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WHICH DATE.

No Definite Time Yet Fixed For Vance Monument Unveiling.

Some Amendment Opinions, Even With Century Food, Central Cameron III, Big Sheep Farm, The Western Union Case.

Extension, Feb. 24. It is stated by a committee on the date of the unveiling of the Vance statue, that it is decided until the committee gets to Washington and has the bill drawn from the artist. About March 1st is the time now fixed for the visit to Washington. Some persons favor May 10 as the date of the unveiling for the reason that it falls in the middle of the week, while May 20 will be Monday, and it is judged that a good many people might be unwilling to travel Sunday to get here. But it is admitted that May 20, the States chief holiday, is the most appropriate time.

The editor of the Progressive Farmer says he has not as yet decided positively as to when he will make an announcement of the policy of that paper regarding the constitutional amendment. He said he was surprised to find so many farmers opposing the amendment, that those may change, and that in Wake especially the farmers are opposed to it. As has been stated, there is little doubt that the paper will advocate the amendment.

Loge Harris says he is confident that far more republicans will vote for the amendment than the general public has any idea of.

There is also reason for saying that Attorney General Walker will not be going on record against the amendment. He is a quiet man and makes no parade of his views.

Rev. Dr. Irvey, editor of the Christian Advocate, leaves here today as a delegate to the National Editorial Association at New Orleans.

Several persons agree to support an orphan at the Methodist orphanage here. Such support is equal to \$4,000 annually.

The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference has subscribed \$1,000 for the "two-century fund" for the promotion of Christian Education. Subscribers have a right to direct the use of the fund they contribute. It is directed that Trinity College shall have \$3,333 for its endowment, Vanderbilt University \$475, Littleton Female College \$350, education in Cuba \$50, and \$260 the trustees will apply as there is no direction as to its use.

A letter from Richmond says Gen. Francis T. Johnston is critically ill there. His son, General, whose home is now in Yorkville, has been called to come to him, but it is feared will not reach him in time. The other son, Frank, is in charge.

The paper has been signed for the purchase of 500 acres of 51,000 acres of land in the Edenton section, for a school site. It will be the only ranch of its kind in the State.

Judge Stanton referred to Standing Master James H. Shepherd of the Western Union case. This is the case in which the power of corporation commission to assess property for taxation is involved. When Judge Stanton referred the railroad cases to the standing master he did not act on the particular case. The railroad commission two years ago ordered that the Western Union rates on a ten-cent message in the State be 15 cents instead of 25 cents. This order the Western Union contested and appealed to the Federal court. When the Legislature repealed the railroad commission act in 1897 and created the corporation commission, the latter thought this Western Union case had closed. At all events it has 25 cents as the rate. It took no steps in regard to the 15 cent matter. State 2 the commission needs and it will then decide what shall be done. It is more than probable that the case will be ended.

President Howard, of Peace Institute here, says he intends next term to establish a conservatory of music, with Prof. Goodwin at its head.

Mr. Land of New York presents the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati with a flag.

An etching of Chief Justice Christian (Hale) was presented to the Supreme Court for its library.

The Quay Matter.

Special to Journal. Washington, Feb. 24. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania gave notice in the Senate today that he would call up the resolution ordering Senator Quay Monday.

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The Philippine Commissioner. Special to Journal. Washington, February 24. General Luke Wright of Memphis, Tenn., called on the White House today and accepted the position on the new Philippine Commission. He had a consultation with the President regarding the problems confronting the commission.

FOR A NATIVE POLICE. Gen. Lawton Had Submitted A Plan Before His Death. Washington, Feb. 23.—Before his death and after giving much thought to the subject, General Lawton had worked out a plan for the maintenance of order in the Philippines after the close of actual war.

It had been submitted to General Otis and is, presumably, the plan which will be recommended to the War Department when the time comes to replace the regular troops by other forces competent to preserve order.

General Lawton's idea was to create a force of native police, whose officers at first in all grades and finally as conditions improve in the upper grades alone shall all be Americans.

Some such force as this is now success fully employed in Cuba by General Wood under the cognomen of rural police. Owing to the racial differences among the inhabitants of the Philippines, it was General Lawton's idea that there would be no difficulty in securing police who should be proof against attack by any of the districts, apart from those of their nationality, to which they might be assigned.

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Wisconsin	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Illinois	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Indiana	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Ohio	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Pa.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
N.Y.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
N.J.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Del.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Md.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Va.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
W. Va.	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
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