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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

This will be Dewey's second summer, and everyone knows that second summers are hard on babies and heroes.

The report that Bryan is thinking of moving to Texas must be in error, as it is well known that he is meditating on a move to Washington.

The South Carolina Legislature has changed the law requiring the railroads to provide separate compartments for white and colored passengers, and says they must provide separate coaches.

Alabama Republicans held their State convention Thursday to select delegates to the National convention. The convention split up into a riot and bloodshed. Two sets of delegates were chosen.

Will the Republicans reduce taxes? We know not. With \$150,000,000 to lend out without interest, almost favored banks for the next year, the G. O. P. will never want for campaign funds.

The Democratic nominees are receiving a great ovation to their tour of the State. Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt county, the candidate for Secretary of State, is with them, and his home people are gratified at his prominence in the canvass. A Winston correspondent in speaking of him says "Mr. Grimes is an attractive looking man. He is young and handsome. His speech was sensible, forceful and full of feeling. It was received with hearty applause."

The Populists had a breezy time at their State convention in Raleigh. Col. Harry Skinner threw a bomb in the camp when he exposed the duplicity and trickery of Senator Marion Butler. The platform endorsed W. J. Bryan, Col. Skinner urged that they would have the same Presidential Electors in North Carolina that the Democrats have. He was hissed and the convention voted him down. The Colonel says he believes Butler is at heart a McKinleyite. He says the ticket nominated by the convention is just a political play on the part of Butler and that when the Republican convention meets next month their leaders and Butler will take down and put up who they please. He says the Populists have played politics long enough and it is time they were being honest.

When the World's Fair was in progress at Chicago there was much ado over the question of keeping it open on Sundays. Public sentiment was against it, and yielding to this sentiment the fair was not run on Sundays. Now there is another great fair in progress—the Paris Exposition starting up last Saturday. Over there but little estimate is placed upon Sunday, it being generally considered the highest day of the week and a general gala day. This being so it is no more than might be expected that the exposition will run right along on Sunday just like any other day—that is the part over which France has control. It is caused of congratulation, however, that the American exhibits are to be closed on Sunday. And this decision is reached without discussion or

controversy such as prevailed over the Chicago fair. It is a credit to the religious idea and custom of America that her department of the display is to be closed on Sunday, regardless of any other country's anti Sabbath observing views.

The platform adopted by the Populist State convention was a long winded affair. It endorsed William J. Bryan. It commended the present State administration and challenged a comparison there-with. It condemned the Democratic Legislature of 1899 for extravagance, added a further condemnation for carelessness, and heaped up still further denunciations against it for submitting a disfranchising constitutional amendment, and proposed in lieu of this an amendment disqualifying all negroes and persons of negro descent to the third generation. It denounced the election law passed by the last Legislature. It pledged to increase the efficiency of the public school system, and also to increase the necessary facilities of caring for the unfortunate of the State.

A great part of the platform was taken up in denouncing the constitutional amendment, and in drawing conclusions as to who it would and would not disfranchise. Col. Harry Skinner offered a minority report and besides saying if they wanted Bryan for President they should give him an honest endorsement, he told them they best not make this constitutional amendment a party question but leave it to the individual to act on as he pleases.

Harry Skinner says he will support Bryan, but he believes Butler wants to give the North Carolina electoral vote to McKinley. He says further that the people shall know when the Populist National convention meets at Sioux Falls if Butler is trading for McKinley. Butler refuses to talk much but says the Populist State convention was not really for Bryan. He says he is a candidate for reelection to the Senate.

The itinerary mapped out for the Democratic nominees on their tour of the State now given out up to May 8th, on which date they will speak at Washington. We have not seen it stated whether further appointments are to be made, so THE REFLECTOR speaks now that the candidates ought to come to Greenville. Pitt furnishes one of the candidates, and there should be a great rally in Greenville with all the nominees present. Steps should be taken at once to have an appointment here.

Aycock's speech at the Democratic State convention was the greatest speech we have ever heard of any convention held in this State, and we have attended every convention, with only one exception, that has been held by the Democrats of this State since 1865. We have never heard any man surpass it, not even Vance himself, and greater praise than this cannot be given it.

