

**FUSIONISTS
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THE NEGROES WHO "SANG LOW"
SEE THE HANDWRITING ON
THE WALL.

Raleigh, N. C., July 15.—The fusionists are on the retreat now. Six weeks ago they were making headway in their fight to fix negro rule upon the state. The end of the lane has been reached. They now see that they have overreached themselves. The negroes, who have been all the while conched by the white Republicans and the Populist wire-pullers, to "sing low," "keep back from the road" and that sort of thing, now see the handwriting on the wall. They see they must take the medicine that white men were given in North Carolina in the reconstruction days. In this county and in this city the negroes are so far very quiet and well behaved. No threats have been heard and no attacks upon registrars have been made. In the rural districts it is said the registration of negroes is about as it is in average years. In this city it is lighter.

The building of cotton mills in this state continues. There are now and then pessimists who say the thing is being overdone. But to one who observes carefully it really seems that the North Carolina idea of having a great many small mills, widely scattered, is a particularly sensible one—conservative, as befits the people of this most conservative of states. The last mill chartered is at Lumberton, and its capital is \$75,000. It will both spin and weave. It is what may truly be termed a neighborhood mill. The neighbors own the stock. It will consume the neighborhood cotton. It gets at the very essentials of success and economy and helpfulness.

Baseball is an expensive pastime to the people who put up their money for a team. The public insist on having good ball. To them it is the cheapest of all amusements—25 cents takes in the whole game. There are 11 men in pay in the Raleigh team. These get from \$40 to \$75 a month and board. That is certainly as much as \$750 a month for all. The average of games is four a week. The average receipts per game are perhaps to each club playing \$50. But there is no game which so well drives away the tediousness of the summer season as this one. It has a fine hold on the people of this town. There are six clubs in the association and all of course have nicknames—Raleigh the "Statesmen," Charlotte the "Presbyterians," Statesville the "Junebugs" (taken from the nickname of a railway there), Tarboro the "Tar Babies," Durham the "Tobacco Worms," Wilmington the "Sandfiddlers."

A Raleigh man abroad writes most entertainingly of his voyage on the steamer. On board were Chauncey Depew, Mrs. John Drew, May Irwin, Cissie Loftus and other celebrities. The Raleigh man was "in the push," played poker, sang and frolicked. A rich widow was on board, and an admirer had sent flowers to be put on cold storage, a different flower for each day. The Raleigh man stood in with the widow and wore some of these flowers every day. The widow said she would change her itinerary so as to make it conform to his.

**MINISTER CRAZED BY
THOUGHTS OF BUTLER**

SAYS HIS MISSION IS TO WHIP
THE SENATOR

From the Salisbury Truth-Index.

Senator Martin Butler might have gazed at the depot this morning upon a poor, deranged hulk of what was one time a sane, consecrated servant of God. A man who has toiled for the salvation of souls until the winter of life has whitened his hair and has gone at last to spend perhaps the remaining days of his life in solitude and wretchedness in the Morganton asylum.

There, this old man whose life has been given to a labor of love will probably pass his declining years brooding over the wrongs and infamy that have been heaped upon the state whose fair name was as dear to him as that of his own wife and child.

"God has given me a mission," said this unfortunate man. "That mission is to whip Martin Butler. I must do it. I must do it," he repeated.

The gentleman referred to is Rev. James S. Lamson of Rockingham county, a Baptist minister of high standing in his county and a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was accompanied to the asylum by Sheriff R. W. Hutchinson of Rockingham, who sought to gratify his every whim and assure the grief that the old man evidenced at being taken to the asylum.

Rev. Lamson is 64 years old, but is yet a vigorous man. He developed a strong antipathy to Senator Martin Butler (most probably on account of Butler's enmity to the rule of white men in North Carolina) and the desire to avenge the state by visiting physical punishment upon Butler is ever present.

REGRET.

Dar's always somethin' wantin'
In my joy at bein' free.
When I think of master didn't
Live to share dat joy with me.
Dem was mighty big plantations
Dat he owned before de war.
An' he, de kindest master
Dat darkees ever saw.
But de eare of dem was heavy,
Makin' him de slave, not we.
An' often I have heard him say
He wished dat he was me.
An' if he jes was livin'
He would have his wish, you see.
Dem niggers couldn't own him now,
An' master would be free.

IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From
the TarHeel Press.

—Greenville Reflector: We learn today that Mr. William Bryant was shot Saturday night near Stokes by Mr. James Whitehurst. It seems that Mr. Bryant went to see Mr. Whitehurst's daughter Saturday night and while there picked up a bucket of water and poured it all over the floor. Mr. Whitehurst ordered him out of the house and while Mr. Bryant was getting out Mr. Whitehurst got his gun and came to the door and fired at Mr. Bryant after he had gotten some distance from the house. The gun was loaded with buck shot and part of the load took effect in Mr. Bryant's leg, one shot passing entirely through his leg. The wound did not, however, prevent him from continuing to run.

