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Fifty-six tons of silver a week is being shipped to England and the profit to the shippers is half a million dollars.

Senator Pritchard made the statement Monday upon the authority of the Civil Service Commission that assistant United States district attorneys are not subject to the civil service regulations and may be removed without cause.

Direct legislation would put an end to the corrupt legislative practices which have disgraced almost every state in recent years. Lobbyists will never pay for votes in a state legislature when every act must be referred to the people before becoming a law. The referendum will destroy the lobby.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER NOTES

The proceedings of the Democratic Executive Committee should have appeared in the "Want column." They want pie.

The Democrats believe that the proof of the pudding is in chewing the bag, and therefore want to chew the North Carolina pudding bag some more.

Col. Buck Kitchen says the Democrats have become divorced from Wall street. However, we notice that the executive committee congratulated Tammany on its recent success.

Brother Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, wants to get the State out of the "clutches of the vampires who are now in control." He however, failed to say what kind of people controlled Tammany. His brethren of the committee congratulated Tammany, on its success, "don't you know?"

Resolutions are out which, metaphorically speaking, announce the marriage of North Carolina silver (?) Democracy to New York's corrupt gold-bug Tammany. If any one can show just cause why these two should not be lawfully joined together let him now speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace. Col. Josephus Daniels will probably give away the bride.

TEN DOLLARS TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

Not being satisfied with the largest list of bona fide subscribers of any paper published in Salisbury, the WATCHMAN is making a good offer to secure more subscribers. We want you, friend, if you are not already a subscriber, to subscribe at once. You get for fifty cents the best paper published in Rowan for six months and stand a chance of drawing one of the premiums we are offering. Read all about it on another page of this issue and subscribe NOW.

SENATOR BUTLER AND POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Senator Marion Butler is making himself heard in the Senate in regard to postal savings banks. Monday the Senator spoke at length upon amendments he had offered to the bill which he had previously introduced providing for a postal savings bank system. Such a system would, in his opinion, insure greater comfort in the homes of the plain people of the land, as a great majority of them would certainly become depositors in such banks. This would cultivate among them thrift and economy and enable them easily to provide for themselves in illness and in old age. As another argument in favor of such a system, Mr. Butler declared, that if the system were established there would never be another issue of bonds by the government, in time of peace. It would give men of small means an opportunity to increase their capital, would place a greater amount of money in circulation and afford benefits to all the people of incalculable value.

COURAGE! POPULISTS.

Let Populists take courage. The indications are multiplying that the worshippers of the golden calf will again control the Democratic party. Then we will have the gold camp divided and all good people can and will instantly combine into a united phalanx and pierce the enemy's lines, whipping both flanks and capturing the citadel—the White House and Capitol. New York Democrats pushed the Chicago platform into a dark corner near the back door this year. Next year they will kick it out. Parker was elected without a platform this year. Next year he will run for Governor and have the support of Hill, Murphy and the whole gang who supported Bryan for the sake of "regularity," and secretly connived to defeat him. That gang will thus secure entire control of the party machinery and will join others in putting the gold men on top at the next convention.—American Non-conformist, Indianapolis, Ind.

If He Couldn't Say One He Could Say the Other.

A couple of urchins were playing in front of the Journal office a few days since, when one of them began teasing the other because he could not pronounce the word grease plain. He would say drease every time, using the letter d for g. He got so exasperated that he finally exclaimed, "if I can't say drease, I dess I can say dravy by dranny." The laugh was on the boy as a matter of course.—Elkin Journal.

COMMUNICATIONS.

BREEZY BITS BAILED UP FOR BUSY BEINGS.

From The Watchman's Able Corps of News Gatherers. Interesting to Everybody. Read and See.

Richard Peeler will be in Manning vicinity December 22nd to do photographic work.

Faith Items.

The members of Frick's Alliance are earnestly requested to meet at Faith Friday night, December 17th, as there is important business to attend to.

A young granite cutter arrived at the home of D. A. Hodge last Wednesday.

Another derrick has just been put up at the side track by the granite haulers.

Riley Morgan came down from Steel township to J. T. Wyatt's quarry for a hearth rock for his house last Saturday.

Several young people had a sociable at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Wyatt's one night last week, where they all enjoyed themselves. Jake Croocks furnished some fine music for the occasion.

J. T. Wyatt has just received an order for several thousand feet of granite curbing and can give work to a good number of people getting it ready for market. He also has a call for several carloads of crushed granite. Mr. Wyatt says he will furnish the crusher the location and the orders and granite if some one else will furnish a steam engine and divide profits with them and go to work at once.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

Rev. R. L. Brown and wife were visiting at L. G. Holshouser's last Sunday.

G. C. Fisher, of Crescent, was in this community last Sunday.

Jacob Klutz, from Blowing Rock was visiting at H. A. Holshouser's last Tuesday night.

The work on Emanuel's church at Eli is progressing nicely. They have the floor laid and will soon have the ceiling up.

John S. Beaver moved last Tuesday from Solomon Peeler's to his own plantation on the Beaty's Ford road. This leaves Mr. Peeler alone but he will have a mate soon.

Jacob Klutz, Wiley Lentz and family, from Blowing Rock, who were visiting in this community, started for home last Friday morning.

J. V. Fisher, of Eli, killed four hogs last week that weighed over 300 pounds a piece. Mr. Fisher is one of our best farmers.