This speech had evidently been carefully prepared, every sentence clearly considered and appropriately placed, and yet was spoken so forcefully and gracefully as it was extemporaneous. It was eminently the speech of a statesman delivered by an orator, and was heard with closest attention by the most enthusiastic convention ever held in the State. It was a grand occasion for a great speech, and the man and the hour had met, and Aycock proved himself fully equal to it.—Pittsburgh Record.

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Senator Hearst told some truths which were decidedly unpleasant to the administration, in his speech on the Philippine question, which he declared was a long way from being settled. For instance he said: "If there had been a single assurance that we intended to respect the independence to which they aspired, there would have been no war. If we had not hurried reinforcements to Manila, both of ships and of men, strengthening the forces of our army and navy there, Spain had yielded. If the urgent request of Aguinaldo, after the outbreak of February 24, that hostilities might cease, had not been met by the declaration of Ois that 'fighting must go on', there would have been no war. If Aguinaldo's offer to withdraw had been met in a like spirit, there would have been no war. If Senators had not been talking about holding on to all they could get, about making money out of their great act of liberation, about keeping from the people of these islands their liberty and their independence, for purposes of gain and trade, there would have been no war." Notwithstanding this arraignment, Mr. Hearst will work and vote for McKinley's re-election and a continuation of the policy he now attacks.

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POPULIST TICKET.

Full Ticket Nominated—Skinner Hissed—He and Moye Agree Once.

Raleigh, N. C., April 19.—The Populist State convention completed its labors last night. The ticket nominated is as follows: For Governor, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow; Lieutenant Governor, A. C. Shuford, of Chatham; Secretary of State, J. B. Schuler, of Columbus; Treasurer, W. H. Worth, of Wake; Auditor, Hal W. Ayer, of Wake; Attorney General, H. F. Sewell, of Moore; Superintendent of Public Instruction, N. C. English, of Randolph; Commissioner of Agriculture, J. M. Mewborne, of Lenoir; Commissioner of Labor and Printing, J. Y. Hanrick, of Cleveland; Corporation Commissioners, A. S. Peace, of Granville, chairman, and J. T. Paschall, of Chatham; Electors at Large, R. B. Davis, of New Hanover, W. D. Merritt, of Person; Judge of 11th District, L. L. Witherspoon, of Catawba.

The attendance upon the convention was small and the nominations went begging. Most of them were made by acclamation.

The delegates to the National convention were instructed to vote for Col. W. J. Bryan. When the time arrived to select the delegates at large Col. Harry Skinner, of Pitt, proposed the nomination of Dan Hugh McLean and Lee S. Overman, who are the Democratic nominees. The Colonel was hissed for his suggestion, but he went on to say "To be honest, if we are really for Mr. Bryan we should give him our endorsement in the honest and proper way." Mr. J. Moye, of Pitt, said "Harry Skinner and myself have always been enemies. For once Skinner is right and the convention is wrong. The platform is bound to do us harm."

Congressman Southerland, of Nebraska, addressed the convention in an able speech, the worst feature of which was an eulogy of Butler. He steered clear of the amendment and all local matters. He paid Col. W. J. Bryan a high tribute, in part saying "I call your attention to the fact that Mr. Bryan of Nebraska. He is a wonderful and magnificent man. The people of his State love him. They look to him as the man who is to lead them out of the wilderness and to establish better government and better times."

The meanest men in North Carolina belong to that class of politicians who seek to keep the common people in ignorance and thus enable for years to come to use them for selfish and ignominious ends. The Constitutional amendment, if ratified, and it will be ratified, will do more to stimulate and stir up a desire for education among the children of North Carolina than anything else. Then the man who opposes the amendment is certainly a strange character. The man who opposes the amendment and thereby tries to keep the poor children in darkness and mental oblivion, is a man who is a disgrace to his race. Can you tell us what all the lights from the small candle power to the great search lights be turned on. He who fears discussion is a coward and his course is not just.—Lexington Dispatch.

Harry Skinner hit the bull's eye when he told Senator Butler's convention yesterday that if they favored the election of Bryan and intended honestly to support him with a view to his election, to endorse the Democratic nominees for electors-at-large, Dan Hugh McLean and Lee S. Overman.

Mr. Butler's convention did not endorse that. The people can and will draw their own conclusion.—Raleigh Post.

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Tenure Of Office.

