

# The Messenger

## REPUBLICAN CRY OF POPULISM.

The republicans are trying to make it appear that there is great dissatisfaction among the democrats of this state and that a great many who formerly affiliated with that party are just waiting for an opportunity to flock over to the populists. They know no one will believe the statement that their own party will draw heavily from democratic ranks, so they do not make that cry, but they attempt to resurrect the populist party for the purpose of deceiving democrats from their own ranks through the belief that there is something of a popular wave in that direction. That there are some populists in this state no one will deny, but the strength of the party is by no means so great as the republicans would have the people believe. Nor will the effort to revive that party's organization have the effect on the strength of the democratic party that the republicans are trying to make people believe it have. All this cry about the strength of the populists in this state comes from the republicans. You hear little of it from what few populists that are left to that party after the republicans had swallowed it. This is the supreme effort of the republicans to break the democratic hold on the state. They succeeded in 1894 in securing the state legislature by coalition with the populists. This alliance lasted only four years, until the democrats returned to power in 1898. Then the populists went over to the republicans almost bodily. They then drew from the democrats all the disaffected who were willing to seek redress for supposed abuses by joining their party's political enemy. There is no more of that kind of material life in the party, and the effort to recruit the populist party and their own through it from democratic ranks will prove futile. Chatham turned from a strong democratic county to a hotbed of populism. It has come back to its own and its people will not again be fooled by this cry of the "people's party." The conditions in that county are a fair illustration of those in all other sections of the state. The Pittsboro Record says of this:

Republicans have been trying to create the impression that there is going to be almost a republican "landslide" in Chatham this campaign. Nothing can be more false. We have failed to meet a single man who voted the democratic ticket last election who says he shall vote with the republicans this year. On the contrary, men come into our office almost daily who say they voted the republican ticket last election, but that they cannot "swallow" Roosevelt or anybody who does, and therefore they shall vote the democratic ticket this year from president down to constable.

### A REPUBLICAN BLUFF.

As a general proposition it is hard to see how there can be any connection between a local railroad strike and a presidential election. It is often curious to see what trivial circumstances and unimportant conditions can be made to bear upon important political issues. In the state of New York a threat is made by strikers which may cause the democratic presidential candidate to lose a great many votes, and it is in a matter about which neither he nor any other democratic candidate is concerned. The engineers and firemen of the Manhattan elevated railroad have demanded higher wages and shorter hours. So far the demand has been refused and a strike is threatened. August Belmont is at the head of this company. Its managers are told that if the demands of the engineers and firemen are not granted and a strike is ordered it will mean many votes gained for Mr. Roosevelt, for the men would vote for nobody whom Mr. Belmont advocated if he and his associates in the management of the road forced a strike by refusing to grant the demands. Whether this is only a bluff or not is not known, but if it is we do not suppose that it will work. The officials of the road will hardly give way to the demands of their employees, if they think there is no justice in them, just for the chance of securing the votes of the latter for a man for president who is the personal choice of the president of the company. This looks more like a republican campaign dodge to secure the votes of these men. If their demands should be refused and a strike occurs the republicans will try hard to make it appear to the strikers that Judge Parker and the democratic party through August Belmont were responsible for the conditions which necessitated the strike. This is mighty low politics, but then the political millennium has not yet come and until it does we must look for politicians to do dirty work to carry their points. Smaller things than this, though, have influenced more important events than the election of a president. It is said that a certain international war was brought about by a quarrel between two neighbors over the killing by one of a pig of the other.

While attempting to drive across the street car track on East Seventh street extension last evening at 8:45 o'clock Mr. J. Fisher Correll was thrown violently from his buggy and seriously hurt in a collision with a street car—Charlotte Chronicle.

We are told that "misery loves company." As this is the second serious accident the Charlotte street car company has experienced in the last week the reading of the above item may be of some consolation to the managers of our street car and suburban electric line.

## OUR WHOLESALE HOUSES.

The crops in the south this year are abundant and southern merchants are naturally looking for a large fall trade. They will be purchasing enormous supplies within a short time and we observe that Philadelphia and Baltimore are making a strenuous effort to induce southern merchants to come to those markets for their supplies. Richmond should take the hint.—Richmond News Leader.

