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THE CHANCE, or financial question, seems to be the all-absorbing topic of discussion nowadays, and there is quite a contrary of opinion on it among members of the same political party.

In conclusion we would respectfully suggest that it matters not how great may be the value or volume of money in circulation—none of it will be given to anybody. It matters not whether money be plentiful or scarce, valuable or worthless, no man is apt to get any unless he either earns it or has something to exchange for it!

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Tax All Alike.

One Hoover, speaking in this country last Saturday, said that the State Business Agency of the Farmers Alliance had done business to the amount of \$224,000. It was a year or two ago by the State Treasurer that this concern was not liable for the merchant's purchase tax for the reason that it was not doing business for profit.

Democratic Allianceman Defeated.

GREENVILLE, S. C., 14.—At a meeting of the Greenville county Alliance today, Hugh M. Barter, an avowed Third party man was elected president, defeating M. L. Donaldson, president of the State Alliance who was president of the county Alliance also.

Butler and His Organ.

The Clinton Caucasian refers to the Star as an "organ of monopoly." Under the Star were to express its candid opinion of the Caucasian it might refer to it as the organ of "a soft-handed son of toil" whose chief characteristics are treachery and scheming to advance his pecuniary and political fortunes by deceiving credulous people whose cause he hypocritically champions, but as this would not be in keeping with our ideas of journalistic courtesy, we can only refer to it as the organ of a galvanizing fraud who would as quickly desert the party which he now essays to represent as he did the Democratic party, if it promised to pay.

A Railroad Tunnel Caves.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 15.—Tunnel No. 1 on the Pittsburgh and Western railway near Sharpburg caved in upon a freight train this morning. Three trainmen were hurt and considerable property destroyed, but nobody was killed. The top of the tunnel caved in just as the freight train entered it.

Rev. R. T. Bryant and wife, of Shanghai, China, arrived in Durham last week on a visit to Mrs. Bryant's relatives. This is their first visit to America since they have been in the foreign field, having gone out about five years ago.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 14, 1893.

Facts are stubborn things, and now that the democrats have an opportunity to examine the pension roll they are turning up every day to prove that the claim made by democrats for years, that millions of dollars were being paid out illegally for pensions, was correct. Cases are numerous where men are drawing \$72 a month for total disability and are in addition following ordinary avocations and drawing the same salaries as unimpaired men. Two cases of this sort turned up this week right here in Washington, one man a musician regularly employed and the other a government clerk, and there are many more here.

A little incident occurred this week at the Pension Office which shows that politics do not enter into the present conduct of that office. A democratic Congressman called to protest against the reduction of the pension of a prominent democratic worker in his district, and said that the man had influence enough to throw the district, which is close to the republicans. The papers in the case were produced and it was conclusively shown that the man was drawing a larger pension than he was entitled to, and the Congressman had to acknowledge it, although he still asked that this particular pension be not reduced. He was informed as other democratic Congressmen have been who called upon similar grounds, that the policy of this administration was to administer the law as it exists without regard to the politics of the pensioners.

The explanation of the situation is found in several causes. One of the principal of these was the craze for railroads and other public works, which were often built without regard to necessity or expense. As the governments were to build, operate and own the roads, the politicians in the land determined to make themselves strong with their constituents by grabbing their share of what they regarded as "public plunder." Thus "while many essential roads were built between important points, thousands of miles of railroads that are now either unprofitable or unneeded, were built into the bush, where no one lived, and these lines were often seriously derelict from the best, because the cheapest, course to accommodate some particularly influential constituent.

The result of all this is seen in the size of the public debt, the larger part of which was contracted to build the 11,990 miles of railroads in the U. S. This debt in 1891 was \$962,829,635, and in the same year the public expenditures exceeded the receipts by \$5,562,495, which had to be met by another loan. Nearly all, if not all, of the principal is held in England, and the immense sum of interest that are yearly paid out to the English holders of the bonded indebtedness forms a drain on Australian finances that is showing itself in the present condition of things.

Australian experience shows once more that the boom method is not a healthy system of development, and that government paternalism may result not only in embarrassment for itself and the general public, but in pauperism for the special objects of its care, just as a parent's overindulgence may cause the ruin of a child.