Referring again to the result of the Senatorial primaries in Alabama, we note that Senator Morgan carried every county in the State and that the spent all of Monday in opening telegrams and receiving personal congratulations. Speaking of his re-election, now practically achieved, The Louisville Courier Journal says:

"The sending back of Mr. Morgan is in line with the policy of the South when a man who had done faithful and distinguished service in Congress was re-elected as long as he chose to offer. That policy brought up that race of statesmen whose influence on legislation made the South preponderant in the nation's councils. Mr. Morgan would have been a worthy Senator of that older day, and he is worthy now in this time of men who buy their seats either outright with money or else with the petty arts of the professional politician."

This is something that deserves to be "cheered and digested." Before the civil war the South had in either branch of Congress a body of trained statesmen, and by reason of this fact and despite the fact that neither in population nor area was it consequential as compared with the other sections, its "influence on legislation" was preponderant. A first-class man once secured was kept in the public service as long as he would remain in it. We would impress this lesson upon North Carolina at this time when, as to the Senate at least, it cannot be said that we are influenced by personal considerations. When the present Senators are retired and their places filled by men of first class ability who are fully representative of the sentiments and aspirations of the State, they should be kept there as Vance and Ransom were kept, until one died and the current of political parties turned against the other. It is by this means and this only that the people can secure the best service, and they need to take the fact to heart.—Charlotte News.

All Parties Must Favor It.

The Democratic party in its platform adopted last week pledges itself if successful to maintain four months' public school in every school district in the State. The Populist and Republican parties will probably do likewise. A good sign of the times. "The people are rising from slumber at last" and are determined that proper provision shall be made for the education of the rising generation. Let the good work go on. And let the people hold each party to strict accountability in this matter and repudiate any that dare break faith with the boys and girls of the State and with their parents who are trying to give the advantage they should have credit.

The Tarboro knitting mills were incorporated Friday.

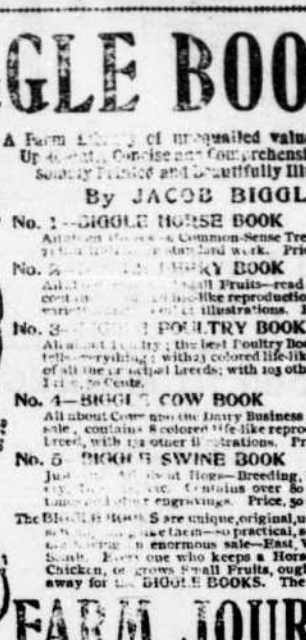
Capital stock \$20,000 which may be increased to \$100,000.

At Louisville court a woman was granted a divorce from her husband.

In an hour after the close of the trial she married one of the jurors who decided to give her the divorce.

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First of all, a man wants comfort when hot, and to be comfortable a shirt must fit so you don't know you have it on. Of course, it must look well. Comfortable shirts that are really handsome—that's the kind we sell. They are made of imported Scotch Modras, perfectly shaped and finished, separate cuff.

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LOCAL REFLECTIONS.

The catch of herrings is quite large.

Vertical and slant copy books at Reflector Book Store.

The farmers are having to wait on the weather with their cotton planting.

Have you tried the Arab pen? It is a winner. Any king wanted at Reflector Book Store.

20 Standard Sewing Machines are run every day in Pitt county. Cheap at S. M. Schultz's.

Next Thursday is the time when the subscribers to stock in the cotton mill meet. Don't fail to be there.

Keep in your mind that the meeting of subscribers to the cotton mill will be held Thursday, 26th.

M. G. Bryan and Harry Skinner are put down among the first district delegates to the Populist National Convention.

There are now in the county jail only four prisoners, and three of those are crazy people waiting to be sent to the asylum.

Vegetation is very backward this spring. The leaves on the trees are just getting in a good way of putting out, and they will hardly be grown this year by the 10th of May.

The Baptist church has decided to change the night for holding prayer meeting from Thursday to Wednesday night until the last few years.

Noah Little, an aged colored man who was for many years in the employ of the Old Dominion Steamship Co., and was an engineer on the steamer Myers, died a few days ago at his home in Washington.

Simla, India, April 29.—The distress among the people is spreading daily. Five hundred thousand persons are now receiving relief.

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