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# TILLMAN IS SUCCESSFUL.

His Dispensary Bill Gets Through U. S. Senate Without Opposition.

WILL HARDLY PASS THE HOUSE.

General Effect of the Bill Is to Carry Out the Provisions of the South Carolina Dispensary Law.

Senator Tillman has succeeded in pessing his dispensary bill through the Senate without objection. The bill provides that all fermented, distilled or other liquors transported into any State or Territory for use, consumption, or sale shall be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State, and shall not be exempt by reason of being introduced in original packages for private use or otherwise; and such States shall have absolute control of such liquors within their borders, by whomsoever produced and for whatever use imported, provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as effecting the internal revenue laws of the United States or of

liquors in transit through such States The general effect of the bill is to carry out the provisions of the South Carolina dispensary law, notwithstanding the numerous decisions obnoxious to the enforcement of the said law. The bill passed the Senate without a word of discussion, by unanimous consent. It was reported from the commerce committee more than a month ago. Senator Tillman has been industriously at work upon it ever since. The trouble will come when the attempt is made to pass it through the House. Senator Tillman admits that he hardly expects to get the House to pass on it during the present session, but he technic School in Alexandria, an instilooks for favorable action next winter. The position of the bill is improved by its passage through the Senate, although many bills have failed to become laws after being passed by one branch of Congress.

#### TO MAKE WAR ON U. S.

Spain and Japan Leagued Together to Protect Cuba and Hawaii

Paris, July 15 .-- (By Cable) -A dispatch to a news agency in this city says enquiry at the American embassies there has elicited a confirmation of the rumor that the governments of Spain and Japan have arranged an offensive alliance against the United States. The terms of the understanding, which is for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii, provide that in the event of an actively agressive movement on the part of the United States, tending toward interference in Cuban affairs, or persistence in the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, both Spain and Japan shall declare war simultaneously against the United States and shall make demonstrations along both the Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of the country.

NOT BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON. Washington, July 15. - (Special) .-Little credence is placed in official circles here, in the statement that the Spanish and Japanese governments have entered into an offensive alliance against the United States for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii.

# WOMEN ON THE ROCK PILE.

Kansas Women Threaten Vengeance If the New Order is Carried Out.

The orders of the police commissioners of Kansas City, Kan., that women prisoners must work on the stone pile along with the men, has caused a great commotion, and has not yet been put into effect. Perhaps it may never be. The Current Event Club, an organization of women, has expressed itself as immeasurably shocked, and has called an indignation meeting to protest against the threatened disgrace and degradation of women.

The members threaten that enforcement of the order means the retirement of the police commission from office at the first opportunity, and as women vote in municipal elections, the threat is not regarded as altogether an idle one, and may have its desired effect. Their principle objection is to that part of their order compelling the women to work without skirts and to wear overalls instead. The police officials stand by their order and say that the first woman prisoners whose fines are not paid will go to the rock pile.

# A STUBBORN FIGHT.

House Conferees May Concede Free

Cotton Bagging and Ties. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, says the House conferees are making a stubborn fight against free cotton bagging and free cotton ties, and the friends of the Senate amendment will have a hard fight to keep these articles off the dutiable list. The Senate conferees insist that these articles shall be on the free list, and the question may have to be fought out in open session again. Senator Bacon is of the opinion that the House will finally yield to the Senate on these two items. He says he has ev-ery reason to believe the duty on raw cotton imposed by the Senate will stand.

Ohio Valley Railroad Sold. Ohio Valley Railroad has been sold at Henderson, Ky., to Judge Hum-phreys, representing the Central Trust Company, of New York.

Was Burned to Ashes. The Cincinnati Tribune says the murderer and ravisher of Miss Rene Williams, near West Point, Tenn., has been captured near Pruitton and expiated his crime in the streets of West Point, in the presence of 500 people. The fiend was riddled with bullets and his body was burned to ashes. The crowd fell back, and those who had pistols fired volley after volley at him. The crowd then gathered wood, and building a fire over him, watched the ghastly scene until the murderer was burned to ashes.

#### NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers.

Richmond, Va., wants the next convention of the Baptist Young People's Union.

The struggle over the proposed (Tennessee constitutional convention) has opened up vigorously.

At Charlotte, N. C., John Austin, aged 10, kills Kell Caton, aged 12; both white.

At Martinsville, Va., Wade Lester, charged with the murder of young Davis, by poisoning, was acquitted.

Patients of the late Dr. A. N. Talley, of Columbia, S. C., have on foot a movement to erect's monument to his

The Christian Endeavorers in session Nashville, Tenn., as the meeting place

An ordinance to prohibit persons from spitting in street cars has been passed by the Charleston, (S. C.) city council. Miss Mattie R. Tyler, grand-daughter of the former President of the United States, has been appointed postmaster at Courtland, Va.

Wiley Barlow, who was arrested at Mt. Airy suspected of being the party who shot Mrs. Springs at Lexington, N. C., proved to be the wrong man. A lady on a train of the Georgia rail-

road was fatally injured by a piece of piping falling through a window of the coach and striking lier on the head. An unknown Negro man was found leaning against a tree on the farm of Hon. D. E. Finley, about two miles from Rock Hill, S. C., dead. He was evidently killed by lightning.

George W. Fremont, a colored law-yer of Alexandria, Va., was convicted in New York City for fraudulent ob-

tution which has no existence. A. J. Carmichael, a Georgia convict has sued the Georgia Penatentiary Company for \$20,000. Under threat of being whipped he was made to work in danger, and was mangled by a rock, is his claim in the petition for the above amount.

## All About the North.

A case of leprosy has been discovered at Jersey City, N. J.

Three thousand troops were in inter-State camp at San Antonio, Texas. Women are getting \$2 a day for driv-

ing teams in the harvest fields of Cowley county, Kan. John Addison, alfamous horse thief was shot by pursuers, after a hard fight, west of Dallas, Tex.

Frank McLaughlin, proprietor of the Philadelphia Times, died of ?heumatism and gout at his residence in Phila-

Clearly acquitted of lassaulting Minnie Latta, a girl, John Sims, an aged man, of Dutch Mills, Ark., was shot and killed by the girl's brother.

League will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., and the next session of the Baptist Young People's' Union at Buffalo.

R. C. Heydlauff, ex-engrossing clerk of the Wisconsin Senate, who has figured in a sensational forgery case at Ashland, committed suicide by shoot-

John P. Lovell, founder of the John P. Lovell Arms Company, of Boston, Mass., has been stricken with paralysis at Cottage City and is in a critical con-

The Ohio National Democrats will call a convention some time in September for the purpose of placing an independent State ticket in the field. The county organizations will also be asked

In a fire in Jearsey City, N. J., children were suffocated and a man became insane and tried to prevent the rescue of his family. Policemen and firemen did heroic work in rescuing people from the burning building.

# Miscellaneous.

Twenty thousand delegates attended the Epworth League at Toronto, The delegates to the Pan-American

congress have concluded their tour of this country. The London Spectator thinks Debs'

movement means a Western Populist for President in 1900. German exports to the United States largely increased during the past six

The Canadian Alien Labor law will. be strictly enforced against workmen from the United States.

Turkey has issued an ultimatum Persia demanding the withdrawal of cartain Persian troops from Turkish

The Seaboard Air Line's industrial training school is attracting people by the hundred at every stopping place, and is accomplishing practical good. A Havana, Cuba, newspaper makes arbitration.

