

with that of Mr. Gudger.

"The comparison and the argument deduced from it are manifestly unfair and specious," said a friend of Mr. Gudger to Gazette-News reporter this morning.

"The election went practically by default between Beddingfield and Abbott, as the Republicans realized they had no eartly chance of carrying State. On the contrary, there has never been a more stubborn polit ical fight here or elsewhere than that waged between Gudger and Moody. The Republicans believed they had an excellent chance to win; their candidate was by all odds the most popular man in his party, and they commanded the sinews of modern warfare without stint. It is safe to say that more than twice as much money was expended in the effort to elect Major Moody as was ever used for any other congressional candidate in North Carolina. It is matter of common knowledge that the Republican motto in this district was to sacrifice everything for Moody. It was the policy of their workers to trade any candidate, State or local, any terms, in his interest. 'Single-shotting' as popular a .candidate as Major Moody in this way, and with practically unlimited money for "boot,' the wonder is, not that Mr. Gud ger's majority was less than that of the Demc crats whose election was not contest-,ed but that he was able to have a majority, at all.

"These were the conditions as known to every well informed person in the district -it was against these odds that Mr. Gudger fought and won and the result, instead of evidencing his weakness, is a magnificent demonstration of his strength. It is a result which instead of suggesting that the cannot be elected this year, shows conclusively that he cannot be defeated.

"The reasoning attempted to be employed against Mr. Gudger would be extremely disastrous to Mr. Crawford, whose ability and popularity no Democrat would venture to question. He lost to Moody by something like 2,000 majority in a district which, in the same year, gave almost, if not quite, as large a majority to the Democratic State ticket and the Constitutional Amendment.

"In Mr. Crawford's case the discrepancy was something like twice as great as in Mr.

to the court house under the protection Aycock had lost the district by 384, in upon his merits as a representative of turned to Vladivostok after sinking the rayed against him, the victory was given was always uncertain what the full con the people. He has made a good rec-Lakonoura Maru into Mr. Gudger's hands through the devoof eighteen companies of State militia the August election with all the local mittee would do. There was at times, and ord in Congress and we believe is much | There are torpedoes nor mines sunk and was tried on the charge of feloni- and State machinery of the party betion of a sturdy voting element in the out is still authority, altogether reliable and distronger in the district now than he at Vladivostok. Massing of troops on laying precincts, an element which offers ous assault, which is a hanging crime hind him-solid and enthusiastic; Crawrect, for saying that the sub-committee the north bank of the Yalu continues, ford had nothing in November except was two years ago. the most promising field for Democratic misin this State. reached an agreement, and this agreement Major Moody's big vote in 1902 is the Russians evidently believing that sionary effort, an element the needless of-The bloody hatchet filled with hair an organized war between the Simwas favorable to Mr. Guder, and therefore the possibility has been suggested that this from the heads of Williams' victims, mons and Carr factions of his party in a largely due to promises of patronge, the Japanese intend to make their main fending of which would be an act of unand the bloody razor were introduced senatorial primary. Despite all this, as money, local dissentions among demoattack there with the object in view pardonable party folly. expression of the chairman signifies some in evidence by the Commonwealth. To we have said often before, he ran 305 crats in several counties and trading of forcing their way through the Rusopposition to Mr. Gudger has arisen among "Mr. Gudger fought a hard fight and save Mrs. Shields' humiliation she was ahead of Bryan 216, ahead of the amend- upon the part of county candidates. sian lines and destroying the railway, other members of the committee .- Cor won. He has shown ability, diligence and ment. Furthermore he received in Republicans had no hope of carrying thereby cutting off all communication Charlotte Obsever. not brought into court and the details efficiency in the public service. 1990, 2,328 more votes than the demo- the State, or electing their legislative with Port Arthur and Vladivostok. "This showing alone would, by every of the crime were not rehearsed. tickets and swapped every doubtful vote possible in the hope of electing \* \* \* Si & lighted canon of party usage, entitle him to a re- burden of anxiety, harrassment and ex The jury was out five minutes and cratic candidate two years later in the pense of which the public has little Paris, Feb. 17 .- An official dispatch rewithin another five minutes Judge counties that now comprise the tenth Moody. pomination. "But this is not all. After waging his thought, but which has been bravely and In some of the counties, notably Hay-Woods had passed the death sentence district. So if the nomination this year ceived here today from Tokio annuunces wood, McDowell and Polk, Mr. Gudger on the negro and ordered that he be is to be decided upon "comparisons" it that the most important movement of fight before the people to a successful issue, cheerfully borne. lead several of the local candidates. Like others of we mortals (at times) he Japanese troops yet made is occurring to removed at once to Lynchburg for safe- will go to Mr. Crawford unanimously. "It is simply unthinkable that, under cirthe fight had still to be kept up in a contest made some mistakes in starting out, day. One of the main branches of the before the House of Representatives, even cumstances like these, ordinary and long- keeping until the day set for his execu-.... Now, as to Mr. Gudger. We are sat-isfied he knew nothing of the Gazette-Now is a dear teacher, however, and he has doubtless profited thereby. It is established party usage should be reversed tion, when he will be brought here and to the present time, in order to hold, for his party as well as for himself, that which in order to deny to Mr. Gudger the endorsehanged. on transports. The previous landings of ment of a repomination. The exigencies Before hearing the verdict of the ju- News interview until it appeared in hardly fair to ring in old scores, and he had won. This contest, while fought out in the in. of no man's ambition can justify such a print, and do not believe he endorses for our part, we are willing to "let byry, Judge Woods cautioned those presthe portion to which The Hustler takes gones be by-gones" and face conditions exception. His friends and those of as they exist at the present time. terest of the Democratic party, no less rape of political propriety."-Gazetteent not to make any demonstrations (Continued on 4th page.) than his ewn interest, has imposed on him a News. and this order was obeyed.

