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ATLANTA, GA., March 7, 1900.

Senator Bacon and Mr. duBignon.

The definite announcement of Hon. Fleming O. duBignon that he is not a candidate for the senate to fill the vacancy which will occur when Senator Bacon's term expires, will put an end to the rumors and statements to the contrary which have had so wide a circulation in Georgia recently.

At the same time, he feels that the party has demands on his services which can best be met at this time by devoting himself to a department of usefulness which he deems more important than any personal ambition which he might entertain.

We refer, of course, to the duties which devolve on the chairman of the democratic executive committee of the state. In the campaign which resulted in the election of Governor Chandler, Mr. duBignon displayed extraordinary abilities as manager and organizer.

Senator Bacon will probably not be opposed for re-election. He should be unanimously returned to the senate. He has filled his high office with a tact and skill beyond all praise.

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territories without regard to the limitations imposed by the constitution. Under the circumstances, it would be in the nature of a calamity for any democratic senator to be capable of giving voice to the views of his party and his people as Senator Bacon to be called away from his public duties to take part in a contest inaugurated against him with no other excuse or explanation save that some other man is ambitious to be made senator.

The people of Georgia are well satisfied with both their senators. Both have filled the high duties of their office with conspicuous ability. Not a man in the state can find a flaw in the record of either of them.

Senator Bacon deserves reindorsement, and we think he will receive it in a way calculated to prove that democratic constituencies are not ungrateful.

A Cheerful Prospect. The basis of prosperity in Georgia at this time is agriculture. There may come a period, as the result of industrial development, when the basis will be shifted, and when manufacture will share with agriculture the responsibility of providing the ways and means for our domestic commerce and trade which are represented in the term "business."

Nevertheless, at present, the money that comes from the sale of farm, and field, and orchard, constitutes the sum total of the volume of circulation on which our business prosperly depends.

This being so, the state is to be congratulated on the prospect of one of the most prosperous years the people have ever seen. Nothing could be more promising than the outlook. Our cotton growers, acting on timely advice, held their cotton until they could sell it at a fair price.

Then when the rush of the fruit season is over the Georgia watermelon will enter and take possession of the market, and the prospects are that farmers will derive a considerable revenue from that source.

After the watermelon season is over will come the picking and marketing of the new cotton crop, and the situation is such that, whether the crop is a large or a small one, whether the seasons are favorable or unfavorable, the farmer is certain to receive good prices for this particular crop.

The meeting in Atlanta today of the republican state convention of Georgia will justify The Constitution in addressing to it a few words of friendly admiration.

Ever since the organization of the party in this state it has kept up a complaint of ill-treatment which, to some extent, may have been true, as viewed from their standpoint.

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to live here as strangers. Through this course the republican party has won the reward of popular apprehension. The word of advice which would give would be for the republicans themselves to remove the cause which repels the people and to be Georgians at all times, without belling the fact or equivocation.

As to present prices, there are broad lines upon which opposing parties in the same action become as one. In questions of material improvement all should stand together, just as do the people of other sections.

There will be a great temptation for the republicans of Georgia to follow the sound of the bell rung by the New England Tobacco Association. There will be temptation to re-resolve upon the old lines of "suppressed" ballot and kindred subjects.

The Religious Reformer. The action of Dr. McGiffert in withdrawing from the Presbyterian church and styling himself "an independent" is a very timely and wise move.

Religious reformers, like other reformers, frequently make the mistake of supposing that they can cram their opinions down the throats of a reluctant multitude.

Montezuma Record. In another column the announcement of Hon. J. E. Hays as a candidate for this state senate appears.

LaGrange, Ga. Reporter. With a handsome new jail, an annex to the courthouse and a brand new court house, Atlanta will be ready for all emergencies.

Chicago's latest sensation has been "an equality party" organized and conducted by Mrs. Palmer.

Mr. Gage is also booked for a speech in New York. Matters must be getting desperate in the republican laager.

The Washington Post wants the Kentucky hip pocket repealed. This is return rum fad. Shall a gentleman carry his fad in a handkerchief?

WHEREAS PARTICIPATION PAYS. Why Good Men Should Interest Themselves in Municipal Affairs. New York Journal: Corruption in politics, the cause of howls innumerable, is comparatively easy to remedy.

"I have yours of the 30th ultimo, and in reply would unhesitatingly advise you to connect yourself with Tammany Hall, not only in just as close touch with the machinery of the party as possible, it is absurd to hear of making like John B. Carroll and Bowler Cookran basing their refusal to affiliate with Tammany on the ground of its corruption.

"Do not be a mugwump—they are a hopeless, pitiable, cringing, cranky set of fellows who, when they find themselves accidentally in contact with the republicans, have not the courage to be honest and prevent an unpleasant controversy.

