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THE NEGRO GROWING RESTIVE

Southern Republicans are just now confronting with a most vexing problem, none other than the brother in black, who is insistently knocking at the door of their conventions and exhibiting an altogether restive spirit, threatening even to appeal to the court of last resort in the party—the national convention—for recognition. They have, so far, only been extended the marble heart, but the end is not yet. As for his ever again endangering white supremacy in the south there is not the remotest possibility, but the negro is in position to cause no end of worry to southern Republican leaders who have to stand well with the powers that be in Washington. Coached by Geo. H. White, formerly negro congressman from this State but now living in Philadelphia, Pa., the colored voters are demanding admission into the councils of the party they so long constituted the voting strength of and when refused in some instances they have held conventions of their own. Any way it may be looked at it means confusion for Republicans, and we are sincerely sorry for them.

While the busy toilers concerned with their own affairs may not have waked up to the fact, there is every prospect of the approaching political campaign being a most strenuous one. And the friends of the prohibition cause should see to it that the issue does not get mixed up in and get lost in the shuffle. It is a nonpartisan issue, and this fact should be impressed upon the voters.

Those who supported Major Stedman's candidacy four years ago when he was defeated in the convention held in his own home city might disagree with those who consider it a Craig victory that this year the Democratic State convention is to be held in Charlotte, as to the value of the victory at least. To us it appears simply a victory for Charlotte—nothing more.

The fact that Evelyn Nesbit is suing for divorce from Harry K. Thaw would indicate that she knows more of the true character of that moral degenerate than she has told to the world.

Hon. B. H. Bunn In Memoriam.

Before the State Democratic executive committee at Raleigh last week tributes were paid members who have died since the previous meeting of the committee, and Major H. A. London, an intimate friend of ex-Congressman B. H. Bunn, of Nash county, in speaking of his life and service to the State said:

"Having been called on unexpectedly to take the place of the gentleman, unavoidably absent, who had been expected to deliver an address upon the life and services of Captain Bunn must be my excuse for the imperfect manner in which I shall speak of our departed friend. It was my privilege, and I shall ever esteem it a pleasure and honor to have been an intimate friend of Captain Bunn for many years, and I can truthfully say of him that he was true to every trust and faithful in all things. He began his public service at the early age of 19 years as one of the first volunteers in the Confederate army, and by his conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, made a record of which any soldier might well feel proud. During the last two years of the war he was commander of the sharpshooters of his brigade, a most responsible and dangerous position, the duties of which he discharged with conspicuous ability and bravery.

"After the war he studied law and soon after obtaining his license entered upon a lucrative practice and became one of our State's most successful lawyers.

"He was elected by the people of his county to represent them in the constitutional convention of 1875, which was composed of the ablest men of this State, and in that body of able men he attained an enviable prominence. He was a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1883. In 1888 he was elected to Congress in this, the fourth district, by a large majority, although at the preceding election the Republican candidate had been successful. He was re-elected in 1890 and 1892, thus having served six years in

Congress, and during his last term being chairman of the important committee on claims.

"He was several times a delegate to our national conventions, and was also presidential elector for this district in 1884. For many years he was a member of this committee, and his wise counsel was also heard and heeded with pleasure and profit by his fellow members. He was a hater of shams and hypocrisy, and as true to principle as the needle to the magnet. Less than this I could not say any more than this might well be said. Suffice it to say that those who knew him best admired him most, and in his death the Democratic party and the State of North Carolina have lost one who was ever devoted to their best interests, and whose highest ambition was to serve faithfully both his party and through that his State."

STATE NEWS.

The Southern Railway laid off 200 men at the shops in Spencer last week and a number at all its division headquarters.

A \$50,000 fire occurred in the Cooleemee cotton mill at Cooleemee, Davie county, Friday.

A Kitchin Club was organized at Kinston Saturday, with vice-presidents for every township in the county of Lenoir.

Solicitor A. L. Brooks will resign his office to be a candidate for congress before the Democratic convention of the fifth district.

Fire broke out in the furnace room of the First Baptist church in Raleigh Thursday and did \$1,000 damage to the handsome new auditorium.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will make the principal speech at the annual banquet of manufacturers of High Point to be given the first of April.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Yadin Kaiting Mills at Lexington, Friday, causing a loss of \$21,000. It is believed to have been incendiary.