intentious carried a double meaning, and yet Mr. Cleveland had so expressed himself regarding the Panama canal that it

was not certain just where he stood or what he thought the country or the Democratic party should do. Generally speaking, this utterance of Mr. Cleveland has been construed as a complete endorsement

of the policy of Senator Gorman, but as Mr. Simmuns pointed out, the former President had not advised rejection of the Loomis-Varilla treaty. Many rreaty Democrate have taken the position that this government has done violence to its treaty obligations, but differentiating the Panama revolt from methods which brought it about, and recognizing the revolution as a fact, for the Democrats are in no wise responsible, the Senators will vote for the treaty. The question is, Dees Mr. Cleveland feel that the notional good faith has been subjected to a degree of suspicion which would suggest to Democrats the advisability, or necessity of opposing the treaty?

SIMMONS QUESTIONS SPOONER. While Senator Spooner was addressing the Senate today in support of the caral treaty, Senator Simmons interrupted to say that there was some difference of opinion in his State concerning the desirability of the Panama and Nicaraguan rooutes with relation to the time it would probably take vessels to make the trip from, say, San Francisco to New Orleans. The first named route would be much shorter, but

at the same time, vessels would have to travel a longer distance befor the canal was reached. Senator Simmons said he would like to have the opinion of the Wisconsin Senator on this point, so that it would at once be pulished in The Record. Mr. Spooner did not reply categorically, but referred to the speech delivered on the subject by the late Senator Hanna, and cited a

number of facts to show the advisabity of adopting the Panama route in the interest of time, which is so important to shipowners.

GUDGER CASE NOT YET SETTIED. Chairman Mann, of the elections committee, said some rather surprising things today, and wonder has been expressed whether any significance is to be attached

to his utterance. Just after f the meeting of the full committee, Mr. Mann was asked what action had been taken in the Gudger case; whereupon the chairman replied that no reference had been made to the case and no report submitted, although he had made some inquiries regarding the matter. In the event the sub-committee had reached an agreement, he did not think anything

when the doors of the chamber of commerce closed.

