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BUTTERWORTH'S CONDITION DANGEROUS.

Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 3.—Ben Butterworth, the commissioner of patents, is dangerously ill at his hotel. He has been here for several weeks trying to overcome the effects of a severe attack of pneumonia. Until today his condition was favorable, but he has been constantly attending social functions, and it is supposed that this induced a relapse. His physicians entertain serious doubts of his recovery.

RUSH TO KLONDIKE.

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—The Klondike rush has commenced. Prospectors are coming in so fast to British Columbia that its resources are taxed to accommodate them. Steamers City of Seattle, Tees and Rosa Lee have been obliged to refuse accommodations.

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A Grand Exhibit of Fine Poultry.

Fifteen Hundred Fowls of High Degree.

The Exhibition Open to the Public Today.

The Collection is the Largest and Finest Ever Brought Together in the South—A Visit to the Building.

Nine-tenths of the people who have heard of the coming poultry show, have no idea what an extensive affair the exhibit will be, and what a fine quality of birds are on display.

Already 1,400 birds have been registered and when the show is fairly open there will be considerably over 1,500.

There never has been such a poultry show at any of the state fairs and it is doubtful if the south has ever seen its equal. The cages cover three large floors.

The chickens range in weight from eight ounce Bantams to a sixteen pound Buff Cochin. One turkey weighs fifty-five pounds. The prices are equally as varying. Some of the cocks and hens could not be bought at any price that could be considered by an ordinary mortal. There are a number of birds that are worth $50, $75 and even $100. Some few that could not be bought for the latter named sum. Quite a number, in fact, over a hundred, prize winners are on exhibitions. Many of them took prizes at the recent show in Washington, and the Washington Post says that a Langshang cock, which belongs to the Riverside poultry farm, of Newbern, is the finest chicken of his kind in America.

There is a white Wyandotte hen, a prize winner, that could not be bought for less than $75. The pair of indigo blue Leghorns, belonging to "Chick" Darlington, of the Alamance Farms, are the only blue Leghorns in the world. They are indeed a curiosity. Another curiosity is a pair of fowls, half guinea and half chicken. Odd, too, are the silky chickens, they have hair instead of feathers.

The display of games is exceptionally fine, most of the specimens coming from this state. Six beautiful Summer or Wood ducks belonging to the Alamance farm constitute one of the many interesting features and they are valued at $150.

There are fifty pheasants belonging to the Biltmore exhibit, and fancy rabbits by the score. The pigeon part of the show has over fifty varieties of fancy plummed and colored birds, that are a treat in themselves.

Turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, chickens, pigeons, rabbits, guinea-pigs, pheasants by the hundred are to be seen and once seen never to be forgotten.

The Biltmore Farms have taken the entire basement floor for their exhibition and Mr. Jas. P. Keer who has charge of the birds will present a selection of fowls that will reflect great credit. He has arranged so that little chickens will be hatching out during the show. The Biltmore birds will not be contestants for the prizes.

The Alamance Farm, Graham, "Chick" Darlington, manager and the Oconeechee Farm, Hillsboro, R. Reid Harding, manager, together with the Biltmore Farm, have the largest exhibits, but numerous others have fowls that are magnificent birds.

All the exhibits are fine, but specially fine are the larger breeds of chickens. Over fifty exhibitors, representing ten states, have registered for the show and if personal worth has anything to do with it, from beginning to end, the affair will be a grand success.

The following are those who have registered their pets for entrance:

Biltmore Poultry Farm, Jas. P. Kerr manager, 250. These are not contestants.

Alamance Farm, Graham, N. C., "Chic" Darlington manager, (and he's a bird!), 400 birds.

Oconeechee Farm, Hillsboro, N. C., R. Reid Harding manager, entered 224 turkeys, ducks and geese.

Upland Poultry Farm, M. E. Phelps, Baltimore, Md., 61.

Theo. F. Halzhauser, Columbia, S. C., 18.

Fletcher Brothers, Feitchers, N. C., 25.

A. J. Cheek, Henderson, N. C., 2.

W. C. Timmons, Charlotte, 2.

Walt M. Carroll, Lynchburg, Va., 5.

