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The net gold coin and bullion in the Treasury at the end of February was, in round numbers, \$168,000,000.

There does not seem to be much doubt that the court of enquiry will decide that the Maine was blown up by an outside agency.

Egyptian darkness becomes luminous when compared to the impenetrability of the atmosphere which surrounds the Naval Court of Enquiry.

Up to yesterday noon there was positively nothing more, officially, known of the cause which led to the loss of the Maine than was known on the morning after the disaster.

If for no other reason, we should hail the advent of military rule with pleasure, if it could be used as a check to the too free use of slander and invective, in the individual and the press.

The war cloud is not so threatening as it was last week. The first burst of patriotism has passed over and the people will doubtless be in a more pacific frame of mind by the time the verdict of the Court of enquiry is announced.

The February receipts of the Treasury Department are reported from Washington as very satisfactory, averaging a full million dollars a day, the figures up to the close of business on Feb. 25 being \$25,400,000, of which nearly \$14,000,000 was from customs.

SENSATIONALISM is the order of the day. In the current issue of the Arena Senator Butler has an article in which he charges President McKinley with conduct, which, if it could be proven, would be sufficient ground for impeachment. The charges, however, can not be proven. Senator Butler's act, therefore, reduces itself to a cheap bid for popular applause, such as no self respecting man in his position should stoop to court.

It will be hard to convince the intelligent Southern voter that that section of the country is suffering from a shortage of money when he learns that the cotton mills of that section, which in 1880 numbered 180, now number nearly 500; that their looms, which in 1880 numbered 14,000 are now 115,000, and their spindles, which in 1880 were 667,000, are now 4,100,000; while the capital employed has increased from \$21,900,000 in 1880 to \$125,000,000 in 1898.

We are in receipt of the Washington Post Almanac, for 1898. It is always a source of wonder, as well as a pleasure, to see how much information can be found between its covers. Then to the price, 25cts., brings it within reach of all. Every business man should have a copy of this useful book on his desk for reference. It is really encyclopedic and to be commended. It is issued by one of the very best of American newspapers, that is thoroughly and ably edited, and with none of the "yellow journal" sensationalism. It is in many respects a model newspaper and sends out a model almanac.

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WHAT IS NOT THE "PARAMOUNT" ISSUE—WHAT IS?

Charlotte Observer.

In our Raleigh correspondence Tuesday was given an extract from a remarkable editorial of the Progressive Farmer, or rather what would be remarkable editorial if anything from our Populist contemporaries could be properly characterized; but if we recollect aright the Progressive Farmer has said things very like this before, and Beaver Dam and the other papers of the grand circuit have said so very recently. Col. J. L. Polk used to say substantially the same thing, and there are others; but still enough interest attaches to this latest declaration to justify its reproduction in part. "Now that the 'leaders' have done this," says the Progressive Farmer, referring to the issuing of the three addresses from Minneapolis last week, "we wait patiently to learn what the great people will do in regard to the matter. * * * It strikes us as being strange that the Populists with a baker's dozen of planks in their platform should be willing to give up all of them except the least one. The question now is, 'Is the silver plank wide enough?' It seems to us," continues the Progressive Farmer, "that the question of paramount importance should be made the issue. Are there not other things of more importance than free silver?"

Our Populist friends change the "paramount" issue so often that we declare in all sincerity that we have no idea in the world what it is now, and hence no idea what our contemporary is driving at. All that we gather with certainty from its editorial is that free silver has descended from the "paramount" perch which it once occupied and has become the "least one" of the planks of the Populist platform. This serves to point a moral and adorn a tale. It proves again what we have so often said before—that as fast as the Democrats move up to the position of the Populists the latter move camp and next morning are somewhere else. Like the flea of the Hibernian, when you put your finger on them they are not there. All of which goes to show the futility of Democrats appealing to the Populist organization. There are plenty of good men, patriotic men, in the Populist party, and there is a way of reaching them as individuals. These surely believe in some one thing for more than a few days at a time, and we hope that this year it will be found that they believe in decency and good government as the "paramount" issue in North Carolina. We would have no faith, however, in an effort to get at them as an organization.

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The battery of heavy disappearing guns at Fort Caswell at mouth of Cape Fear river has been completed. Regulars to man it are expected immediately. Work on the barracks begins this week, but meanwhile the garrison will be quartered in tents.

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NEWS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

A case of small pox is reported at Elon College. It has been quarantined.

Walter E. Faison, of Raleigh, has been elected president of North Carolina Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

One of the Governor's attorneys says the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway to the Southern will certainly be effected.

Naval reserves of the State have received for new boats, each holding 30 men, and provided with sails; also two Colt rapid fire guns.

John Graham, of Ridgeway, who is the Governor's favorite, is much talked of as successor to John R. Smith as Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary of the Board of Agriculture says the fertilizer sales in the State so far this year are 15 per cent. less than to the same date last year.

The Progressive Farmer, the organ of the National Farmer's Alliance attacks free silver, saying it is one of the least planks in the Alliance platform.

A cream separator used at a dairy near Tarboro flew to pieces. James A. Bradley, dairyman, was hit by flying debris and injured so severely that he died.

George Parker, whose wife was taken from him by her mother twenty-four hours after marriage, has recovered possession of her under habeas corpus proceedings.

