TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1900





HUNDREDS TURN OUT TO HEAR JUDGE MERRIMON AND HON. W. T. CRAWFORD.

Candler, N. C., July 23 .- The stalwart and untervified Democracy of the Hominy section is justly triumphant today over one of the grandest political domonstrations ever seen in the county. The sterling and high class people of this good section turned out in great numbers to welcome those time-tried Democrats, Judge James H. Merrimon and Hon. W. T. Crawford, and to show that in this year's contest between the white man and the black man that they stood regardles sof party where their fathers stood.

And their demonstration was a surpassing success. There were 600 people, at least, present, and very likely soo, and they gave the speakers an enthusiastic reception. The meeting had one sure sign that the people of Hominy, Upper and Lower, are going te stand for white supremacy, and when that is named it needs no argument to convince any one. It was the presence of ladies in large numbers. They were enthusiastic, and brought great baskets of eatables and delicacies, cooked in the very best style, as they know how to cook, and they distributed them to everybody. All enjoyed themselves, and a great quantity of good things were left over. With these lattles for the amendment and Democracy, no one need doubt how the Hominies will vote. Everybody was made welcome, Repub-

licans as well as Democrats. The Democratic cantidates were on hand, and as they are all popular men and well liked in this section, they, like everybody were given plenty to ent, and they worked manfully, but had to leave a

splaking was opened by Judge The Merdin n. His arguments were learned, and at the same time very under-Judge Merrimon is highly esteened here, and when he stated that the white men had everything to gain by the amendment and nothing possibly to lose, and that they should in his opinion, all vote for it as patriatic citizens, we became convinced that the objection to the amendment is all a worked up scheme by officeholders, and we shall vote for the amendment. Our Congressman Crawford, whom

elected to represent us in congress, and whom the Republicans turned out to please Mr. Pearson, and thereby threw out our votes, made a grand and manswerable speech. The people the Homimies are not the fools

officeholders seem to think, and we are not going to endorse the unseating of Crawford by voting for Pearson's supporters

The rain interrupted Judge Merri mon's speech, and we are sorry to say that some of the ladies got wet. The Weaverville band was present

and intole good music. The speaking was held in a beautiful grove on the banks of the creek near Gaston's store. From the New York Sun.



Cotta Bata, Philippine Islands, May 29, says that his company has been there three weeks as a support to the Third battallon, but they have had no hostilities, though they are daily expecting an engagement. "We are surrounded," he says, "by a class of people whom we regard as very treacherous. Their religion alone makes them

suspicious, and we keep vigilant eyes on them. Should we ever relax rigid military discipline they would attack us at once. "This faction with which we have come in contact is known to the Americans as 'Massos.' Mahomet is the god whom they serve, and they are profoundly religious in their superstitious ideas about the Supreme Being. The

more men they kill in battle ,according to this idea, the greater will be their reward. The 'Massos' resemble the American Indian, having high cheek bones. They wear a peculiar headgear, which they buy from the local merchants, paying anywhere from \$4 to \$10 for the hats. They wear nothing but this headgear and a girdle. At one time they were an organized band robbers and terrorized the whole com-munity. I fear they would loot our commissary should it ever be located

here, "We move tomorrow from our present quarters to our new camp, which is on an elevation just outside of town. This is a magnificent location, there being a very cool breeze at times. It is the most commanding position I have yet seen to be unfortified. At one time the Spanish quarters were here, and they resisted an awful attack, winning one of the most celebrated victories they ever won for the number of men ngaged.

"I feel safe at this place during the The 'Massos' are very disastrous. brave, and, as 1 said before, very treacherous. On the northern part of egiment of U.S.V. negroes and kill-

with them; they cannot stand open

cannot understand how any of us live. Just think of it? Our cooking water comes out of the Rio Grande river, "We have not had an engagement omes out of the Rio Grande river,

Some times as many as a Jozen a "We have month go floating by. This is the olina here

YOUNG WOMAN PUZZLES

Curtis to | cheapest way for the natives to bury his brother, Zeb. F. Curtis, esq., dated their dead, and that is generally their last resting place. These are facts, and can be verified by 600 Americans who use the water daily.