A Brutal Husband.

P. S. Hinkle, a well-to-do farmer residing in Davidson county, while intoxicated a few days ago, abused his wife unmercifully. He beat and kicked her, thereby inflicting injuries which will in all probability result in her death.

The action of the brutish husband created quite a sensation in the neighborhood, and as soon as the facts were obtained a band of determined men was organized for no other purpose than to administer Lynch law upon Hinkle. The committee, it is learned, was composed principally of the men who lynched Berrier in the same county about two years ago.

It was only through the earnest pleadings of a relative of Hinkle that his life was spared. Mrs. Hinkle, who entertains the opinion that she is on her death bed, asks that nothing be done with her husband until after she is dead. A warrant is said to be out for his arrest, besides the Sentinel is informed that there is a strong talk among the men in the neighborhood of taking Hinkle out and giving him a general cow hiding in return for the devilish deed he perpetrated upon his industrious and loving wife.

If Mrs. Hinkle dies it is the general impression that he will be lynched by the men who have already perfect of an organization for that purpose. Hinkle has been abusive to his family for some time. Not long ago he is reported to have whipped his wife and two daughters unmercifully with a buggy whip.

A Sheriff Shot and Robbed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 15.—Sheriff Warner, of Crittenden county, Ark., left here late last night on an Iron Mountain train. Just across the river at the junction he stopped on the platform, when some unknown person shot at him. Sheriff Warner pulled his gun and let go, but the assailant landed a second shot in the sheriff's right arm. The sheriff's shot went wide and fell his gun from his grasp. The robber then went through him for \$12,000. The sheriff is now at Gaston's hotel, this city, where doctors are dressing his wound. The assailant escaped.

A Business Lesson.

(From the Baltimore Sun.)

According to recent advices received at Vancouver, B. C., the financial and business situation in Australia has become exceedingly serious, if not positively alarming. The recent bank failures have made it impossible to meet the payments due for public works, and the discontent among the unemployed, especially in Sydney and Brisbane, threatens to assume the form of an open outbreak.

The seven colonies of New Zealand, Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and West Australia, form what is known as Australasia, the last five enumerated being known as Australia. They are united, however, in nothing but in name. Each colony has its own independent form of government, each has erected a Chinese tariff wall against the other, and each separate system of railroads is so jealously distinct from every other as to have different gauges for its tracks, so that a change of cars is necessary, a re-handling of freight compulsory in crossing from any one colony into another. The area of the seven colonies is almost equal in extent to the United States, stretching from latitude 12 degrees south to 33 degrees south, and yielding in production all the vegetable and animal products of the torrid and temperate zones. Its mineral wealth is inexhaustible, and productive territory is called upon to support a population of less than 1,000,000, and yet, in the midst of natural abundance without built, its financial institutions are collapsing, its labor plunged into desperate distress.

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A Seed Druggist.

The death by drowning of Mr. Harry L. Harris on Thursday evening was a sad blow, not only to his family and his friends in many parts of the State, but also to all those who have recently been watching with pleasure his progress as a young geologist and who realized the promise of useful results in his labors in helping to work out the geology of his own State. He graduated at the State University four years ago and was for one year an instructor in geology. During the past year he has been doing special work in geology at Harvard University, and he has been at intervals for three years connected with the North Carolina Geological Survey.

During the past ten days he has been making the State Geological Prof. Holmes, in making a geological survey of the region about Spout Springs and on Lower Little river, in Harriet and Cumberland counties. On Wednesday morning the boat started on a boating trip from Manassas to Fayetteville, down Little river and the Cape Fear. Late Thursday afternoon they left their boat two miles above Little River, Arkansas, at Mr. W. L. Williams', and walked back up the river to examine the formations in the river banks, and Mr. Harris having completed his part of the work, went in bathing. At this point the river makes a sharp bend and forms an eddy thirty or forty yards across, which has a depth in limited places of fifteen feet. He was supposed to be able to swim fairly well and waded gradually into the deeper water, but he soon called out that he was over his depth, and Prof. Holmes immediately hit his work, swam to him with a small line, caught him by one hand, and led him to the other hand on the log and endeavored to swim ashore. But finding that in this slow eddy he could make no progress, he told Harris, who appeared to be self-possessed, to float with the log while he swam ashore and get a plank that was sticking in the bank. Prof. Holmes reached the shore and while he was endeavoring to release the plank Mr. Harris sank out of sight and did not rise again. This happened at 6 o'clock in the evening, and immediately the men of the tugboat, about assembled and began diving and polling the river, but the body was not recovered until 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

Religious Press to Boon the Fair.

