

RACES AT THE STATE FAIR

At Salem Female Commencement 27 States Were Represented.

BUTLER PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Mill Owners Rather Blue--An Old Branding Iron--Charter for a Brewery.

Below is given the official program of races at the North Carolina State Fair, October 19-23, 1897. Entries will close October 16th. Records made after the 1st of October no bar.

- TUESDAY, OCT. 19. 1-2.20 class--Trotting.....\$300 2-For gentlemen's road horses, owners to drive to four-wheel road wagons, mile heat, two in three..... 100 3-Running race--1/2 mile dash..... 100 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20. 4-3.00 class--Trotting.....\$150 5-2.35 class--Trotting, open only to animals bred and owned in North Carolina and Virginia..... 200 6-Running race--1/2 mile dash..... 100 7-Running race--1/2 mile dash..... 100 THURSDAY, OCT. 21. 8-4.00 class--Trotting.....\$150 9-Free for all--Trotting..... 250 10-Running race--1/2 mile heats, best two in three..... 150 11-Running race--1/2 mile dash..... 100 FRIDAY, OCT. 22. 12-2.15 class--Trotting.....\$200 13-Running race--One mile dash..... 100 14-Running race--1/2 mile dash..... 100 Conditions.--Entries close Saturday, October 16th, 1897. Entrance fee 5 per cent. to accompany entry, and 5 per cent. additional from winners. The association reserves the right to declare off any race that does not fill satisfactorily and to change the order of program as may be necessary. Money will be divided in all races, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. to the winner, second, third and fourth respectively. Gentlemen who have never received pay for riding, driving or training a horse or horse, first-class track, elegant stables, horses, harness, etc., for sale or hire, will receive special attention. J. W. Young, Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

CANNOT FIX RATES. The United States Supreme Court Adjourns Until Next October.

The United States Supreme Court last Monday, after rendering thirty-six cases and giving attention to other business in the last sitting of the term, adjourned until next October. Below are two cases decided upon, among them. That the United States Interior Commerce Commission has no power to set upon railroad rates prior to their being put into effect. The cases were those of the Commission against the Cincinnati and Louisville Railroad Company and the Florida and Western Company. When the court announced the final adjournment for the term there were apparently 280 cases on the docket undisposed of, but there actually were 283 cases already disposed of, and since then 20 have been added, making a total of 217 contained in the docket for the year. Of this number 437 have been finally disposed of and the principal labor done in twenty-one others, included in the twenty-one cases which have been argued, but in which no opinions have been rendered are several of considerable importance.

THE FLOOD AT EL PASO.

The Rio Grande Breaks Through a Levee and Swamps Homes. A special to the Dallas (Texas) News from El Paso, May 25th, says: At 1 o'clock this morning the fire alarm sounded to arouse the people in the lower part of the city and notify them that the levee had broken and that the flood waters of the Rio Grande were running through the city. The levee which was broke was of the bank canal on Canton street. The river had reached its highest point since 1891. In a few minutes a large force of men were at work trying to check the angry waters with sacks filled with sand, but a second break above checked the water on the workmen and they had to retire. The Texas and Pacific railroad, realizing that hundreds of families were being flooded from their homes, backed up a large number of freight cars for the accommodation of the homeless. Not less than 120 homes were swept away and tonight several hundred men are at work on the new levee. Few people are aware of the variety of goods shipped from the South to all parts of the world. The steamer Georgia of the Old Bay Line plying on the Chesapeake Bay between Baltimore and Norfolk, recently brought into Baltimore for shipment consignments of Southern goods to Cape Town, Africa; Kingston, Jamaica; Shanghai, China, and London, England. A part of the Chinese consignments was cigarettes made in North Carolina.

MCKINLEY CAN REMOVE.

Decision of the Supreme Court on Tenure of Office. In the United States Supreme Court at Washington Justice Peckham handed down the opinion of the Court in the case of L. E. Parsons, late District Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, appealed from the Court of Claims. The decision was averse to Parsons' claim that he was entitled, under Section 709 of the Revised Statutes, to hold his office for four years, notwithstanding the fact that Cleveland's order for removal. Justice Peckham said that while the appointment was for four years, it might be terminated earlier, at the discretion of the President. The judgment of the Court of Claims was affirmed. The determination of this case has been looked forward to with interest, because of its possible effect upon the removal of officeholders incident to the change of administration.