"The rainy season has set in, and it rains as often as the night comes. "The only thing we have had for

breakfast for a month has been boiled rice, a small bit of bread and a little bacon and gravy, which would more prop-erly be called 'bill-board paste.' You just ought to sample it once. Our cooks are very poor. We get pretty respectable dinners and supperssquash, beef, tomatoes, prunes, etc., constitute our bill of fare for these meals.

"I feel satisfied with what I have to eat when I look around and see what some of my fellowmen are living on. or rather starving to death on, and it teaches me a great lesson of gratitude. "There is a class of people here who have been taught that the more phys-ical pain they suffer on earth, the greater will be their reward on the other side of Jordan. At one time they were a very industrious people, but they gave way to their foolish, heathenish religion. I have seen as many of them as 100 at one time-for they go in gangs-with the look of agony on their thin, bony faces. I have given them something to eat at times, and they would dle while eating it. This may sound unreasonable, but it is true. One instance I recall was that of an old man who had become too weak to eat, and three of us picked him up and carried him to the shade nearby and just watched him starve, for all human aid was gone. When we came to his rescue he could do nothing but turn his glassy eyes upon us, for he could not eat what sympathetic and lender hands offered him. Such scenes occur frequently, and the only reason we do not see them daily is because they are too ghastly for human eyes to be day, but night attacks would be very hold. These poor people have no disastrous. The Massos are very homes, but simply wander from place to place in droves. The government of the United States does as much for this island they attacked the Fortieth them as is possible. They are given a quart of rice per day and 10 cents for ed several of them while asleep. Night attack is a favorite method of warfare southern negroes can do as m southern negroes can do as much as 40 of them. They cannot exist as a fire. Their only arms are the bolo, spear class much longer, unless it be by interand arrows, which are all very danger-ous in hand to hand conflicts. marriage with the 'Massos,' and this will hardly happen in our generation. "The health of our regiment is ex- If American missionaries could only eptionally good, though we expect see things as they exist, they would some malaria. We have not lost a man not think their work was done. Confrom our company so far, though I ditions in Cuba were nothing compar-

which is the only fresh water in miles since my last letter to you. Our colonel of us, and it is not uncommon to see a was not convicted before the courtmardead negro deating down the stream. Some times as many as a Jozen a "We have three men from North Car

liet first name's No.a Don't you know the last?" "No; and she's gone out. What do you think her name ought to be after THE CENSUS TAKER Norah? Murphy would be all right a culdn't it' Why, yes; I guess I'll put it Mur-HER STRUGGLE TO FILL OUT THE phy. I don't want to come back again y a see. I sha't making much out of my district. The families are so He looked distinctly abused, and the

The young woman who boarded in bearder promptly apologized. as the only member of the erry there aim women in Asheville are alike ' she said humbly.

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And the hulk that bears me te l. But I am strong with the strength of

And, 11, for the voice of in-When they swing us out to the battle

On the breast of the boundary seal

the two-three-four, Boom and the death-bolts dy.

lie I and tacket and ruck and roar To the dome of the bending sky! Sweet and swing, with the juarter

char. And the engines throbbing true.

0.1 am the tourfold thunderbolt, The name and the lightning, too!

Wait and rivet and bolt and bar, Gaulen and post and beam; Storl to the deeps where the swivels

Aul the superstructures gleam; Strong with the strength of the quad-

And armed with the four way sight, in find to care for the stripling hold I swings to me in the fight. colside on or straight ahead,

Strike, or you die!" I sayabout, cruiser or armorciad, Skinned to the bone for the fray

With four for one and a double quick,

death is the song I sing When the sights are set and the

grooves are wet,

And my gleaming batteries swing!

To crush, to shake, to rattle and rend, tout upon the foe,

The deeps adown and the dome above To echo my thunder-throe. I land a hard, and the plate is pierced;

A shell and the deck is swept: Arother, and, O for the red-capped

foam. And the deeps where the dead have

stepped! A starboard blow and a blast to lee, Riding the column down,

Under the sun and the stars I roam,

And gather them 'neath my frown. Ships of the line and the jabbering fleet,

What are they all to me-Mountain and mould of the thunder-

throne-

As I crush them under my knee! Swung and swivelled and set four-

Hillare; With my steel-bored guns to boom,

When the lookout calls and the foe appears

On the path of his utter doom;

Hung to hurl welcomers with ton for ton,

And shiver and rend them, too-With heaven to care for the eyes that stare

Stone dead in a swirl of blue! One-two-three-four, Boom and the lightnings leap!