General Lee on account of his report miners has commenced, and about 400 in the Ruiz case. The official statement of the Bank of Spain shows a note circulation of \$27,-

000,000 in excess of the authorized issue, and has increased the adverse comment on Spain's finances. Floods caused by the heavy rain of the past few days have done great dam-

age in the southern part of Quebec. Many people are homeless and much damage has been done to early crops. It is said that Mrs. Lease gives warning at this early day that she will not support Mr. Bryan for President in

platform. Mrs. Della Johnson, formerly of Charleston, S. C., a widow, but now of Brooklyn, N. Y., took carbolic acid with suicidal intent because of a quarrel she and her lover, Martin Flynch,

Chicago had forty suicides in June. tian army.

# GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Augusta, Ga., proposes to establish a textile school, the second in America. Tobacco Has Done Well in North Carolina and Virginia.

HAS RAPID GROWTH.

in the Central and Eastern Portion of The Cotton Belt There Has Been General Improvement.

The United States Weather Bureau prop report for the week ending July 12: Texas, Oklahoma and portions of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas are much in need of rain. On the north at San Francisco, Cal., have selected Pacific coast the week has been exceptionally favorable.

In all the States of the Central val leys and lake region corn has made rapid growth, and cultivation has been finished, except in the more northerly seczions. In southern Missouri and western and Central Kansas the crop has suffered much from drouth, but re. cent rains in the last named State will prove beneficial. Corn is also suffering from drought, especially through Texas and Arkansas, and in portions of New Jersey, and in the central and eastern portion of the cotton belt there has been a general improvement in the condition of cotton. The Missouri, Arkansas and Texas crop, however, is suffering from drouth. In Texas, where picking has begun, it is withstanding the drouth very well, but in Arkansas it is reaching a critical stage, and unless rain falls in that State very soon the crop will be short.

Winter wheat harvest has continued in the more northerly districts, east of the Rocky Mountains and in Cali-fornia, and has begun in Oregon. The crop is fast maturing in eastern Washngton, where harvest will begin in a few days.

Spring wheat continues in a promising condition over the northern portion of the spring wheat section, but is somewhat less promising over the southern section than previously reported. Hot winds have affected the crop unfavorably in South Dakota, and some reports of rust are received from Iowa. The outlook for the crop in Oregen and Washington continues excel-

Tobacco has done well in Ohio, Connecticut, North Carolina and in portions of Virginia. In Kentucky and portions of Tennessee and Maryland it is suffering from drouth. Light frosts occurred in Idaho and Nevada; damage slight.

# THE MINERS' STRIKE.

There is a Possibility of Arbitrato by the Conference.

A Pittsburg, Pa., dispatch of the 13th says there is a possibility that the joint arbitration conference may yet lead to the termination of the miners' strike on the basis of the true uniformity agree-The next conference of the Epworth | ment proposed by President Dearmitt, of the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, last year, but which failed for the reason that the 97 per cent. of the operators in this district required by Dearmitt could not be secured.

Two sessions of the arbitration board were held today, representatives from the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West

present. At the afternoon session President Dearmitt appeared before the board and told of the conditions which exists from his point of view. He recited the history of the miners' struggles for better conditions. He told of the great uniformity movement in 1895-796, which failed of its purpose. Mr. Dearmitt

"If the operators of the Pittsburg district will abolish their company stores; use a uniform screen, give honest weight, 2,000 pounds of coal for a ton, pay cash for two weeks, I will leave it to any committee to settle the price of mining and pay it, no matter how high, providing all my competitors pay the same price. Unless these conditions can be brought about I will not agree to abolish the contract with my men,

nor can I afford to do so.' There is a lull in the miners' strike in this district, attributable to the fact that nearly every mine in the district is idle. To keep up the enthusiasm and to prevent the strikers from becoming lukewarm in the matter, however, the officials have arranged for a series of meetings in different sections every

Three meetings were held yesterday at Banning, Fayette City and West Newton, and at each place resolutions were adopted not to return to work

until the officials give the order. Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia, and a number of State officials were present in Pittsburg at the above meeting. Concerning the miners' strike. he said: "The coal strike is not affect ing West Virginia very much, and I do not believe that any body of men will go out. I do not anticipate any trou-ble whatever from the strike in our State, and believe the trouble all over the country will be speedily settled by

At Danville, Ill., strife between or 500 Belgian strikers have attacked colored miners, who have been at work. Several shots were fired, and one white the 19th. man is reported killed.

