

NEGRO BALLOTS

Cause of a Serious Riot at Opelousas, Louisiana.

ONE WARD DECIDES THE PARISH

Two Hundred Regulators Armed With Winchesters Assemble, Threatening the Invasion of the Town.

Opelousas, La., April 21.—The struggle over the question of negro ballots has reached a crisis tonight. Two hundred armed and mounted men surround this place with the avowed purpose of taking the town, while almost as many are camped about the court house determined to resist. Bloodshed can hardly be averted tomorrow, and already in the exchange of shots a man is said to have been killed.

Opelousas, La., April 20.—At this hour (3 p.m.) 500 men of both parties are now on the move and a desperate conflict is expected at any time. Over 250 regulars armed with Winchesters have surrounded the town and their ostensible object is to capture the court house. On the vote of the Pelousas ward depends their success or defeat in the parish and they are concentrating their efforts here. They realize that if a full vote is polled the combined

The report came to Opelousas early this morning that the regulars were assembling at the Bellevue bridge, three miles south of town. At 10 o'clock arrivals from the country reported that 200 men on horseback and armed with Winchesters, shotguns and pistols were gathered there and were planning an invasion of the town. Upon the report of this news, the combined people, or anti-regulators, began to assemble around the court house square, armed to the teeth and prepared to resist the invasion. The sheriff was in town when the news first arrived, but he did not attempt to go and disband the armed body of men. District Judge W. C. Perrault rode out to the camp of the regulators and endeavored by persuasion to get them to disband, but his efforts availed nothing.

This afternoon Diomedes Durio a leading planter; C. M. Thompson, clerk of the district court, and five or six of their friends were in front of Durio's house.

"I was under a tree with my children near me," said Mr. Durio. "Suddenly thirty regulators, led by one Reed, passed my house. They stopped behind a clump of trees and I went out in the field to see what they were doing. When near them they fired six shots at me. My friends came to my assistance and we returned ten or twelve shots. We then laid down and the regulators fired fully fifty shots at us, shooting my horse in two places. Half of them then ran away. The others remained behind in a group and appeared to be helping someone on a horse. I don't know whether we hurt any of them or not. We sent word to town for reinforcements but when the boys came the regulators were on top of us."

Mr. Thompson corroborated Mr. Durio's story.

It is rumored that two regulators were shot and one killed. At this hour it is impossible to verify the rumor.

Later—it is now stated positively that one regulator—Albee Reed—was killed and another mortally wounded in the skirmish at Durios, three miles from here, this morning.

At 11:30 o'clock tonight the town is quiet. Armed squads are on duty at every road entering the place and the court is a perfect arsenal. The Washington boys, thirty strong, who came down to fight with the citizens against the regulators, have hurried home. A courier brings the news that Washington is being surrounded and that the regulators are creating consternation among the inhabitants of Bellair cave. All day long there has not been a state or parish officer, not even a constable, in town.

It is impossible for a town to be in a more martial state. It is believed now that the regulators will not come into town until morning.

There are 150 armed men waiting for them. The district attorney has sent in word that his regulators will enter town tomorrow and that he has twenty Winchesters at his back to say "no negro shall vote."

AMONG BAY STATE DEMOCRATS

Ex-Governor Russell Looms Up for an Indorsement for President.

Boston, April 21.—Preparations for the Democratic state convention, which will be held here tomorrow, have been practically completed. Hon. John R. Thayer of Worcester will be permanent chairman of the convention.

The withdrawal of ex-Governor William E. Russell as a candidate-at-large has brought out several candidates, among whom are James Donovan, chairman of the Democratic city committee, John B. Moran and John W. Coughlin of Fall River.

It is thought that the fight will be between Donovan and Morgan, and that Coughlin, who is a personal friend of Donovan, will be induced to withdraw. It seems to be the general impression that the convention will endorse the presidential candidacy of ex-Governor William E. Russell.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

A Health Decision.

The attorney-general decides that boards of health have the power to establish any reasonable regulations as to the health of the people, but such boards of health have only the power given them by the legislature. He is also of the opinion that local boards of health and school district boards have no power to compel any person to submit to vaccination, and that school boards have not the power to prevent a child from attending school simply because its parents refuse to have it vaccinated. If the child has been exposed to a contagious disease then the district board and the local boards of health have the right, in the interests of the people, to prevent the child from attending school or going where it would endanger the health of the people.

Pensions Granted.

