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Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep

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## A SILVER MAN'S VIEWS.

Charlotte Observer.  
WASHINGTON, June 23.—A North Carolina Democrat who has had a good deal to do in his long life in setting up pins, says "Take this view of the situation, which I think is not often presented in the newspapers. Suppose the national convention to assemble without a two-thirds majority for silver. There is no need to have two-thirds to carry the free coinage plank. But the convention will be in a fix when the nomination comes to be made. The silver men can't nominate because the gold people oppose. No matter if they don't succeed in getting their man nominated, they are resolved not to let the silverites triumph. Neither side wins because neither yields an iota. The silver faction has a majority, but the rule of the party provides for large minorities the protection of the two-thirds vote. The rule can hardly be recinded without producing a disruption of the party. No one can be nominated. The two wings refuse to flop together. Two parties are formed, or rather the silver Democrats will coalesce with the silver men of other parties, and as there is less likelihood that either of these parties will accept a silver Democratic nominee as such than there is that a party silver party will be formed in which they will all have an equal chance, the latter policy, in my judgment, will prevail. Then Cameron or some one else will be named as the presidential candidate on whom all can agree who advocate silver."

"But," said a North Carolina Democrat present, "do you suppose that the party which is to furnish the silver part of the votes will, when it is in a majority of its own party organization, repudiate its other principle, and take the uncertain chances of a party run on one idea? Not at all—never. I would not do it for silver or any other one thing, and I am as good a silver man as you are or any other man, living or dead. There are hundreds of thousands who feel just as I do. Your scheme is an ignis fatuus—it leads to no good result, and if it were practicable would deprive the best party organization in the history of the country, blight the hope of millions of intelligent patriots and end in wild despair."

It is well to say that no other Democrat here has ever, to my knowledge, made any such proposition. Except for peculiar personal reasons I think he would not. The silver party is universally regarded by Democrats as a fiasco. It has been learned, in spite of the efforts of the Postoffice Department to keep it quiet, that thirty-three secret detectives are watching the various special delivery offices. It is said that the investigation began in Philadelphia and has extended to Pittsburgh, and other offices. The publication, while it may put some employes on guard, will doubtless increase the efficiency of such as are disposed to be slack in duty.

There is some talk just now of the fact ascertained by private examination, that the secret American Protection Association is making great headway here and in several of the States. I hear there are 25,000 members in this city and between 35,000 and 40,000 in Kentucky. The revelation annoys Democratic leaders, as the organization, based on prejudice against Catholics, hurts the Democratic party to the extent of the influence secretly exerted upon Protestant Democrats who may join the society.

## American Tourists Imprisoned in Havana.

New Orleans, June 27.—A cablegram has been received from Havana from Mr. W. A. Gordon, saying that the well known cruising yacht, *Nepthina*, of this place, was overhauled yesterday evening by a Spanish warship and was towed into Havana and the party aboard of the boat is now in Spanish limbo in Havana. The *Nepthina* is well known to all members of the Southern yacht clubs. The boat left a few weeks ago for an extended cruise, having taken on board the owners, Messrs. Agar and Dudley, together with a small party of kindred spirits, recruiting from the cotton exchange members. The object of the trip was distinctly pleasure and the suspicion of action with any filibustering expedition is considered ridiculous by the friends of the party to be worth a single moment's serious contemplation.

The presence of the yacht about Spanish territory has been made the ground work for what undoubtedly will be exposed to be a most unwarrantable seizure and a gross outrage upon a party of American citizens.

## Fire at San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal., June 27.—The largest fire here since the early fifties is now raging. It has been beyond control for an hour and a half. Oakland and Alameda have sent assistance. Firemen are now blowing up buildings to check the flames which threaten the southside of the city from Fourth street to Bay. Many lives lost.

At 9.45 fire was gotten under control. The high brick walls of the Southern Pacific offices at 4th and Townsend streets acted as a barrier over which the flames could not work.

The water from the bay from the Oakland engines and the Southern Pacific pumps soon had the outer edge of the flames under. During the progress of the fire all sorts of rumors were current. It was reported that when the powder exploded several persons had been killed, but this is hardly true.

About 9 o'clock it was reported that several tramps who had been seen to enter one of the big lumber yards early in the evening had been cremated. Several firemen were injured by falling timbers, but none are reported killed.