Dr. F. D. Kendall, Columbia, S. C., 10 Brown China geese.

C. M. Steinmetz, Rose Hill, N. C., 10.

North Carolina Agricultural and Experiment station, Raleigh, 27, not entered.

J. W. Kisller, Mooresville, 13.

Counoo and Lee, Cokesbury, S. C., 50.

Riverside Poultry Farm, Newbern, N. C., 50.

Hillsboro Farm, 224 turkeys, ducks and geese.

W. D. Harrill and Co., Ellenboro, N. C., 21.

Frederick Rutledge, Asheville, 2.

John M. Allen, Washington, D. C., 17.

Wm. A. Barber, attorney general, South Carolina, Chester, 14.

Alfred Burtling and Co., Atlanta, 14.

H. M. Thomas, Camden, Del., 26.

John M. Allen, Washington, D. C., 17

Wm. A. Barber, Attorney general, Chester, S. C., 14.

W. G. Thomas, Louisburg, N. C., 11.

Green Place Poultry Yards, Newbern, W. H. Bray and Co., 57.

George A. Eyrich, New Orleans, 10.

J. H. Carroll, Shelby, N. C., 25. Pit games.

Adlai Simmons, Shelby, N. C., 8.

Belmont Poultry Yards, Shelby, N. C., 50.

C. E. Moody, Asheville, 4 and a display of hen eggs.

Woodside Poultry Yards, Woodside, Md., 10.

Cushing & Fletcher, Fletchers, N. C., 2.

Dr. M. P. Cleckley, Augusta, Ga., 10 pigeons.

Yates Bros., Greenville, 15.

John L. Jolly, Denver, S. C., 3.

Mrs. R. H. Bell, Knoxville, Tenn., 43.

Kelly Bros., Norfolk, Va., 30.

Patrick Verdery and Son, Augusta, Ga., 36.

D. P. Vineyard, Knoxville, 8.

H. W. Dorsey, Hyattsville, Md., 7.

Lee and Ellis, Hodges, S. C., 10.

Leonard F. Verdery, Augusta, Ga., 12.

Dr. W. C. Cleckley, Augusta, Ga., 18.

Clem Castleberry, Augusta, Ga., 2.

Henderson Austin & Co., Caronaca, S. C., 10.

Mrs. Josephine Wolfe, Asheville, 5.

H. E. Heinitsh, Asheville, 3.

W. T. Duke, Biltmore, 16.

W. B. Cook, Asheville, 6.

J. S. Reagan, Asheville, 3.

St. Clair Knight, Asheville, 7.

Miss Nellie Carmichael, Asheville, 4.

Messrs. H. S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass., F. E. Hege, Raleigh, and Dr. S. T. Lee, Hodges, S. C., are to be the judges. The exhibition opens today at 11 o'clock, adult admission being 25c., season ticket $1, children, 15c.

ZEB VANCE CLUB

A BIG GATHERING AT THE COURT HOUSE.

County Bond Repudiation Condemned - Speeches And An Oyster Supper.

There was a large attendance last evening at the court house to participate in the first annual banquet given by Zeb Vance democratic club. Preceding the supper the club was addressed by W. J. Cocke and Locke Craig. D. M. Luther presided.

The regular order of business was dispensed with and the first speaker, Mr. Cocke, was introduced by the president as "the young and fearless leader of democracy, who rescued the city from republican rule in '96."

Mr. Cocke opened his address by congratulating the club upon their president. "A man," he said, "who worked night and day for the great democratic cause."

Mr. Cocke then presented a handsome gavel to the club, made from a piece of wood taken from the house wherein Vance was born, as a gift from Mr. Luther.

Mr. Cocke, in speaking of Vance, said that the turn of events of the past few years had exemplified the statesmanship of that great man. The speaker depicted and deplored the prevailing conditions throughout the country, and was applauded when he said that Hon. W. J. Bryan was the relief. "The remedy," he said, "is in those whom we place in office and in the enactment of humane and just laws."

