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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—The greatest combination ever before enlisted in one enterprise in the United States, is supporting the Southern Railway Company. From a thoroughly reliable source the Times is informed that the underwriters, as they may be termed, of the re-organization scheme of the Richmond & West Point Terminal and the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad Companies are none other than the Rothschilds, of London and Paris, and the Vanderbilts, of New York—Cornelius and William K. There organization, as is well known, was undertaken and successfully consummated by Drexel, Morgan & Company, of New York, and J. S. Morgan & Company, of London. These two great banking houses interested their richest clients, the Rothschilds and Vanderbilts. The syndicate really is very small in numbers, for it is divided into four portions, but is colossal in wealth, representing the greatest aggregation of capital in the world—more than half a billion of dollars. The Rothschilds have one quarter, the Vanderbilts one quarter, Drexel, Morgan & Company one quarter. The re-organization plan provided for \$30,000,000 of new capital, and it is this sum that the quartette has agreed to supply and more if necessary. The money is to be used in heavier rails, new equipment, terminals, extensions, etc. The Southern Railway now consists of 4,500 miles.

TWO WIVES AND FAMILIES.

A Raleigh Citizen of High Standing in the Hands of the Law. RALEIGH, N. C.—Mrs. Mary Cram, of Brockway, Canada, is here with her son, an alleged that she is the real wife of William Cram, a prominent business man here. She has sworn out warrants against Cram and his wife with whom he has lived for twenty years, charging them both with adultery.

Both parties thus charged have been absent in New Jersey. Cram returned and went immediately to the sheriff's office, where the warrant on him was served. Mrs. Cram number one alleges that Cram never married number two, and names her as Kittie Coe. Cram declines to be interviewed, but his attorney says he denies ever having married Mrs. Cram number one, though he acknowledges he is the father of her nineteen-year-old son, Gaston Cram, a graduate of the university at Toronto, who is here with her. Cram says he supported and educated this boy from infancy, and has supplied his mother with money. Cram claims that, while a youth, he was entrapped into an alliance with her, and that recently he sent the boy money with which to go to Nova Scotia and settle, but that he and his mother used this money in coming here to bring these suits. Cram and his wife number two belong to the Presbyterian church, and he is a prominent Odd Fellow. His friends say there is no question as to the legal marriage of himself number two. No case here has ever attracted so much attention.

A S. A. L. CASHIER SHORLY.

Edwin G. Hooks Poked Prepaid Freight Money—He is in Jail.

ATLANTA, GA.—Edwin G. Hooks, cashier of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company here, was arrested, charged with embezzling \$3,567. He has been in the employ of the company for more than a year. He is 22 years old and well connected. Officers of the company say that Hooks simply pocketed prepaid freight money and made no entry on the books. They had a great deal of trouble in tracing the shortage. The discovery was made months ago that there was a shortage but it took a long investigation to fasten it on Hooks. He says he is innocent and that while there may be a shortage, he knows nothing about it. He is in jail.

Japanese Capture an Island.

LONDON.—A dispatch from Shanghai says it is stated that a strong force of Japanese troops have occupied an island in Sicily bay, northwest of Port Arthur. This island is a base of operations. The Chinese were taken completely by surprise, and consequently, were able to offer no opposition to the occupation of the island or the landing of large quantities of arms, ammunition, provisions, etc., which are being stored there. Everything connected with the affair indicates the purpose of the Japanese to force a siege, if necessary, until the force occupying the island shall have been reinforced sufficiently to justify an attack upon Port Arthur.

Arrest of Counterfeiters.

MANNING, S. C.—Joe Henry Lloyd and Charles L. Wilson, both white, were arrested and lodged in jail here for counterfeiting by deputy Charles L. Emanuel says he found seven molds or counterfeiting in all denominations from a nickel to one dollar. It is thought that there are several more who will be arrested in a few days. The counterfeit money has been passing around here for about six months.

A New Rector for St. Michael's.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Rev. I. D. Grinke has been elected rector of St. Michael's church. The former rector, Rev. R. S. Trapier, having been disabled by an accident, was elected rector emeritus, with no diminution of salary. St. Michael's is the most historic church in the State.

THE ARKANSAS ELECTION.

Chairman Armstrong Claims the State for the Democrats by 30,000.

