

Cotton Exchange Denounces Telephone Co.

New Orleans, July 31.—At a general meeting of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange held this afternoon the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the commercial news department of the Western Union Telegraph company has notified this exchange that unless it signs a certain contract for New York quotations by or before July 31st, the service thereof will be stopped; and

"The New York cotton exchange has confirmed the notice of the Telegraph company; and,

"The said contracts given the Telegraph company or the New York cotton exchange the right to stop said quotations without cause and without notice at any time they or either may so do; and,

"The New York Cotton exchange requires this exchange to sign an application certifying that we had not and would not countenance bucket shops, or in other words, that we are not and will not become a gambling institution; and,

"The New York Cotton exchange refuses to treat with us as an exchange and insists that we must have all negotiations regarding their quotations with the Telegraph company subject to their approval; therefore, be it,

"Resolved, That this exchange refuses to sign the contracts offered;

"That we refuse to negotiate other than with the New York exchange direct;

"That we are willing to co-operate with the New York exchange in any and all measures for the suppression of bucket shops and to sign any agreement in reason direct with said exchange provided it is of a nature that does not require us to forfeit our self respect;

"Resolved, That we ask the New York Cotton exchange as a sister exchange to meet us in this matter and to treat with us as it does with Liverpool, as an exchange direct, and not to place us in a false position before the people of the world.

"Resolved, That we deplore the present situation, but insist that it is entirely due to mistaken views of the New York Cotton exchange which is requiring of this exchange to subscribe to conditions that are impossible, except at the sacrifice of our dignity and self-respect."

Northern Newspapers Wants Amendment Repealed

A recent issue of the Providence Journal, commenting on the negro and lynching, has this to say:

"To give the negro the franchise, for example, was like giving whiskey to a child. A law decreeing that he was fit to exercise it as wisely as the white man simply because he was a human being was certain to prove as ineffective in the long run as a law decreeing that his skin was white and not black. Powers and right, that the average white man exercises wisely simply intoxicate the average negro. A law that attempts to endow him with attributes that he does not possess may be constitutional, but it is not enforceable, because it is against nature. Nor can it command respect for long. The greater danger lies not in disfranchising the negro, but in refusing to repeal laws that defy common sense such laws come inevitably sooner or later to be held in contempt, and contempt for one law leads quickly to contempt for all law. But the only way to deal effectively with the sentiments that when the law is not enforced find expression in lynchings is to see that the laws when made are not entirely out of accord with laws of nature, which are supreme in this world."

McGaha Cases Concluded.

At Brevard Thursday midnight the hearing in the cases involving the alleged defalcation of ex-Sheriff McGaha, which has been in progress before Referee Robert L. Ryburn for nearly three weeks, was concluded by the argument of counsel and the court adjourned. Judge Shuford, R. M. Wells and J. D. Murphy returned here yesterday and Mr. Ryburn went to his home in Shelby yesterday. There is one more case to be heard and that will be taken up in Asheville at a later date. It is the case of J. M. Thrash against the other sureties, S. A. Keith, the Fidelity and Deposit company, and the U. S. Guaranty company. It involves very much the same state of affairs as the consolidated cases which were heard in Brevard. It is alleged that there was a shortage in the accounts of Mr. McGaha while he was sheriff and tax collector, from 1893 to 1900, of about \$7,000. Mr. Thrash paid part of this sum and is looking to the other sureties to reimburse him for his pro rata part of this. They defend in this and the other cases on the grounds that no shortage is proven, that it was waived if there was one, and that Thrash was not obliged to pay this amount, and therefore they are not responsible to him.—Citizen.

Cardinals Balloting For Leo's Successor

Rome, July 31.—Midnight.—The largest conclave in the history of the Catholic church has assembled in the Sistine chapel for the purpose of electing a successor to Leo XIII. Sixty-two cardinals, with over 200 clerical and lay attendants, are, to all intents and purposes, prisoners within the vatican.