Mr. Cocke spoke of Richmond Pearson's political career and the Dingley bill. He said that he was told that "Cousin Caney Brown" was building an elegant road to his farm, and that to increase his own private roads, he wanted Buncombe county's bonds of $90,000 repudiated. "This movement," said Mr. Cocke, "means the everlasting defeat of Mr. Brown and his entire board."

Fusion was next discussed by the speaker, which he characterized as a great political evil, and was only accomplished by placing a premium on ignorance and corruption.

"The issue overshadowing all others," Mr. Cocke said, "was white supremacy."

LOCKE CRAIG.

Mr. Craig was introduced by President Luther as not only one of the greatest democrats in North Carolina, but a man who had met and vanquished "the great Ki in all his splendor."

Mr. Craig said that like Brutus, he came not to speak, but to eat. He desired however, to offer a resolution which he hoped would pass without a dissenting vote. The following resolution was then read and which unanimously passed:

Whereas, The board of county commissioners have recently brought a suit in the superior court for the purpose of enjoining the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds of Buncombe county, and,

Whereas, This action of the commissioners is a deliberate attempt based upon a technicality to repudiate an honest debt, and,

Whereas, We treasure as priceless the ancient honor and unsullied name of the county of Buncombe,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Zeb Vance club of Asheville, that we denounce and condemn the action of the commissioners and call upon all good men to join with us to rebuke and repudiate the administration that would bring upon us disgrace and irreparable damage.

Mr. Craig deplored the action of the county board of commissioners and said that it was downright stealing, and was such notorious robbery that even Lusk condemned it, and "you know," he continued, "that if Virge Lusk can't swallow it, it must be bad." "The whole community should rise in meeting and condemn the board's action," said Mr. Craig, "and Caney Brown and all dishonesty should be wiped out and forever damned in Buncombe county."

Mr. Craig spoke of the great issues which were confronting the people here.

Vanderbilt's affairs, he said, were a small matter, compared to other issues. "It is a small matter," he said, "whether Vanderbilt goes or stays, or whether his house crumbles in dust or not. Asheville got along very well without him before he came and still can continue to do so. However, Vanderbilt, no doubt, has done a great deal of good here."

Mr. Craig closed his address by declaring that Bryan would be the next president. He took his seat amid great applause.

Mr. Luther announced that thirty-five gallons of oysters had been prepared and would be served in the armory. He extended an invitation to all democrats to join the club.

The festivities then commenced, which lasted for more than an hour, and oysters were served to several hundred persons.

HANNA'S FIGHT FOR THE SENATE

Feeling in Ohio Intense and Growing Every Hour.

Bolting Republicans Guarded by Police.

Two However Surrender Late in the Day to Hanna.

He Still Lacks One Vote to Secure His Election.

In the Organization of Both Houses His Friends Get the Smaller End of Everythimg—Democrats Get Senate Officers.

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The republican-democratic combine gained a signal victory in both branches of the Ohio assembly today. While the outlook for the success of Hanna is dimmed by the events of the day, his managers tonight continue to claim his election. The feeling throughout the state is most intense and is growing every hour. Many appointees of Governor Bushnell, who sympathize with Hanna, are sending in their resignations by wire and letter. There was a remarkable scene just before the house was called to order. Regular republicans took seats as usual, but the democrats marched from headquarters in a body and right behind them came nine bolting republicans, closely guarded by platoon police, who refused to allow anyone to accost them. Governor Bushnell marched right behind them. Every precaution was taken to prevent the friends of Hanna getting close to them.

The speaker candidates were Boxwell, Hannaite, and Mason, Fusionist. The first ballot gave Mason 56, one more vote than enough, and Boxwell 53, two votes short of election. Secretary of state Kinney, who called the house to order, grimly named two democrats to escort the new speaker to his desk, which executed laughter. The balance of anti-Hanna statement went through by the same vote. In the senate a somewhat different scene was enacted. Last night democrats caucused until far in the early hours of morning before the state agreed upon. Senator Valentine, who held the decisive vote, did not give way until after one o'clock in the morning, then it was comparatively easy. Valentine was allowed to name the senate clerk. That concession, with the absence of Senator Burke, from Hanna's own city, gave the democrats the senate organization by 18 to 17. It was a surprise that Thaddeous Cromly, democrat, was elected president, pro tem, for in the event of the election of Bushnell as senator, Crombly would become lieutenant governor. Friends of Hanna, in both branches, get the small end of everything. All the choice for chairmanship goes to the Kurtz element and democrats in the house, while in the senate democrats get not only all offices, but the best chairmanships besides. All legislation will be controlled entirely by combine. After the organization of the house, two of the bolters, Joyce and Griffinth, came into Hanna's headquarters and pledged themselves to support the senator. These with Boxwell's strength gives Hanna 55 votes in the house and with the 17 he holds in the senate, he would have 72 votes, or one vote short of election.

