

THE DEPLORABLE tragedy at Roanoke, in Virginia, is a disgrace to American civilization, and should be a fearful warning to men who attempt to subvert the law and take its execution into their own hands.

Not only this, but this Roanoke mob, if they could have caught him, would have put to death in the same inhuman manner the Mayor of the city who had perilled his life and was wounded while protecting his prisoner and discharging his duty.

THE STATUS in Congress is about the same as it was last week. The opponents of the repeal of the Sherman law are still dissenting in the Senate, and it is uncertain when the discussion will close and a vote be taken.

IN THE HOUSE an existing political discussion will be had on the bill to repeal the Federal election law, but the bill will be passed next month. It now seems probable that this extra session of Congress will continue until the regular session, which begins on the first Monday in December.

A NOVEL arrangement has been made between the Richmond Times, a democratic paper, and the Richmond Sun, a populist paper. A very exciting campaign is being carried on in Virginia, and in order that the readers of each paper may read the arguments on both sides during the campaign, each of those two papers will publish once a week, until the election, an article prepared by the editor of the other.

APPLICANTS for offices under Messrs. Elias and Simmons are now on the "ragged edge", and in a state of much anxiety and uncertainty, because of the present uncertainty about the confirmation of their appointments.

MANY persons have been made to believe that Cleveland and Congress have "killed silver" (as they express it) and that silver coins are now worthless. It is passing strange that any person or persons should be so credulous, so easily deceived.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER of last Sunday publishes a letter written by Dr. H. T. Babson, of Salem, to Representative J. P. Grady, of Duplin county, which is undoubtedly one of the richest, rarest and rarest that it has ever been our pleasure to read.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22, 1896.

The humiliation of Tom Reed and Lieutenant Burrows, of Michigan, when they learned that the democrats of the House proposed to put an effectual quietus upon republican filibustering against the reporting of the Tucker bill for the repeal of all laws authorizing the presence of U. S. officials at elections, was a pleasing sight to democratic eyes.

The public tariff hearings were concluded this week, and the democrats on the House Ways and Means committee are now at work upon the new bill. Although the number of days were fewer than were given by some of the other committees, more than six weeks by the committee were given before for public hearings.

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A Terrible Tragedy.

ROANOKE, VA., September 21.—One of the most dastardly crimes in the history of Roanoke occurred at about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Henry S. Bishop, aged about 50 years, and a respectable white woman from Cloverdale, eight miles from this city, was enticed by a negro named Thomas Smith from the market, where she had come to sell produce, into an empty saloon basement where he beat her into insensibility and robbed her of her pocket book, containing less than \$2. The woman was left for dead, but managed to revive a few moments later and crawled up the street where she told her story.

The fiend in the meantime escaped but was detected, from the description given by Mrs. Bishop, boarding an outgoing train. A colored man jumped on the car and grabbing the criminal the two fell to the ground. A crowd immediately surrounded the prisoner and threats of lynching were made and frequent. Detective W. W. Baldwin seized the man, holding the crowd at bay with his revolver, started on horseback with the frightened negro behind him. He rode to the saloon where the woman had been removed and she positively identified him. He was then taken to jail. A crowd gathered around the jail and kept increasing as night approached. At 5 o'clock the Roanoke Light Infantry marched to the jail by order of Mayor Trout. Guards were posted and the streets in the immediate vicinity closed. About dark the crowd was increased by a hundred men from the vicinity of the woman's home, headed by Mrs. Bishop's son, a fireman on the Norfolk & Western Railroad.

At eight o'clock a portion of the mob entered at a side door of the jail where the militia and Mayor Trout had retired. The shooting was conducted by the mob and the mayor shot in the foot. The militia were then ordered to return the fire and a volley from about 22 miles was poured into the mob. It is thought that about nine men were killed by this fire and as many more wounded, some of them fatally. During the excitement caused by the volley, the negro was taken from the jail by an officer and secured. The dead and wounded were removed to a drug store and to the offices of nearby physicians.

The militia then dispersed and left the scene as quietly as possible. A signal of twenty men took the negro Smith from three policemen, just before 5 o'clock this morning, and hanged him to a hickory limb on Ninth avenue southwest, in the rear of a section of the city. They did not shoot him, but hung him and left him to die as he pleased.

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Religious Toleration.

From the New York World.

The "A. P. A." or "American Protective Association," is a conspiracy which originated in Pennsylvania. It spread westward and in some of the Western States it undertook to dictate in politics last year.

It is now beginning its operations in New York, and it is the duty of every good citizen to oppose himself to it with all his influence. Its intention is to revive the old Know-Nothing agitation which led to so much bitterness and bloodshed during the fifties. Irish Americans are the special objects of its hatred, but it proposes to disfranchise all Roman Catholics, at least to the extent of preventing them from holding office.

