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Senator Tillman was yesterday elected one of the vice presidents of the Anti-Imperialist League, at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Boston.

Congressman Norton has been, and is still at it, working hard to induce the authorities at Washington to restore the Lake City postoffice. It is unjust to punish a whole community for a crime committed by persons unknown. Surely all the men, women, and children were not implicated in the killing of Lake City's postmaster.

Governor Ellerbe continues quite ill and fears are entertained for his recovery. He is at home in Sellers where he attends to such business as needs his attention, which we think has a great deal to do with keeping him from improving. We believe it would be for the best interests of the State and for the Governor's health if he would call to the Executive chair his Lieutenant, and thereby get relieved of the great responsibility until his strength warrants a return to business. We believe the law permits the governor to turn the affairs of the State over to the Lieutenant Governor temporarily, if it does we think, under the circumstances Governor Ellerbe should do so at once, because at present, business must be delayed.

General Wade Hampton has given to the press a letter declining to permit the people to rebuild his home. Of course the people of South Carolina appreciate the General's feelings in this matter, at the same time, we do not think that he is in a proper position to decline a gift from a people who desire to give some substantial token of their esteem. The contributions to be made are not given in a spirit of charity, but in a spirit of love and appreciation—the same feeling which prompts a loving and dutiful son to give a token to an aged parent, prompts the people of South Carolina to build the "Hampton Home." Let this work of love go on, and we again call upon the ladies of this county to organize clubs in every township for the purpose securing contributions, and to start the ball in motion. The Times proposes to place upon the subscription list of a club to be organized in this township the sum of ten dollars. Ladies go to work for this worthy object, as you did in 1876 when the gallant Hampton rode from the mountains to the sea, driving the vandals, and oppressors from the State.

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Washington, D. C., May 19.—If the scheme of the Reed chairmen of the most important committees of the last House to keep their places under the new organization of the House is a success, the next Speaker will find that he is merely at the head of the old Reed legislative machine. The argument put forth by these schemers is little short of ridiculous. If accepted, it would mean that every man at the head of an important committee had a right to stay there as long as he could get elected and his party could control the House. Such a plan would be unjust to the Speaker, who would be little more than a figurehead, if he could not control the make-up of the committees, and equally unjust to the members who wish to better their committee positions. The Reed machine says that the old chairmen who were re-elected should be given the same places, and points to fourteen vacant chairmanships, owing to retirement of the old chairmen, as the only ones that the new Speaker should put new men into; also that none of the members of important committees should be displaced. That would give the

new Speaker fourteen chairmanships, only four of which are important—Accounts, Banking and Currency, Coinage and Printing—to distribute among his supporters, and 57 vacancies to fill on eight of the important committees. It is said that these hold-overs intend to form a combine to prevent the election of any candidate who will not agree to their plans.

Representative De Vries, who will have the honor of being the only Democrat from California in the next House, is in Washington. He says the Governor is going to appoint Burns to the Senate, without understanding that he is to be seated at the same time Quay gets in, and that the appointment will give the State to the Democrats.

General Joe Wheeler returned to Washington this week, but not upon any order from the War Department. He has no immediate expectations of being ordered to the Philippines, because the administration is too busy hoping that the fighting is over to be thinking of ordering officers to go there.

Representative Gaines of Tennessee is in Washington on business. Speaking of the political outlook he said: "The Democrats have only to stand firm, renominate Bryan, make some additions to the Chicago platform, and they will sweep the country in 1900. Bryan's renomination is assured, for he is just as much admired in the strongholds of the party as he was in '96. The next platform will declare for free silver, but will also declare against expansion, militarism, and the trusts, which threaten the destruction of the nation. What makes the prospect all the brighter for the Democracy is the torn and divided state of the Republicans. When Congress meets and the majority tries to enact iron-clad gold standard legislation, it will find out the true sentiment of the country on the financial question."

Representative Henderson's candidacy for the Speakership may be hurt more than helped by the work that is being done in his behalf by the old soldier organizations, which are asking votes for him on the ground that he will organize the committees of the House so as to insure more liberal pension legislation. It would seem to an unprejudiced observer that the country has already gone to the extreme limit in the matter of pension liberality, and the election of a Speaker who would favor going further in that direction would be regarded as anything else but a blessing outside of those who would receive the money or be directly benefited by a further increase in the already enormous pension payments annually made by this government.

Kentucky Republicans were perfectly willing to have the gold Democrats vote with them to carry that State, but they are not willing to have the gold Democrats rewarded with the Federal offices, and they have, through Senator Debe, filed a vigorous protest with the administration against Senator Lindsay of Kentucky being allowed to name six out of the thirteen census supervisors the State is entitled to. Mr. McKinley has lost no opportunity to show his gratitude to the men without whose votes he would have been defeated, and the chances are that the original idea will be carried out, regardless of the protest.

The alacrity with which three of the big-headed young officeholders—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip of the Treasury, Assistant Secretary Allen of the Navy Department and Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath—appointed themselves a national committee to receive contributions that are being made all over the country to buy a home in Washington for Admiral Dewey was a little bit astonishing even to the old-timers who are accustomed to the freshness of the officeholders of the association brand. However, as their selfmade credentials seem to have been accepted by the country, the matter is only mentioned to show how easy it is for a man of gall to push himself along after he gets a little start. They were wise enough to elect Mr. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States, treasurer of the committee. Present indications are that much more than the price of the most expensive residence in Washington will be contributed.

As there never appears anything in your columns from this section of the county, I will venture a short squib, so that others may know that we are not dead, but sleeping. Panolas seem to be the order of the day. Some very pleasant ones have been at Scott's Lake recently, and one that deserves special mention, which was under the supervision of Capt. J. P. Brock, and all present enjoyed the beautiful supply of fish, that was prepared so as to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious. It was hinted by an observer that one of the party ate the bakers' dinner. "Well I don't know," said the closing exercises of Silver school. With Miss Eva Curtis of Packville as teacher was rendered on the evening of the 18th, to a very large and appreciative audience, and Miss Curtis deserves special mention for the way and manner in which the scholars acquitted themselves. Wish I could give the programme as it was presented. One thing, however, that deserves mention was a song, "There'll Come a Time," by three little girls.

At the closing of the exercises Capt. W. S. Briggs in behalf of the school and Miss Curtis announced that all were cordially invited to take part in a Basket Picnic on school house grounds the next day. A pleasant time was expected.

Mrs. J. B. Tindall of Greenville is visiting friends and relatives in the county. Miss Margaret Tindall in on a visit to her sister Mrs. Thomas in Charleston. The thought came into her mind that the picnic for the first is about over, the weed though small, seems to be doing very well.

Well, Mr. Editor, as small folks and places shouldn't say too much at one time, there be more. AXOX.

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