Dr. Laponi's duties began immediately after the opening of the conclave, much fear being expressed concerning the health of Cardinals Mocenni, Croni and Langenieux, who are already ill. The first cardinal to be taken to his bed was Cardinal Herrero Y. Espinosa, Archbishop of Valencia, who is 81 years of age and was appointed a cardinal at the consistory held in June last. He is prostrated by over-fatigue.

News from within the precincts of the conclave at midnight is to the effect that after prayers the cardinals took supper at a common table with the exception of nine of them, who had their meals served in their cells. Cardinal Herrero Y. Espinosa, with the assistance of a cardinal administered by Dr. Laponi is reported to have gone quietly to sleep.

Tomorrow morning the cardinals will enter upon the solemn duty of choosing the new Pope by ballot. The general impression exists that within two or three days possibly, though not probable tomorrow, a new Pope will be chosen. But no matter how long a time may be required, the absolute seclusion of the princes of the church from the outer world must, according to the church law, continue until a choice is made.

Pulliam Not Likely to Receive Pardon.

Washington, July 27.—At the Department of Justice little encouragement is given for the re-opening of the case of Lawrence Pulliam, whose application for pardon was denied by President Roosevelt. The statement is made that it is unusual to have a case considered a second time unless there is new evidence of importance introduced. The President's refusal to pardon Pulliam was not known here until its publication in North Carolina. The records show that the pardon was denied July second. Action in pardon cases is always announced from the White House, but in this instance no announcement has ever been officially made.

Wife Dies From Freight. Big Fire The Cause.

Norfolk, July 27.—The big Nagshead Hotel at the North Carolina ocean resort of that name, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The hotel had 140 guests and all were saved, though Mrs. John Lowe, of Norfolk, wife of the proprietor, died afterwards of the result of the excitement. Mrs. Lowe had been a sufferer for some time from heart trouble. The guests lost practically all their effects and some even lost what cash they had on hand, leaving them destitute.

The crew of the United States life-saving station near by rendered all possible assistance and the guests were cared for last night at the life-saving station and by cottages near by.

Has "the Model" Saloon Keeper Been Found?

Down at Walker, in Vernon county, Mo., is a saloon-keeper named Hook who deserves a wider reputation than he enjoys. Hook's place, which is called the "Gun Club," is unique because of the precautions its proprietor takes to keep within the laws and prevent brawls on his premises. A strange patron is surprised to have his beer handed out in a tin cup.

"If you read the newspapers," Hook explains, "you must have observed that a large per cent of the fights in bar-rooms originate over some imaginary insult, which is resented with a blow with a beer glass, or a thrown beer glass, which inflicts a bad wound. You can't hurt anybody with a tin cup."

There is not a movable piece of furniture in the place—chair, table, stove leg, or anything else—that might be used as a weapon.

"If anyone is ever hurt in the Gun Club," says Hook, "it will be with weapons brought in, or with nature's own tools." On the walls are these notices: "Profane language will not be tolerated in this house." "Minors will not be served and cannot stay in this room." Both are lived up to. Hook will not stand profanity, and he will not sell a minor, even though he has the parents' legal consent.

Furthermore, he never sells on credit, he discourages men of small means from patronizing him, and he will not allow a confirmed toper on the place. The model saloon-keeper seems at last to have been found.—Kansas City Journal.

Encouraging Report From Bradstreet.

New York, August 1.—Bradstreet today says:

Weather, crops and trade conditions are reasonable favorable, though irregularity and weakness in some staples prices reflect readjustment of consumption to enlarge production.

Copious rains in the corn belt and in the western corn belt have removed some of the uneasiness existing as to the output of these two great crops, and despite this backwardness the outlook for general trade has been measurably helped. Iron and steel buyers are still backward. The industrial situation has improved, the railroads are having all they can handle with the lack of congestion again being heard.

A favorable feature this week is the reported improvement in foreign demand for our breadstuff, considerable quantities of new wheat and corn being reported.

Somewhat Trifling Affair At Panama.

