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MORGAN AT GRIFFIN.

At the silver convention held in Griffin, Ga., last week, Senator Morgan, of Alabama, made a great speech for silver.

HORR-HARVEY DEBATE.

Horr, a gold man, and Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," are having a novel debate in Chicago.

WANTS NO BULL FIGHTS.

The following dispatch from Washington July 22nd will be applauded by all humane people who are interested in the great Atlanta Exposition, or the proper claims of our civilization:

"In the hope that you will use your good offices to avert a national scandal and recognize the great moral sentiment of a law-abiding people," is the plea made by Mr. William Hosea Ballou, vice-president of the American Humane Association, of New York, in his letter to Secretary Carlisle, asking that this country from Mexico of bulls and terrors for the purpose of bull-fighting exhibits at the Atlanta Exposition.

Mr. Ballou says such importation is contrary to law, and he warns participants that they will be persecuted by the New York Society. He expresses the hope that the society will not be compelled to proceed to this extremity.

The President has named his new girl-baby Marion.

Operatives in saw mills at Plymouth recently struck, says the Beacon, not for higher wages, but for weekly instead of monthly settlements.

The Massey-Pilot suit which was commenced in Norfolk June 24th, is drawing to a close. Judge Prentiss instructed the jury Monday and counsel have since been arguing the case to the jury. It has been one of the most interesting court trials that the Old Dominion has had in quite a while. Perhaps a verdict will be reached by Friday.

It seems that there will soon be needed a gold party and a silver party, in order that men may know how to declare themselves politically. In the Massey-Pilot suit in Norfolk, Monday, a witness was asked, "What are your politics?" His answer was, "Well, sir, they are somewhat uncertain at present. I am not a Republican, Democrat, Populist or Prohibitionist. I shall not vote for any man who is not for free silver." And some would answer the same way as to gold.

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ABOUT JURY TRIAL.

The News and Observer recently gave utterance to the following thoughtful observations:

It is fortunate that the twelve men in Davidson who rendered the verdict in the Shemwell case cannot deprive the intelligent reading public of the right to pass on the case and to determine what the verdict ought to have been. The public has read enough of the evidence to make up its verdict and that the verdict of the jury is a reproach to itself and to the State. The innocent blood of the victim cries aloud from the ground but our human laws afford no remedy to punish the crime. The jury's verdict, so far as this case is concerned, is final. The appealing verdict of the morality, intelligence and virtue of the State can not reverse the finding. It must stand as a humiliating and menacing warning, emphasizing the grand defects in the working machinery of our criminal jurisprudence. Is it possible that under our laws there is no certain protection to human life; no positive safeguard against armed violence; no definite punishment for the murderer?

The record of this trial shows that thirty white men and women (only three akin to the deceased) swore that they saw the defendant advance to the side of Dr. Payne, and shoot him down on the sidewalk, unarmed and unawares, in broad open daylight. This was the State's case.

The defendant, his son of eleven, and sister, swore to the contrary. This was the substance of the defendant's testimony.

Naturally enough the question is asked how could the jury acquit? Davidson has a great many good people, but their wishes in this matter count for nothing. It is said that nearly all the intelligent and moral class (disconnected from the defendant by business, kinship or relationship) had formed and expressed an opinion prior to the trial and had thus disqualified themselves to act as jurors; that some seventeen murders have been committed in the county since about 1860, and that one only has been convicted of manslaughter, and one lynched and the rest acquitted; that the failure to remove the cause for trial to a county where a jury could be found of moral character and sufficient intelligence, unbiased and unprejudiced, forced the State into a trial in Davidson where most of the manhood and intelligence of the county were excluded from the jury because of opinions formed and expressed, and the jury selected from a class which was necessarily non-representative and which turned out to be biased and under some unknown influence of the defendant. It was stated also in the affidavits for removal that the defendant had out canvassers in the county to mould public sentiment and their work was done somewhat after the fashion of an ordinary political campaign.

This trial marks an era in criminal jurisprudence in the State. The verdict can not be reversed; but public opinion and safety to human life will demand reforms and speedy remedies. In capital cases the defendant has 23 peremptory challenges; the State has only 4. This must be changed. When fair trials are impossible before jurors selected from the county of the homicide, there ought to be power vested in the Judge to send and get a jury from some other county. This will save costs and prevent delays. The names of the men which go into the jury box ought to be limited—rigidly limited—so as to have only men of high character and intelligence on all the juries. There must be some law to exclude from the jury box venal, ignorant and incompetent jurors. How can it be possible to prevent a defendant from getting bad and ignorant men on the jury if the law permits the names of bad and ignorant men to be put into the jury box? If bad men are permitted to be jurors how can we escape bad verdicts? To go to the root of the matter there must be jury reform; other reforms may be suggested, but not until the virtue, character and intelligence sit on the juries will there be verdicts that punish crime.

The universal condemnation of the result of this trial affords a suitable opportunity to discuss remedies, and this paper will be glad to hear suggestions from wise and good men.

Notes From Spring Hill.

SPRING HILL, N. C., July 22, '95. Misses Daisy Crump of Tillery, and Viola Camp of Scotland Neck are visiting Miss Alethia Marks. Misses Minnie and Della Purvis of Hamilton, and Nancy Harris of Williamston are visiting Mrs. Albert Riddick. Mrs. Anderson of Aurelian Springs came down Saturday to visit her brother, Mr. J. R. Weeks. Mr. J. M. Higgs went to Williamston a few days ago. Several of the young men went on the excursion to Richmond last week. One of them straying off, inquired of a waysider, if he had seen any of "the boys" pass? He was surprised to learn that boys had been passing "as thick as hops" all day. The Baptist Sunday School gave a very delightful picnic at Hopkins' grove last Thursday. Quite a number were present to enjoy the bountiful repast. It will long be remembered as quite a pleasant occasion.

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(Cop. to THE DEMOCRAT.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19, '95.

Plummer Cheatham was here looking after his contested election case a few days ago. He said he was afraid to say anything about local politics as it might prejudice his case. I regard it as a foregone conclusion that the Hon. Frederick Woodard will gain in this contest for reasons given in my last letter.

John G. Carlisle has returned to this city and it is understood that he is working to secure the nomination for the Presidency in '96. I am told that he has some kind of an understanding with the Hon. W. H. Morrison, whose views largely coincide with those of Mr. Carlisle, to the effect that if one loses the strength of the other is to go to the one who seems the stronger of the two. Mr. Carlisle has won more reputation by the agitation of the financial question than any one connected with this administration. His masterly speeches have been very widely read and have undoubtedly made a good many converts. I have never known so many prominent men begin working as early as this for the presidency before. It is currently reported here that the President himself is in the race, that it is his ambition to be the first man in the U. S. to serve a third term. There is no law against this. It is simply a custom established by George Washington and followed by all his successors. It may be termed "unwritten law" and I am sure that Mr. Cleveland will not be strong enough to break it. In fact, unless there is a great change in the present sentiment of the people the Democrats will have a desperate fight to win in '96. Mr. Carlisle is using all the political machinery at his command to make sure of his own chances. Secretary Lamont has been traveling in the West to see what demerit is the most popular there. The Hon. Hoke Smith, in whose bonnet the presidential bee is commencing to buzz goes South this week to make "sound" money speeches. He says he used to be a free silver man, but close study of the subject convinced him of his error. The Hon. Frederick Woodard will probably secure an appointment for one of his constituents in the War Department next month.

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