MAY LOSE THOUSANDS ON TEA.

Western Dealers Caught Short by the New Tariff. The wholesale grocers of Iowa who have been caught on the short side of tea have sent a delegation to Washington. Before the tariff of 10 cents a pound on tea was publicly stated these grocers sold for future delivery in such quantities that one Chicago house stands to lose \$100,000 if compelled to furnish taxed tea, and Iowa houses will lose heavily also. The importers have discounted the future, and have sold their stock at a liberal discount at former prices. One Chicago and New York house is reported to have cleaned up \$250,000. The grocers tried to cover, with the result that the demand for immediate shipment raised prices in Japan 75 cents.

McLAURIN IS SENATOR.

Gov. Ellerbe Has Issued Him a Commission. Gov. Ellerbe, of South Carolina, has issued a commission to Congressman John L. McLaurin as United States Senator from South Carolina, to succeed the late Senator Earle, until the assembling of the State Legislature, in January next. Mr. McLaurin, as the Representative of the sixth South Carolina district, has already been his record in Congress, where he has been for two terms. In national politics he occupies practically the same position as Senator Tillman, while in State affairs he is moderate and conciliatory.

To Make a Soldiers' Home.

The city council of Charleston, S. C., has adopted a memorial address to Congress asking that Castle Pinckney, the famous old fortification in that harbor, be converted by the national government into a home for disabled officers and men of the army and navy. Amendments to the Tariff Bill. Senator Aldrich, on behalf of the Republican members of the Senate committee on finance, last Tuesday gave notice of thirty-two additional amendments to the tariff bill, which will be offered as the bill progresses. Most of the amendments are verbal. St. Gaudens Statue of Logan. Great preparations are being made in Chicago for the unveiling of the St. Gaudens statue of Gen. John A. Logan, on the lake front, on July 22 next. It is expected that President McKinley and his Cabinet will be present.

NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Penell Potaters. An international motor car race is to take place from London to Birmingham and back. The Tredegar Company, of Richmond, Va., are the lowest bidders of 1,904 seacoast defense shells. The boundary line on water between Maryland and Virginia will be surveyed; the buoys marking it will be restored. The Populists of Virginia hold a constitutional convention to nominate a State ticket which will save to the party \$5,000,000 a year in office fees. The vote in Virginia on the question of calling a constitutional convention has been defeated. The ninth annual session of the American Railway Accounting Officers met in Richmond, Va., on the 27th. One hundred and forty members were present. H. M. Kochensperger, comptroller of the N. Y., New Haven and Hartford Railways was elevated to the presidency of the organization. They meet next year at Atlantic City, N. J., in May. Fire at Savannah, Ga., destroyed the wholesale grocery store of Smith Bros. Loss, \$50,000; fully insured. The iron shipments from Tennessee and Alabama during April aggregated 106,791 tons. Captain John H. Welsh, of Florida, formerly of Erie, Pa., is a candidate for Consul General to Cuba. Charlotte, N. C., is to have a new city directory of the latest improved plan. Stephen R. Mallory, the new Senator from Florida, has been sworn in at Washington and has taken his seat. General Lew Wallace is being urged as a candidate for the United States Senate in 1898, to succeed Mr. Turpie, of Indiana. Several lives were lost and much damage wrought by electrical storms near Knoxville, Tenn. Few people are aware of the variety of goods shipped from the South to all parts of the world. The steamer Georgia of the Old Bay Line plying on the Chesapeake Bay between Baltimore and Norfolk, recently brought into Baltimore for shipment consignments of Southern goods to Cape Town, Africa; Kingston, Jamaica; Shanghai, China, and London, England. A part of the Chinese consignments was cigarettes made in North Carolina.

TILLMAN'S RESOLUTION.