Miss Nora Peeler, of Rockwell, is spending a few weeks in Salisbury with her sister, Mrs. Sallie Goodson.

A. A. Trexler, who had his cotton gin burned down, has replaced it again and is doing good work with his new gin, we are glad to note.

The missionary sale at Grace church on the first Saturday in December amounted to over forty dollars. Probably it will reach fifty as it was a bad day and not all of the cotton was brought in.

Mrs. Laura Miller, of Heilig, is getting out material to build on her place near Eli and contemplates moving in that neighborhood some time in the near future.

Miss Mattie Holshouser, of Rockwell, was visiting at L. G. Holshouser's last Sunday.

Christmas tree and service at Grace church on Friday before Christmas and at Elm Grove on Christmas day at 10 o'clock a. m.

DEXTER.

Blackmer News.

Rev. Abernathy preached at Ebenezer Sunday at 3 p. m. and all seemed to enjoy the sermon. Quite a number of people were out to hear him. The next appointment is Christmas Sunday at 3 p. m.

Some of our sportsmen went to the "Klondike" rabbit fields in Scotchirish last week. They report the finest discovery in modern times, viz: A field of game four miles square and in some places four rabbits to the square rod, and the largest, fattest birds they ever saw. The hunters killed about one hundred rabbits and a good many birds. They claim to have jumped two thousand rabbits.

A. L. Powlas will soon begin to build a new house on his farm near the railroad bridge on Second Creek.

The new railroad is being pushed along right merrily now. The contractors are hunting teams and hands on Sundays and every chance they get.

Ed Barrier, of Bear Poplar, will be married to Miss Vernie Goodman, of Elmwood, next Wednesday. He is the oldest son of the late Caleb Barrier, of Irredell.

Success to the WATCHMAN and its noble editor, STEWELL.

Craven Items.

Mrs. Nancy Kesler's guardian, was appointed Saturday.

D. R. Julian has been appointed trustee for Mrs. Jonalia I. Foll, Mrs. F. S. Trexler and W. E. Roseman.

Paul Barringer will soon complete his new barn, which is 60 by 40 feet.

Mrs. John Morgan is improving slowly. She has been very sick for quite awhile.

Dr. C. M. Pool's cotton gin had to suspend operations temporarily, one day last week, on account of a breakage of some of the machinery.

Geo. Kesler, Dave Agner, Cleo Barnhart and Will Parker, one day last week, killed 24 rabbits. Dave Agner took the premium, having killed ten. "George" killed three—nit.

John Kesler, of Salisbury, came down to see his best girl, last Sunday.

Albert Lentz, of Mt. Pleasant, was in the "berg" one day last week.

Virt, Vidi, Vic!

Gold Knob Items.

We have not been able to gather up much news this week. Everybody seems to be behaving themselves very nicely. Any way, we have a good neighborhood. We do not think there is a healthier community in the county. We are sufficiently blessed with church facilities and are a church-going people. We are situated right in the midst of a gold belt, with one mine in running order, and possibly two or three more, could soon be put in position to run. So you see all we lack is for the McKinley wave to blow one or more down this way with a heart big enough and a pocket book heavy enough to put these mines in operation, and run them frugally. It would not only remunerate those who run them, but would prove very helpful to our community. Any one wishing to change their place of residence would do well to come and settle near Gold Knob.

Some of our farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather by turning their corn and cotton land.

We boys and girls are looking and waiting with eagerness the nice time we are expecting Christmas.

The WATCHMAN is a cleanly edited paper, and should go into every home in the county. Cannot each subscriber

get one new one to start with the New Year? Will they not at least make the effort? A reading people are an intelligent people.

A FARMER'S BOY.

Crescent Items.

The students of Crescent Academy and Business Institute, of Faith, N. C., are soon to enjoy a Christmas vacation granted them by the principal, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

Rufus Fisher is now one of the prominent citizens of Crescent. He has about completed his new house at Crescent and has moved into it, and is digging a well near his dwelling.

Monroe Stirewalt, of Cabarrus county, is now building his house near Crescent.

The business department of Crescent Academy under the efficient management of Prof. L. H. Brown, is making arrangements to accommodate the largest class in business and shorthand ever known in the history of the institution. Already Prof. Brown is numbered among the best penmen and most efficient business instructors. The work of this department compares favorably with any

of the leading business colleges. All of the graduates are holding prominent positions.

We understand that there is to be a Christmas tree at Christiana Church on Christmas day.

The Crescent Literary Society is now doing some very good work.

The boys of Crescent about all have examinations now and are looking with happy countenances to the future when they will enjoy a much needed vacation.

There will be Christmas services at Bethany Reformed Church on Christmas day.

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We will also give valued premiums for smaller clubs. Suppose you call and we will explain the matter to you. It is worth your while to investigate. Call at our office. We will tell you all about it.

CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

GIVEN AWAY!

That is, we will sell you your Christmas presents and then you can give them to your friends.

THE CAROLINA RACKET

is just full of nice things and you must be sure to come and see what we have before you buy. When you give a

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

be sure it is something useful; the times are too hard to buy nothings. Buy your boy a suit of clothes, your wife a dress, the girls shoes, and a good overcoat for yourself. Get a pair of

BLANKETS

to protect you from the cold; some carpet and a pair of Curtains or two, to make the home look cozy.

Don't forget the cook, she would like to have something nice, so get her a shawl. Remember, we lead in LOW PRICES, so come and see us.

Yours for "Santa Claus,"

REID AND HARRY.