News comes from Concord that another very large gold nugget has been discovered in Cabarrus county. It was found at the Widenhouse mines and weighs 3 3/4 pounds.

Some Republicans who on all other matters are inimical to Governor Russell are heartily with him in his efforts to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina railway to the Southern.

Lieutenant R. O. Bitteral, United States Navy, has arrived in Raleigh under orders from the Secretary of the Navy and yesterday began inspection of North Carolina naval battalion.

Mr. John T. Lawrence, who lived near Scotland Neck, died the other day. He was nearly seventy-six years old, and had been one of the most successful farmers of the community.

The State Forester, who returned to Raleigh Thursday after a tour through the vast pine region swept by fire last week, reports that fourteen persons were burned to death in this State and South Carolina.

The early convention of the Democratic party appears to give general pleasure, as an early campaign is in favor. It is also the comment that the State Committee acted sensibly in leaving all matters to the convention.

The telephone line which now connects Raleigh with Selma, Smithfield, Dunn, Pine Level, and other points in Johnson, Harnett and Wake will in a few days be extended out to Goldsboro. The line is at present furnishing an excellent service.

The first political gun of the campaign of 1898 is fired by the Warren county Republicans, who are to hold a mass meeting March 5th to hear speeches by George H. White and James H. Young, and also to hear Charles a Cook speak on the legislation of the last General Assembly.

The annual report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction will show that last year there was paid white teachers in the public schools \$451,474, negro teachers, \$227,321; for school sites (white), \$30,363; colored, \$16,534. The total disbursements for public schools were \$830,380. The State and county poll taxes aggregated \$305,647; special tax on general property, \$416,183; special tax under local acts for public schools, \$31,167; liquor licenses, \$65,998. There are 167,477 white polls, 66,674 colored. The assessed value of white property is \$211,301,836, colored \$7,350,664.

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What the Editors of Four State Exchanges are Saying.

We need free silver in North Carolina, but we need good home government a great deal more just now, and should not let national issues overshadow those at our doors which most vitally concern us—Clinton Democrat.

The investigation by the State Railway Commissioners into the methods of pass giving, as pursued by the railroad companies in North Carolina has long ago resolved itself into a farcial proceeding.—Newbern Journal.

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When may the farmers and business men expect to be relieved from the oppression they have had upon them for the last quarter of a century? Whenever they select business men with common sense enough to represent them in the State as well as national legislation.—New Era.

The resolutions passed by the State Democratic Executive committee Tuesday night were in natural and logical line with the principles and aims of the Democratic party since its regeneration under the last national campaign.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The party can win more votes by the right than by weakly compromising with error, and those won back to the platform will be useful when they return while those who profess attachment to the Democratic name rather than to the Democratic principles will always require watching.—Rocky Mount Motor.

The cotton mills of the South are leading those of the East as profitable investments, as they should have done years ago. Present results are but in accordance "with the fitness of things." Naturally, the best place to manufacture any article is at or near the source of the raw product.—Winston Sentinel.

The Democrats in this vicinity do not manifest much enthusiasm in regard to the project for a union of forces between the Populists, silver Republicans and Democrats as advised by Messrs. Jones, Butler and

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RESOURCES.

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Overdrafts	4,341.99
Stocks & Bonds	1,600.00
Banking House	5,000.00
Furniture	2,017.80
Due by Banks	28,040.77
Cash & cash items	22,341.70
	\$270,248.06

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,173.38
Due to Banks	4,985.90
Certificates	26,302.15
Indiv'l Deposits	172,786.63
	204,074.68
	\$270,248.06

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NORTH CAROLINA,

WILSON COUNTY,)
F. H. Hewlett vs. W. C. Hewlett, Lula Smith, Mrs. Chas. Shadwell.

The defendants, Lula Smith and Mrs. Charles Shadwell will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Wilson county, before the Clerk, to have sold for division among the parties hereto, tenants in common, that certain lot of land, situate in the State of North Carolina, county and town of Wilson on Vance street and known as the William Hewlett place, containing 1/4 of an acre.

Towne in addresses to their respective parties. The Democrats of North Carolina tried fusion with the Populists on national issues last election and the present unfortunate condition of the State is the result.—Argonaut.

Some of the old time prudence and patriotism which formerly characterized Democratic counsels predominated at the meeting of the State Executive Committee Tuesday night. It was asserted that only to the Democratic party can the people look for good government in the State.—Raleigh Post.

Auditor Ayer says what he terms the "triple headed alliance" in politics is equal to the explosion of the Maine. He argues that it is a bomb, the explosion of which has startled the parties.—Col. Olds.

Auditor Ayer is himself at least a triple headed alliance. Indeed it may be doubted whether three heads can accommodate to his political wisdom without being uncomfortably crowded.—Greensboro Telegram.

Very little general interest attached to the meeting of the democratic state executive committee at Raleigh last night for the reason that the very little confidence, is felt in the ability of the committee. It is generally conceded that it made the worst possible botch of the last campaign. It lessened respect for the democratic party by descending to dicker with Mr. Marion Butler at the eleven-hour and was ignominiously kicked out of the back door by that wily patriot as a reward.—Greensboro Telegram.

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