Majority of Senators Favor Investigation-- Charleston Sanitarium. Saturday a poll of the United States Senate showed a predominant sentiment in favor of the Tillman investigation resolution. If ignored by the committee the Senate will probably discharge the committee and consider the resolution without committee action. Senator Jones, of Nevada, chairman of the committee, speaking for himself, said that he believed the resolution would be favorably and promptly reported. Senator Jones, an Arkansas member of the committee, is interested in the committee action. He is interested in a project for manufacturing cylindrical cotton bales instead of rectangular bales. Seales, secretary of the sugar trust, now on trial, is president of the company and invested his money in the enterprise. It is alleged, at the instance of Senator Jones, that the Senator had courted the fullest investigation. Senator Tillman is satisfied that the investigation will be made. It is believed that a special committee will be appointed with Senator Tillman as chairman. A bill to establish a sanitarium at Casco Pinckney was introduced by Senator Tillman. It will be followed by a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for estimates of the cost of erecting necessary buildings and improving the grounds. Col. Kaufman and Capt. Ladd saw a number of Senators in reference to the project and later, accompanied by Corporal Tanner and General Burdett, both Grand Army men, called at the War Department to the Secretary Alger. COMMITTEE WILL ACT ON IT. Senator Jones of Nevada, chairman of the committee which controls the contingent expenses of the Senate, to which was referred the Tillman resolution for an investigation of the reports of speculation in sugar stocks by senators, has conferred informally with his colleagues on the committee and an agreement has been reached to report the resolution back to the Senate. Senator Tillman said that when it is reported he will insist upon prompt consideration and that if it is not soon reported he will move the discharge of the committee.

THE RUIZ REPORT.

It Agrees With the Statement Made by Consul General Lee. Havana, via Key West, Fla., May 21. --Of the two reports understood to have been sent from Havana by the commission investigating the death of Dr. Ruiz, the one by Mr. Calhoun, who represents the United States, and the other by Dr. Congost, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, who acts for the Spanish government, the former was in accordance with the statement made by Consul General Lee, the result of violence, after solitary confinement more than thirteen days, regardless of his treaty rights. Consul General Lee declined at yesterday's session of the committee to question the witnesses, who were interrogated only by the Spanish representatives. Consul General Lee will shortly make a report on the Ruiz case, and Mr. Calhoun will make a further report on the case. The committee is of the opinion that the Ruiz case, and the other by Dr. Congost, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, who acts for the Spanish government, the former was in accordance with the statement made by Consul General Lee, the result of violence, after solitary confinement more than thirteen days, regardless of his treaty rights.

All About the North.

A statue of Peter Cooper has been unveiled in New York. Mills at Somersworth, N. H., have decided to shorten hours of labor. In its legal controversy with the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Detroit, Mich., the Improved Order Knights won a victory. John F. Johnson gets ten years in the penitentiary for wrecking the Logansport (Ind.) bank while he was president. A woman at the John Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., has leprosy. It is thought she contracted the terrible malady a number of years ago while in the West Indies. A company has been formed at Richmond, Ind., to build an electric traction line in Nicaragua. Indians at the Pima Reservation, in Arizona, are constructing an airship which they hope to fly from a mountain top. The Chicago Times-Herald says steps looking to the formation of a powerful alliance in opposition to the Bell Telephone Company are to be taken through mutual protection and development. A head-on collision between a freight and a passenger train occurred at American Falls, twenty-five miles west of Pocatello, Idaho, causing the death of nine men and the serious injury of eight others. At St. Paul, Minn., Congressman F. G. Stevens has been indicted on the charge of an overdraft of \$2,300 in his account with the Minnesota Savings Bank at the time when he was a trustee and acting president of the bank. At Fremont, Ohio, a verdict of \$7,500 has been returned in favor of Mrs. Addie M. Smith against the estate of the late Ruford B. Hayes. Mrs. Smith sued for \$25,000 damages for permanent injuries received in a runaway caused by a mastiff dog owned by the Hayes family. Under a bill which passed the Illinois Legislature the Chicago aldermen will be paid \$1,500 a year each. Manufacturers of the Indiana gas belt at Anderson are organizing to preserve the natural gas fields. A monument to the heroic men who met death in a fire on the World's Fair Grounds, Chicago, was dedicated Tuesday. New Jersey has had a good roads law for six years. In that time she has expended \$1,400,000 in road making and has three hundred miles of solid, permanent highway--"mostly macadam"--to show for it. The county assumes two-thirds of the cost and the State the other third.

