

THE NEGRO QUESTION.

It Agitates the American Federation of Labor.

CONVICT LABOR QUESTION.

States That Trade Unions Have Placed Obstacles in the Way of the Material Advancement of the Negro.

At the session of the American Federation of Labor in Nashville, Tenn., of the most important reports of the session was that of the special committee on convict labor.

Resolution extending to the textile workers of America the sympathy of the Federation was adopted.

MORMONS GOING TO MEXICO.

Eight Million Acres of Land Proposed for Them.

THREE KILLED IN A WRECK.

One Engineer and Two Firemen Dead.

MURDER AT A HOUSE PARTY.

At Jacksonville, Ga., at the residence of E. L. Carr, during the progress of a house party, Simon Griffin, a young man under the influence of liquor, became so excited that he attempted to stab the ladies.

DEADLY CONSIDERED MURDER.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate.

SEVEN KILLED BY A MAD DOG.

A special to the Charlotte, N. C. Observer from Greensboro, says: A mad dog ran through this city in a state of terror.

PEACE TREATY RATHIFIED.

On a vote of 141 yeas and 4 nays the Senate has ratified the peace treaty between Turkey and Russia.

CONFEDERATE FLAG BRINGS \$9.50.

A Confederate battle flag which is said to have been captured by Gen. Ingalls near New Orleans, on May 17, 1862, was sold at Boston, at the residence of C. E. Lobbie & Co., for \$9.50.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Proceedings of Both the Senate and House Day by Day.

THE SENATE.

SEN. DIXON. The immigration bill, which is substantially the same measure that was passed by the House in October, 1896, was read over to-day.

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SOUTHERN COTTON GROWERS.

Favor Reduction in Acreage and Advocates Action.

DISCOURAGING SPECULATION.

Complete Organization in Every County and State in the South.

When the convention of the Southern Cotton Growers met in the ball room of the Kimball House at Atlanta, Ga., at noon on the 14th nearly 300 delegates answered to the call.

The following temporary officers were chosen: J. C. Wilborn, of South Carolina, president; S. E. Watson, of Texas, vice-president; Robert Chatham, editor of the Memphis Cotton Journal, secretary.

VISITED BY CLOUDS.

Houses Washed From Foundations. Monuments Undermined.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

Committee No. 3 Meets and Sets Date for Hearing Southern Contest.

THE DUTY OF LUMBER.

At a meeting of the Mississippi and Louisiana Yellow Pine Lumber Manufacturers Association in New Orleans, La., a resolution was adopted approving of the duty placed upon lumber by the tariff.

A Wholesale Horse Thief.

Fred Rubeck has stolen within the last five years between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of horses and harnesses.

SENATOR DANIEL RE-ELECTED.

In the voting in the Virginia General Assembly for United States Senator, Hon. John W. Daniel practically received the unanimous vote of both houses, the election being a mere matter of form.

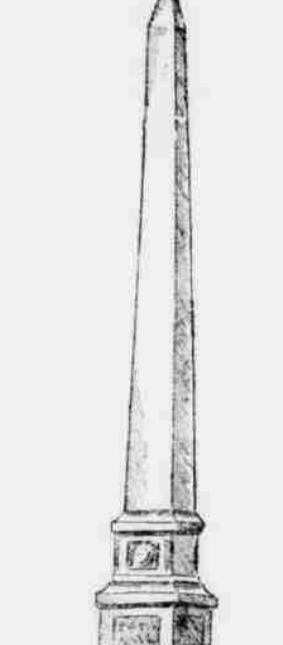
HOUSE AND THREE CHILDREN BURNED.

Three children were burned to death at Augustine, Fla., a small lumbering town near the line between Warren and Elk counties.

MECKLENBERG MONUMENT.

Will Be Entirely of Granite—39 Feet High; Weighs 16 Tons.

We herewith present an illustration of the design for the monument to be erected in Charlotte to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.



The shaft being 29 feet in height, and weighing 16 tons. The base is nine feet square, the four faces containing bronze tablets, each with a suitable inscription or design.

AMERICAN FEDERATION MEETS.

Increase in Membership and Receipts During the Year.

The American Federation met in Nashville, Tenn., last Monday with an attendance of more than 100 delegates from different States and an equal number of visitors.

MRS. WINKLEY IS DEAD.

Lingering Unconscious for Several Days—Her Son by Her Side.

LOUISIANA MURDERERS LYNCHEd.

Two negroes arrested for the murder of a storekeeper named Babin, at St. Gabriel, La., have been lynched.

800,000 FOR A HORSE.

W. M. Lakeland, trainer for J. B. and Foxhall Keane, of Louisville, Ky., bought from John E. Madden the great two-year-old Hamburg.

THE FALL RIVER WAGE REDUCTION.

A special from Fall River, Mass., says the committee which has charge of the details of the pending situation of the wages of mill operatives, will recommend that the salaries of the mill operatives be reduced in the same proportion as the wages.

WILL MEET IN ATLANTA.

The Next Grand Gathering of Confederate Veterans.

July 20, 21, 22 AND 23.

Gordon Announces Formation of Camps and Urges Complete Organization of All Ex-Confederates.

By order of Gen. J. B. Gordon, commander of the Confederate Veterans, M. J. George Moorhead has issued a general order as follows:

The general commanding announces that under the resolution passed at the Nashville reunion, and under the custom established by the association, leaving the date of the next annual meeting and reunion, which is to be held in Atlanta, to the general commanding and the department commanding.

THROUGH SCHEDULES (Southland).

Table with 4 columns: City, Time, Daily, Daily. Lists routes for Washington, Alexandria, Charlottesville, etc.

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Southern Railway.

Third Division.

In effect May 2, 1897.

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OHIO RIVER & CHARLESTON WAY CO.

—SCHEDULE.—

To take Effect May 5, 1897.

o'clock, a. m.

Table with 4 columns: City, Time, Daily, Daily. Lists routes for Camden, Kershaw, etc.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 19.

Lesson Text: "John's Message About Him and Salvation." I John 1: 1 to 1: 24.

TAR DRIPPINGS.

Kingston is to have a hokey year mill, with something like 250,000 capital.

Judge Robinson has appointed A. D. Cowles permanent receiver of insolvent the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, requiring \$25,000 bond.

There will soon be another division of the naval militia on the rolls—that at Southport—making five divisions, with a strength of some 250.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE GRANTS A CHARTER TO THE ASHLEBORO TELEPHONE COMPANY.

It is allowed to run lines anywhere and its capital is \$5,000.

After a quarrel about corporation terms near Mount Airy, John Haynes cut Lemuel Huggins' throat and disemboweled him. An unknown man then shot Huggins in the back. Both are mortally wounded.

From prominent residents of Southern Pine, news at Fayetteville last week in conference with leading citizens looking to Fayetteville's co-operation in the project for a railroad between that point and Southern Pine.

Time and silence.

As time is the greatest of physicians, so silence is the greatest of anesthetics. Time and silence succeed oftentimes where all other agencies and influences fail.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOLMAN IS VERY ANGRY BECAUSE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INSISTED THAT THE ONLY KIND OF DISCIPLINE TO BE ALLOWED THERE.

St. Louis schoolman is very angry because the Board of Education insisted that the only kind of discipline to be allowed there.