

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1904.

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SHIFTING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

We invite the attention of our readers to the remarkable letter written by Sheriff Graham of Williamsburg county to Gov. Hayward in explanation of the failure to prevent the lynching of Cairo Williams by the Scranton mob.

Kingstree, July 4, 1904.
Gov. D. C. Hayward, Columbia.

Dear Sir, I see from the papers that you telegraphed me after you heard of the unfortunate lynching of Williams at Scranton on the 30th, which telegram I have not received, as I have been up there trying to investigate the unfortunate deed, until this morning, and the telegraph office is not open this morning, it being a holiday. I could not get any clue on any one. All appeared to know nothing until the crowd, masked and blacked, boarded the first local passenger train and searched it. I had taken the precaution, with the advice of Judge Aldrich, to have the fast train stop here for the prisoner by wire, which I did. After receiving reply from Capt. Lynch the train would stop, felt pretty safe that the danger was over. Feeling badly, I sent three reliable constables, one being my deputy sheriff, whom I have all confidence in, and I know did all they could to save the prisoner under the circumstances. Had I not thought the danger was over, feeling as I did, I would certainly have gone, but as all say it would have been foolish to resist the crowd. No one regrets it any more than I do, after protecting the poor creature, three nights, to have him taken and to be criticised by editors who do not know the situation.

The courts and jurors are to blame for this lynching. Had the prisoner been convicted of murder I do not think he would have been lynched.

When I arrived in Scranton I went to work trying to learn all the particulars. News came that he was found in the edge of a bay about three-quarters of a mile from town. As soon as I got the facts I wired Magistrate Baldwin and he came over and organized a jury of inquest and went out and examined the body and adjourned to meet on the 6th to take testimony in the case. Will keep you posted as the case develops. Yours truly,
George J. Graham, S. W. C.

There is nothing noteworthy or out of the ordinary in the explanation of how Williams happened to fall into the hands of the mob. In fact, it is quite in the usual form for so-called explanations of such occurrences. The mob was determined to lynch the negro while those who were responsible for his life and safety were not animated with as great a determination to protect him. Consequently, and as is customary in such cases, the mob succeeded in accomplishing its purpose and the custodians of the negro could only regret the occurrence. They could not even recognize any of the members of the mob and even unto this day no man knoweth whence they came or wither they went.

It is not the explanatory part of the Sheriff's letter that strikes us as at all remarkable but his expression of opinion as to the real responsibility for the lynching. Consider this assertion:

"The courts and jurors are to blame for this lynching. Had the prisoner been convicted of murder I do not think he would have been lynched."

What does this mean if not that the court and jury should have convicted Williams of murder, evidence or no evidence, thereby making the machinery of the law subservient to the demands of the mob sentiment which had prejudged the prisoner at the bar?

How can the court and jurors be held responsible for the lynching, if, after a fair and impartial trial, they could not having a due regard for their oaths to bring a true verdict according to the law and evidence—pronounce Williams guilty of murder as charged. The simple fact that there was a disagreement of opinion among the jurors resulting in a mistrial is proof that the evidence introduced by the prosecution did not establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Williams was guilty of murder. If the assertion of Sheriff Graham is taken literally it means but one of two things, viz: Either the jury refused to render a true and honest verdict in accordance with the evidence, or that the court—the Judge and Solicitor—were derelict in the performance of their duty and thereby caused a miscarriage of justice. If this is what he means to say, he should be more explicit and circumstantial in his charges so that the blame can be definitely fixed. If he does not mean to charge that the jurors disregarded the evidence or that the judge and solicitor were derelict in the performance of their duty, it must be concluded that he conceived it as necessary for Williams to be hanged by form of law, evidence or no evidence, to forestall a resort to lynching by a mob which would be satisfied with nothing short of his death. Sheriff Graham's letter does not clarify the situation nor does it attempt to shift the responsibility for the lynching from the shoulders of the mob to those of the court and jurors commend itself to those who have honestly endeavored to ascertain

by what process of reasoning he arrived at the conclusion he so confidently asserts in his letter.

Senator B. R. Tillman was appointed a member of the National Democratic Committee, the representative of S. C. The Committee is composed of one member from each state.