#### Col. Golladay Dead. Col. Edwin I. Golladay, formerly Congressman from Tennessee and a well-known lawyer in Nashville for

Short in His Accounts. W. A. Noble, formerly auditor of the city of Rosnoke, Vs., has been arrest-1900 unless he positively agrees to make | ed at Richmond, charged with being free silver the leading plank in his short \$2,200 in his accounts. He resigned his office in March and has since been living in Norfolk with his family. Noble says he is anxious to go back and stand trial.

years, died at Charleston, S. C.

Pithy Paragraphs. Great Britain is to increase her Egyp-

# FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

to Day.

SENATE. JULY 12TH. -A discussion of the Union Pacific affairs occupied the attention of the Senate. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, introduced an amendment designed to prevent the consummation of an agreement made some on a resumption of work in the near R. G. DUN & CO'S REPORT. government's claim against the road, future. The cheering announcement is and he thinks the United States is in made tonight that W.P. Dearmitt, presdanger of losing \$30,000,000 in the settlement, and spoke for three hours upon the subject. Thurston briefly controverted the points of Morgan's argument, and Hale, in charge of the movement would have been jeoparbill, claimed that his amendment was new legislation, and he withdrew his amendment, thus disposing of the entire subject. A resolution by Butler, of North Carolina, was agreed to, directing the Secretary of State to se-cure from diplomatic representatives abroad full information as to the oper-

ciency appropriation bill was taken up, but was not completed. JULY 13TH, —In the Senate an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to, restricting the price of armor plate to \$300 per ton, or \$125 less than the amendment reported by the committee and recommended by the Navy department, as the minimum rate acceptable to the armor contractors. Another amendment inserted in the bill directs the Secretary of the Navy to irvestigate as to the establishment of a Government armor factory, and to report to the next session of Congress. This was Senator Butler's amendment, of North Carolina. Other amendments to the bill were made as follows: For improvement of Cumberland Sound, Florida, \$50,000; to pay balance of \$14,485 to claimants under Spanish-American claims commission. The deficiency appropriation

ation of postal telegraphs, telephones and postal savings banks. The defi-

bill was then passed. July 14TH.—The Senate was in a deadlock over the question of taking up Pacific railroad. The vote showed a quorum present. The absent Senators were out of the city. A parliamentary device opened the subject to debate, which continued throughout the day. Morgan and Harris speaking for, and Thurston and Geor against the resolu-

tion. It finally went over. JULY 15TH. - The Senate spent the day in a discussion on the Union Pacific matter, and the Harris resolution relating to the pending judicial proceedings against the road went over. The joint resolution was passed, accepting the invitation of France to participate in the Paris Exposition of 1900. The effort of the Senate to dispose of some of the nominations on the calendar, which it was agreed to on the 14th which should have been made, proved fruitless, and they went into executive

JULY 16TH.—The opening By the of The Harris resolution relating to the Union Pacific railroad was discussed. At 1:30 the Senate went into executive session, remaining behind closed doors until 6 o'clock, and then adjourned un-

til the 17th. JULY 17TH. - Senator Morgan, of Alabama, occupied most of the time in the Senate in support of the Harris resolution relating to the Union Pacific Railroad. He severely arraigned the executive officials connected with the sale of the government interest in the road. Final action on the resolution was not reached. The Senate soon af-Virginia, Indiana and Illinois being ter meeting went into executive ses-

HOUSE. JULY 12TH. -The House, on account of the death of Senator Harris, as soon as the journal had been read, on motion of Moon (Dem.) of Tennessee, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, suspended business

until the 13th. JULY 13TH. - The House was in session only three minutes, as the defi-ciency bill would not be ready to act until the 14th.