Washington, July 27.—Consul General Gudger, at Panama, has made the following report by cable to the State Department of the episode at that city:

"Last night about 10 o'clock soldiers, headed by the commander-in-chief, searched the Governor's house. The Governor escaped. Tried to reach the consulate, but was intercepted. Took refuge at the house of an American. Streets lined with soldiers. Arrested Secretary of State, chief of police and departmental employes. Department has money."

Another dispatch was received today from Mr. Gudger, saying the governorship had been tendered, but it is not known to whom. He added that the situation is grave. Acting Secretary Loomis has decided to await further advice before taking action.

Mr. Gudger further reported that "trouble arose because of the failure of the Governor to pay national troops. He found and arrested the fugitive in a negro settlement east of the city."

Jug Toter is Struck by Train.

Black Mountain, July 27.—Bud Kelly, a white man about 40 years old, was struck by a train near Old Fort this morning and injured so badly that the doctors say he may die. When discovered Kelly was very bloody, his face being badly cut and his arm injured.

Despite this he was soon able to walk and when placed on the train held fast to one of the two jugs of whiskey which he had when the accident occurred, the other jug having been broken. Kelly's acquaintances ridicule the idea that he may die and cite the fact that he recently fell 50 feet off Swannanoa trestle and has been in numerous difficulties without serious results. He was taken to Old Fort.

Is Pope Leo In Purgatory?

Father Francis said in his sermon last night that Pope Leo might be in purgatory and he asked his congregation to pray that the Pontiff might be removed from there and take into Paradise. This idea illustrates what may be termed the democracy of the Catholic faith, doesn't it? For twenty five years the Pope was invested with divine prerogatives and in a spiritual and moral way was considered infallible. Yet he may have to go through the process of purgation before he wins his reward, and the prayers of those living are expected to make matters easier for the sanctified head of the Church. The Protestant religion is not so complex. In accordance with its tenets a man goes either to one place or the other at once. The Catholic purgatory does not seem so very terrible place to one of alien creed, since all Catholics are permitted to leave it for a better place.—Observer.

Senator Tillman To Wield Pitchfork.

Chicago, July 27.—Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who is to hold a series of debates in the northwest with Senator Barton of Kansas, on the race question passed through here yesterday on his way to Madison, Wis., where the first of the debate will before the Chautauqua assembly.

"I notice that Illinois and Indiana and other northern states have recently adopted the southern way of settling the race question," he said at the auditorium just before departing for Wisconsin. "That seems to be the only practical way until the amendments in the constitution granting negroes suffrage has been repealed. We have shot 'em and hanged and burned 'em in South Carolina until they almost know their proper place now, although the desire to vote, whether or not they know that they are voting for or against, frequently causes trouble."

Senator Burton passed through Chicago in the morning. He said he would make a dispassionate argument on the race question. He had no doubt of his ability to show that the negro race was improving under the laws enacted by the Republican party, and that the improvement would continue at such a rate as to justify the fifteenth amendment.

"Tooth Pickers" Take their Leave.

Asheville, August 1.—The National Dental Association held but one session yesterday and adjourned to meet in St. Louis during the last week in August of next year, at which time the world's exposition will be in full swing.

At the session held yesterday morning, the first business to come before the body was the installation of the newly elected officers.

After this Dr. C. N. Leonard, of Nashville, Tenn., presented a very interesting paper on "Atmospheric Pressure."

A general discussion of the work of the convention then followed which lasted about thirty minutes, which was followed by the final adjournment.

Louisiana Republicans Roast Roosevelt.

New Orleans, July 30.—The attitude of President Roosevelt on the negro question has caused a break in the white republican party of Louisiana. A circular addressed to white republicans calls for the abandonment of the party on the ground that under Roosevelt it is so identified with negroism that white men cannot belong to it.