LITTLE ROCK.—Arkansas voted on all State, judicial, county, and legislative officers. The weather was fair and warm throughout the State, and the vote was heavy. It was the first practical test of the Arkansas poll-tax qualification law, and in consequence the negro was practically eliminated from the contest. Early in the canvass it was discovered that Barker, the Populist candidate for Governor, had failed to pay his poll tax.

He denied the statement from the stump, but the correctness of the report was verified by the action of Barker in remaining in Little Rock instead of going home, as did his two opponents, to vote. Many of the Populists voted for Remmel, the Republican candidate, who received the full strength of his party.

Gen. Clark and the entire Democratic ticket were supported by the Democracy to a man. The election was very quiet all over the State. Chairman Carroll Armstrong of the Democratic State Central Committee made the following estimate: Total vote cast in the State, 120,000; Democratic vote, 75,000; combined opposition, 45,000; Democratic majority, 30,000.

THE ASSASSIN'S SHOT.

Killed Mr. Bowden While He was Sitting at an Open Window.

CHINCOTEAGUE, VA.—Thomas Bowden, a prominent citizen of this place, was assassinated here on Sunday night, as the result of a sectarian feud. A mob, composed of those who oppose the teachings of a sect known as the Sanctified Band, said to believe in free love, attacked and demolished a church belonging to that sect on Sunday night, after which they stoned the houses of several members of the congregation. While passing Bowden's house the mob fired through the open window, instantly killing Mr. Bowden, who was asleep beside his wife. He leaves six small children, and his death has wrought the people of the island up to fever heat.

HIS LIFE FOR A KISS.

Robert Cross Held by One Man While Another Shoots Him Seven Times.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Near Newsite, Tallapoosa county, James Ashley and his son, Robert, went into a field where Robert Cross, a young farmer, was harvesting. Robert Ashley held Cross while the old man fired seven bullets into his body. Ashley fired as long as Cross breathed, remarking: "I am going to shoot as long as there is breath in the damned rascal's body." Cross went to church with Ashley's daughter and kissed her. She reported the matter to her father, and the murder resulted. A posse in pursuit of the Ashley's, and if captured it is likely they will be lynched.

SOUTHERN INVENTIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Patents have been granted to the following meritorious Southern inventions:

- Macerator for fruit, Otis E. Davidson, Nashville, Tenn.
- Monument, Wm. Obaver, Birmingham, Ala.
- Steam cooker, Joel E. Hill, Walnut Cove, N. C.
- Automatic brake, Wm. F. Wigley, Dallas, Ga.
- Plumb rule, Frank Holt, S. Pittsburg, Tenn.
- Bed brace, W. H. Moffitt, Lexington, N. C.
- Combined measure and funnel, B. G. Reese, Mt. Carmel, S. C., and D. B. Cade, Overton, Ga.

Shot From Ambush.

LAURENSBURG, N. C.—D. A. McDougald, well known as the prisoner tried and acquitted at Fayetteville more than two years ago for the murder of Simon Conly, has since been living very quietly here. This year he has been farming on the Conly farm and the town was startled to hear that he had been shot there Monday night. At bed time Mr. McDougald walked out in the yard and on re-entering the house was fired upon by some one in ambush, the shot taking effect in Mr. McDougald's arm and head, one shot striking him in the eye. He is painfully, though not fatally wounded, and was able to ride to town in the morning for medical attention. He has no clue as to who did the shooting.

Will Speak for Butler.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—It is generally talked in political circles here that Bourke Cockran, of New York, Senator Gordon and Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, will come to this State and make speeches in favor of Senator Butler's candidacy against Tillman for the United States senate.

Death of the Oldest Engineer.

AUGUSTA, GA.—Henry G. Barworth, the oldest locomotive engineer in America, died here, aged 83. Barworth was born in Charleston in 1811. He was the first engineer on the South Carolina Railway, and ran as engineer the "Best Friend," the pioneer engine built in America.

Daniel Ravenel Dead.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Daniel Ravenel, a leading underwriter, representative of an old Huguenot family and one of the most accomplished bibliophiles in the South died here. It is estimated that capital and labor would lose \$3,000,000 a day were all railroads in this country blockaded by a strike or boycott.

PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

The Exchange Bank of Charleston, S. C., have commenced the erection of an elegant new bank building.

A bank has been organized at Burlington, N. C., called the Burlington Banking Co.

A new bank is about to be opened at Louisville, N. C., by local capitalists.