Promptly at noon the cortege left the chamber of commerce for the church, preceeded by a platoon of police, escorted by military and civic organizations. The church was filled long before the hour for services. Thousands lined the streets about the edifice. Bishop Leonard pronounced the eulogy. Dr. D. H. McGrew, rector of St. Paul's, said the creed and prayer. Bishop Leonard then read the committal service and prenounced the benediction. The assemblage remained seated until the casket was removed and the family and Washington delegation departed.

THE ROANOKE FIEND TO HANG Quick Justice for the Negro Williams is Meted Out.

MARCH EIGHTEENTH IS DAY Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty After Having the Case Five

Minutes-The Crime Reviewed.

that Crawford ran ahead instead of be-Roanoke, Va., Feb. 16 .- Henry Wilhind his ticket, the majority against liams, a burly negro, who at noon on January 30th, last, entered the home of him being 216 less than that cast George J. Shields, a well known busiagainst the Amendment.

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worthy and faithful servants."

This reference to our esteemed ex

Congressman is unfair and cannot be

sustained by the facts. It is not our

purpose to detract from the merits of

renomination, but as a friend, also, of

Mr. Crawford we do not feel that it

would be treating him with becoming

justice to let this statement pass un-

The interview conveys the impres

sion that Mr. Crawford lost the district

by 2,000 and that the state ticket and

Mr. Gudger's case in the matter of

Again, our friend, who has spoken ness man, and outraged Mrs. Shields and then murderously assaulted her and through the Asheville paper, should remember that Madison county with her three-year-old daughter with a hatchet, razor and a pocket knife and her 1,200 majority against Governor Aycock was a part of the district in left them for dead, today was sentenced by Judge Woods in the Corporation 1900. There were also between 2,000 and 3,000 negroes and Indians who vot-Court to be hanged March 18, next. After backing and fracturing the ed for Mr. Moody, in his first race before the provisions of the amendment skulls of his victims with a hatchet, Williams cut Mrs. Shields' throat from went into effect, who were disqualified thereby at the last election. This of ear to ear with a razor and locked her in a clothes closet. He escaped to the itself, refutes the contentions of our coal fields, where he was captured last friend in the Gazette and clearly shows Wednesday. A reward of \$2,000 had that Crawford went down in the land been offered for his capture. He con- slide with colors flying and in the forefessed to the crime and on Friday was most rank of the democratic hosts. He rushed across the State of Virginia on is one man who never runs behind his a special train to Richmond for safe-associates.

The State election had been held in keeping. Japanese had opened hostilities without Yesterday a special grand jury in- August of the year 1900 and by the Gudger's, and yet I should be surprised to having declared war. other aspirants would do well to re dicted him for felonious assault and adoption the amendment hear an intelligent Democrat question Mr. of When news of the opening of the war member that it is bad policy to attempt robbery. He was brought here today many illiterate white men Crawford's eligibility to a congressional reached Vladivostok the squadron to "boost" one man at the expense of anon a special train bearing 500 Rich- were deceived by the Republicans, innomination at the hands of his party. Dehastily repainted and cleared for acother. Being a friend of Mr. Gudger mond soldiers and another special train to the belief that they were casting mocracy is not so ready to turn her back and at present, in sympathy with his tion, leaving port on the afternoon of bearing 300 soldiers preceded that their last vote, which was naturally for upon her worthy and faithful servants. candidacy, we prefer to let him stand February 9. He believed that; it rewould be said about for publication, as it which bore Williams. He was hurried the party that opposed its adoption. "In his contest with the great forces ar-

in Mr. Crawford's case the discrepancy was something like twice as great Marion, A. L. McMurray, of Columbus, as in Mr. Gudger's, and yet I should W. J. Daniel, of Rutherfordton, A. J. De be surprised to hear an intelligent dem-Hart, of Biyson City. ocrat question Mr. Crawfords eligibility

to a congressional nomination at the The committee assembled in the comhands of his party. Democracy is not missioners' room in the court house and it gulf. so ready to turn her back upon her

was at first an open meeting. Candidates were asked to state what dates they had in mind for the convention. Prof. J. J. Britt spose for an early convention, Mr. Settle, Judge Ewart and W. E. Logan for

the middle of May. Mr. Logan has been in favor of an early convention, but has mind.