THE CONDITION OF CROPS.

Cotton Has Experienced General Improvement in Texas. COOL NIGHTS PROVE INJURIOUS Western Corn Planting Retarded-- Southern Wheat Good, But Being Plowed Up in Illinois.

The United States weather bureau, in its report of crop conditions for the past week, says: The week has been generally favorable for farm work, but cool nights generally throughout the States of the central valleys, lake region and middle Atlantic coast have proved unfavorable for some crops, while the need of rain is beginning to be felt in the central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and in the South Atlantic States. Cotton has experienced general improvement in Texas and has made rapid advancement over the southern part of the State, where squares and bolls are forming. A decided improvement is also reported from Arkansas and Georgia. Cool nights have proved injurious in Tennessee, where squares and bolls are forming. A decided improvement is also reported from Arkansas and Georgia. Cool nights have proved injurious in Tennessee, where squares and bolls are forming. A decided improvement is also reported from Arkansas and Georgia.

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Spain a United Nation.

Strongest Liberals Opposite the Sale of Cuba--New Loan Approved. Madrid, May 27. --(By Cable.)--It is understood that Sagasta, the Liberal leader, will soon publish an important political statement which announces his unalterable opposition to the sale of Cuba, and his unyielding support and maintenance of the integrity of Spanish territory. Premier Canovas del Castillo denies the existence of the Cabinet crisis and says he is resolved to remain in office, in spite of the abstention of the opposition from taking part in the sessions of the Cortes. The budget committee has reported favorably on the projected loan, with the Almazan quicksilver mines as security. The committee also reported favorably on the financial measures proposed to meet the expenses of the colonial wars.

England Will Withdraw.

Attended, May 27. --(By Cable.)--It is announced here that England has issued an official declaration that she will abandon the "Concert of the Powers," if the Turks are allowed to remain in Thessaly until Greece has paid the indemnity demanded of her. The Secretary of the Navy has accepted the offer of the owners of the American steamship, City of Everett, now at San Francisco, to charter that vessel for grain from California to Bombay for the future sufferers in India, at \$40,000.

To Raise a Patriot War Fund.

The New York Press says officers of the Cuban league have decided to attempt the raising of a fund of \$1,000,000 in the United States, believing that this will enable the Cubans to establish their independence. The fund is to be raised in two ways--by donations and by the sale of gold bonds of 5 per cent., paying ten years after the evacuation of Cuba by the Spanish troops. Already about \$10,000 has been raised towards this fund. To Carry Supplies to Cuba. The State Department, at Washington, has accepted the offer of John B. McCook and R. C. Smith, of New York, to furnish free steamers to carry supplies to the destitute Americans in Cuba. Smith is a director of the Ward Steamship line between New York and Cuba. He has told the State department his line would carry supplies without trouble. A Protest from Tobacco Men. Representatives of practically all the tobacco manufacturers in the United States, with the exception of the cigar manufacturers, met in Washington on the 26th to protest against the advance of 2 cents a pound in the tax of tobacco contemplated in the Senate amendment to the tariff bill. The meeting adjourned to present the resolution at the Capitol. One of the Best Plums. Wednesday the following were among the nominations sent to the Senate by President McKinley: Justice--James Edmund Boyd, of North Carolina to be Assistant Attorney General. Treasury--Kenneth R. Pendleton, collector of customs for the District of Albemarle, N. C. Striking Tailors Win. The striking tailors in New York have won their strike. More than a thousand tailors have gone back to work.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