A charter has been granted to the Farina Roll Flour Mills at Charlotte, N. C.

The gathering of monozite in North Carolina for electrical uses is assuming large proportions. One week's shipment recently from the county around Ellenboro amounted to \$9,000.

The N. C. State agricultural and mechanical college opened with 200 students, half new ones. Trinity opens with 140; Wake Forest with 175, and Elon with 200.

Police Sergeant Nichols was shot and killed by two burglars he was pursuing in Cleveland, O. The burglars escaped.

The Republican congressional convention for the eighth district which met at Manassas, Va., unanimously nominated P. H. McCull, of Culpeper county, on the second ballot.

Cottonseed oil, now so important commercially, has been known to commerce for a long time. New Orleans once attempted to use it for street lighting. It was an old charge of abolitionists that slaves were fed on cottonseed, a charge indignantly denied by the slaveholders, though cottonseed was then used as food by the peasants of Southern Europe.

A CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

One Called to Meet at Columbia on the 17th. Butler Seeks Re-Election by the Movement.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The dissatisfaction on the part of the Conservative faction with the way the politics of the State has been conducted, has resulted in definite action. A conference of representative men from every section of the State met here and issued an address to the Democratic voters. Among other things, it says the Democratic party has been betrayed by leaders who have usurped the rights of the Democratic voters and are using the party machinery for their own selfish ends; that a ring has been organized and is exercising arbitrary and tyrannical authority to the utter subversion of the welfare of the people; that the leaders and the rank and file of their followers openly and avowedly endorse Third party and Populistic measures. The committee, representing those Democrats who repudiate Populism, announce their continued allegiance to true Democratic principles and call upon all who agree with them to hold mass meetings on the 15th instant in their respective court houses in each county and elect delegates to a convention to be held in Columbia on the 17th inst. for the purpose of re-organizing the party, to consider the political situation and take such other steps as in their wisdom they may deem proper. This is taken to mean that full State and county tickets will be put out to oppose the Tillman faction which controls the State.

While Senator Butler holds that he is not seeking re-election by this new movement it is certain that should it succeed he will be re-elected to the Senate. Most of the men signing the petition are or have been his lieutenants in the contest. There may be a triangular fight if the new movement nominates a ticket.

Dr. Pope, ex-Reformer, ex-candidate for Governor, but who got out a week or so ago, has changed his mind and announces that he will make the race. He counts on getting votes of dissatisfied Reformers as well as some Conservatives. He announces that he will run as a Democrat and his platform generally is opposed to the ring.

WHIPPED BY WOMEN.

Punishment of a Wife Beater in Florida.

WALDO, FLA.—Dan Wiggins, a notorious wife beater, was dragged from home by masked men. Wiggins was carried into the woods and lashed to a tree. Several women of the neighborhood, who sympathized with Mrs. Wiggins, were present, and as soon as Wiggins had been tied they began to whip him. After beating him unmercifully Wiggins was untied and left to make his way home. It is thought that Wiggins will die.

Two Ladies Kill a Deer.

DURHAM, N. C.—Near Bullock's Station, on the Oxford & Clarksville road, last Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, a Mrs. Ball and Miss Hattie Parrish went out to a pea patch to gather some peas. In going over the patch they walked upon a deer that was lying down among the pea vines and making itself at home. They did not become excited and give an alarm, but as the deer made a leap to leave their company, one of the ladies grabbed him by the hind leg and held on. The other one procured a stick and soon had their game laid out dead. It was a fine one and the ladies are proud of their success.

First Clearance of New Cotton.

GALVESTON, TEX.—The first clearance of cotton for this season has been made to a foreign port. The Sierra line steamer Maria cleared for Liverpool with 6,100 bales of cotton valued at \$227,249. The entire cargo came from one compress in Houston and was brought down from Houston in barges and loaded from them into the steamer in Bolivar Roads, with the exception of 1,200 bales, which were taken on outside the bar.

A Suicide in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, GA.—Jacob Metzler committed suicide in a lumber yard here by shooting himself in the head. He was an invalid and was also disappointed in love.

Senator Jarvis Opens His Campaign at Goldsboro Monday.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Sept. 10.—Senator Jarvis opens his campaign here to-day and speaks Tuesday at Burgaw.

DIRECT FOR LIVERPOOL.

