. M. Horner and J. F. Phummer are conducting a Mission at St. Paul's Episcopal church this week, large crowds are in attendance.

M. R. A. McFarland will leave the 1st of Sept. for Richmond College, where he intends taking a three years course.

Miss Lillie Fowler, of Centergrove has been spending some time with her cousin Miss Flora Sherman.

Miss Kittie Morgan, who has been spending the summer with her sister Mrs. G. S. Latta was the guest of Mrs. E. G. Morgan, a few days the past week.

BRUMETTE.

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Bushy Fork Items.

Our farmers are quite busy getting ready for cutting and curing tobacco.

We are sorry to announce the illness of our friend Mrs. J. A. Hicks.

Miss Lillian Whitefield, of Clarksville Tenn., is visiting friends and relatives around Bushy Fork to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Mollie Brooks, of Cates, who has been spending quite a while in this vicinity has returned home.

Miss Nannie Carver of Roxboro is visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Villines.

Mr. F. A. Harrison spent last Wednesday night in our midst.

Mr. Arbert Blalock is getting the lumber ready for his new residence which will be very attractive to his home. Dr. J. J. Coleman has the contract.

Miss Bertha Whitefield of Roxboro has been visiting friends and relatives in our midst.

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DAISY.

Bethel Hill Tricks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pully announce the marriage of their daughter, Willie S. to Rev. D. B. Richard, at 8 o'clock p. m., Sept. 1, 1897. Bethel Baptist church. No cards.

Miss Bettie Pully, of Petersburg Va., is visiting relatives at Bethel Hill; we wish Miss Pully a pleasant visit.

Maj. W. W. Clayton of LaCrosse Va., is in town this week.

Mrs. R. A. Bass was in town last week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Day.

J. A. Woody returned home last Saturday, after spending several pleasant days in Asheville.

We were glad to see Rev. E. Y. Pool on our streets today.

I am requested to announce that J. W. Easley of So. Boston, Va., will preach at the Institute the fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. instead of the first.

Mrs. Henry Bryan of Wake county who has been visiting her mother Mrs. Emily Montague, returned home last week. We were sorry to see her leave so soon and hope to have her in our midst again at an early date.

The young people enjoyed the croquet party very much at Mr. W. H. Pulley's last Wednesday evening.

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Aug. 23, '97.

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THE CRY IS "ALTOGETHER."

"I believe that the white people will carry the State next year," said ex-Governor Jarvis as he sat in the Yarbrough House, looking the picture of health after his return from Piedmont Springs.

It will be remembered that, when called upon at the Teachers' Assembly to speak on the local school tax, Governor Jarvis said he was in favor of the tax, but opposed to the law. He thinks the law was not only crude, but bad, and the people will demand its repeal at the hands of the next Legislature. It is his opinion that the dissatisfaction with the law helped to bury the school tax.

Governor Jarvis thinks that the vote of the school tax also shows in a large measure the disgust of the people with the legislation that the Republicans and their allies gave us. The disgust was so general that the people only want a chance to vote to forever bury the fellows who have brought bad government and disgrace to the State.

"It is impossible for the Republican party," he said "to give the State good government. The negroes are incapable of giving it to us, and the men they make can not do better. The creature is no better than the creator. We will not have a return to peaceful and quiet good government in the State until the white people resolve to come together as in 1876, and redeem the State from evils now that are as bad as we suffered then."

"I have faith," he said, "that there are those who are sick and tired of political alliance with the negroes. They see now what it means to them and to the State, and they are going next year to help redeem the State."

—News and Observer.

GOOD GOVERNMENT.

It is our earnest desire that the next campaign should be fought on strictly State issues as far as State matters are concerned. We want to see the searchlight of truth thrown upon the two last Legislatures which polluted the legislative halls at Raleigh. It should be the desire and purpose of every campaigner in the next contest to cry aloud and spare not, and to expose those men and their records who are partisans alone for spoils. Away with any arrangement, similar to the one we were forced into last campaign, by which our hands were tied and our mouths locked. We desire to see the next campaign fought upon a high plane and free from any smirch or taint of any contaminating foe.—Newton Enterprise.

The proper way to build health is to make the blood rich and pur by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier.