

E. E. HILLIARD, - - - Editor. Published Every Thursday. Entered at the Post Office at Scotland Neck, N. C., as Second Class Matter. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903. JUDGE ROBINSON'S PROTEST.

Senator Mark Hanna, chairman of the National Republican Committee, last Saturday night gave a banquet in Washington to the Republican National Committee. Judson Lyons, the negro Registrar of the Treasury and committeeman from Georgia, was present. Judge W. S. O'B Robinson, of Goldsboro, was there to attend the banquet, but upon seeing the negro Lyons as a guest at the board, Judge Robinson with no ceremony but the impulse of his Irish independence and assertiveness turned upon his heel, left the banquet hall and went to his own hotel. He said at the Arlington, "You may just tell the people of North Carolina that I came to Washington as a Republican and a gentleman, and that I am going back feeling the same way."

This triumphant declaration he made after he had snapped his finger in the face of all who had little enough self-respect to mingle at a banquet with a negro although it was a gathering of Republicans. Some people think that too much is said about the negro, and perhaps it is true; but when men like President Roosevelt, Dr. Bassett and Senator Hanna keep pressing the subject upon the people by their words and acts, how may we expect the people of the South to disregard it?

YES, A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

Elsewhere on this page we print an editorial clipped from the News and Observer which holds the late John R. Morris as a noble example to the young men of the land.

Few men have passed out of life in North Carolina in a decade more generally beloved than Mr. Morris. He was a living example of what can be done in the cultivation of the mind by using odd hours and moments in study.

His business was to travel and sell goods, but he did not waste the time that was not taken up with his business. As is pointed out in the article from the News and Observer, he spent most of his spare time in his room at his hotel reading after he had done his work in a town and was waiting for his train. In this way he acquired a great store of information. The writer of "A Variety of Idle Comment" in the Charlotte Observer in Monday's issue said of Mr. Morris:

"He used to drop in here and sit across the table; and one never knew whether he would discuss the art of the 16th century, the weakness of a United States senator, or the poetry of Walt Whitman; but he showed exact knowledge in whatever he talked about. He knew the history of the Booth family, dates and all; laughed at passages in Chaucer; found the discrepancies in Josephus; had intense admiration for St. Paul; could have written a biography of Charles Fifth; and was very much interested in the boll weevil. And he looked up from some obscure Hebrew doctrine to say that he liked 'John Halifax Gentleman,' more than any book he had ever read."

And all this wonderful store of knowledge came to him by using his spare hours. We know a good young man who visits Scotland Neck three or four times a year in the capacity of a traveling salesman, who reads a great many good books—and he does a great deal of good. He said recently that he tries to have a plank or a brick in every new church that is being built in his territory.

So many traveling men are in the habit of hanging around hotel lobbies and wasting their spare hours in listening to vile and vulgar talk! They might employ the time in a far better way by reading and studying like Mr. Morris did. The high esteem in which he was held ought to be a stimulus to all who can find the time to read and study as he did.

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STIRRED UP A HORNET'S NEST.

Rev. J. C. Masee, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Raleigh, seems inclined to the sensational. Some months ago he declared from his pulpit that the negro does not get justice in the South, or words to that effect. The press of the State gave him a little turn in the way of a slight roasting, and the incident closed.

Last Saturday in the Baptist State Convention, at Charlotte, he made what some one referred to as a neat speech on publications, but before closing his remarks he declared that the press of the country is wielding too much influence over the public mind and that the day will come when the government will have to "lay the strong arm of the law on the press and repress abuses."

This raised a sudden burst of excitement and a number of persons arose at once for recognition to reply to Mr. Masee's strictures upon the work of the press. Rev. H. W. Battle, of Greensboro, was the first to receive recognition by the president of the convention, and he administered such a kind but powerful rebuke to the declaration of Mr. Masee that his very name in North Carolina will henceforth be a synonym for a defense of the press.

Among other things Dr. Battle said: "I do hope that I misunderstood the trend of that brother's bright speech," said the venerable Dr. Battle, "but I must protest against the views as expressed. We Baptists of all people recognize the liberty and freedom of the press as fundamental of religious and civic liberty for which we have always fought."

"If ever this beloved government attempts to lay its heavy hand upon the press' columns then the liberty-loving Baptists, with that same spirit that fired the breast of their Baptist poet Milton, will thunder a protest that will shake America to its foundation. Much as we love our dear country we would rather see the ocean waves rise mountain high and sweep away every vestige of American civilization and leave this continent an irredeemable waste than to see the voice of public opinion stifled and the press throttled."

HIGH COMPLIMENTS.

The Charlotte Observer's splendid report of the Baptist State Convention in that city mentioned Friday two men of Eastern Carolina who are so well known that their friends in this region will appreciate what was said. One of the gentlemen mentioned is a layman, Hon. C. W. Mitchell, of Aulander, and the other is a minister, Rev. B. Craig, of Rocky Mount.

The Observer said: "C. W. Mitchell is one of the strongest men in the Convention. He served in the last Senate, and there he such as think that he is by all odds better material for Lieutenant Governor than any man in the field. He is the popular leader of a great people, amongst whom he has lived the life of an honest and level-headed man. His long service as moderator of the biggest Baptist Association has made him a master presiding officer, and very likely he will rise to the presidency of the Convention."

"One of the most successful of the younger ministers is Braxton Craig, of Rocky Mount. His Asheville brother, Locke, is no abler speaker than he, and probably if Locke had Braxton's capacity for personal work and organization, he might have led his mountain supporters to victory. Braxton Craig is a church organizer as well as a preacher. He goes out and compels the people to come in. There is a man in Eastern Carolina, Noah Biggs, who says that Craig is more like the Apostle Paul than any man he has ever known."

It has gone out through the papers that at Butler, Pa., there is a great scourge of typhoid fever. More than fourteen hundred cases have been reported with a death rate of nearly 5 per cent. In discussing the question of money expenses to fight the plague it was stated a few days ago that it would take a hundred thousand dollars to meet the demands. Truly such a scourge is terrible to contemplate and those suffering people will receive the sympathy of the entire country.

Some one has said recently that with cotton bringing 12 cents, butter worth 30 cents and eggs 25 cents farmers ought to feel in high spirits. But along with this observation comes the statement that throughout the country there is a great dearth of eggs. So it turns out that the high price for eggs is not worth so much to the farmers as long as their hens are not yielding a sufficient supply of eggs.

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LESSON FOR YOUNG MEN.

Nearly every paper in the State has paid a tribute to the memory of the late John R. Morris, of Goldsboro, who was cut down in the prime of his life. He was a successful drummer, a good business man, an agreeable companion, a genial friend, a writer of ability. These characteristics of the dead man have all been touched upon by his friends.

There is one lesson that his life teaches to boys and young men that needs to be emphasized. It is the value of wisely employing time in learning. Most boys who go to work early say they have no time to read or study, though many of them devote hours to reading dime novels, and unprofitable conversation. Young Morris, as a mere boy, began life in his father's small hotel at Goldsboro. He went to the depot as porter, he was chief clerk and bell boy—did any and everything that came to hand. Afterwards he became clerk in a hardware store and sold axes and stoves and plows just like hundreds of North Carolina boys have done and are doing. While other boys were at school and college he was attending the university of hard work. But though he never left the hardware business, becoming a leading and well paid hardware drummer, he was not satisfied merely to master his own business. He did that, but all his life he was studying and improving his mind. As a boy he spent hours listening to the talk of the smartest men in Goldsboro, asking them questions, and reading the best books. Though he did not thus learn the rules of syntax or the double rule or conic sections, his companionship with intellectual men, his wide reading, his contemplation and his power of abstraction were marked. He would go into town, sell a bill of hardware, go to his hotel and read Shakespeare and others of the masters, and in the evening charm men graduated from colleges and universities by his brilliant conversation, and in his leisure hours he wrote poems of merit and prose that delighted many.