The selection of Hendersonville is regarded by Democrats as being strongly in favor of Judge Ewart and Mr. Settle. Judge Ewait lives there and Henderson will support him solidly, it is claimed. Is there a combination between Eward and Settle?

smendment were carried by about the This combination is answered in the af same majority; that the discrepancy firmative by insiders. They claim that the against Mr. Crawford was twice as two have a thorough understanding and great as it was against the congressionwill unite to defeat the revenue agents can? al candidate in 1902. Let us see just didates whoever he may be and if one sees how that was. In 1900 Maj, Moody's he cannot win he will throw his strength majority over Mr. Crawford was 2,084; to the other.

McKinley's majority over Bryan was If true, this statement is highly impor-2,473. Crawford's vote was 305 more tant. It will the fight of the "outs' than Bryan's and Moody's 84 less than against the "ins." Both Mr. Settle and McKinley's. The amendment failed in Judge Ewart are resourceful men and the the district by 2,300, so it will be seen combination would strong.

On the first ballot Hendersonville an Bryson City each received four votes and it was only after some discussion that Hendersonville was finanally unanimously chosen. Members of the commmittee said they wished to rotate the convention and no one asked that it come to Asheville .-Citizen.

## William J. Bryan's Tribute.

Tallahassee, Fla., Special.-Wm. Bryan, when informed of the death 0 Senator Hanna, said: he was one of the most forceful figures in modern politics. He won his place at the head of his refugees on board, including the comparty in the Senate, in the nation, by his extraordinary executive ability and by his skill in organizting the forces that control that party, and even his political opponents recognize the strength of his personality and many ties at Vladivostok called on the deadmirable qualities."

ville, K. G. Morris, of Hendersonville, R. and is believed to be at Mukden. Heavy D. Sisk, of Franklin, Geo. R. White, of firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Chingwantao.

According to a dispatch from Paris it is reported there that a Japanese fleet has been sent in the Laiso-Tung

A dispatch to the Central News from Tien Tsin says that 2,000 Russian troops occupied Chwang today.

London, Feb. 16 .- A news agency dispatch from St. Petersburgs sys that a report is current of the accidental destruction of the Russian second-class cruiser Borarin and the loss of her crew consisting of 184 officers and men. It is understood that the Boyarin struck a mine in the harbor of Port Arthur and was blown up and sunk. This is the second accidental disaster of the kind at Port Arthur. The torpedo transport Yanesei was blown up by a mine with the loss of 90 men.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16 .- The report circulated here today that the Russian cruiser Boyarin was blown up last Saturday and that all her officers and crew 197 in number, were lost, is confirmed from a private source.

... Tokio, Feb. 16 .- The flag of Russian cruiser Variage, recently sunk off the harbor of Chemulpo, which was presented to the emperor as the first trophy of the war, reached Saseho yesterday on the cruiser Chicyio, together with the anchor's gun and other souvenirs of the destroyed warship. The captain of the cruiser Chicylo has been summoned to Tokio to personally recount to the emperor the action and experiences of himself and crew. He will bring the captured flag with him and personally present it to the emperor. The German steamer Batavia has just reached Moji with 1,500 Japanese mercial agent of Japan at Vladivostok. The latter reports that ten Russian torpedo boats are frozen up at that port unable to move. The commander of the garrison and the local authori parting agent and complained that the