It is very likely that well meaning people have been drawn into this organization by the misrepresentations it is so ready to use. It is even possible that it embraces some Democrats among its members. All such should come out of it at once. It always has been, it always must be, used against the Democratic party. Nothing could be more opposed to the spirit of American democracy than the establishment of a religious test of any kind in politics.

It is the right of every man in this country to adhere to any religion he pleases so long as he does not make it a part of his religion to commit crime. Except for that single qualification religious liberty is absolute, and it is of the most vital importance that it should be maintained. No man must be kept out of office in the United States because he is a Roman Catholic, or a Presbyterian, or a Methodist, or a heathen.

As long as a man's religion does not interfere with the rights of the community, it is not the business of the community and it must not be interfered with.

The A. P. A. is a conspiracy against the public welfare, and those who are passing it are moved by the same spirit which caused the massacre of St. Bartholomew, which moved Calvin to burn Servetus, which animated Claverhouse when he was riding down and butchering the Scotch Covenanters.

This is the nineteenth century. The twentieth century is almost here. We will not go back to the Dark Ages. Religious liberty must and shall be maintained in America.

Senator Gordon's Views.

ATLANTA, GA., Sept. 24.—Senator John B. Gordon has written a letter on the silver question. It is addressed to L. N. Trammell, Chairman of the State Railroad Commission, and has been published in the Atlanta Journal.

The Senator reaffirms his loyalty to the double standard, and declares that he will not advocate the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law. Prompt action is at the present time above all things necessary. Since the House has so overwhelmingly declared for repeal, it would be idle for the Senate to ask it to reverse its action.

Further delay, Senator Gordon believes, will keep business, which is improving, unsettled. Nothing would be gained and a great deal would be lost by a deadlock in both houses. To refuse unconditional repeal through fear that the President will not cooperate with Congress in restoring silver is to question the sincerity of his letter of acceptance. Why, then, stand upon the platform which commits the party to "speedy repeal"? Any other course will cause an immediate deadlock, and meantime, the country must suffer.

Russian Warship Probably Lost.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 24.—The iron monitor Rossiska, of the Russian navy, is believed to have gone down in a storm while on her way in the Gulf of Finland from Revel to Helzingsfors.

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, September 25th, 1896, indicate that the weather during the week was very favorable. The days have been warm and dry, with abundant sunshine, and the nights not unusually cool for the season. Cotton has certainly opened with remarkable rapidity. The prospects are that the entire crop will be gathered earlier than usual this season. Harvesting of peas and rice in progress. Irish and sweet potatoes and turnips are in good condition.

EXCESSIVE DROUGHT.—The weather during the past week has been all that could be desired—warm and bright, with very little rain. These conditions have been very favorable for cotton, which has greatly improved, is opening rapidly and being picked everywhere, except in northern and eastern portions. Turnips and potatoes are good, but need a little rain. Peas are being gathered. Much corn was lost by freshets on the Roanoke, especially on the Penitentiary farms, but the amount cannot be estimated yet. Harvesting of rice is in progress, and potato-digging begun.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.—The weather was fine for farm work, for picking cotton, saving fodder and hay and curing tobacco. Cotton is opening rapidly in most sections. Curing tobacco is progressing during the clear weather, and the crop is unduly below the average. Sweet potatoes, peas and turnips very good generally. Sowing oats is going on and land is being prepared for wheat.

Row in a Church.

Special to the Wilmington Messenger.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 22.—A free fight occurred in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church in this city yesterday while a revival meeting was being held.

The particulars of the disgraceful affair are about as follows: A Miss Hix and Mr. Dickens were to be married at the close of the services. The brother and father of the young lady objected to the match and threatened violence to the prospective bride groom. Sheriff Kilpatrick was notified and was in church to prevent a disturbance.

The Hix boys forced their way to Dickens, and then a general fight ensued. The sheriff was knocked down, women screamed and men pined upon top of each other in the aisle. No one was seriously hurt, and as soon as order could be restored the couple were married by Justice Pittman.

The Confederate Pension Fund.

Special to the Wilmington Messenger.

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 23.—State Auditor Ferman tells me that the pension fund this year will closely approximate \$100,000, but that as the increase in the number of pensioners will about equal the increase in the pension fund, the amounts which will be paid the various classes of pensioners will be the same as last year, namely, \$18,854,833 and \$47. Widows will receive the latter sum. The increase from the pension fund is not so great as was expected, as some counties have reduced the assessments on property.

Bad State of Affairs.

From the Charlotte Observer.

With yellow fever at Brunswick, small pox at New York and cholera to keep out the eastern end of South Carolina blown off by a cyclone, the country in a panic, the silverites filibustering in the Senate and the Republicans in the House, a Virginia mayor and militia sent into exile by a mob, a Louisiana judge openly justifying lynch law, Colorado threatening to secede, railroad wrecks and robberies rampant, a member of Congress before the courts on a charge that offends his standing in the church, and Senator Irby on a jag, it looks like the devil had slipped his collar sure enough.