How did Mr. Morris learn? By improving his odd moments. Instead of sitting about gossiping with empty headed and silly boys, he sought the companionship of those from whom he could learn something of value and whose conversation would stimulate investigation and study. Instead of wasting precious time reading sensational novels and degrading publications, he read the works of the masters of literature and went to hear great preachers whenever opportunity permitted. He meditated as he travelled from town to town, upon what he read and the sermons and speeches of great men. Such employment of his time and such contemplation made him wiser, happier and more useful.

More and more the exigencies of business compel men to travel much. The natural tendency for men whose lives are spent largely on the road is to read only the news and light literature and to leave little time for study and reflection. The example of Mr. Morris ought to inspire his fellow travelers to seek and to find the pleasure and strength he found in reading and pondering upon the inspiring thoughts of the greatest men who ever lived.

THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED BY REPUBLICANS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14, 1903.

The Republican national committee is in session here deciding upon the time and place to hold the coming party convention. Some time in June is the most favored date, and Chicago the most likely place, although St. Louis is making a strong bid for the convention. Conspicuous members of the committee are Perry S. Heath, who is involved in the postal scandals and saved by the statute of limitations, and James Edwards Addicks, who represents Delaware in the committee but not in the Senate. Heath refuses to resign his position and has not been asked to do so. In fact, he will have two votes, as Senator Hanna named him proxy for Mr. Shevlin, of Minnesota, who is absent.

The committee was received by the president and there was much comment over the fact that Mr. Heath did not attend this reception. For the good of the party the president wished him to resign, but Senator Hanna insisted that he should stay.

Senator Hanna declared in his opening address that all that was necessary for the success of the Republican party was "to stand pat upon the principles and policies of that party." From the applause with which this statement was received by the committee, it is safe to conclude that "stand pat" will be the main plank in the next Republican platform.

Criticism of the president's Panama policy is not confined to the Democratic party. Senator Hoar, senior Republican senator from Massachusetts, has introduced a resolution in the upper branch of Congress asking for all the information in the president's possession regarding the establishment of the Republic of Panama.

The resolution requests the president, unless in his judgment it is incompatible with the public interest, to send to the Senate all facts in his possession which will show whether at the time

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of the ratification of the treaty of the province of Panama had successfully established its independence, had lawfully adopted a constitution, and had given authority to the persons with whom the treaty purports to have been made, to negotiate and ratify the same; whether the officials ratifying the treaty had any personal or private interest in the construction of the canal; whether the constitution of the Republic of Columbia authorized the secession of Panama; whether Columbia was prevented by the United States from attempting to assert its authority over the Isthmus; at what time news of the revolution in Panama was received by the United States government, and lastly, whether any information was received of an expected or intended revolution before it occurred and the date of such information. The Republican senators will no doubt prevent the passage of the resolution, as it is believed here that the senator's embarrassing questions are a severe arraignment of the course of the administration in Panama.

WINTERVILLE WHIFFS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. WINTERVILLE, N. C., Dec. 15, 1903. Joe Frank, of Vanceboro, was here Wednesday looking for a place to locate. Winterville needs more dwellings, and needs them badly.

A. G. COX MFG CO. have just gotten out a neat little catalogue illustrating and describing the various articles of their manufacture. This little book with prices marked is free for the asking, or a simple request on a postal card will bring it to you. Don't delay; write now. It is no small matter to be well posted.

Nathan Purser is visiting his daughters here, Mrs. R. G. Chapman and Mrs. J. H. C. Dixon.

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Lois of Xmas toys at all the stores. We were pained to learn that Samuel Mumford had a severe stroke of paralysis last Thursday. Mr. Mumford is one of our very best citizens and should his affliction prove fatal it will be a serious blow to the community in which he lives. Our sincere hope is for his speedy recovery. Some people seem to want a low priced article regardless of the quality. In order to cater to that class A. G. COX MFG CO. now carry in stock West-

ern-made Cart Wheels which are considered cheaper than their own make (the Tar Heel). Anyone who knows what a Tar Heel wheel is, however, would not give it for two of the others. And so the Tar Heels go, two to one.

Prof. W. H. Ragsdale delivered an address before the Winterville high school here last Friday night.

The coming year is likely to bring about many changes in Winterville. Some are moving away and many are moving in.

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