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LOCAL NEWS.

All papers sold on the streets by newsboys should bear the stamp, "For Transient Sale," in red ink.

Weather Predictions—Chief Moore, Washington, D. C., 11:30 o'clock.—Generally fair to-night and Friday; continuous warm.

Lightning struck the Railway section house at McNatt's yesterday. A colored woman in the house was killed by the same stroke.

To show in a measure the great severity of the heat in the northern cities during the past few days, we learn from a private source that our friend Dr. W. I. Faison, of Jersey City, had four heat prostration cases within an hour on Monday last.

Politics at Raleigh.

In reply to Monday night's resolution of the Democratic executive committee instructing Chairman Manly to renew in writing the resolution of the 30th ultimo proposing electoral fusion, the Populist committee last night replied that Mr. Butler had submitted to Mr. Manly a written memorandum for State fusion and that as that was ignored by the Democrats, the Populist committee had nothing to reply to.

A Knock-out Blow.

"Do you know me?" defiantly asked a stranger as he walked up to Mr. Arthur Maultsby on Person street yesterday.

"I don't know as I do," was the calm reply.

"Well, I know you. You put me off your train one time for not paying fare, and you are a d—m rascal and no gentleman."

"O, my! what a pretty lick!" Mr. Maultsby's right arm had shot out, and if the stranger didn't see stars he "most." Quietly and gently he picked himself up and silently stole away.

The Notification of Bryan.

Last night the scene at Madison Square Garden in New York, when Mr. Bryan rose to make his speech of acceptance of the Chicago nomination and platform is said to have exceeded anything of the kind ever witnessed. Like the enthusiasm which greeted every step of his progress across the continent, that which greeted the Democratic candidate in New York, was phenomenal. Surely, it is a presage of the great victory that seems to be decreed for this candidate of the people, this "apostle of the lowly."

Mr. Bryan's speech was everything that was expected. It fills six small-type columns of matter. We shall give it in full by instalments, after to-day, and comment upon it to-morrow.

Police News.

The trial of the men accused of burning the Flea Hill fence is now in progress before Squire Overby. It is hinted that if these men are proven guilty, other arrests may follow, as at the time of the burning it was said some fifty or more persons were concerned in it. Some startling evidence may be developed at the trial.

Laura McKay and Caesar Hall have been arrested and placed in jail, the woman charged with concealing birth of child and the man with secretly burying it.

Died in Texas.

The sad news reached here Tuesday of the death in Lorado, Texas, of our former townsman, Mr. David Monroe. It was a great shock to his wife, who, with her three children, is living with her father, Capt. J. M. Wright, on Ramsey street. Only last week she received a letter from her husband, who had been engineering on a Mexican Railroad, saying that he had just narrowly escaped death from a severe attack of a fever prevalent in that country, and that the doctors advised him to return home.

He had started home, but met with death by the wayside. A sad death, indeed; hundreds of miles away from home and among strangers.

He has several brothers living in South Carolina, and they, with the Masons, of which order he was a member of high standing, made the arrangements for the funeral, which took place in Lorado.

A Voice from Maryland.

Major J. T. M. Barnes, Treasurer of the Western Maryland railroad, who has been visiting Col. Green at Tokay, left for his home in Baltimore this morning. This gentleman, who holds a high position of trust with one of the richest railroads running out of Baltimore, was very free in expressing his opinion on the political situation in Maryland while in conversation with several of our citizens. Frankly admitting that he is a believer in the gold standard, he says: "Bryan will carry Maryland by a good majority. Labor is at a discount as well as farm products. The Pennsylvania Railroad has discharged 8,000 employes within two months, this company, heretofore extending its lines in all directions has not had a spade full of earth turned over, nor a nail driven except for necessary repairs, in many months. The people see the rich getting richer, and the poor poorer, and they want a change. They want to try free silver, and I for one say, let them try it. While I am what people are pleased to term, a gold bug, yet it is possible free silver may prove the cure for the existing ills, a rather dangerous experiment, yet the people are determined to try it."

Hotel Arrivals.

