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THEY WERE NINE.

And They Decided the Populist Platform in Advance.

Anti-Amendment Papers. Republicans and Populists Last Paris Shipment. Smith's Island. Small Cotton Mills Are

The Rule.

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—As was stated at the time, there were only nine members of the Populist State committee present when that committee met week before last. Yet under Republican suggestion and spurting the nine adopted resolutions denouncing the franchise amendment, The Progressive Farmer, the Farmers' Alliance organ, to class the nine "in the raw" by saying editorially that it does "not think party which originated as a protest against the rule should allow a committee of nine or of 10 to dictate its policy on questions regarding which there has been no official expression of opinion." It will be interesting to know what the Populist convention, which the nine tried to forestall, will do.

Senator Butler's paper, The Carolinian, published here, will be made a daily, and the official organ of the opposition to the franchise amendment to the constitution. Three weekly anti-amendment papers are to be published west of Raleigh. The Asheville Gazette will be the organ west of the mountains. An effort to remove the latter paper to Sedgefield, and hence the decision to make The Carolinian a daily. The Republicans will co-operate and form a capital. It is rumored that H. A. Ayer will be editor-in-chief.

Some of the white Republicans appear to "have it in" for George H. White, the negro congressman, and are saying he will "make a deal" to get re-elected. Their opinions as expressed toward him are far more forcible than elegant. They believe he will give them trouble.

State Labor Commissioner John W. Thompson has been in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh for a fortnight. He writes that he is much encouraged at the prospect.

The Agricultural Department has made the last important overland for the Park Expedition. The last 500,000 varieties of method pieces, which will go in the fore-styrene, will be sent at Mount Alice with battle on a barge covering them.

It is reported from Upstate that General Butler still holds the dogeza drifts and will possibly now make an attempt to force his way through the drifts for a long time.

In any case Ladysmith is keeping the holding out for a month or two.

One hundred and fifty Americans who arrived here as refugees, have enlisted in the British forces.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts authorizes the statement that, as a result of the inspection of the hospital service, he is perfectly satisfied that everything which medical skill suggests for the general comfort of the sick and wounded has been done.

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A report has gained currency that the Governor has issued a warrant to arrest

Speaker Trimble says that he will call the legislature to meet in Corington in obedience to Governor Taylor. The Republicans legislators are leaving for Lexington, which is 70 miles south east of Corington, where they will, or may be, the legislature and declare Taylor as the real Governor. The Democrats will also organize and declare Gopher as Governor and if he dies meantime, they will declare C. W. Beckham, the contestants Lieutenant Governor, to be Governor.

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