JULY 14TH. - When the House re sumed its session after the recess taken on the 13th, Cannon moved non-concurrence in the Senate amendments to the general deficiency bill, which came over from the Senate. Hepburn (Rep.) of Iowa, asked if he would not permit a separate vote on the amendments relating to armor plate. Cannon replied that the House would be given an opportunity to express its opinion on the subject, and with this assurance Hepburn withdrew his request. The motion prevailed, and Cannon and Savers were appointed conferees. Simpson says the House seems to have but little need of a set of rules.

JULY 15TH. - No business was trans acted by the House. Immediately after the journal was approved a recess was taken on Mr. Cannon's motion until the 16th. Mr. Cannon had given assurance to Mr. Bailey that in his opinion a partial or complete conference report on the deficiency bill would be ready

by that time. JULY 16TH. -The House agreed to the partial conference report on the general deficiency appropriation bill, and then concurred in the Senate amendment, fixing the limit to the cost of armor plate for three battleships, now building, at \$300 per ton. Davis (Dem.), of Florida, made a strong appeal to the House to concur in the \$50,-Sound, Fla., but Mr. Cannon resisted it. The House finally concurred in the amendment, and at 6:85 adjourned until

# Washington Gossip.

A Washington dispatch says that France and England contemplate the completion of the Panama Canal. Senator Butler, of North Carolina, has introduced a bill to make every post

office a savings bank. The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of Terence V. Pow-derly, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner General of Immmigration.

There is definite talk of accepting the Pacific Rallway's Reorganization Committee's offer of \$28,500,000 in settlement with the Government. "What became of that Samuels girl

She married him."-Tit-Bits.

## A SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

Report of the Proceedings from Day Both Sides Are Almost Ready to Count on a Resumption of Work.

> Pittsburg, July 14.—(Special.)—The miners' strike is brighter tonight than at any time since the struggle began, and both sides are almost ready to count dent of the New York & Cleveland Gas novement would have been jeopardized, had agreed to join with the operators in a plan for settlement of the strike settlement of strike on a true uniformity basis.
> This result has been brought about through the efforts of members of the arbitration committee, who have worked assiduously for this end since meeting President Dearmitt yesterday. This afternoon the commission called upon Mr. Dearmitt and submitted their plan, to which he agreed. Then the commission met the miners' officials and the proposition also received their approval. In agreeing to the terms, the miner's officials promise to use their influence to obtain the signatures of the operators to the contract, and they will begin tomorrow morning on this work. They say, however, that the proposed contracts have no immediate effect in calling off the present general suspension.

### KENTUCKY GOLD DEMOCRATS. Watterson Says Coinage at 16 to 1 Is

notable and unique to a marked degree some of the miners in that State have beyond any held for more than a score struck. The advance in wheat to 814 Democrats' convention. Over 800 delewas made permanent chairman, after majority of two to one in favor of tak- which he delivered a stirring speech. ing up the resolution, but there was no | Watterson, Breckenridge and others delivered speeches. Free and unlimited coinage was denounced, and apposition was expressed to levying unjust taxes, and a currency reform was advocated. Watterson said coinage at 16 to 1 is "as dead as the institution of African slavery."

The purpose of the convention, as they put it, was to sustain true Democracy, and to bring back to such, and those who have strayed after a silver idol. Complete satisfaction with the work of the convention was to be read in the face and bearing of all the delegates, when the final adjournment came, and confidence was freely expressed in the ultimate winning of glory which will lead to a national success in the next presidential contest. -

#### THE RESERVOIR BURST. A Reminder of the Johnstown Flood

at Newburg, N. Y. A fatal accident that is a reminder of the Johnstown flood occurred near Newburg, N. Y. The Melzingah reservoir at Fishkill Mountain, near Matteawan, has been swollen to overflowing by the recent heavy rains, and the reservoir burst. The water ran into a deep ravine two miles below the reservoir, near Dutchess Junction, washing away almost everything in its path. A number of buildings, private residences and brick yard with all its buildings were washed away with a boarding house occupied by laborers. It is reported that nine of them are

missing. They are supposed to have been drowned. The flood washed away over two hundred yards of the Hudson river railway track. There were two reservoirs, one above the other. The top one burst first letting the volume of water into the lower reservoir and bursting it without warning. The flood

carried everything before it. Ten bodies have been recovered and twenty are still missing. Search for the missing bodies is progressing rapidly. The district is completely stricken by the disaster. Many families are not only homeless but have lost all their earthly possessions.