Walter H. Page, a North Carolinian, editor of World's Work, New York, will deliver the commencement address at Trinity College, Wednesday, June 10th.

Saturday when two negro convicts on the Wilson county chain gang attempted to escape Guard J. B. Johnston shot and killed one of them, Frank Johnston, while the other got away.

The South and Western Railway, which runs in western North Carolina, has changed its name to Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Company and increased its capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$27,000,000.

Governor Glenn has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of Bob McDowell, of McDowell county, for killing a railway flagman; and Major Guthrie, of Durham, who killed his wife.

At Fayetteville Saturday night D. J. McDonald shot Henry Brumer, one of the bullet's taking effect in Brumer's spine. Shooting was brought on by too marked attention Brumer paid McDonald's wife.

After some words between R. F. W. Alston, a prominent citizen of Tryon, and Deputy Sheriff Lee Fisher, about some work the latter was doing for the former, Fisher pulled his pistol and shot Alston dead, Saturday.

The body of Owen Smith, a colored restaurant keeper of Wilmington, was found in the Cape Fear river last week. Two murders had been committed in Smith's place and rather than give evidence before the courts he killed himself.

Claiming justification under the "unwritten law" for his act, James Frady, a well known citizen of Buncombe county, gave himself up to the sheriff and told him he had shot fatally Paris Sumner, whom he found with his (Frady's) wife.

Miss Cora Bunton and her male companion, by the name of Grover Cleveland Blalock, both of Durham, were arrested in Danville, Va., last week charged with circulating raised currency notes. The girl is refined in appearance and quite pretty.

A dispatch from Wilmington says: The trucking conditions at the present in this entire section are considered to be exceptionally fine and growers are anticipating a most prosperous season. Already a few baskets of lettuce of the new spring crop have been shipped.

A wreck occurred on the A. C. L. at a log siding two miles from Greenville Friday afternoon, when an extra train from Kinston ran into the open switch and into a log train on the siding, smashing the two engines and injuring quite severely Engineer Laughinghouse, of the log train.

In the last act of a play in the theatre at Winston-Salem Friday night, in which the villain was supposed to be electrocuted, the act was more real than intended. By some carelessness the electrician placed the plug in the wrong hole and C. A. Teaff received a shock of 120 volts, rendering him unconscious.

ONLY NECESSARY TO TREAT THE STOMACH, SAYS COOPER

The new theory advanced by L. T. Cooper relative to the human stomach has attracted such widespread attention that the public in cities visited by the young man has been joined by many physicians in a discussion of his beliefs and medicines. Mr. Cooper says that human health is dependent almost entirely upon the stomach. He says that no disease can be conquered without first alleviating all stomach disorders. He further says that most men and women of this generation are half-sick, owing to degenerate stomachs. And lastly, he claims that his New Discovery medicine will rejuvenate the human stomach in 90 days.

Cooper has been travelling from one city to another, conducting in each what he calls a campaign of education. For the past year he has met the public in the larger cities of the country, and his success has been phenomenal. Thousands of people have flocked to his headquarters wherever he has gone, and the sale of his medicine has been beyond anything of the kind ever before witnessed.

Possibly the most interesting feature of the attention this young man has attracted is what his army of followers, whom he has converted to his beliefs through his medicines, have to say on the subject. The following statements are from two well known residents of Chicago and Boston, respectively, and the enthusiasm of these is characteristic of Cooper's admirers generally.

Mrs. H. B. Mack, of 3201 State street, Chicago, says: "I have been suffering for 12 years from a combination of stomach troubles, catarrh and constipation. I had a gnawing pain in the pit of my stomach, a sort

of a dull pain that I could not quite understand. Then there was a dull headache, and my mind seemed to be wandering continually. I could not eat, and what little solid food I did eat I could not retain I could think of. I tried every remedy I could think of, and also tried out a number of patent medicines, but without any apparent result. It was through one of my friends that I heard of Cooper's preparation, and I immediately decided to try some of it. It is two weeks since I took my first dose of it, and I feel like a new woman. The headache seems to have disappeared, and the pain in my stomach along with it. The medicine is worth its weight in gold, and I want to thank Mr. Cooper for what he has done for me."