CINCINNATI, O., July 17.—E. R. Moorfoot, editor of the Herald and Troslyer, in an interview today said: "The religious newspapers, fully eight hundred in number, scattered all over the United States, now propose to join hands and boom the World's Fair. Heretofore these papers have been doing all in their power to further Sunday closing, and have favored the plan of non-attendance at the Exposition. Following out this plan of action, the Herald and Troslyer, the Western Christian Advocate and the Journal and Messenger will this week commence booming the Fair editorially and do their utmost to encourage the Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists to attend."

Gored by a Cow.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., July 15.—The baby boy of John Swanson, of the Florence, slipped out of the house, unnoticed by his mother, and wandered into a field where a cow was pastured. Attracted by the bright colors of the baby's clothing the cow gored him, inflicting injuries that will prove fatal.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin.

Central Office, Raleigh, N. C.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin, issued by the North Carolina State Weather Service, for the week ending Monday, July 17th, 1893, show that the weather has been very warm and dry, and drought may be considered to prevail at most places. Local thunder storms have occurred, but the rainfall has been badly distributed and nowhere up to the normal for this week of July (which is 1.38 inches) except at Wilmington, Lewiston and Lumberton. The warm weather and sunshine would have caused greater improvement in cotton had there been more moisture.

Eastern District.—Another very warm week in this section, with local thunderstorms. The rainfall was badly distributed—a few places having too much, while drought continued at others. The amount of sunshine was above the normal and very beneficial. Cotton continues to improve, blooms plentiful, weed small; rice continues to disappear. Corn still laid by, stalks small. Apples, peaches and grapes ripening fast; fair crops. Some farmers have commenced to care tobacco. Crops are generally clean and well cultivated. A heavy thunder storm with wind and hail did some damage at Lenoir on 14th.

Central District.—Drought prevails to some extent in this section and has injured crops, even corn and cotton. Occasional thunderstorms occurred at a few places, but the rainfall has been badly distributed and inadequate. The temperature and sunshine have been above the normal which has improved cotton somewhat. Thrashing wheat and oats proceeding rapidly, with generally a very good yield of both reported, especially near excellent. Tobacco in northern part of district seems very good. Cotton everywhere small.

Western District.—Drought prevails to some extent also in this district, where less rain has fallen than elsewhere. Some thunder showers have occurred. Corn has been injured by much rain, not being out well. Oats and wheat a good crop. Thrashing in progress. The temperature and sunshine have been above the normal, which would have improved cotton more had there been a little more rain.

A Wife-Beater Shot.

From the Charlotte Observer.

There was little short of a riot at Laurinburg Sunday night and two lives are now in jeopardy. A negro named Claiborne King, who lives near the depot, is known as a wife beater in Laurinburg. Sunday night a crowd of gentlemen were standing on the depot platform when loud shrieks of a woman, as if in torture, reached their ears. Those who were familiar with Laurinburg said at once that it was King beating his wife. As soon as this was said, one of the gentlemen in the crowd suggested that they go to the rescue of the woman. When they reached the house, some one knocked on the door but no response came. Again some one rattled the door and King asked who was there. The man at the door replied that they wished to come in. In the meantime, the party had entered the house to insure the arrest of the white man when he began kicking the door. The woman inside seemed to add to the anger of the infuriated negro as he would curse and kick her whenever she opened her mouth. This so angered the whites that they said they would have the negro or die attempting to get him. The man at the door began kicking at it and this time it flew back on its hinges. King was in the center of the floor with a heavy livery chair drawn and said that he would kill the first white man that entered his house. About this time one of the crowd who was standing near the door said: "If the report of the pistol the chair in the negro's hands fell to the floor and he staggered to the opposite side of the room. Before he could catch hold of the chair again another shot was fired and this time he fell like a log.