#### BIG BRIDGE OPENED. West Superior and Duluth Are Now Connected by a Draw.

The big steel bridge between West Superior and Duluth, Wis., has been opened for traffic. The work of building the bridge between the two cities

was begun six years ago. The center draw is forty-nine feet long and weighs 2,200 tons. The total length of the bridge is 1,904 feet between the approaches. A clear waterway of 200 feet is opened on either side of the draw pier when the span is swung. Tugs and small vessels pass under without swinging the span, which makes the turn in twenty seconds. The structure is fifty-eight feet wide, arranged for two railway tracks, besides street railway, wagons and foot passenger ways, and cost about \$1,000,-

Hawaiian Annexation Endorsed. The United States Senate committee on foreign relations agrees to the resolution on the annexation of Hawaii, and also instructs the President to secure the release of the Competitor prisoners. Seven members of the committee were present. These were Messrs. Davis, Cullom, Foraker, Clarke, Morgan, Turpie and Daniel, and of these all but Messrs. Turpie and Daniel cast their votes for the resolution of annex-

Is It Mrs. Springs' Murderer? A special to the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer from Winston, N. C., says a man giving his name as Wiley Barlow has been arrested in Mt. Airy on suspicion. It is thought he killed Mrs. A. A. Springs, at Lexington. It is said he fills the description of the murderer. He claims Forsyth county as his home.

that Pottersby was flirting with last Joseph Taylor, of Lowell, Mass., for gallant services at Weldon Railroad, Va., August, 16, 1864, while in the Seventh Phode Island Volunteers. summer?" "You mean the girl that Pottersby thought he was flirting with?

# WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT FIELDS WHITH WITH BLOOMS.

The Miners' Strike the Only Hindrance to Better Business.

Crops Helped By Abundant Rains. Still Large Stocks of Cotton Goods Accumulated.

R. G. Dun & Co's, report of trade

for the week ending July 17th, says:

Excepting the great coal miners' strike, watermelons are ripe; grapes are rotwhich may terminate at any time, there is scarcely a feature of the business ontlook which is not encouraging. The crop prospects have been improved especially Pitt, Pender, Robeson, por-by needed rains, and foreign advices tions of Brunswick, Duplin and Craby needed rains, and foreign advices continue to promise a large demand. In many home industries, particularly trict the weather during the week was in building, there is more activity than very fine; warm, with frequent showers, in any year since '92, and the week has brought a better demand in boots and shoes and in wooelns, whille the movement of freight, mostly iron ore, through the Salt Ste Marie Canal, is the largest in its history. With the money market unclouded, there is nothing in sight to hinder rapid improvement when uncertainty about legislation has been removed, for the miners' strike could not last long if business and industries should become active. There is now much less apprehension of a failure of fuel supply than "As Dead as the Institution of African Slavery."

At Louisville, Ky., on the 14th, a have reached Northern markets, but growing. of years in Kentucky, was the Gold cents was not due to Government esti- ially Cumberland and portions of Montthe resolution directing the President to suspend the agreement to sell the gates were present, representing 113 siderable buying for account. Demand weather has been very favorable for out of 119 counties. John G. Carlisle is largely felt from Australia, South crops; warm, though not excessively so, Brazil and even Argentina, while the promise for European crops is not considered bright. The disposition of farmers to keep back wheat for plow. Crops generally made very higher prices may affect the outward satisfactory growth. Cotton is fine, movement, but Atlantic exports during some fields are white with blooms; movement, but Atlantic exports during July, flour included, have been 3,115,-443 bushels, against 2,958,817 last year, although in the same weeks 4,659,315 bushels of corn went out against 1,574,-072 last year. Wheat closed four cents higher for the week and corn t cent higher. Cotton is a sixteenth higher, the closing or partial stoppage of important New England milis hardly neutralizing, in the market's estimation, apprehension of injury from drought, The cotton goods market does not yet reduce large accumulated stocks, as the