R. S. Bond, North Carolina; A. B. Baker, R. M. S.; J. H. Currie, North Carolina; H. W. George, Washington, D. C.; B. F. Smoot, Jr., Bowling Green; J. Y. Cooke, Jno. Mansfield, Washington, D. C.; Geo. Harris, Jr., Philadelphia; C. T. Smith, O. P. Smoot, R. M. S.

FRANK THOMPSON, OF ONSLOW, GETS THE NOMINATION.

The Third District Congressional Convention was called to order at 12 M., yesterday, by Chairman of the executive committee W. E. Murchison.

We made provision for telegraphic news of the proceedings, but, up to the moment of going to press, have heard nothing. Brief dispatches, however, appear in the morning papers announcing that on the 167th ballot, Mr. Frank Thompson, of Onslow, a brother of Dr. Cyrus Thompson, received the nomination. A special to the Raleigh News and Observer says that "Shaw, of Cumberland, led the ticket against his wishes up to the 102 ballot," and that Mr. Thompson was nominated on the 107th ballot, "after a patriotic speech of withdrawal from Shaw."

This correspondent adds:

There were 175 delegates present. Resolutions endorsing the Chicago and State platforms were adopted unanimously. The action of the State Executive committee was also endorsed. The Executive committee re-elected. W. E. Murchison chairman, John Underwood, secretary of the committee. Everybody is happy and well pleased with the work of the convention.

We do not know Mr. Thompson, but we hear the best accounts of him. In noticing his nomination for one of the Senators from that district, the Kinston Free Press, one of the truest and most reliable of Democratic newspapers, said in its yesterday's issue:

"The Democrats of this senatorial district have nominated Frank Thompson, of Onslow, and David L. Ward, of Craven, to the State senate. All our people are acquainted with Frank Thompson. He is a splendid man, a red-hot Democrat and a fine campaigner. It would have been impossible, we think, to have made a better selection."

While congratulating Mr. Thompson and Onslow, it is a matter of regret for us of Cumberland that the county should have lost the second term to which ordinarily we should have been entitled.

THE POPULIST CONVENTION.

Hot Fight in Progress Between Fusionists and Anti's.

Special to Observer.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 13.

Convention called to order by Butler. Great crowd. Caldwell temporary Chairman. Butler says this is the proudest day of his life.

The Delegation took recess at 1 o'clock after appointing committees.

Hot fight in progress between factions which favor straight ticket and that which demands fusion with Republicans. This fight is made on permanent chairman. Each side claims it has victory assured. Republicans are offering to bet fusion faction will win. Twenty Republicans are here. No one can say what will be done. It looks like Guthrie for Governor, O. H. Dockery for Lieutenant Governor. Guthrie is confident. It is said positively by some populist leaders that they propose to reveal Mark Hanna's hand and money before convention ends. Republicans openly threaten they will not fuse on Congressmen unless Populists fuse on State ticket.

People and Their Movements.

Mr. Ed. McKethan left for Savannah last night.

Mrs. A. H. Slocomb went down to the Beach this morning.

Mr. Frank Hollingsworth is quite sick at his home on Person street.

Mr. Herbert Huske has returned from a visit to different parts of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting at West Lawn.

Mr. R. B. King left yesterday evening for Wilmington, to spend several days at the Beach.

Miss Bicaise, of Charleston, who has been visiting the family of Maj. B. C. Gorham returned yesterday.

Mr. G. M. Beasley, of South Carolina, is relieving Mr. C. S. McMillan as billing clerk at the A. C. L. for a month.

Miss Margaret Williams, of Burgaw, who has been visiting Miss Pearl McMillan on Haymount, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Clewell, Principal of Salem Female College, spent last night in the city, the guest of Mr. J. D. Brown on Russell street.

Capt. Dave Jones and wife left yesterday on a visit to the northern cities. While at the north they will visit their nephew, Mr. W. D. McNeill, in Vermont.

Mr. J. T. M. Barnes, Treasurer of the Western Maryland Railroad at Baltimore, who has been spending some time with his friend Col. W. J. Green, at Tokay, has returned home.

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