Hunting on a Bicycle.

From the Salem Star & Independent.

James Davis is probably the first person who ever went deer hunting on a bicycle. He was visiting Idaho last week and, as the country there is comparatively smooth and free from underbrush, he borrowed a ride from a gentleman and went out for a ride. The inflated tire on his wheel allowed of his travelling swiftly and noiselessly over the ground, strewn with pine needles, and before he realized many miles he came upon an unsuspecting deer quietly browsing just ahead of him. The result was that he killed the deer and returned to the hotel with it slung over his shoulders.

Shot by the Guard.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

WILMINGTON, Sept. 23.—A white convict named Prather was killed today by the guard near Houser town. While in the woods with several convicts the guard was attacked by Prather and two negroes. A desperate encounter followed. The guard was knocked down and robbed of his gun and the negroes escaped with it. The guard now has his pistol and shot Prather. He also thinks he hit one of the negroes. Two convicts did not take part in the attack but ran back and informed other guards what was going on.

Unnatural Weather.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—A severe snow storm swept over Northern England following an unnatural spell of warm weather. Dispatches from Italy say the Apennines are covered with snow and meteorologists have predicted that these early snows are an indication that Europe will have an unusually hard winter.

The Soldiers' Home.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

RALEIGH, Sept. 22.—During the year there have been twenty veterans at the soldier's home here. Of these seven have died and sixty-three remain. These are fed, clothed, supplied with medicines and anything they ask for is furnished them. The annual appropriation for their maintenance is \$8,000. For this year \$2,000 was appropriated for improvements. Three additional buildings have been prepared for the use of the old soldiers. Some buildings have been removed, so as to afford more space. Various improvements of the grounds have been made, and the place is more attractive and comfortable than ever before. Of course it requires more people than usual to look after these old men, most of whom are feeble and can do no work of any kind. Mr. W. C. Strouhal gives much personal attention to the home, which is always an interesting place to visit.

Fatal Railroad Collision.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 22.—Eleven persons lost their lives in a collision between a freight train and a Toronto and Montreal express on the Wabash railroad at this station at 5:30 o'clock this morning. A score of others are injured, many of whom will die. The freight was on a siding west of the depot and was bound east. The first section of the express train passed by on the main track at 5:25 a. m. It is said that the brakeman supposed that the freight train would now move back to open the switch. Before the cars had begun to move the second section of the fast express came west at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour and before the brakeman could turn the switch, dashed in the side track and collided with the freight train. The wreck was complete.

Accidentally Killed.

SOUTH BOSTON, Va., Sept. 23.—This town is wrapped in gloom. Edgar H. Vaughan was accidentally shot and instantly killed yesterday evening about 6 o'clock. Together with two friends he was out hunting. When unloading his horse to return, his gun was accidentally discharged, the lead entering his left breast over the heart, and when his friends reached him, who were close by, he was dead. Edgar Vaughan was the efficient and popular clerk of the county court of Halifax, and was beloved by every one.

The Executive Committee of the World's Fair.

Special to the Wilmington Messenger.

The executive committee of the World's Fair directors has definitely settled the closing of the exposition by deciding that October 31st shall be the last day.

Charles Mitchell Has Signed Article of Agreement with the Cane Island Mill.

Special to the Wilmington Messenger.

All the Cane Island Mill for the championship and \$100,000 on about December 15th next.

Mr. Willis R. Williams, of Pitt county, who for years was a State Senator, explicitly denies the charge that he is a Populist and has made speeches in behalf of that party. He says he is a Democrat and of the "iron horse" list.

The Farmers of P-son County report that the recent winds and rain have damaged the tobacco crop very much and so injured the fodder crop that it will not be worth gathering. A large crop of tobacco will be used in this section, but the grade will be very poor.

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Electropore. WATSON & HENNING, Attorneys at Law, 115 W. Second St., Wilmington, D. C. JAS. H. WELLS, Esq., Washington, D. C. I have used your Electro-Pore for four years, and it has cured my skin, which has been afflicted with a pimples disease for many years. It is the best medicine I have ever used for this purpose. It has cured my skin, which has been afflicted with a pimples disease for many years. It is the best medicine I have ever used for this purpose.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Having qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of W. F. Foulke, deceased, we hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to exhibit the same to us on or before the 1st day of August, 1896. H. W. WALKER, Executor.

FARM AND MILL FOR SALE. This valuable FARM and MILL in Hallett township, formerly owned by Thomas L. Love, is offered for sale CHEAP. The Farm contains about 250 acres, and is one of the best in that section. The Mill is of the best kind and is well adapted to the needs of the neighborhood. All this valuable property is offered on most reasonable terms. For further information apply to Mrs. J. W. Watson, Raleigh, or to H. A. LONDON, Attorney, Aug. 4, 1896.

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