curtailment of production shows, but is growing a little more healthy without change of prices. Woolens for the coming season have not been generally shown, though in some low-priced goods an advance of 71 per cent. was asked and presumably will be asked on better grades. There is rather more business in re-orders and the tone is Surry, Alleghany and Wilkes; here more confident. Speculation in the wool market continues with prices at all points stronger, at Boston advancing with signs of a boom among dealers, in which manufacturers are taking little part, at current prices, and at | the only complaint now is of its latethe West, where holdings are looking for a great advance. Imports at Boston were 28,862 bales in two weeks, and dealers are said to have brought 100,-000 bales more in London. Sales were 10,420,000 pounds at the three markets, free from rust this year. Wheat thresh for the week, and 24,572,800 in two weeks, of which 12,607,200 were domes-

The output of iron furnaces July was 164,064 tons weekly, against 168,-380 June I, but several furnaces have gone into blast since June 1, and the output is large for the season. Presumably an unprecedented share of it is to supply the great steel companies which are even now putting more furnaces into blast, and have heavy orders taken when prices were dropped, while the demand for structural shapes and plates is large, and for bars improving, though steel bars are now at the lowest quotation ever known in Pittsburg, 874 to 90 cents, with Bessemer pig quoted slight-

ly lower. Failures for the week have been 268 in the United States against 269 last year, and 27 in Canada against 39 last

MADE A DYING STATEMENT. Woman Assaulted, Knocked in th

Head and Thrown on a Bed. Major Terrell, a negro, criminally assaulted Mrs. Martin Thomas, a white woman living in the country, five miles from Elba, Ala. She was alone in her house with her six-month's-old boy. During the assault the woman was struck on the head and thrown on the bed beside her sleeping infant. Fagots of pine wood were then piled around her by the brute and set fire. The flames attracted the attention of some passersby, and they reached the woman in time to get her dying statement. The baby was roasted. Terrell was arrested and was being given a preliminary trial when a mob broke up the court, took him out and hanged him.

STILL ANOTHER CASE. A special to the Advertiser, from Elba, Ala., says: "Mrs. Thompson was found by her children burned to death. She was lying on the floor with all her clothes burned off and her body charred except the head. Cotton was stuffed in her mouth, and some bruises were found on the head. A negro named Terry, who worked on the place, was arrested on suspicion. He admitted staying at the house until midnight. One report savs a mob took charge of the negro. but another special from Troy says he was not lynched. The location is many

#### miles from the railroad The Tariff Bill Agreed On.

The Republican conferees on the tariff bill, representing the two houses of Congress, have agreed upon all the items of the bill, and the result of the partisan conference will be submitted to the Democratic members of the conference at the full meeting. Cotton bagging and ties are taxed, the stamp A Medal After 33 Years. tax dropped, and the sugar schedule
A medal honor has been awarded to has been changed quite materially. It