If Richmond should take the hint, then why not Wilmington also. Our city has more wholesale stores than any city between Richmond and Savannah. Then this condition affects our business men to greater extent than those of any other city in the country lying between these two points. Those at the head of our wholesale houses are live, wide-awake business men, and it cannot be doubted that they have already viewed the situation with an eye to an increase of their business through the enlarged capacity for buying by the farmers and citizens of the inland towns in the territory tributary to Wilmington, because of the splendid crops of all kinds. Our Wilmington wholesale merchants are not going to be caught napping by their competitors of Baltimore and Richmond. Already they are preparing for what can be made the most successful business year among the wholesale dealers of our city for a long time past. This means advancement all along the mercantile line in Wilmington. Good wholesale business brings inland merchants to the city. It increases the amount of money in circulation here. It makes work for the mechanic and for the laboring man. You may be sure the business men of Wilmington have their eyes open to the situation and are going to take full advantage of the bright prospects.

There is a man in Forsyth county who will be short of "bacon hams" this winter. The Winston Business Guide mentions the fact that a farmer in that county is the owner of a litter of pigs in which there is one which was born with only one hind leg and another which is minus both these appendages. These pigs are about eight weeks old and are thriving equally with the other of the litter.

It does seem that the very best men in the state are this year offering themselves for the state senate and house. The new era in politics has come.—Charlotte News.

Is not there still something wanting to give us the political millennium? Won't it be still better when the very best men in the state are sought by the people for the state senate and house instead of offering themselves to the people? We hope The News editor will accept this amendment to his proposition in the spirit in which it is made—in all kindness and sincerity and not for the purpose of stirring up his clerical ire.

The announcement made by the New Bern Journal that oysters are unusually fat and of fine flavor this season cannot overcome the additional statement that they are even scarcer than last year.

An editor of a state paper who is also a minister of the Gospel, in writing editorially of Charles I. of England says: "He had committed crimes that were also blunders and blunders that were worse than crimes." That is rather a remarkable distinction between crime and blunder to be made by a preacher, though the idea was not original with him.

The battle of Liao Yang will go down in history as one of the great and decisive battles of the world. On its results will depend the life of the Japanese empire and the continuance of Russian aggression in the far east. It is a life and death struggle and on it also may depend the continuance on the Russian throne of the reigning family.

### CONDUCT OF THE MILITARY.

Final Session of the Court of Inquiry, Investigating the Conduct of the Militia at Statesboro.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 31.—The final session of the court of inquiry investigating the conduct of the state militia at Statesboro, when the mob took the negroes Cato and Reed and burned them at the stake, was held here this afternoon.

Captain Robert M. Hitch, who commanded the troops; Lieutenant George A. Mell and Lieutenant James W. McIntyre, Jr., submitted supplementary statements in rebuttal of evidence given at Statesboro yesterday.

It is believed that it will be ten days or two weeks before the court is ready to make its report to the governor. He will then decide what other evidence is sufficient to order a court martial for such of the officers and men as he may consider to have been derelict in their duty.

Lieutenant Mell said that he had not told Lieutenant Cone at Statesboro that it made no difference even if the troops had no ammunition. He denied that the deputy sheriff came to him when he was in command of the reserves and told him that he was needed at the court house with his men to aid in the defense of the prisoners.

Lieutenant McIntyre said he was sure that he had seen Lieutenant Griner knocked down by the mob. Griner said at Statesboro that he had not been knocked down.

Captain Hitch positively identified "Cap" B. T. E. Mallard, the ballist, who testified at Statesboro yesterday, as the man who had seized and disarmed him and shoved him down the steps. Captain Hitch said he could not possibly have been mistaken in this.

Captain Hitch said that there was absolutely nothing said that would leave room for a reasonable man to presume that there was to be no shooting done. The reasonable conclusion was that shooting would be ordered, and that to kill.

# The Deadly Trail

Of disease is often the trail marked by a woman's gown. A recent investigation showed a horde of microbes, including those of influenza, consumption and a dozen other varieties, gathered in the trail of a woman's dress.

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## NEGRO MURDER SOCIETIES.

Do not Band Together for Purpose of Committing Crime.

We may as well say that we do not believe at all in the existence of this bugaboo. We do not believe that either now or at any time in the past, such societies are or were existent—or even possible. There are bad negroes as this town of Washington knows full well. There are criminals, outlaws, and all the rest of it. Moreover, it cannot be denied that here as in Philadelphia, New York, and elsewhere negro colonies arise as one against the police officer or any other agent of the law, and without asking a question fall upon him with homicidal purpose. This is the instinct of the ape, and the demagogue who would use them, the mischievous suggestions of doctrinaires who know nothing about them, and the ignorance and superstition of the persons who never think or care for their real welfare. If there is anything that is not all irreconcilable barbarians and degenerates. If it were true that the negroes at the south were capable of conspiring to the ends in question, why have not these alleged societies made their appearance in districts where they are in an overwhelming majority—in the rich alluvial lands of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and Arkansas? Why don't these fiends operate in neighborhoods in which they are numerically dominant?

