

Gov. Seale has published his decision relative to the Third Regiment, State Guards. It is to the effect that Col. Glenn ordered his men to leave camp before his application was acted upon, that Col. Glenn set upon a misunderstanding and that the members of companies A, B and K broke camp and went home under the belief that leave of absence had been obtained for them from the proper authority. In view of these facts the officers and men of those companies are acquitted of blame in the premises.

In a recent number of *Bradford's* there was a list of thirty-six manufacturing establishments in New England. The dividends from 1872 up were given. In 1884 five of these made no dividends, and for the year ending the 30th of June, 1885, fourteen declared no dividends. In 1885 there are twenty-five mills that paid 3 per cent. From 1873 to 1884 inclusive the average dividends of companies varied very much. For instance: three companies made less than 4 per cent; seven companies made less than 5 per cent; twenty-four made above 6 per cent, twenty above 7 per cent, and five between 10 and 15 per cent. In 1881 seventeen companies made from 10 to 20 per cent.

It is admitted that for a year or two the prices of goods have been very low and the profits have been very small in some instances, but the profits for a term of years have been very remunerative. Of course the condition that has existed since 1884 cannot continue. There must be a favorable reaction. In 1884 there were no less than eighteen of the Fall River mills that paid less than 6 per cent. But then there are many other kinds of investment that paid less than 6 per cent. In many of the cities and towns real estate has not brought in 6 per cent to the owners. But the darkest days have passed for the present, we must hope. The signs, as gathered by the commercial papers, are all said to be favorable. There will be steady revival probably, but no boom.

If the South has any real advantage over New England in cotton milling then most of the Southern companies must have done fairly well in spite of the hard times. But this may not be true. Some few may have made, but many shut down; others declared but small dividends.

WARNING NEGRO METHODISTS. The demonstration of certain Methodist negroes, as telegraphed from Charlotte on the 27th, is a nice commentary upon the profession of religion where there is no religion. When the worst passions take possession of the soul—passions that engender strife and cause bloodshed it is only too plain that the Devil is on deck and has command. When one set of spurious religionists make war with another set on another set and begin the work of wounding and perhaps killing it is high time that an example was made. We hope that the strong arm of the law will get hold of these disciples of Satan and give them the extremest benefit possible. It was a very great outrage and the negroes in the churches should be taught that outrages and thefts and high-handed oppressions and assaults with intent to kill cannot be indulged in North Carolina without paying a penalty that shall be very severe. When negroes professing to be the disciples of the Prince of Peace make war upon the brethren they should be arrested, tried, convicted, and if the offense is great enough, hanged as high as Haman. Fanaticism and hatred and violence practiced in the name of religion is too thin a plea for the light of the last score of years in the nineteenth century. Let these Methodist murderers be deported to the wilds of Africa, where they can gratify their favorite fetiche.

More fascists are coming to light at Washington. It has been ascertained that a corrupt ring made up of baro-faced thieves have been fleeing the Government. The report is that it has been ascertained that a row of cottages on the Potomac river have been actually built and furnished at the expense of the people. The thieves belong to the Pension Building. Mr. Shookers, the new Superintendent of that building, made the discovery. The former Superintendent (Republican of course) was one of the six engaged in the swindle. John Sherman, while Secretary of the Treasury, is believed to have swindled the Government in many ways. Another leak has been stopped, this time the Court of Alabama Claims. So Walter Blaine, son of Jim B., is a thief. He received \$2,500 salary. Several of the officers were not authorized by law. This is the way the Cleveland Administration is steadily reforming the Government and "turning the rascals out."

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