

STUMP ASHBY MAKES A TRIP TO LUMBERTON

Citizens' Committee Tells Him He Cannot Speak.

NEWSPAPER MEN FROM OTHER STATES WATCHING CAM- PAIGN'S PROGRESS.

Raleigh, N. C., July 30.—The fusionists seemed to be having a rather busy day of it yesterday, Sunday, as it was, and their leaders were on hand. Father Worth was among them. Seawell was here and went away in the afternoon. Collector Duncan and Claude Bernard rattled around and Chairman Holton was in evidence. On the afternoon train Maj. John W. Graham, Senator Butler's chief counsel, returned, coming from Hillsboro, his home. He said the vote would be close there, but that he was sure the Democrats would elect the sheriff. Duncan went east this morning and so did District Attorney Bernard.

The day was very quiet here. The business houses will be closed Thursday, in accordance with a request. In one of the parks workmen today put up a platform for the speaking this evening and Wednesday evening. Wake county has been admirably canvassed and great praise is due County Chairman Armstrong Jones. For a month he has devoted himself to this line of work and with brilliant success. More newspaper men from other states arrived today to see the situation with their own eyes. A lot of the outside papers term it the "red shirt" campaign.

The imported Populist, Stump Ashby, returned yesterday from Lumberton, where the citizens committee told him he could not speak. He took the warning in the most good natured way, and said he believed in 18 to 1 and as that was the ratio against him he would retire.

It was said last night that Senator Butler had expressed a willingness to bet that the amendment would not be ratified by 50,000 majority. One of the senator's brothers today offered to bet that the majority for the amendment would not be 75,000.

There were a few spectators of the brief legislative session today. Soon after the house met Populist State Secretary R. B. Davis slipped into the gallery and cast a glance around. Then in came one of Senator Butler's brothers and took a seat. Presently Chief Clerk Denmark of the treasury department meandered in and also took a glance. Young Butler stayed. Presently a little boy with a red shirt appeared in the gallery. As soon as they saw this youngster the reporters made signs to young Butler to come to them. He came and one in a stage whisper said "Look, there's a red shirt in the gallery." He braced himself and took a look, and then the whole outfit laughed at the joke on him.

Dr. "Fox" Person of Wayne was with Capt. R. B. Davis in that famous trip they took last Friday from Wilmington to Rocky Mount. Dr. Fox says that Capt. Davis lost his bouquet in the "shuffler" the red shirt gave him when they put him back on the train, and the doctor adds that he got off the train and was suddenly separated from his baggage and put back on the train.

Secretary Peurbaill says that at Democratic headquarters he has during this stirring campaign made no fewer than 1500 assignments of speakers.

Sunday morning about 10 o'clock Senator Butler issued a second edition of his weekly in it was a column of denunciation of red shirts.

One of the street sights yesterday and Friday was torn copies of the Senator's paper, which were thrown into the streets by indignant Democrats to whom they had been sent through the mails.

It was remarked today that the campaign had passed the "literature stage."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane is here. He takes charge of Catawba college August 7 as president.

A charter is granted by the state to the Rhodebiss Cotton Manufacturing company of Caldwell county, capital \$300,000, and the Carter & Whitehead Tobacco company of Wilson, capital \$10,000.

One of the visiting newspaper men here says he arrives at the conclusion that the Populists want to take away the right to hold office from the negro, while the Republicans have said they did not want him to show himself at any conventions, and that he wants to know what these parties have to offer the negro.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

Raleigh, N. C., July 30.—It was 12:30 actual time, when the house was called to order by Speaker Connor, who said it assembled in accordance with the resolution adopted on the 24th instant. There were present Representatives Gattis, Boushall, Holland and Powell. The speaker appointed W. Wilson to act as principal clerk in the absence of Mrs. Nixon. On motion of Gattis the roll call was dispensed with. Boushall introduced a joint resolution that the legislature adjourn until 4 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. It passed its readings and was sent over to the senate. In a quarter of an hour the speaker ratified the resolution. At 1:15 actual time house adjourned.

The senate met at 12:30 actual time. In the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds and the president pro tem, R. L. Smith, Principal Clerk Daniels called the senate to order, and then called Senator Whitaker of Wake to the chair. On motion of Senator Cheek Senator Whitaker was elected president pro tem. Senators Jones and Cheek were present. A message came over from the house transmitting a joint resolution to adjourn until Tuesday, July 31, at 4 p. m. This was adopted and ratified and at 1:15 the senate adjourned.

IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From the Tar Heel Press.

—Greenboro Record: A horrible accident happened this morning at the Brooks Manufacturing company. Walter, the five years old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodall, was with his sister watching or attending to some cows that were grazing near the yards of the Brooks Manufacturing company. Walter was playing about like a child will do and was on a large pile of lumber when it gave way and tumbled down on him, crushing out his little life.