Pensions lately granted Kansas veterans: Original, George L. White, Bellville. Additional, John Gerard, Cherryvale. Supplemental, John J. Ross, Yates Center. Increase, Aden K. Munson, Marysville; Isaac I. Wagner, Topeka. Original widows, etc., Elizabeth Wicker, Winfield; minors of Alonzo Crampton, Garden Plain; Mary E. Hinckley, Topeka; minor of Benjamin F. Weaver, Severance; Mary A. Jackson, Elmont; minors of Thomas Emmitt, Pawnee Station. Mexican war survivors, increase, John S. Elkins, National Military Home.

Kansas Inventors.

Patents recently issued to Kansas inventors: Daniel Blair, Burns, corn harvester; Joel H. Canaday, Elsmore, car coupling; Isaac N. Fickes, Holland, fruit gatherer's staging; John W. Goodall, Hayes City, plow; Charles A. Gordon, Bonner Springs, vegetable cutter; Aaron J. Hunt, Hiawatha, fodder loader; Peter M. Linguist, Elsmore, gate; John A. Minor and J. J. Hoyer, Baileyville, sub-soil plow; William K. Mottram, Ottawa, thill support.

Brakeman Killed.

F. M. Rodman, a brakeman on the Union Pacific, was killed in the Union Pacific yards at Kansas City the other day. He was attempting to make an air coupling on a westbound fast freight. Just as he had finished the coupling and stepped from between the cars he was struck by a Missouri Pacific train on a parallel track.

Penitentiary Quarantine.

Under an order issued by the secretary of the state board of health upon a request from Warden Lynch, the state penitentiary has been quarantined against the admission of prisoners from counties in which small-pox has existed during the past few weeks. The counties which it specially applies are Shawnee and Wyandotte.

Officers Elected.

The Academy of Language and Literature, recently in session at Lawrence, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, W. H. Carruth, state university; secretary, Miss Meddie O. Hamilton, Winfield; treasurer, R. W. Woodward, Lawrence.

Did Not Get the Reward.

The other day 150 students and several professors in the state university at Lawrence turned out to capture George Taylor, the escaped Missouri murderer, who was reported to be hiding in the brush. They succeeded in bagging a crazy man.

Superintendents to Meet.

The semi-annual convention of the county superintendents of Kansas will be held at Newton, May 12, 13 and 14. The semi-annual address will be delivered by Edward Stanley, state superintendent. The association has about 90 members.

Presbyterian Delegates.

The Topeka presbytery of the Presbyterian church of Kansas, recently in session at Lawrence, elected Rev. Charles Hayes, of Kansas City, Kan., and Rev. Henry Farwell, of Lawrence, delegates to the general conference at Saratoga Springs.

German in the Schools.

State Superintendent Stanley has decided that a school board has the right to place German in the course of study, and if it has been done by the authority of the district board it may be taught in the school.

Ed Fenlon Dead.

Edward Fenlon, of Leavenworth, a Kansas pioneer well known as a successful business man, died at Midland, Tex., the other day, whether he had gone a few days before to visit his ranch.

Minor State News.

Achison police commissioners have decided to purchase a bloodhound for use in the police department.

Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, delivered a speech at Wichita on the evening of the 17th. He was afterwards entertained by the Commercial club.

William Kelly, who claimed to be a Catholic priest, was recently arrested at Kansas City, Kan., on the charge of begging. He was believed to be an impostor.

The republican judicial convention at Chanute renominated by acclamation Judge W. A. Johnson for the southern department, eastern district of the court of appeals.

John Curtis, who tickled ex-Senator Ingalls on the back of the neck and was sent to the insane asylum by an Acheson jury, has been discharged through the verdict of another jury.

WHAT THE WOMEN ARE DOING

Miss Jennie Young, of Scotland, has been in Mexico for some time arranging for the purchase of land for a large Scotch colony which she intends to bring over.

Mrs. Tyndall is making good headway with her husband's biography. She has had an enormous correspondence to sift; but at last has reduced it to some sort of order.

Mrs. Cannon, wife of the new Utah senator, is an earnest believer in woman suffrage, but is, nevertheless, an orthodox Mormon and a stout defender of the doctrine of plural marriages.

Miss Frances Huls has assisted her father for several years in coal weighing in Cincinnati. She has now been regularly appointed deputy coal weigher, and has entered upon the formal duties, giving bond in the sum of \$1,000.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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