—Stanly Enterprise: A freak in electricity has been noticed in the telephone lines which connect the mills and two or three stores here with Dr. Whitley's office at Millingsport, and thus line connecting Morrow, Bros. and Heath company's stores with Concord. The two lines are independent of each other and do not intersect at any place, though in some places the same poles are used for both lines. But the strange thing occurs when Dr. Whitley calls up Concord from his phone when he has no connection therewith. It is a jump of six inches or more by the current, giving every advantage of full connection.

—Bakersville Mirror: G. T. Vance and Robert Ollis brought (Little) Ed Young and Nathan Hughes here Saturday morning and placed them in jail. Young is a brother of the Young boys who killed Rob Dickerson, and is an old offender, he having helped beat up Emanuel Hicks at Minneapolis over a year ago. Young was arrested Friday night and attempted to make his escape by drawing a razor on Robert Ollis, but General Vance was too quick for him, and he was nabbed. Hughes was arrested because he attempted to assist Young to escape. He was given a hearing Saturday and bound to court.

—Greenville Reflector: Mr. J. H. Woolard of Carolina township lost his barn by fire Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock. There was no one at the house at the time; all were down in the field working in the tobacco. Mr. Woolard saved his plows, carts and other utensils, but lost about 25 barrels of corn and some fodder. It has only been a very short time since he lost his residence by fire. Mr. Woolard does not know how the fire originated which burned the barn.

—Durham Sun: Miss Cox, a sister of John Cox, who lives in the western part of the city, not far from Trinity college, while digging in the garden Friday unearthed a box containing two or three small stones that resembled diamonds. It was first thought that they possibly might be precious stones, but after examination it was found that they were nothing more than stones. They did not have the glitter about them that diamonds have.

—Bakersville Mirror: J. A. Black and wife of Republic, Mo., arrived in our town Sunday afternoon, having made the entire trip in a wagon. They were on the road over six weeks and had many hardships. Mr. Black is a brother of Wm. Black of Cane Creek, and he and his wife will remain here until fall.

—Senator Pritchard has been appointed to a place on the Republican national committee to succeed James E. Boyd who resigned to become U. S. Judge.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

From the Chicago News.

The hay dealer does business on a large scale.

As a man grows older he swaps his ideals for ideas.

The less we have the easier it is to share it with others.

Life seems to be made up of ardent desires and vain regrets.

Some men don't have to travel very far when they go to the bad.

It doesn't pay to be a prodigal son unless you are partial to veal.

Many a married couple could save money out of what a bachelor spends. It is better to be imposed upon occasionally than to doubt indiscriminately.

Fine feathers may not make fine birds, but they are apt to make costly hats.

If you want to hear a hard-luck story just ask a man for money he owes \$994.

Men listen when money talks. Probably this is why we sometimes hear of hush-money.

Women are partial to tight wearing apparel, but they draw the line at tight handkerchiefs.

The average man imagines that if all the fools were dead his opinions would soon become universal.

An Ohio girl who is unable to speak above a whisper has had 47 offers of marriage. A word to the wise, etc.

People who are always looking for trouble are fortunate in one respect at least—they seldom meet with disappointment.

**THE FIRST BULLETIN
OF THE CENSUS OF 1900**

SHOWING POPULATION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, July 16.—The census office issued its first bulletin Saturday, giving the population of the District of Columbia at 278,718. This is an increase since the last census of 48,328, or 15.5 per cent. In announcing the result of the canvass of the city of Washington, the director of the census desires to state that the policy heretofore pursued of making a preliminary or rough count, based on a hurried computation of names on the population schedules, will be abandoned.

It is the purpose of the officials of the bureau to give out figures of cities or states predicted entirely upon data ascertained through the medium of the tabulating machines. The population of the more important cities will be announced in advance of the figures for the states and territories.

Unless all plans fail, it is confidently expected that the official count of the population of the United States will be given to the public on or about the first of December, 1900.

**THE ANNUAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONFERENCE**

Session at Tweed's Chapel,
Cane Creek Circuit.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES AND
ESSAYS ON WORK IN THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Fairview, N. C., July 14.—The annual Sunday school conference of Cane Creek circuit was held at Tweed's Chapel, July 12-13. Devotional exercises were conducted and P. B. Cunningham was elected chairman and Miss Cornia Johnson secretary.

The importance of a Sunday school conference in each charge was ably discussed by Rev. R. B. Shelton. Splendid talks were made by Rev. R. G. Tuttle and Mrs. A. J. McDowell on "The Purpose and Design of the Sunday School," followed by a general discussion.