Mr. Edwin F. Morse, of 29 Oakley street, Dorchester, a suburb of Boston, says: "For three years I had not a well day. My stomach was in frightful shape; the mere thought of food would nauseate me, and I really had a horror of anything to eat. All solid food would cause me extreme indigestion, bloating and gas on my stomach, and nothing tasted right. Some time ago I got some of this Cooper's medicines, about which there is so much talk. I actually feel as well and strong as a boy ever since the first bottle. Every sign of stomach trouble has disappeared, and I have a hearty appetite and eat three square meals; every thing seems to taste good. Anyone who knows what chronic indigestion is can appreciate what this means to me. I consider this the most remarkable medicine I ever heard of."

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John Puckett surrendered to the officers at King's Mountain for kidnaping the son of C. M. Crowder, a contractor of Gastonia, but refuses to talk, and the belief is that he hopes to compromise with the father of the boy.

The trustees of the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School met at Greenville last week and selected the site on which to locate the school. H. Buckingham, of New York, was elected as landscape designer, and Hook & Rogers, of Charlotte, and H. V. Simpson, of New Barr, architects.

A mob of 50 negroes opposed to Greek immigrants working in the coeprage shops at Bellhaven, last week surrounded a house in which 15 recent arrivals were staying and riddled the house with bullets, severely wounding several of the Greeks. The militia was necessary to restore order.

Dressed up in some of his wife's clothes and claiming to be a woman visiting in the house Richard Gill, well-to-do negro farmer of Wake county was allowed to pass through a line of infuriated "white cap" illicit distilleries, who surrounded his house Thursday night to take revenge on him for his having, as they believed, revealed to revenue officers the location of a blockade distillery in the neighborhood. Gill had received a note with skull and bones, coffin and other gruesome symbols warning him that he must leave the neighborhood or face death. He had ignored the note and the "white-cappers" came, a great company of them, and began firing on the house.

Improvements at the "Gem."

The management of the "Gem" theatre have added many improvements to this popular amusement resort, recently, and will in a few days install opera chairs for the greater comfort of the patrons. The floor of the auditorium is elevated from the rear and from every point in the house one can see plainly the pictures as they are thrown upon the canvas. Especial attention has been paid to safeguards against panic or danger in the event of fire and the building has exits in front and rear. The cage where the electric machine is kept is made almost absolutely fireproof with tin and asbestos and the lighting arrangement is excellent. The "Gem" has been doing splendid business during the winter and the popularity of this class of amusement will increase as the warm weather approaches.

Republicans Night.

(News and Observer.)

Goldsboro, March 12.—The Republican county convention for the election of delegates to the State and district convention met in the court house today. From the beginning the convention seemed to be in the hands of the office-holders. Assistant Postmaster Simpkins was chosen temporary chairman, who, on taking the chair, asked Postmaster Dobson to act as secretary, but the latter declined. Although not a delegate, Mr. Dobson seemed to be the dominating influence of the convention.

The negroes had their delegates present and demanded recognition which was refused, notwithstanding the fact that not a single white delegate was present from those precincts from which negro delegates presented their credentials.

The negroes then walked out of the hall, headed by George H. White, colored, formerly of this congressional district, but now a resident of Philadelphia, who arrived in the city last night and was present to see the goods delivered, together with Rev. C. Dillard, George Reid and Wm. Hagans, all colored. These proceeded to another room of the court house and held a convention of their own and elected delegates but adjourned without any endorsement.

Ex-Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson in a speech said that they could not have a clean Republican party in North Carolina so long as it was dominated by pie-eaters and pap-suckers and also expressed himself as disapproving of the negroes forcing themselves on the white Republicans. Inasmuch as they were out of politics they ought to stay out.

At this stage of the game Postmaster Dobson took personal offense at these remarks and retaliated by saying words in effect that Judge Robinson was mad because he was not an office holder. Whereupon a fight ensued. When the smoke of battle cleared away, Postmaster Dobson had a disfigured eye from which blood was streaming over his clothes.

Judge Robinson expressed his regret at the occurrence and apologized to the convention and Mr. Dobson, which apology the latter refused to accept.

At a trial this afternoon before Justice Peterson, judgment was suspended upon the payment of one-half of the cost by each defendant.

The white convention endorsed the administration, Taft and Adams, and, after the election of delegates adjourned.

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