The movement started three years ago by Rev. T. T. Walsh of Orangeburg, but formerly a Sumter boy, to establish a Diocesan School for the preparatory education of the girls of Episcopal families of the State, has taken definite shape; and at a meeting in Columbia yesterday of the committee charged by the Diocesan Council with the matter, it was resolved to proceed with the selection of a location for the college, and perfect the plans so as to be able to report to the next meeting of the council. A number of cities are desirous of having the college and have offered inducements to get it, and the committee will consider all offers before a decision is reached. Sumter is not mentioned in the list, but it should be, as no better point in the State could be selected. An effort should be made to get it, and Rev. T. T. Walsh of Orangeburg, will file applications from the cities interested.

The campaign party was at Camden Thursday and like a majority of those already held it was a featureless meeting. The crowd was very small, not more than 150 being present, and manifested little interest in what was said.

The South Carolina delegation to the Democratic Convention feel it necessary to make an explanation for being found on the same side with Wm. Jennings Bryan in his attempt to have justice done in the Illinois contest. Surely the one-time leader is in bad odor when it is ground for suspicion to be found with him, whether he be right or wrong.

The reports from every section of Sumter and Lee counties indicate a better outlook for abundant harvests this year than for years. With continued good seasons the farmers' hearts will be made glad by a satisfactory return for their labors.

The accident to Mr. John H. Earle in Darlington last week while in bathing which nearly resulted in his drowning, suggests that it would be well for him to learn to swim before he is elected railroad commissioner, as all the gentlemen who have heretofore occupied the position of commissioner seem to have been in deep water. He may not be so fortunate next time in having a friend to pull him out.

The Democratic party now has a strong ticket and a platform upon which all Democrats should be able to stand, which is more than could be said for the tickets and platforms of recent years. The outlook is brighter than it was four years ago, for there is now, at least, a fighting chance. The south will, of course, support the ticket with unanimity and enthusiasm, but unless the party makes great gains in the North, East and West the country is doomed to four years more of Rooseveltism, which is, all things considered, the meanest form of Republicanism that has ever afflicted the country. If this country was not so completely under the influence of the trusts and allied interests we would have no doubt of the election of Parker and Davis, but in some of the pivotal states the trusts are so strongly entrenched politically that it is almost impossible for the Democrats to win, even though they have the votes.

Senator Tillman was one of the big men in the St. Louis Convention and when he stowed a disposition to kick over the traces upon the receipt of Judge Parker's telegram consternation prevailed for a few minutes. But the dominating figure in all that great gathering of prominent Democrats was John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, and his influence was greater than that wielded by any other two men on the floor.

EXTERMINATING BOLL WEEVILS.
Guatemalan Ants Meet all the Expectations of their Friends.

Washington, July 11.—The effectiveness of the Guatemalan ants in checking the ravages of the boll weevils in the cotton fields has been tested and Mr. Cook, the expert of the department of agriculture, in a telegram to Secretary Wilson today, announces that the ants promptly destroy the weevils and the Texas red ants as well. The telegram, which was the subject of great satisfaction to both Secretary Wilson and Dr. Galloway, the chief of the bureau of plants industry, is dated Victoria, Texas, and is as follows: "After four weeks of captivity and of sugar diet, the Guatemalan ants promptly destroyed the Texas boll weevils, also the Texas red ants, the harmful species which it was feared they might resemble."

"PARKER HAS REUNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY"

"With One Brave Stroke and the Assistance of the South," It Was Accomplished, Says T. F. Ryan.

New York, July 11.—Thomas F. Ryan, who was a delegate from Virginia to the Democratic national convention, reached his home here today from St. Louis. Speaking of the convention and its results, Mr. Ryan said:

"In one brave stroke, with the aid of the solid south, Judge Parker has reorganized and reunited the Democratic party."

"The fact that stands out most prominently in this reorganized force is the attitude of the south, for the vote on Sunday morning shows that it is the south which not only emphasized and asserted the necessity for a return to financial sanity, but it has led the way and forced the fighting. To see one southern State after another by the accident of alphabet voting—standing up for sound finance, hear their delegates leading the demand for it, was certainly grateful to one whose faith in the essential political soundness of the people of this section has been a part of his political being. There was no longer any fear to mention or to advocate the gold standard, not as some new, strange thing, it is true, but as a recognition of conditions already existent in the financial policy of our government. Too much honor cannot be given to men like Williams of Mississippi, who in the convention as on the floor of the house, has shown himself a real leader; to Senators Daniel, Carmack, Tillman and many others.