CURRENCY BILL.

Washington, Jan. 3.—It is believed in congressional circles that recommendations of monetary commission have began and will have influence upon legislation. Chairmin Walker, of the banking and currency committee, said today that the committee would report the bill not far from the first of February. He continued that the committee will report no bill that will destroy the existing government money. The bill as reported, will make but little change in banking laws, possible, and will allow the people free use of paper money, such as they had before the ten per cent. state bank currency destroyed that currency."

VAN WYCK'S MESSAGE.

New York, Jan. 1.—The first message of the first mayor of the new city of New York was submitted to the municipal assembly today. It urges the utmost caution in the authorization of any bond issue for projected underground railroad and reiterates Tammany's pledge that every one in a public station will be held to strict account in the honest and prompt discharge of duties.

DANVILLE MAN KILLED.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—D. B. Reynolds, a well known insurance man of Danville, fell fifty feet through the sky light today and was killed.

COTTON MILL OPERATIVES

Will Make a Bitter Fight Against Reduction.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 3.—A fight against the reduction of wages of the New England cotton mill operatives is to be made. Workers in the cloth mills of this city are determined to resist a cut down and a strike will result when the order to cut goes into effect. Operatives say there is no reason why New Bedford should follow the example of Fall iver, as the cloth produced here is of an entirely different rade, and southern competition does not enter into the question. The mill treasurers were divided on the question of a cut down and the operatives are urging this division of sentiment as argument to show that the reduction is unnecessary. Operatives are looking to other New England mill centers for support, and if they receive any assistance a bitter fight will result.

CUBAN RELIEF.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The secretary of state issued the following statement tonight: "A central committee of three has been organized in New York for the reception and forwarding of money and supplies for the relief of the suffering people in Cuba. The central Cuban relief committee will shortly make public an appeal for money and supplies to be sent to Cuba for the relief of the destitution and suffering now existing and which so nearly appeals to every generous sentiment of American hospitality, which have never turned a deaf ear to the cry for help from those suffering and afflicted brethren in other lands. In the meantime, and with a view of encouraging the promptest aid from all quarters, contributions and supplies may be forwarded to New York with the assurance they will be duly acknowledged and sent to the United States consular general at Havanna."

DIASTROUS FIRE

LARGE PORTION OF FARMVILLE VA. DESTROYED.

Nearly Ten Million Pounds of Tobacco Burned— Loss of $200,000.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 3.—Farmville, on the W. R. R., was visited late last night by a most disastrous fire which destroyed a large portion of the business portion of the town. The fire originated in the storage warehouse of Duvall, Roberts & Co. Thirty-five houses were destroyed including thirteen large tobacco factories, one warehouse. The tobacco factories were owned by R. L. Anderson, E. L. Morrih, W. P. Gilliam, W. J. Dunnington, R. S. Paulett. Nearly two million pounds of tobacco burned. The loss is estimated at $200,000, partly insured. The origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary.

A FILIBUSTER EXAMINATION.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Several witnesses for the government against the alleged filibuster tug Sommers N. Smith were examined today by Assistant Attorney Generals Boyd and Hoyt. Witnesses, stevedores and other workmen, came from Florida at the instance of Spanish officers interested in the prosecution. The examination lasted three hours. At noon the testimony was made public. Senator Mallory visited the attorney general to urge that the government take immediate action in the case. He said that he had received a number of telgrams from merchants interested in the work. They believe that through inquiry it will result in the release of the vessel at Mobile. Owners of Smith have demanded either definite prosecution or release to be effected by the government, as they claim the delay has caused a great pecuniary loss.