An intermission was then greatly enjoyed by all present for an hour and a half.

Recitations were then given by the little girls, followed with an address by Prof. W. H. Boone, which was very instructive. "The Sunday School as Past, Present and Future" was discussed by Rev. J. J. Gray and others. A nicely written essay was then read by Miss Cornia Johnson, followed by a discussion of "Importance of Good Music in Sunday School" by T. W. Tweed and others. The conference then adjourned until Thursday night, when Rev. J. J. Gray preached.

On Friday morning the subjects were again taken up and a good congregation being present the program was very successfully carried on. "The superintendent and his qualifications" were next and a very forcible talk was made by Rev. J. A. Bronce, who said in part that "the superintendent can do very little without the aid of the parents" and that "some of our best men, best lawyers and statesmen are Sunday school workers and were brought up in the Sunday school from their childhood." Then the subject was further argued by Messrs. J. R. DuBose and P. B. Cunningham. This was followed by a splendid written essay by Miss Lonie Lanning and a recitation by Miss Carrie Morgan, both giving much due credit to the young ladies.

"The home training of children" was discussed by J. R. DuBose and J. C. Fowler. A sermon was then preached by Rev. R. G. Tuttle. Then came the intermission and dinner was served on the grounds and was participated in by all present, after which recitations by the Misses Shelton and Miss Annie Lanning were greatly enjoyed. The last subject on the program was then taken up, "The young people's vital question," and was eloquently and splendidly discussed by Rev. L. L. Hicks.

The next annual conference of this circuit will be held at Patt's chapel and much good is expected for this noble work. WALTER TOMS WRAY.

**CANDIDATES FOR
THE STATE SENATE**

APPOINTMENTS FOR PUBLIC
SPEAKING.

J. M. Gudger, Jr., and W. W. Stringfield, candidates for the senate, will speak at the following times and places:

Grape Vine—Tuesday, July 17, at 2 p. m.

Old Bull Creek—Tuesday, July 17, at 4 p. m.

Gabriel's Creek—Wednesday, July 18, 2 p. m.

Bethel church—Thursday, July 19, 2 p. m.

Terry's Fork—Thursday, July 19, 8 p. m.

Upper Laurel Methodist church—Friday, July 20, 2 p. m.

Lower California school house—Friday, July 20, 8 p. m.

Mars Hill—Saturday, July 21, 2 p. m. Ladies especially invited. The Republican candidates are again invited to join in these discussions.

—N. L. GILLIS,
Chairman Dem. Sen. Com.

**JOINT DISCUSSION
DATES FOR COUNTY**

THE PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO AT-
TEND THE DEBATES.

There will be a joint canvass of Buncombe county between the several candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for the legislature and the various county offices at the following times and places:

Flat Creek, Flat Creek church, Tuesday, July 17.

Ivy, Big Ivy Baptist church, Wednesday, July 18.

Upper Reems Creek, Hemphill's church, Thursday, July 19.

Weaverville, Friday, July 20.

Alexander, Saturday, July 21.

Avery's Creek, school house, near Joe Ingram's, Friday, July 27.

Limestone, Skyland, Saturday, July 28.

Speaking will commence at 11 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Let all the people come out and hear the political issues discussed. Ladies cordially invited to be present.

J. B. MURPHY,
Ch'n Dem. Ex. Com. Buncombe Co.
W. E. LOGAN,
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HE STOOD CORRECTED.

From the Baltimore American.

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Notice Of Sale

By virtue of a decree dated April 17, 1900, and made by S. W. Lovingood, clerk of the Superior court of Cherokee county, in the cause entitled B. L. Duke and Alexander Walker against M. W. Reed, J. T. Pinntx, R. G. Lea, R. S. Boshier, L. A. Carr, L. D. Heartt, W. H. Rowland and W. R. Cooper, the undersigned commissioners will sell at public outcry at the court house door in Murphy, to the highest bidder, on

MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 1900,

the following five (5) parcels of land, to-wit:

One parcel containing 114 acres more or less, lying to the southeast of the town of Murphy, being a part of tract No. 4, district No. 1, of Cherokee county.

One parcel containing 15 acres more or less (except two lots specified in the decree), part of said tract No. 4 and adjoining the above.

One parcel containing 144 acres, being tract No. 3, district No. 6, lying north of the town of Murphy, through which the Southern railway passes. These three parcels will be sold in their original boundaries and not subdivided.


Also a parcel of land containing 68 acres, part of tract No. 1, district No. 6, and a part of tract No. 5, district No. 6, containing ——— acres. Both of these tracts lie in East Murphy and will be cut into smaller lots as indicated by maps to be exhibited before the sale; the subdivisions are very desirable for residence lots.

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