The authors of these preposterous roor-backs confute themselves. For a successful or even a formidable conspiracy there must be intelligence, and yet the historians of the negro murder societies do not give the negro credit for ordinary common sense.—Washington Post.

### Hill and Parker.

Much has been said about Judge Parker's political obligations to Mr. Hill. Little has been said about Mr. Hill's obligations to Judge Parker. It is all a matter of nineteen years ago, when Judge Parker was twenty years old, but the truth is Mr. Hill did not appoint the man who won the battle in 1885—a victory that opened the way to the United States Senate—until he was sought by powerful delegations of lawyers and politicians to better his prospects by calling attention to the actual facts. He has been denounced as Mr. Hill's creature, for no other reason than that, nineteen years ago Mr. Hill named him to fill a brief unexpired term. To those who know Judge Parker and have had experience of his strength and independence, nothing can be more ridiculously false than the idea that Judge Parker is not in every way his own master.—Creelman in Review of Reviews.

### Saved From His Friends.

Emanuel Friend, lawyer, has a small nephew who was recently vaccinated on his left arm, says the New York Herald. Sometime soon developed and the youngster was supplied with a small contrivance made of wire gauze to protect the arm from the buffets incidental to the employment of adolescent youth. But one morning it was discovered that the lad had transferred his protector to the right arm.

"Do you know that your protector is on the wrong arm?" demanded his mother.

"Oh, it's on the right arm, all right," returned the lad.

"Yes, I know it is on your right arm, but you were vaccinated on the left," said his parent. "You have left the sore without any protection."

"Have I?" retorted the urchin with a shrill smile. "Well, I just guess I haven't. You don't know the fellows in my gang."

## S. A. L. IS HUSTLING.

Many Improvements By the New Management.

(News and Observer.) Major F. K. Huger, of Portsmouth, the General Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line, was in the city last night. He has many friends here, made while he was the superintendent of this division of the Seaboard, and there is always a warm welcome for him.

Talking with Major Huger last night about the Seaboard and the new management in possession, he declared that it would be their policy to put the road in a first class physical and material condition, and that every improvement consistent with the best railroad service would be made.

Speaking of the work being done now Major Huger said that ballasting was being done on the First Division from Richmond to Raleigh, and that this would be continued to Hamlet. There is now being put in 10,000 tons of seventy-five pound steel rails on the road for 89 miles between Columbia, S. C., and Savannah, Georgia. "The new line is being opened up," he continued, "between Atlanta Ga., and Birmingham, Ala. That from Atlanta to Rockmart, forty-four miles, is completed, and it is expected that between the fifteenth of November and the first of December the line to Birmingham will be completely finished, thus giving a complete shoot from Raleigh through to Birmingham."

As to new equipment Major Huger says that ten new heavy engines have just been put on the line, these being ninety-ton engines, capable of hauling twelve to fifteen hundred tons each. The service is to be material, improved in all respects.

A fast service, he says, will be inaugurated on the fifth of January between the north and the south, and this will be superior to that heretofore given to the patrons of the road. The improvements which are to come will be such as to make the south think more and more of the Seaboard system.

### A Correction.

Red Springs, N. C., Aug. 31. Editors of The Wilmington Messenger, Wilmington, N. C.:

Gentlemen,—My attention has been called to the letter of your Red Springs correspondent of August 30th, in which he says:

"Dr. Vardell has purchased the plantation of Mr. William McYillow, two miles east of town and is connecting it with another farm owned by him, into an immense stock farm, and will engage largely in the business of raising stock for market."

This is an entire mistake, and while it will not mislead my friends in the state, it may others who do not know me. The farm (about 150 acres) I own is run exclusively to furnish milk and other products for the Southern Presbyterian College, of which I have the honor to be president. There is a good deal of fine stock on the place, but it is the property of the institution. My business is preaching the gospel, and allied work, such as the conduct of this college, and I devote my whole time to this, and have none for any other employment.

Yours very truly,  
C. G. VARDELL.

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