A DRUNKEN BRAWL

In Which Several Men Were Killed in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 3.—Forty roustabouts, most of them off the steamer Bob Ballard, got into a drunken brawl on the Ohio River railroad train near Sisterville this afternoon. Knives and whisky bottles were used, and when the train reached Sisterville, Mack Wells, James Toy and Wm. Anderson were carried out dying. The train then proceeded to Pittsburg, where the injured men and their companions live. But one arrest was made at Sisterville. The trainmen were unable to check the fight. The floor of the railroad car resembled a slaughter house.

A STRIKER MUST HANG.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The supreme court today affirmed the California circuit court's denial of the habeas corpus writ to Salter D. Worden, one of the striking railroad employes in the great strike of 1894. He was convicted in the California courts of murder, based on the derailing of a Southern Pacific train, which caused the death of Samuel Clark, engineer. Worden's mother futilely attempted to secure pardon from President Cleveland on the ground of old friendship.

BRUNSWICK EXPRESS EMBEZELEMENT.

Savannah, Jan. 3.—The embezzlement of H. H. Mabry, the Brunswick express agent is likely to cause two deaths. Mabry is still very weak from attempt at suicide yesterday, and declares his intention of making another attmept as soon as the opportunity permits. His wife is very ill with nervous prostration, and will probably not survive.

PUGULISTS FIGHT.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Billy Young, the ex-champion light weight of the south, lasted one round and a half with Joe Gans tonight before the Eureka Athletic club. Young was no match for the sturdy colored boy. Police stopped the fight because Young was groggy and could scarcely stand.

AWFUL ACCIDENT IN ONTARIO

Twenty-Six Persons Killed Last Night

And More Than One Hundred Injured

By the Collapse of City Hall Floor.

Conservativse Celebrating the Municipal Flection.

Floor Gave Way Around Platform on Which the New Mayor and Cabinet Were Seated—Names of the Known Dead.

London, Ontario, Jan. 3.—Twenty-six people were killed and over one hundred injured by a portion of the city hall floor collapsing tonight. Conservatives of 2,000 strong were celebrating the municipal election victory. The hall was jammed to the doors. Speeches had gone along for an hour About ten o'clock a small platform, on which the new mayor and cabinet were seated was the center of attraction. The crowd called for various speakers, and during a lull, a sudden crackling sound was heard. The platform seemed to pitch forward and the floor around it gave way, and down through the floor two hundred people were hurled, crashing in heaps upon each other. The known dead are F. Heaman, Crawford Beckett, E. Luxton, B. Jaques, Noble Carrothers, —. Talbot, W. C. Smith, John Turner, Mac. Roberts, Benjamin Nash, J. W. Borland, —. Hilburn, Frank Robinson, J. W. McClean, R. S. Leigh, —. Harris, A. E. Philips, W. H. Dell, R. W. Burke, John Smith.

A GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER

Issued by State Department—Contains Consular Reports.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The state department began the publication of a daily news paper today. It bears the title "Advance Sheets of Consular Reports," and is intended for distribution among American merchants, manufacturers, shippers and others who desire to extend their business abroad or take advantage of new business ideas in foreign countries.

The chief of the bureau of foreign commerce is editor of the "Advance Sheet." He is an old newspaper man and his application of modern journalistic efforts to the consular reports has resulted in the unanimous verdict of foreign trade organizations that the United States leads the world in obtaining information from its representatives abroad that will assist in the extension of American trade and commerce. The initial number contains five consular reports just received.

STORM AT PANAMA.

Colon, an. 3.—A "Norther" of unusual severity swept over this vicinity today. All vessels were put to sea for safety. Chagres River overflowed, inundating a large area. Several persons were drowned and considerable damage was done to piers of the Pacific Mail and Royal Mail Steamship companies. Many houses were wrecked.

YELLOW FEVER DIMINISHING.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Reports from Dr. Caminero, sanitary inspector of the Marine hospital service at Santiago de Cuba, received today, indicate the number of deaths from yellow fever diminishing in Cuba. He says the fever has almost disappeared from the military hospital.