Favorable for the Growth of Crops. The weather during the week ending July 12th, 1897, has generally been very favorable for the growth of crops. Over portions of seventeen out of the ninetysix counties of the State drought has continued, seriously injuring crops, but over the remainder of the State local rains were frequent, with plenty of warm, but not excessively hot, weather. Cotton has improved remarkably; some fields are white with blooms; it is bolling well. The chief complaints about corn are its small size and bad stand in the east and lateness in the west Nortion of the State. Curing bottom tobacco leaves continues. l'eanuts blooming and spreading; canteloupes and

ting to some extent. EASTERN DISTRICT. - Drought has continued to prevail in a few counties, ven, with injury to corn and gardens. but over the larger portion of the discausing all crops to do well. Farmers are up with work; crops clean and growing nicely. Cotton is fine; blooming everywhere; bolling well in South; much has been laid by. Corn improved where showers fell early enough, but early corn cannot be materially improved, and the crop will be short; more rain needed. Tobacco not altogether promising, but making larger growth; lower leaves being cured. Peanuts blooming and spreading fast. Rice looks well; about layed by. Peas, sweet potatoes and melons fine. Cantalonnes and watermelons in market. Fruit generally scarce. Most farmers are done seeding peas, which are green and

CENTRAL DISTRICT. - Drought continued only in a few counties, especgomery, Durham and Orange; over days; in fact, at some points the ground is reported to be too wet to laying by has begun. Corn has good color, but stalk is small; laying by about finished; outlook for this crop at present poor. Tobacco is tolerably good, except where drought still prevails; rather backward everywhere, but now spreading more rapidly; doing best on new ground. More peas have bgen sown in stubble land than usual and are up and growing nicely. Threshing wheat is still under way. Gardens have suffered considerably from dry weather. Blackberry crop heavy, but season nearly over. Grapes are re-

ported to be rotting considerably. WESTERN DISTRICT, -Frequent showers with plenty of sunshine and warm weather, made the past week quite favorable, except over a few counties where drought continues, namely, Iredell, Yadkin, portions of Catawba, crops continue to deteriorate, but elsewhere have made fine growth during the week. Corn is growing nice early planted tasselling; most has been layed ness. Cotton is doing remarkable well; blooming and fruiting nicely, Tobacco fair. In a few western counties uncut oats are reported damaged by rust, but generally small grains were unusually ing out well. In extreme West most of the wheat and rye is now safely in stack. Many field peas are being planted. In the dry counties gardens

#### have been nearly ruined. TO WITHHOLD WHEAT.

State Organization Proposed in Ken-

tucky to Bring About Higher Prices. Kentucky wheat growers met at Lexington to take steps toward withholding their present crop of wheat from the market until the higher prices which they expect to become a certainty. Millers are paying 62 cents for new wheat, and the farmers think the price will be at least 75 in less than a month. John B. Kennedy, of Bour-

bon county, was made chairman, and William Steele, of Woodford, secretary. A paper on the production and price of wheat sent by J. T. Flynn, of Chicago, was read. He insists that there is not a surplus of wheat, and the price will certainly go up between now and fall.

Col, Tobias Gibson, of Woodford, made a long speech urging the farmers to get together and form a State association and protect themselves from the manipulators of the speculators. He offered the following resolution, which was

unanimously adopted: "That the farmers of the counties of the State be recommended to form farmers' associations at their county seats, with a view to ultimately forming a State organization to which the county organizations are to be subordinate.'

#### Lexington, Ky., Dispatch, 12th. ALL THREE IN PENITENTIARY. Imprisonment of Green Gives a Final

Chapter to the Tragedy. The incarceration in the penitentiary of Ed D. Green, of Spartanburg, is the closing chapter, so far as the public is concerned, of one of the most coldbrooded murders ever committed in

this State—the Carson murder. Yet, probably because one jury did not wish to hang a woman and that another jury thought it unjust to hang a man when a woman, equally guilty, was spared and three participants in the crime, with not the shadow of doubt as to their guilt, are all alive and in the penitentiary.

# Scene Was Realistic.

At Atlanta, Ga., in a play presented by colored amateurs in Pittsburg, a suburb of that city, John Singleton acted a part in which he was supposed to be shot dead by his rival, impersonated by Gary Brown. The scene was carried out faithfully and aroused loud applause, which was turned into lamentation when it was discovered that Singleton was really dead. The pistol Brown used, which was supposed to be loaded with blank cartridges, carried a real bullet instead.