San Francisco, June 28.—The fire which started at 6 o'clock last night destroyed four blocks in the heart of the manufacturing district of the city, involving a loss of \$1,500,000 in property and sacrificing one life. It raged unchecked for over four hours, feeding on a succession of wooden buildings, and might have been beyond control for many hours longer, but for a lucky change in the wind. The burned area is bounded by Townsend, Bryant, Third and Fifth streets. The flames made occasional invasion outside these limits, but only to the extent of a few houses.

A Miss Gilroy was burned to death. This was the only fatality reported. She was attempting to save some of her belongings and was covered with burning oil.

The people who lived in this district inhabited the wooden houses scattered among the manufacturing plants. They are mostly of the poorer classes. They worked heroically to save their household goods, but were successful in few instances. During the progress of the fire, a steam boiler exploded in a French laundry. The force of the explosion sent about half a ton of boiler flying through the building. A piece lodged in Shirley's hotel. So great was the shock that all the windows not destroyed by heat were blown into the street.

## Suicide on a Pullman Sleeper.

RICHMOND, Va., June 27.—A Charlottesville, Va., special to the *Dispatch* says: Soon after train No. 38 left Lynchburg this morning, the porter of one of the Pullman cars discovered the dead body of one of the passengers, who had fallen from his berth into the aisle. The man was in his night clothes, and had tied very tightly around his throat a large silk handkerchief, with the knot at the back of his neck. His face was very much distorted and apparently his death was caused by strangulation. After the arrival of the train here the body was turned over to the coroner.

From papers and cards on the person of the dead man, it was found that his name was Julius Ruffino, of the firm of Ruffino & Bianchi, marble and granite dealers, Bryant street, San Francisco, Cal. From the same source it was also learned that Ruffino had purchased a ticket from New Orleans to Baltimore and had left his home in California on June 3rd on a tour of pleasure and had been to New Orleans, Tennessee, Georgia and elsewhere, and expected to go to Canada and return to his home, August 23rd. His last stopping place was the Kimball house, Atlanta, Ga. On his person was a letter of credit for \$1,000, and \$18.10 in cash. His clothing and baggage were of the best quality, and it is evident that he was a man of means. Apparently he was about 45 years of age, of Italian parentage, and weighed perhaps 225 pounds.

## THE ACTS OF THE RECENT LEGISLATURE.

### The Rival of Puck.

The West Virginia Bar for May thus deals with the question of prompt publication of State laws:

"The Emperor Caligula has come down to us through the pages of history as an unmitigated tyrant. When a bill of particulars is called for of his tyranny, it is specified that he enacted laws, engraved them in small characters upon brass plates, and fastened them high upon a column where they could not be read by the citizens with the naked eye; yet the tyrant punished disobedience to these laws with the same severity as though the people had been acquainted with their contents."

"How much better are our legislatures? They enact laws,—they usually accommodate the patron of a bill by permitting it to go into effect from its passage,—and then they hang their laws up for an indefinite period, and expect the people to be able to read them. They are not to be punished for disobedience to the laws of whose existence they are unconscious. The legislatures should provide that their laws should not go into effect until the end of the three or six months which the public printer takes to publish his little book, or else they should provide for the more expeditious publication of their acts. In these days, when it is not unusual for daily a newspaper to publish in one edition more matter than is contained in the ordinary volume of the acts of the legislature, the latter alternative might well be adopted. But it is nothing less than outrageous to have a considerable body of laws go into effect months before it is possible for the people to know what they are."

This, is an evil under the sun upon which we have often thought; and, is one that should be remedied.

No law should be in force until the laws shall have been in the hands of the public for at least three months. The last legislature passed a law requiring lawyers, doctors, dentists, and hotel keepers to take out a license. The effect of this law was not known until a few days since, yet, every person of either description is indictable if they have not had license since the 12th of March. This is monstrous, and would be tolerated nowhere, except in a republic.

If this is true of the acts of all legislatures how much more is true of the acts of the late fusion legislature. It is now the last of June and the laws are just getting into the hands of the Clerks, Judges &c. Then the laws are couched, some of them, in such strange and meaningless jargon, and contain such new and marvelous provisions, that an old but heretofore practical obsolete, rule will have to be invoked in their interpretation, to wit; that when a law is against reason it is void. From a hasty and necessarily imperfect review of the acts of the recent legislature, we have concluded that, if they were appropriately illustrated they would rival Puck as a humorous publication. Let no such men be trusted with the destinies of a great State; put none but Democrats in charge next time.