Forward and aft in the roundelay Of the thunder song of the drep! Based and buttressed and superp

I sweep to the roaring swell,

A steel-girt sign of the skill of m To perfect the arts of hell!

family at home when the census man I' US.

ame. He had called in the morning without finding any one, and had left several large blanks to be filled out. The young woman was wrestling with ne of the blanks when the bell tang. and she greeted the mild-mannered cusus-taker with effusion.

SCHEDULE.

"You've come just in time to save my tottering reason," she said comman-

"Hey," said the census man, who evilently wasn't used to being treated with airy frivolity.

"I've been trying to fill this tiding out truthfully, and it s so hard to be serup alously truthful. Now about my color-You see I'm in a transition stage becolor. My freckle's aren't very buil these yet; but i guess brown and lemon color would hit me all right."

one looked very serious and sadiy district. puzzled, and the census man, whose ense of humor wasn't his strong point, with deep sympathy, astened to explain. Year've heat real pleasant and belteaastened to explain.

just call you white," he said. "No, would you? That's good of you," she murmured gratefully; "but there's something else that bothered me. don't know the year of my birth."

The census man looked weary Could you give a guess at your age?" he asked, apologetically.

"Oh, yes, I'm 33, but I can't subract

You don't look it," said the man politely.

Well, I don't know. I may look as if I could subtract, but I'm sure I don't look as if I could divide."

'Have you got a profession, ma'am?" "They say being charming is a wonan's profession. You might put that down.

He shook his head with uncomplimentary decision.

"Don't you do anything else?" "Oh, I paint poor pictures between times," she admitted.

'Are you single, ma'am?"

"Do you suppose I'd make a profession of being charming if I weren't single?

He admitted the force of the logic. 'Now about the lady of the house,

miss?" "She's out."

'Yes, but you can tell me all I have to know." "She's awfully white; but 1 don't

know how old she is." "Can't you guess?"

"Oh, yes, I can guess. Thirty-five's a good respectable uncompromising sort

of an age. Call her 35.'

"Where was she born?" "I don't know. She's lived in Washngton and Denver and Boston and Columbus, O., and Jersey City. You can places:

take your choice." "You don't know in which of them

she was born?" "No. I know where she'd rather have been born than anywhere else."

census man cheered up. The Where?

"Virginia. She just pointedly does dore Virginia." "All right. I'll put her down in Vir-

'That'll be a real comfort to her,"

uid the boarder. What's your servant's name?"

'th, it can't be helped," he signed. "Now, my cousin, he's over in the butement district, 70 and 80 folks in use heuse; and, if they ain't in, you can put them in. Folks will believe anything about a tenement house. I toil my cousin I wasn't doin' very wall that there was only private hous is only turnished room places in my disarand he says. Why, furnished rooms h a cinch. You couldn't do better ex ent in tenements. Mix up German and tris' names, he says, and scatter them around in those furnished rooms and nobody can jump on you." But they aid get jump don once, for that sort of business, and I guess I'll just got what I can on the square. There's so many ween my winter color and my summer | maiden helies and whows running these handing and room class then h and they're so touchy about there are a 1 wish fill had a terr mont

"I wish you had," sold the boar let,

"On, you don't need to do that, and tod. There als't many that s as loads ful as you." "In such a good cause I couldn't

is considerationally to anything $\operatorname{clse}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\infty}$ and 1 the hearder leftly. It's a privilege to assist the government in amassing all this valuable information."

"Yes'm," said the consus man, of he based the door behind him.

THREE GREAT SPEAKERS.

Flon, W. T. Crawford, Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., and Judge J. H. Merri-

mon will speak as follows: Big Sandy Mush brick church-Friday, July 27, 2 p. m.

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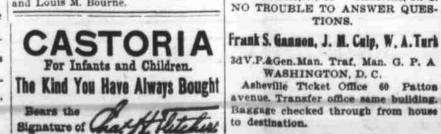
Greene-What's your idea of a sum mer house? Lawn-Oh, any kind of a building

that can be made to serve as a ! acking fer a plazza

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