The objections to Roosevelt are given in a long address which says that Roosevelt's "consuming vanity and egotism will soon earn for him the title of 'party buster' as well as 'broncho buster.'" Continuing the address says: "The Indianola affair stamps him as either a negrophile fanatic whose views are repugnant to every American and a deadly insult to every southern born man, or as a demagogic politician playing for the negro vote that holds the balance of power in Ohio, Indiana and New York. In either case the results are the same, and are helping the effort, north and south, of inciting negroes to crime, with the consequences of lynchings as daily occurrences. No self respecting southern republican who loves his race, his home or the principles of his party, can longer affiliate with a party that stands for social equality with negroes, it matters not what his views on economic questions may be."

Defaulting Sheriff Has Been Apprehended.

Marion, July 25.—R. L. Nichols, ex-sheriff of McDowell county, an absconder, has been captured at Mangum, Oklahoma Territory. While in office Nichols misappropriated several thousand dollars, which amount had to be made good by his bondsmen. He left Marion some six months ago, and since then his whereabouts have been a mystery. A detective was put on the case, however, and he succeeded in tracking his man to Mangum, where he arrested him a day or two ago. Requisition papers have been forwarded to the Governor of Oklahoma and Nichols will be brought here to stand trial for embezzlement.

President Noel Gets New Gavel.

Asheville, July 28.—The National Dental Association held its opening session at Battery Park Hotel this afternoon, the opening feature being the presentation of a gavel to President Noel, in the form of a molar tooth and forceps, by the Asheville Association. The gavel was presented through Dr. Ramsey. President Noel then introduced Rev. Frank Siler, who pronounced the invocation. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by City Attorney Louis M. Bourne. Dr. James McMamum, of Hartford, Conn., responded on behalf of the association. His response was frequently interrupted with applause.

The address of welcome on behalf of the State was delivered by Dr. E. J. Tucker, of Roxboro. The honor of responding to the address of welcome was ably delivered by Dr. Tacker was extended to Dr. Burton Lee Thorpe, of St. Louis. The annual address of President Noel was delivered after the addresses of welcome and responses.

Marshal J. M. Millikan, together with his deputies, Barnes, Bailey and Israel, have returned from a tour of the mountains near the line between this State and Tennessee, where they went in search of Harvey Logan, the escaped desperado. The North Carolina officers are sore of foot and mind because, after tramping for days through unbroken forests, cooking their own meals and generally roughing it, they have concluded that Logan never saw this part of the country.

The Southern.

The Southern Railway is certainly having a rough time of it. Another wreck yesterday, one day before, and numerous others recently. It strikes us it is about time an investigation is being made of the management of the road. There must be somewhere an inconsiderable number of incompetent men. But, whatever the cause of so many accidents we sympathize with the owners of the company for of course they would not have such accidents if they could prevent them.—Herald.

Maj. Chas. M. Steadman In the Race for Governor.

Greensboro, N. C., August 1.—It is now settled beyond question that Major Chas. M. Steadman is a candidate for nomination of Governor, and that the democrats of Guilford county will present his name to next State Convention. His campaign will be managed by Hon. A. L. Book, Solicitor of the Ninth Judicial District, who is his close personal and political friend.

The above statement was confirmed by Mr. Brooks in an interview with our correspondent today.

Being asked what he thought were the chances for Major Steadman's nomination Mr. Brooks replied: "We are very much encouraged over the outlook. Whoever known Major Steadman is honored and admired. In boyhood he won fame as a soldier and officer in the battlefields of Virginia; in civil life by ability, integrity, fidelity, fortitude and unselfishness, he has fought bravely the battle of life. Knowing his eminent fitness for the position and his unceasing devotion to the party in the past, in my opinion, he is the most available man that the Democrats can nominate. His powers as an orator and debator are well known to the people of the State, and if nominated, he will make a brilliant canvass in which every democrat will take pride."