It is too often the case that churches, grown prominent in the bodies to which they belong, adopt what is called advanced views which they have a right to do, provided they do not insist that they are the only right view.

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Washington, March 6.—On account of the delicate condition of Admiral Watson's health he has been authorized to transfer his flag to the Baltimore, which vessel is to be detached from the fleet and to proceed home by way of the Suez canal and Mediterranean sea.

Washington, March 6.—The Boer position has now been fairly located as about forty miles to the British front and extending about eight miles. The Boer right, on a high river, was shelled by General French this morning.

Washington, March 6.—General Corbin today turned over to Mrs. Lawton, widow of the late Major General Lawton, the fund subscribed by the people of the country. It amounted to \$38,424.07.

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INCREASE MADE IN RAINWATER'S BOND

Amount of Bail Increased from \$500 to \$3,000.

INDICTMENT WAS THE CAUSE

Grand Jury Had Returned a True Bill for Murder Against Him.

THE HEARING WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Evidence Submitted to Judge Lumpkin Was Much the Same as That Formerly Brought Out.

The bond of Paul Rainwater, under indictment for murder, having killed Frank M. Slappey, on February 23d, was yesterday afternoon increased from \$500 to \$3,000 by Judge Lumpkin, of the superior court.

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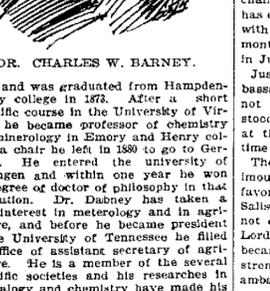
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PAUNCEFOTE WILL CONTINUE AT POST

Change of Orders Regarding the English Minister.

NO SUCCESSOR IS NAMED

Popular British Peer Was Preparing To Return Home.

HE MAY REMAIN THERE INDEFINITELY

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Will Not Leave Washington This Year at Any Rate.

Washington, March 6.—Lord Pauncefoot today received a cablegram from Lord Salisbury notifying him that he would be continued at this important diplomatic post for the present, at least.

The ambassador had made arrangements to return his family to England on the 23rd instant, remaining in the United States for a fortnight longer himself in order to close up his business affairs.

No definite period was mentioned by Lord Salisbury, so it is probable that the dean of the diplomatic corps will not leave Washington this year at any rate.

General Corbin, in anticipation of the reply, today addressed to Senator Davis, of Minnesota, an appeal for an immediate examination of his soldierly record from the day he entered the service of the United States as a nineteen-year-old boy.

St. Louis, March 6.—Fifteen hundred employees and former employees of the St. Louis Transit Company, which comprises most of the street car companies of the city, assembled in mass meeting tonight and decided to go on strike without delay unless the following principal demands are complied with by the officers of the company.

Cleveland, Ohio, Police Refuse To Stand for "Zaza." Cleveland, O., March 6.—The police had received instructions to attend the performance of "Zaza" at the Elbert Avenue opera house by Mrs. Leslie Carter tonight for the purpose of securing evidence as to its morality.

Chicago, March 6.—Judge Turhill today set aside the default of Orris L. McCallan, the New Orleans millionaire and politician, whose wife, pleading cruelty, recently applied in the local courts for a divorce. The court held that the defendant who has sued for a divorce in New Orleans, was not given due notice of the proceedings in the local court.

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PLANS AN ANNUAL COMMITTEE

At This Afternoon Looking to an Charter and Sub- and App- OTHER MATTER

The sub-committee negotiating with the Exposition Park Co. lease of grounds a held a conference and have agreed upon subject to approval.

Therefore, the ed by the chamber tall merchants, Men's League an Association are hej again in the Wednesday, afternoon the action of tee and to consider of importance reg state fair to be he fall.

This decision was session yesterday of local committees at the matter. At this ent also the direct Amusement Company agreement was entered company and a sub- from the joint session terminate fair associ- with the building park for an annual re- The meeting was ev most enthusiastic eve and judging by the id all present, the idea terstate fair associ- mass popular movem- Ent in Atlanta in- Not only man's en- enthusiasm manifested itself was remarkable ceptionally well at- tended were.

The directors of the ment Company first president E. C. Peters, Ernest Steiner, W. L. Cogswold, George Musser, H. R. Nichols, H. R. Nichols, W. English, Jr., H. Orr, Otto Schwab, Frank Beck, J. W. Smith, H. S. Mitchell, George H. Sims, J. S. Minihinnett.

While the general of the fair are matters of the informal talks of the main attraction of the fair will be the agricultural show, and the experience of last fall will serve for attaining better results.

In pursuance to the head of this article the will meet at 4 o'clock to discuss other details and to formulate more detail of the fair.

The meeting was called by Chairman Charles A. C. outlined the purposes of the fair and had already been Secretary T. H. Martin Business Men's League

When Set Wedding