A Call to the Young Men of the South. The opportune time has arrived for the young men of the South. They occupy an important position to the future development of that vast territory of inexhaustible riches. It is earnestly hoped they will take right hold of the matter, master its details and assist in advancing the industrial progress of the country. In every section, every district, every county of the Southern States exist advantages for the young man--better chances than anywhere on the face of the globe. During the past few years large numbers of young men surrendered their interests in the South--went into other and, as they believed then, broader fields for the employment of their talents and capabilities. That movement of the young men, as well as others, has reached a conclusion. No more is the South sending people to aid in trying to build up other sections. We have reached a full realization of the fact that the South possesses superior advantages over all other sections for the utilization of our native talent, as well as that of other sections. We not only have room for all our own people, but several millions of desirable immigrants. The young men of the South and cities and towns are rapidly awakening to their duty and privilege, and are casting about for some avenue through which they can assist in the development of their respective localities. Young men's business leagues are being organized, immigration and improvement societies started and successfully officered by young men, business enterprises are being established by young men, far from opened up by young men, factories located and managed by young men, and generally the young men of the South are ably participating in the various important functions which will bring prosperity and improvement to the section. These young men, with the young men who are preparing to come South from the North, are the future business men of that section. The desirability of the South is being shaped by these people, and the activity manifested and the experience gained by the young men of today forms no minor part in the success of the South. They are disciplining their abilities to take up and fill the places so far from necessarily being called upon to occupy. It is the duty of each and every young man of the South to have his proper position in this matter and unflinchingly to hold it. The opportunity is before him of honorable means to better his condition. He is entitled to a position in the commercial as well as social avenues of the South, and that position is just what he himself makes it. The tourist is attracted to a section by the activity of the people in placing before them the special advantages of that section, and the young men are capable of engaging in an important line of work in that direction. The West was largely settled by young men from the East. The South's prosperity will be greatly advanced by the young men of the South. This era of remarkable push and progress on all lines of betterment requires constant and intelligent effort, and our young men are rapidly adjusting themselves to the situation and are to be commended for their energy and quick perception of the necessities of the advanced period in which they are living. The young man of today without capital or influence should realize that he can take hold of the situation and manipulate his career properly, a prominent place in the social, commercial and financial connections of the South. It is hoped this circular will be of service in stimulating the young men of the South and encouraging them on to prosperous and contented citizenship; that they will weigh the subject-matter, talk it over with their friends and act upon the result. There is not a community in the South that does not possess the elements for numerous successes to the young men. Let the young men get together, decide themselves what they will do to promote their own position and prospects. Let the farmer's son study agricultural situation--learn advanced and modern methods; see what other sections are doing and endeavor to surpass them; study the history of the country and learn how and when to reach them and when to sell. Let the young men of our cities and towns educate themselves up to the requirements of the day. Let every young man of the South ask himself and answer this question, viz: "What am I going to do to assist in advancing the best interests of the section in which I live, and thereby promote my own personal interests?" The young men of the country tributary to the Southern Railway are hereby advised that this company is interested in the welfare of its patrons, realizing that the success of the people along its lines means prosperity for the road. A successful people means a contented people; a prosperous community means at the same time a homogeneous community. The Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway is organized expressly for the purpose of helping to advance the best interests of the people along its lines. That includes the young man, and the undersigned will be glad to co-operate with them, as far as is consistent and practical, in building up the country. We wish the young men of the South success in all their laudable enterprises and undertakings. LAND AND INDUSTRIAL AGENT, SOUTHERN RAILWAY, WASHINGTON, D. C. A Good-Roads Law. A good-roads law just enacted in Arkansas provides for a road commissioner in each county, whose expense accounts are to be under the supervision of the county court. There are to be several road districts in each county, each under the care of an overseer. All males between the ages of 18 and 45 are required to work on the roads at least five days in each year, or to pay one dollar for each day. Persons failing to pay fines for misdemeanors shall work on the roads. At the discretion of the county court a road tax not to exceed three mills may be levied. Old Tombs Torn Down. The city prison (New York City) better known as the toms, has been torn down and a much larger prison is to be erected on the same site.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