A. A. Campbell Passes Over the River.

The friends of Hon. A. A. Campbell, of Cherokee county, will hear with regret of his death. He died in Murphy. Mr. Campbell was one of the most widely known members of the Republican Legislature of 1896. He was a kind hearted man, friendly, social and pleasant, and everybody liked him. You could't help it for his kind irradiated cheer. The newspaper boys all like him and will read with regret of his death. In terms of affection they called him "Hoola Boom" after a humorous character in a popular play.

At one time he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor but he did not press his claims. He was chairman of the celebrated Arrington Investigating Committee.—News and Observer.

Requisition Issued for Ex-Sheriff Nichols.

Raleigh, N. C., July 30.—Governor Aycock today issued a requisition on the governor of Oklahoma for R. L. Nichols, the defaulting ex-sheriff of McDowell county, who is charged with stealing \$5,000 of county funds, and who fled some months ago. His property was surrendered to his bondsmen. They made good to the county the amount of his defalcation. His attorneys tried hard to prevent the issuing of the warrant of requisition. J. A. Perry of Morganton is the officer named by the governor to go after Nichols. The bondsmen have been tracking the latter ever since he fled the State.

Dental Meeting in Asheville.

The National Dental Association which has been in annual session at Asheville this week elected the following new officers:

President—Dr. C. C. Grippenden, Madison, Wis.
Vice-President, for the East—Dr. Waldo E. Boardman, Boston, Mass.
Vice-President, for the West—Dr. Harry Carlton, San Francisco, Cal.
Vice-President, for the South—Dr. J. G. Fife, Texas.
Corresponding secretary—Dr. C. S. Butler, Buffalo, N. Y.
Treasurer—Dr. V. E. Turner, Raleigh, N. C.
Corresponding secretary—Dr. A. H. Peck, Chicago.

New York City will make an interesting exhibit of her summer school system at the World's Fair in 1904. The sum of \$10,000 has been appropriated for this purpose.

Cashiers Valley in Jackson County.

Just to the westward of what we understand to be the "Sapphire country" in Transylvania county—we have not been to the section since this improvement—what is known as the Cashier's Valley Jackson county, we believe to be the prettiest section of that combination of prettiness—Western North Carolina.

If the railroad ever crosses the Blue Ridge from Transylvania toward the southwest, it must run through this Valley and then we will see a series of hotels in a stretch of country twenty odd miles long that will afford pleasure and we are sure comfort to an extent that no other similar space on this continent can equal, considering climate, scenic beauty and all other advantages strictly peculiar to the mountain section of our State.—Raleigh Post.

Pope Leo's Poem on Death.

In 1897 the Pope felt the shadow of death beginning to fasten upon him, and in splendid defiance of its power wrote the following lines, which are considered among his strongest works.

DEATH.

The western sun draws near his cloudy bed,
Leo, and gradual darkness veils thy head.

The sluggish life-blood in thy withered veins
More slowly runs its course—what time remains?

Lo! Death is brandishing his fatal dart,
And the grave yearns to shroud thy mortal part.

But from its prison freed, the soul expands
Exalting pinions to the enfranchised lands.

My weary race is run—I touch the goal,
Hear, Lord, the feeble pantings of my soul;

If it be worthy, Lord, thy pitying breath
Welcome it unto ever-lasting rest!

May I behold the Queen of earth and sky,
Whose love enchain'd the demons lurking nigh

The path to heaven; and freely shall I own
'Twas thy sweet care that gained my blissful crown!

Locke Craig for Congress.

"I believe Mr. Coeke Craig be nominated for Congress in the ninth district, and that he will be elected," said Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, who returned last night from a trip to the western part of the State.—Charlotte Observer, 25th.

CRAIG NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mr. Lock Craig when asked by a representative of the Citizen about the statement in the Charlotte Observer as to his becoming the next Democratic nominee for congress in the district, replied that he had not considered the matter and that other things of importance was at present demanding his attention. "I am certainly not a candidate, said he, and at this early date any further discussion of the matter by me would perhaps be premature."—Asheville Citizen.

Five hundred tons of exhibits for the World's Fair from the Philippines are now on their way to St. Louis on the U. S. transport Kilpatrick.



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