During all this, the woman who was beaten so unmercifully was begging the crowd not to kill her husband, although blood was flowing freely from her ears, mouth and nose. On examination it was found that both bullets had taken effect in the negro's head though he was still alive up to a late hour yesterday evening. The woman was thought to be dying when the Carolina Central train passed Laurinburg yesterday afternoon.

The man's skull was broken by the bullets, and his brains were oozing out when a doctor came to his relief. A Charlotte gentleman who was present and witnessed the beginning and ending of the affair says that he is unable to say who did the shooting, but that he is under the impression if the shots had not been fired that the negro King would have killed the man in his doorway. There was a great deal of excitement in Laurinburg yesterday over the affair.

Hanged But Alive.

NORFOLK, Va., July 17.—Isaac Jenkins, colored, set fire to the barn owned by Mr. John Cartwright, at Cartwright's Wharf, Nansemond River, and poisoned several valuable animals. Jenkins was captured on Saturday. He admitted that he set fire to the barn and poisoned the horses. He further said that he would not be satisfied until he had killed Mr. Cartwright. A party of citizens hanged the barn burner from a tree, leaving his body hanging after firing half a dozen shots at it. When some of the lynchers returned to the spot on Sunday morning they found the body gone. A colored man was arrested in this city tonight as a suspicious character who proved to be Jenkins. He said that as he was losing consciousness while hanging he heard several pistol shots. "Laughing is a pleasant death," he continued. "Everything looked bright around me, and then all was darkness. When I recovered it was near daylight and I was lying on the ground. The rope had broken. I got up and made my way to Norfolk through the woods."

Lady Dies of Hydrophobia.

NEWRY PARK, N. J., July 17.—Miss Lizzie Bryan, aged nineteen years, daughter of A. J. Bryan, a manufacturer of patent medicines at Newark, died at her summer home here this morning of hydrophobia, the result of a bite of a pet dog, which died early last April. The wound was very slight, and caused no blood to flow, and for this reason it was not centered. Early on Friday last the young woman complained of feeling ill, and despite all the efforts of the attending physicians, she died this morning in terrible convulsions. Early on Saturday Miss Bryan showed signs of hydrophobia. She began to froth at the mouth, and when she attempted to speak the sounds she uttered were similar to those made by a dog.

Served Him Right.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., July 12.—Dr. H. C. Neal, a minister of the Methodist Church at Kirkpatrick, had just concluded a temperance sermon Monday evening when O. P. C. Evans, one of the leading prohibitionists of Indiana, arose and began a speech, denouncing all laymen and ministers not belonging to the Third party as hypocritical knaves and rascals. Dr. Neal called upon him to desist, when Evans started to abuse him. Dr. Neal finally came down from his pulpit and threw the disturber bodily out of doors, while the congregation cheered him enthusiastically.

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Mrs. Green, although badly burnt, has since become conscious; but Mr. Green remains still unconscious.

A Desperado Killed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 17.—Dub Mutze, white, was killed in Lexington county Sunday night by persons unknown. Mutze was regarded as a "Wolfshead" in Lexington, having a most unsavory reputation. He was run out of the State a year ago for horse-stealing and warned not to return; that death would be the penalty if he did. So Mutze did return and dodged around in the woods to escape notice. He wanted his wife to mortgage her place in order to raise money for him, he having already run through most of her property. She refused, and he threatened to burn her house. Last Wednesday night her house was burned to the ground, and she and her children narrowly escaped death. It was reported that Mutze had threatened to kill one or two people and to burn the houses of several of his former villains. The Sheriff and a posse searched for him, but without avail. Last night the sheriff was at the house which Mutze had threatened to burn. He heard shots, and going to the barn of Mrs. Mutze, found Mutze lying with many wounds, four of which would have caused death. He died shortly after being discovered, without naming his slayer, and the Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death from wounds inflicted by unknown parties.

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