—Salisbury Truth-Index: Mr. Jacob Honbarger of China Grove died Tuesday morning as the result of being sunburned about two weeks ago. Mr. Honbarger's shoulder was blistered while he was in the sun, but no attention was first paid to it. It grew worse, however, and blood poison finally resulted.

—Red Springs Record: Vance Taylor committed suicide July 17 by shooting himself in the head with a .44-caliber pistol. He lived till 3 p.m. next day. His girl refused him that morning and he was in trouble because he was not able to start a blockade still he had on hand. The revenue officer got it that night.

—Murphy Democrat: We have in our office a stalk of oats seven feet eight inches high which contained originally 330 grains. It was one of two stalks which grew from one grain, and was sent to Mr. Hugh S. Hayes of this place from Edgewood, Washington by his son, George E. Hayes.

—Ducktown, Tenn., dispatch to Charlotte News: The enraged people of Shoal Creek, N. C., destroyed the church of the Sanctificationists of that place today. Rev. Guy Bryan, a Methodist minister, preached to the crowd while the building was burning, and encouraged its destruction.

—Burnsville Eagle: Neal Ledford and two sons of the Bee Log neighborhood in Egypt were brought to town and placed in Jailor Peterson's care Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Duncan, charged with burning the barn of Mr. B. S. Hensley, near Bee Log.

—Concord Tribune: Prof. H. T. J. Ludwig died at his home in Mt. Pleasant Saturday night about 10 o'clock. He had been for years a member of the faculty of North Carolina college, was a member of the Lutheran church and a Mason of high standing.

—Burnsville Eagle: Cindy Ray, the widow of Bob Ray, who was killed in Mine Fork two weeks ago, and who is an important state witness, was brought to town Monday and placed in jail.

—Jonesboro Progress: We regret to learn that Mr. James A. Campbell was killed by being run over by his team last Monday evening.

MERRIMON AND CRAWFORD AT HOMINY CREEK

PEOPLE OF THE SECTION ARE JUSTLY GRATIFIED.

Hominy Creek, N. C., July 30.—The good people of the Hominy section are justly gratified and Democracy justly promoted by the demonstration and the good and great speeches delivered on the 29th instant by Judge James H. Merrimon and Hon. W. T. Crawford. The speaking was in a beautiful grove near R. J. Gaston's store, and was listened to by 600 or 700 of the best people of this section. We were addressed briefly by the esteemed J. J. Mackey, who introduced Mr. Merrimon, who spoke 30 minutes, when the crowd was dispersed by a good shower of rain and Mr. Gaston kindly gave all his buildings to shelter the crowd.

After the rain the people again assembled in the grove and Judge Merrimon resumed his speech and for an hour championed the cause of white supremacy to the entire satisfaction of all present. So strong was his argument that the Republicans were as silent as the grave.

When Judge Merrimon finished dinner was served on the grounds and amidst brilliant decoration of red, white and blue, Mr. Crawford took the stand and was greeted with a hearty cheer. Mr. Crawford spoke more than an hour. He drew a vivid picture of the deplorable condition in the east and appealed to the patriotism of those who heard to help his brother of the east. The last 20 minutes of Mr. Crawford's speech was delivered in a steady downpour of rain and when Mr. Crawford showed signs of stopping there came cries of "go on, it won't rain much."

At this time our attention was directed to the rescue of Mr. Mackey's grip from the creek, though we do not pretend that the Republicans threw the grip in the creek.

We heard lifelong Republicans say it was a success for Democracy and the amendment. The Weaverville band was on hand and enlivened the occasion with good music.

It must be gratifying to the candidates who have borne the brunt of the battle to know that the end is near and victory sure. We people out here do not fear being disfranchised, though I have heard several say they would vote for the amendment if they knew they would never vote again, for they were giving up the ballot to being turned by negroes.

The Republicans about here are few, and they are doing what they can. They are that if the amendment carries they will turn the negroes loose to pilfer and plunder, as there will be no law to restrain them, and they claim that Louie Hominy will be thrown in way of account of illegal registration, but we are informed by Mr. Crowell, our registrar, that each and everyone has been registered according to law.

There was quite a contrast between the Democratic gathering and the so-called "Republican barbecue" at Candler the 25th, where Mr. Grant shed tears as large as June apples over the lost cause of the negro. While Mr. Grant was speaking some boys were on the ground throwing and catching a ball and occasional cries for music. It seemed that Mr. Grant's speech was not interesting. J. C. WATERS.

HE NEVER TUMBLED.

From the Philadelphia Press. "I'm awfully fond of fresh green vegetables," remarked the slow young man, "aren't you?" "Well," replied the young girl, who had been waiting long and patiently for an engagement ring, "I just love a certain sort of carrots." "But, alas! the head upon the young man's shoulder was a cabbage."

APPALACHIAN PARK MOVEMENT COMMENDED

Article by Dr. Hill in the St. Louis Taxpayer.