## He Must Go to the Penitentiary.

New Orleans, June 27.—The State Supreme court to-day announced that a re-hearing in the Desforges case is refused. Louis Octave Desforges, it will be remembered, is one of the boodle councilmen and was convicted of offering to accept a bribe from the Louisville and Nashville railroad for certain concessions to be made to that road in the way of facilities. Desforges appealed from the finding of the criminal court and the Supreme court affirmed the action of the lower court. Then Desforges asked the Supreme court for a re-hearing of the case which is refused, all the Judges concurring. This finally knocks out the boodle councilman and he must go to the penitentiary. As he is well-to-do it is believed his lawyers will carry his case to the United States courts.

The *Standard* says bloomers have appeared in Concord. They are worn by a "little" girl. Doubtless the "big" girls will take to them by and by.

## Killed by Constables.

Charleston, S. C., June 28.—A special to the *News and Courier* from Spartanburg, S. C., says: Last night a fight took place on the Howard Gap road, about five miles from here. The constable had heard that a load of whiskey was coming from the direction of Polk county. Constable Eichelberger sent out Constables Pettigrew of Fairfield, Toland and Byars of this county, and a man by the name of Stevens, to intercept the wagon. They met it in the road not far from the scene of the recent Pisgah fight. The constables divided their forces and made the attack in front and rear. One of them in front ordered a halt and surrendered, stating that they were State officers. Some one in the wagon said: "All right," but before they had time to dismount and deliver the wagon and contents, a pistol was fired and Pettigrew fell. The fighting then became general.

When the smoke cleared away, it was ascertained that Jack Fisher and Bill Durham, of Tryon, N. C., were killed. Pettigrew was very severely wounded with a little chance of recovery. Toland was shot in the breast, but the ball ranged round and the wound is slight. It is also said that a youth by the name of Brown, a driver of the wagon, was wounded. One of the mules of the wagon was shot and it is believed that he will die. Stevens was left in charge of the wagon and whiskey. Toland came on to town last night, Mark Durham, a brother of Bill Durham, is in town this morning. He was in the neighborhood yesterday.

Fisher and Durham were shot in the wagon and fell back with their heads on a whiskey barrel. The Fisher family is rather notorious about Tryon, which is why they are fine specimens of mountaineers. Durham was a close friend of the Fishers, and they could always count on him when needed. They had two barrels of whiskey and perhaps more in the wagon. It is known what the destination of the whiskey was. No one from this city was mixed up with it in anyway. It is said that Pettigrew cannot live. The coroner held an inquest and the verdict was that Fisher and Durham came to their death by gunshot wounds at the hands of parties unknown to the jury. The constables refused to give testimony and there were no other witnesses. It is believed that Fisher and Durham did not fire at all. Their guns were all loaded and the testimony was that they were shot while lying down in the wagon. It was a pitiful sight. Fisher was killed instantly, but Durham lived for several hours and died from loss of blood.

## Bradstreet's Report.

New York, June 28.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: The denominating business conditions of the week are the continued large demand for and further increases in prices of iron and steel, which have surprised even the trade. The jump in rail prices, and the scarcity of an higher quotations for plates and nails, have tended to produce temporary scarcity. With the further advances in prices of iron and steel should be coupled the gain of 1 cent per pound for wool, which apparently began its journey to a higher level about a fortnight ago. Better quotations have also been made for cheaper grade woolen goods—2½¢ per yard for prints, Bessemer pig, billets, wheat, pork, lard, hog, shoes and copper, while declines in prices are recorded for flour, corn, oats, coffee, cotton, naval stores and cattle. Lumber is practically unchanged. Total bank clearings, \$1,011,000,000, while smaller for all cities for more than a week ago by 6.5 per cent., are 32 per cent. larger than in the last week of June, 1894, 6 per cent. larger than in that of 1893, a month after the panic had gotten full underway, but 2 per cent. smaller than in the corresponding week in 1892.

Business failures in the United States for six months as reported to Bradstreet's show a marked falling off in the second quarter of the past six months, as was to be expected, but not so great a decline relatively as in the second quarter of 1894, which results in a total for six months of 6,597, or 1 per cent. more than last year, 6 per cent. more than in 1893, and nine per cent. more than in the first half of 1891, after the Baring crash. But the total liabilities have shrunk more than \$3,000,000 from last year and more than one-half within two years, pointing to the excess in the number of failures being due rather to continuing effects of the recent business disturbance on smaller enterprises than to new and unfavorable conditions.