A Steamer Sails With a Good Cargo From Port Royal.

PORT ROYAL, S. C.—The steamer Razon Delarringa cleared from Port Royal for Liverpool with 2,800 bales of new cotton, 10,000 sacks of flour and 100 tons of lumber and logs. This ship came here from Tampa with 8,000 tons of phosphate rock for Liverpool, and in addition to the above mentioned cargo has taken on 350 tons of coal for bunker purposes and will sail direct to Liverpool without having to stop for coal at Norfolk.

A Southern Chautauque.

At a meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church in Chattanooga, Tenn., next June, the project of establishing a Southern Chautauque Lookout mountain, near that city, will be discussed. Dr. S. A. Steele and other prominent educators are in favor of the project. It is estimated that 100 to 500 acres of land will be needed for buildings and tents and that 5,000 people would be assembled during the summer. The Chautauque would be conducted on the same plan as that at Lakewood, N. Y.

A Big Deal With an English Syndicate.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—J. M. Good, of this city has just closed a deal with an English syndicate, whereby the Alton Park property, a suburb on Chicamauga Creek is sold for \$500,000. It is understood the English purchasers will at once erect large cotton mills on Chicamauga creek, which will furnish all the water power wanted, and also that two large blast iron furnaces will be built.

Plans for Atlanta Exposition Buildings.

ATLANTA, GA.—Plans for five buildings submitted by J. H. Gilbert, of New York, were accepted by the International Exposition Company. W. T. Downing's plan for an administration building was also accepted. The general style of Gilbert's buildings is Romanesque. The administration building will be Corinthian in style.

The Complete Vote in Vermont.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT.—The gubernatorial vote is being reported slowly. Returns from 185 towns and counties give Woodbury (Republican) 35,289; Smith (Democratic), 11,810; McGinnis (Populist), 54; scattering, 303. Woodbury's plurality in these towns is 23,479; majority over all, 22,672.

An Extra Session Called.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Chief Justice McEver filed an order calling an extra session of the supreme court to be held on September 12th, to decide upon the constitutionality of the dispensary act of 1893. This is done by consent of the attorneys for the state and respondents.

A Mining Town Swallowed Up.

LOFTY, PA.—The little mining town of Scotch Valley, in Lackawanna county, near this place, was swallowed up in the most complete mine cave-in ever known in this region. The village had a dozen houses built over Mount Lookout colliery. Nothing can be seen of them but the roofs, gables and chimneys.

Democrats Endorse a Populist.

CLEVELAND, O.—After a hot fight in the twentieth district Democratic convention, the chairman announced that H. B. Harrington, Populist candidate for congress, had received the endorsement of the convention. Harrington's Republican opponent in the district is Clifton B. Beach.

The Count of Paris' Funeral.

LONDON.—The funeral of the Count of Paris, who died at Stowe House Saturday, took place on Wednesday at Westbury Surry. Tuesday the body laid in state in the marble saloon of Stowe House. The official medical certificate says that death was due to internal obstruction and exhaustion.

Towed by a Devil-fish.

VELASCO, TEX.—Dr. Foster harpooned a devil-fish 25 feet wide across the back. It towed a large yawl full of men three miles to sea before it was killed.

W. L. Wilson's Republican Opponent.

WHEELING, W. VA.—Alston Gordon Dayton, of Barbour county, was nominated for Congress by the second district Republicans to run against Hon. W. L. Wilson, chairman of the ways and means committee.

A Huge Rattlesnake, seven feet in length, was killed by a railroad engine near Wilmington, N. C. The section master has had the reptile skinned for the purpose of making himself a pair of shoes.

A GRUESOME EXHIBITION.

COLLECTION OF VALUABLE BONES AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Great Auk's Skeleton—Human Bones Less Costly Than Those of Animals—Used as Fertilizers.

FUNK ISLAND—that is, a part of it—has been reproduced for exhibition at the National Museum, says the Washington Star. It was on that lonely rock, thirty-two miles off the coast of Newfoundland, that the now-extinct great auk had its principal rook. Fifty years ago the last individual of the species perished. It is represented now by a skeleton, worth \$600, standing by a heap of bird remains such as chiefly compose the surface soil of Funk Island, while alongside is an egg of the fowl, valued at \$190, together with the inner skin of another egg. The National Museum possesses nearly all of the great auk bones in existence; they are the most costly bones in the world. The finest collection of skeletons in the world is stored at the National Museum. They are arranged in a series, so as to run upward from the lowest fishes through the reptiles and birds, to man. Human bones are much cheaper than those of many other animals. One can buy a nicely-articulated skeleton of a man for \$40, or of a woman for \$50—sex makes some difference in the price—whereas the skeleton of a gorilla costs \$300, of a whale \$150, of an elephant \$400, of a lion \$75, of a horse \$70, of a cat \$12, and of a python \$75.