THE PEOPLE DEMAND AN IN- CREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NATIONAL PARKS.

The following article is from the Taxpayer, published at St. Louis by Dr. W. Preston Hill:

A movement has been started in the southern states to establish a national park in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, similar to the Yellowstone national park. The idea is to preserve the region in its original beauty, and to keep it from being denuded of its virgin forests by the ax of the lumberman. The conviction is slowly penetrating the minds of the people that there is a direct connection between the forests and the climate and rainfall of a region. That to destroy the forests is to diminish the rainfall and dry up the country. It is remarked by Humboldt, and truly, too, that all the earliest seats of civilization are at present bare and treeless.

There is abundant evidence to prove that central Asia, Asia Minor and northern Africa were once covered with forests like northern Europe, and their well watered and fertile valleys supported millions of people at an early period in the history of the race. But the wasteful destruction of the forests that took place under those early civilizations gradually decreased the rainfall, changed the climates, dried up the water courses, and converted these beautiful regions into parched and comparatively barren wastes. Spain, Italy and Southern Europe have also suffered in this respect from the blighting influence of man's neglect to preserve nature's most precious bounty, and even on the western continent there are indications of the same effect of the earlier civilizations of Mexico and Peru.

Patriots and scientists have noted with alarm the rapid destruction of the forests in the United States. They have seen that the only way to prevent the total annihilation of our forests is to place vast regions at the headwaters of our great rivers under the control of the government in the shape of great national parks. Unless this is done, the time is not far distant when vast sections will become as arid as the banks of Euphrates and Tigris. It is evident to everyone that it is not safe to have such momentous interests at the mercy of private greed, which never hesitates to sacrifice every interest of the future to immediate and temporary advantage.

We are heartily in favor of this movement, and we are sure that it has the endorsement of the great mass of people of the country. Such forests are great public utilities, and as such they should be owned by the people as a whole, and not by private individuals. They concern the whole nation, their benefits are distributed over vast areas and great populations. In their preservation lies the hope of the future and the heritage of our children. For this reason they should not be the plaything of individual greed and shortsightedness. This is not the only illustration of how private greed interferes with the interests of the whole nation, but we hope that in this respect at least the lesson is so plain everyone can see it. All the civilized nations of Europe have been compelled to establish departments of forestry, and take active steps to preserve their forests.

This country has moved more slowly, too slowly, in the same direction. The Yellowstone park at the headwaters of the Missouri, and the Mount Rainier park in the state of Washington, and lately the park established in the Adirondacks in New York, are steps in that direction. They should be followed by parks in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, and in the Ozark mountains of Missouri and Arkansas, and other places necessary to protect the water courses. There is no reason why one section should be favored more than another. The west and northeast have been favored. Let us have some of the benefits in this region. Increase the number of great natural parks. The people demand it.

MARS HILL CONFERENCE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING —ADDRESS ON TEMPERANCE.

Mars Hill, N. C., July 30.—The Mars Hill conference for christian workers assembled for service in the college chapel Saturday morning at 9:45. Owing to the illness of Rev. B. W. Spilman, no Bible reading was given, and the conference took up the next subject on the program, which was "The Duties of Church Officers." Rev. John Ammons presided, and the subject was discussed by brethren R. L. Moore, Rev. John Prevatt, W. R. Sams, Rev. Charles Brown, A. Lochart, Alf. Bradley, M. A. Love and Rev. John Ammons, after which the conference took a recess of three hours. The afternoon service was a continuation of the discussion of the same subject, several brethren took part, and much valuable information was brought out. At eight o'clock in the evening Rev. Alfred Bradley addressed a large audience in the church.

Sunday morning a Sunday school massmeeting was held in the church, and the lesson for the day studied. Several brethren made short talks, and the service was followed by a sermon from Rev. A. E. Brown, on "The Baptist Outlook in Western North Carolina," in which he showed that the outlook was never so bright and promising as at the present time. It was a strong and eloquent speech and was enjoyed by all who heard it.

A teachers' meeting was held in the afternoon, followed at 8 o'clock by an address by Rev. O. E. Sams on "Temperance," in which he pointed out the evils of intemperance in a most clear and logical way. Work on the tabernacle is still progressing. Brother Honeycutt is out again and Brother Spilman is improving. J. C. S.

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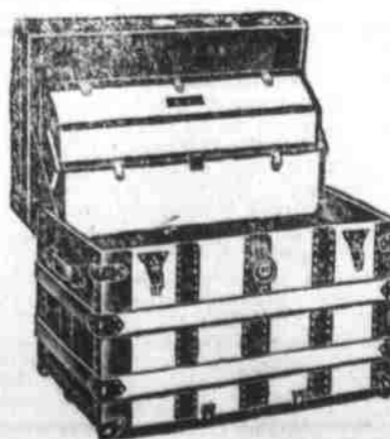
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