People Are Actually Doing More Business Than They Realize. Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade for the week ending May 29th, says in part: "People are actually doing more business than they realize. They reckon by values but these are much lower than in any previous year of prosperity and leave little margin for profit. In quality there is almost as much business being done as during the years of greatest prosperity and though the increase in population would call for more material expansion the comparative slow, hesitating and gradual, but more has been done on the whole in May than in April, while returns of April showed the volume of business only 1 per cent. smaller than that of the best year heretofore. Yet hesitation is doing its work every week, and multitudes are waiting, because of possibilities at Washington, who ought to be filling the demand for labor and the products of labor. "Events have proved that the crop of wheat going out is much larger than any of the markets expected, and Western receipts for the week were 30 per cent. larger than last year, while Atlantic exports have been for four weeks 6,315,329 bushels, flour included, against 4,777,457 last year. At this season actual receipts contrast rather than predictions, and the truth is that the country has exported an extraordinary quantity of wheat and flour, and yet has so much to spare that the May option has declined nearly a cent for the week. With liberal interior supplies the price has declined a fraction for corn. "Manufacturers have special causes of delay owing to the possible competition with foreign goods largely imported, but there has been no set-back in prices. "The iron manufacture gains in spite of the closing of some furnaces. "Failures for the week have been 214 in the United States, the smallest in many weeks, against 239 last year, and 22 in Canada against 20 last year."

RIOT IN COLUMBIA.

Militia and Ball-Players Mix Up-- Student May Die. A special from Columbia, S. C., dated the 28th, says: While two companies of local militia were standing their annual inspection on the athletic grounds of the South Carolina College, a foul ball struck by a student engaged in a ball game at the other end of the grounds struck the horse of Major B. B. Evans, an officer on the Columbia militia staff. The militia had only been given permission to use half of the grounds, but Gen. Watts immediately withdrew the troops and ordered the militia to dismount. The police refused to do so, and the police refusing to interfere, Gen. Watts ordered the troops to advance. The students resisted and some broke through the line. A general riot followed, in the course of which a policeman was knocked senseless and a student named McColl had his head crushed, from the effects of which he may die. Professor of History R. Means Davis interfered and was knocked down by a student. The soldiers advanced at right angles arms, and were hardly to blame. They simply obeyed orders. The police being powerless, the faculty finally quieted the students and the soldiers were marched back to their armories. MAY MEAN INDEPENDENCE. An Important Conference Concerning Cuba. It is definitely settled that the most important conference yet held in America in connection with the Cuban cause will assemble in Philadelphia shortly. General Palma will preside. With him will be Quesada, the young charge d'affaires. They are going there, it is stated, to prepare plans that may meet with the entire approbation of the administration at Washington. It is said that as soon as Senator John Sherman became Secretary of State he sent for Quesada and had a long and careful talk with him. That interview has had more to do with the coming conference than any one thing that has occurred in Cuban affairs since the inauguration of the war two years ago. To some it seems to mean that the autonomy of Cuba will be demanded. To the extremists it appears that independence and then alliance with the United States will be the result. The Cubans say that they have reason to believe that the McKinley administration is going to carry out the policy upon which McKinley became President. Havemeyer Goes Free. At Washington, D. C., Henry O. Havemeyer, the Sugar Trust president, was acquitted in Judge Bradley's court, of contempt before the Gray investigation committee of the United States Senate. It was not unexpected. The judge directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Lawyers expect a similar decision in the case of John E. Sawyer, secretary of the Sugar Trust. The decision is a distinct victory for John G. Johnson, the Philadelphia lawyer. Tennessee's Treasury Empty. The Tennessee State Treasury is empty and every day warrants are being turned down for want of money with which to pay them. There are now over \$50,000 of warrants outstanding and by July 1st, when the semi-annual of \$250,000 is due the State will be something over \$300,000 behind. May Order Investigation. Senator Jones, of Nevada, chairman of the committee on contingent expenses of the Senate, has not yet called a meeting of his committee for the consideration of the Tillman resolution making sensational charges in relation to the sugar schedule of the tariff bill. It is believed to be probable that the resolution will be reported to the Senate, and that the Senate will order an investigation.

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