The bones of a human being are nearly one-quarter water during the life of the individual. They are chiefly composed of phosphate of lime, but contain a good deal of animal matter and other elements. In the skeleton of a man are nearly four pounds of the metal calcium, which is many times more valuable than gold, being worth \$300 an ounce. Thus in the osseous framework of the average tramp may be found material with a market value of about \$18,000, but the trouble is to separate it from the substances with which it is combined. That is what makes calcium costly. It is only in bones that phosphate of lime is found in anything like a pure state. Everybody knows the value of that material as a fertilizer, but it is only recently that human skeletons have been imported into this country to grow crops with. Not long ago a shipment was made from Mexico to the United States of ten carloads of human bones, said to have been obtained from ancient mounds in Southern Mexico, but more probably gathered from various old and abandoned cemeteries. As these remains were fragments of unsorted skeletons, it was estimated that 50,000 individuals were represented in the lot.

This would not be considered a novelty in Europe. Years ago English farmers used human bones to some extent to fertilize their land. The battlefield of Waterloo was for a time the base of supplies, and this was supplemented by mummies from Egypt, ground to a fine powder. The mummies were fetched for this purpose by people dead for thousands of years doubtless formed part of the consignments, but the bulk of the material consisted of mummies of cats and other small animals. The Egyptians of old used to mummify the cat, this and other creatures, which they regarded as sacred. In ancient Egyptian tombs are found great numbers of copper boxes, opening at one end by a slide, which contain mummies of cats, hawks, ibises and now and then snakes and small crocodiles. Mummies are recognized commercial articles in that country to-day. For a long time locomotives were run between Cairo and Suez with no other fuel. Corpses of royal personages, 3000 years old and upward, fetched high prices. The processes adopted for their preservation began with the removal of the intestines. Then the brain was taken out through the nostrils and the body, after being soaked in preservative substances, was wrapped round and round with bandages. The bundle thus made was placed inside of a paper mummy case formed of a pulp composed of linen and whiting, and this was inclosed in a series of wooden coffins.

Less than a year ago the Austrian bark Vila was deserted by her crew. Later she was picked up as a derelict off Cape Hatteras and fetched into the port of New York. Her cargo was found to consist in large part of bones of horses and cattle. In one corner of her hold was a great heap of human skulls. Nobody knows to this day why the crew deserted the vessel in mid-ocean. She was worth \$40,000, including her freight. The gruesome character of the latter was added to by frightful odors and the presence of swarms of blue flies. Information obtained respecting the bark from Alexandria, in Egypt, showed that the bones had been collected in deserts and cemeteries of that country and were shipped to the United States for use as fertilizer. The preparation of human skeletons for market is quite an important industry. The chief centre for this branch of commercial activity is Paris, where three concerns are engaged in the business on a considerable scale. They obtain the requisite supplies of raw material in the shape of bodies from public institutions, most of them being those of paupers and criminals, who have died in the asylums and prisons. The French Government considers it a good plan to turn to a useful account in this way after death the thieves and murderers who have been enemies of society during their lifetime.

Not until the close of the last century was torture of criminals generally abolished in Europe.

The Trolley.

"There is no use in our trying to compete with the trolley lines," said a railroad man the other day, to a reporter of the Philadelphia Record, as he glanced ruefully over some figures, which showed a decrease of \$40 a day in his company's receipts from suburban travel on a branch line since the opening of a trolley road. "We have to give too much to our patrons," he continued. "We provide handsome terminals, fine suburban stations, heat, water, light and a seat for every passenger, while the trolley lines furnish almost nothing but transportation. They furnish no stations; crowd the passengers in, so that many have no seat, and in that way manage to make money. We can't do things that way, and so I see no money for us in trying to compete with the trolleys. Of course, they can't touch us on long distance traveling, but in the near future I expect to see them absorb a large amount of our suburban travel."

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