But the real honors must be awarded to the people of the south, without whose assured cooperation and support this auspicious result would have been impossible. When the great solid south really stands in doctrine as in votes by the side of the conservative Democratic forces, it is certain the party is in a strong position. What it means, not only politically but industrially, cannot now be predicted, it can only be imagined.

"The courage, presence and leadership shown by Judge Parker in the initiation of this financial victory entitles him to the confidence and support of every American citizen. Never in all its history has the party entered upon a great campaign more auspiciously than upon the present one. For a candidate to have said the right word at the right moment and to have done the right act at the right time it was needed, it showed that we are entering upon a campaign not of expediency in which there is to be dodging and futile explanations, but upon one in which aggression will be the watchword."

The Weekly Crop Report.
Washington, July 2.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says: Cotton has grown rapidly throughout the cotton belt, complaints of too rapid growth being received from portions of the central districts where the crop is suffering for cultivation. In portions of the western districts cotton is also in need of cultivation and some shedding is reported from portions of Texas and South Carolina. Over the greater part of Texas, however, and in the eastern districts, the crop is in a good state of cultivation, and comparatively little damage from insects is reported, excepting Texas, where boll weevils are increasing and becoming more destructive in the southeastern counties. The weather conditions have been highly favorable for tobacco which is in a thrifty condition in all the important tobacco States.

CANDIDATES' CARDS
The announcement cards of candidates will be published in these columns until the Democratic primary for five dollars, payable invariably in advance.

FOR CONGRESS.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 38th Congress, from the Seventh Congressional District of South Carolina, and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary, and to support the nominees of the party.
A. F. LEVER.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.
Hereby tendering my thanks to the Citizens of Sumter County for their generous support in the past. I most respectfully announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary election. My very best efforts are promised and pledged to the performance of my every duty.
WM. H. SEALE.

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.
W. S. DINKINS.

FOR MAGISTRATE.
To the Voters of Judicial District No. 3: I am before you again for the office of Magistrate in the coming primary. If you see fit to elect me as in the past, I will appreciate your support. Should you decide otherwise, I will cheerfully support your choice. You all know me, and I am in your hands. Thanking you all for the liberal support you have always given me. I remain, Yours truly,
H. L. B. WELLS.

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary.
H. HARRY, JR.

A Sad Reunion.

Mr. J. H. Winburn, who went to Atlanta, Ga., about two weeks ago to attend the meeting of the Photographers Association, spent several days at his old home in Conyers, Ga., where, on the 4th instant a family reunion was held. For the first time in many years all members of the family were gathered under one roof, but the reunion had a sad ending. On the night of the 4th instant, Rev. W. D. Winburn, of Madison, was seized with violent pains in the head and after three days of agony died on the night of the 7th. He was in perfect health and his sudden illness and unexpected death was a terrible shock to his brothers and sisters. He was attended by several of the leading physicians of Atlanta, but nothing could be done for his relief. It was the opinion of all of the doctors that his illness and death was due to pressure of the skull upon the brain, resulting from a fall when a child. He had been subject to headaches all his life from the same cause and had never been able to find relief.

Black River Union.

The Black River Union will convene with the Wedgefield Baptist Church, on July 29-31, beginning at 10 a. m., on the morning of the 29th.

PROGRAM.
Sermons:
Friday, 10 a. m., by J. H. Mitchell.
Friday, 8.30 p. m., by C. C. Brown.
Saturday 12 m., by J. D. Huggins.
Sunday 11 a. m., by M. A. Connors.

Topics for general discussion:
The Lord with his people in their business—Wm. Kolb, T. P. Lide.

What are some of the proofs of true discipleship to Christ?—J. D. Rutledge, A. J. Tindal.

Does Zion Languish? If so, why? At whose door lies the fault?—B. P. Cuttino, J. J. Myers.

The difference between faith in Christ and faith in a creed—P. Mellett, Jas. E. Tindal.

Some of the weak places in church financial management—Robt. Kolb, B. P. Broadway.

C. C. Brown, Chairman.

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Louisville, Ky.—Account Biennial Conclave Knights of Pythias, August 16th to 20th.

Richmond, Va.—Account National Association of Engineers August 1st to 6th.

St. Louis, Mo.—Account the Worlds Fair, Season, sixty day, fifteen day and Coach Excursion tickets.

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For full information as to rates, dates or sale limit of tickets, schedules, etc., call on any Ticket Agent of the A. C. L. or write H. M. EMERSON, W. J. CRAIG, Traffic Manager, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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