## The Wage Scale Settled.

Youngstown, Ohio, June 28.—Early this morning the conference committees of the Amalgamated association and the manufacturers agreed upon a wage scale for the coming year and signed it, a committee being appointed to arrange the details. The scale is practically the same as the one in operation now, which expires August 1st, making a \$4 rate for puddling, except that the card rate of iron on which wage is computed is made 1 1-10 instead of 15-10. Mills are crowded with orders, and this caused the manufacturers to affirm the scale as presented.

## The Atlanta Sails for Cuban Waters

New York, June 28.—The United States cruiser, *Atlanta*, sails at daybreak for the West Indies and Cuban waters. It is expected the *Atlanta*, will relieve the *Raleigh* of the duty of trying to prevent illegal expedition in aid of Cuban insurgents as it is deemed that one war vessel, in addition to the revenue cutters now engaged in patrol work, will be sufficient. The *Raleigh* will probably come North soon for minor overhaul, after which Capt. Miller will report to Admiral Duque.

## Thousands See a Hanging.

Jackson, Ky., June 28.—"Bad Tom" Smith, horse thief, incendiary, and wholesale murderer, was hanged here at 1 p. m. to-day in the presence of 5,000 people, who had come from miles around. He made a speech from the gallows.

Smith broke down completely just before noon, and confessed to the murder of Dr. Rader, for which he was convicted. He asked for time to make peace with God for his crime, for which he felt he had not been forgiven, and the execution was postponed until afternoon.

Smith confessed on the scaffold to the murder of Rader and five others, and said he was the hiring of B. F. French, of the French faction, in every murder except that of Rader.

"Bad Tom" was baptized in the Kentucky river at 8 o'clock this morning, in the presence of an immense throng. People were capped along the river bank all night awaiting the event.

Excursion trains were run to Jackson this morning, and hundreds of mountaineers arrived on foot and on horse back. The execution was public, the scaffold being erected in a hollow near the jail and the view from the surrounding hills was almost unobstructed.

No mountain desperado has killed more men in Kentucky than "Bad Tom" Smith. He murdered Joe Hurtt in 1883, Combs brothers and Eversol in 1888, Ambrose Amburg, Robin Cornett, Jacob McKnight, and Ed Campbell in 1889.

In September, 1894, he resisted arrest in Jackson, where to-day he paid the life penalty. Town Marshal H. C. Hurst, Jr., and Deputy Samuel Mans attempted to arrest Smith and a number of his cohorts, and a fight followed, in which Smith was shot in the left arm, breaking the bone and severing an artery, from which he came near bleeding to death.

After getting from under the clutches of the law he went to live with Mrs. Catherine McQuinn, a well-to-do woman of bad repute. At her house Dr. Rader was killed one night by Smith, who was captured and tried. Smith tried to charge the murder of Dr. Rader to Mrs. McQuinn, his paramour, but the court found him guilty. He was jealous of Rader.

## A Town Wrecked by a Cyclone.

Waynesboro, Ga., June 28.—A cyclone struck Keysville yesterday. The place is small and all the houses were either demolished or badly wrecked. Professor Bradshaw's institute, where a number of children were attending school, was demolished. The Professor knocked unconscious and badly hurt, but all of the children escaped. It is reported here that Professor Bradshaw's injuries will prove fatal.

## A Supposed Victim of the Mafia.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 28.—Julius Ruffino, who was found dead in a Pullman car near Lynchburg Thursday was well known in Knoxville and spent several days here last week. He had a number of warm friends among marble producers, of whom he bought largely, and to-night one of them who knew Ruffino intimately advanced the theory that he was murdered by a member of the Mafia. The fact that the knot of the handkerchief that strangled the man to death was at the back, looks suspicious, said the gentleman, and Ruffino claimed to have enemies in this county.

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## Express Company Defrauded by a Bank.

Philadelphia, June 28.—The Adams Express Company brought suit in the United States Circuit court against the Fourth National bank of Philadelphia, to recover additional commission on shipments of money. The plaintiffs claim that the contents of money transported by the express company for the bank have been undervalued to the extent of "many hundreds of thousands of dollars," and that the amount of uniform and customary and reasonable charges of which the Adams Express company has been deprived and defrauded, with interest thereon, will, upon accounting, be largely in excess of \$2,000." The Fourth Street National bank is one of the most prominent institutions in this city.

## Asheville Citizen: Alexander Thomas, a colored man in the employ of the Southern Railway as a laborer, was struck by an incoming freight from Salisbury at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and received fatal injuries. Thomas was lying on the ties of the track near the coal chute and was seen by the fireman of the engine about the same instant that he was hit.

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