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15 Squares	15.00	20.00	25.00	33.00	53.00	78.00	140.00	160.00
16 Squares	16.00	21.00	26.00	35.00	56.00	83.00	150.00	170.00
17 Squares	17.00	22.00	27.00	37.00	60.00	88.00	160.00	180.00
18 Squares	18.00	23.00	28.00	39.00	63.00	93.00	170.00	190.00
19 Squares	19.00	24.00	29.00	41.00	66.00	98.00	180.00	200.00
20 Squares	20.00	25.00	30.00	43.00	70.00	103.00	190.00	220.00
21 Squares	21.00	26.00	31.00	45.00	73.00	108.00	200.00	240.00
22 Squares	22.00	27.00	32.00	47.00	76.00	113.00	210.00	260.00
23 Squares	23.00	28.00	33.00	49.00	80.00	118.00	220.00	280.00
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TAXATION—PARTIES—BELIEF.

The Government existed and the country flourished and grew beyond precedent for nearly a hundred years before the British system of life tenure was thought of as a fit thing to be incorporated in a free Republic in which the whole people are the sovereign. If the Civil Service law was to be repealed to-day the country would continue to flourish and grow just as if nothing had happened. But it is not so with regard to taxation. The basis of government is taxation. Stop the taxes and the wheels of government would cease to move. Taxation is an absolute necessity. After liberty the next most important thing is taxation. That is the oil that lubricates. Nay, it is the power or motor that sets the machinery of government in motion and keeps it moving. Taxes begin with government and when they cease government ends. So taxation is a necessity and it will last forever.

Parties have different plans of taxation. One party—the Republican—sets to work to create and perpetuate a system of taxation that grinds the poor and makes richer the already rich—that compels fifty-five million people to pay tribute to less than three millions—that violates the Constitution in levying a tax for Protection of certain industries instead of for revenue with which to support the Government—that reverses the true principles of political science by compelling the poor to support the rich—that aims to build up a huge plutocracy in a free country by favoring monopoly and by a cunningly devised plan for coddling "infant industries" that are really monstrous giants of oppression.

Another party—the Democratic—holds that this is a Government of the people and for the people and by the people—that taxation should be levied for the support of the Government upon a plan of economy—that a Constitutional Tariff is to be favored always, which is one for revenue only under a well known decision of the Supreme Court of the United States—that the true theory is to levy a tax solely for revenue sufficient to support the Government, and that this system will inevitably furnish a sufficient protection to all meritorious industries—that the taxes must be placed mainly upon luxuries and that all necessaries of life shall be either put on the free list or be taxed just as little as possible, due reference being had to raising enough revenue for governmental purposes—that the wealth and not the poverty of a country should bear the burdens of government—that the taxes should be levied in a spirit of fairness and justice to all and with a due regard for the *moral* aspects of the question.

Now these principles are opposite. There is an unreconcilable antagonism in the two theories. Both cannot be right. A man holding one system cannot conscientiously support for office a man bent on establishing the other system. This would be to hitch a horse in rear of a stalled wagon to pull it *down* the hill when you were pretending to help the driver to get *up* the hill. It is inconsistent and absurd. And yet thousands of voters do this every year, and in 1888, thousands will repeat the inconsistency. Our conviction is that a man should *believe* something and then show his faith by his works. We are led to write this when we read Protection papers and see them howling for Mr. Cleveland, the leader of the true Democracy in the fight against Protection and Monopoly.

THREATENED CHANGES IN IRELAND.

If the Tories should continue from month to month their evil designs against Ireland they will have a use for all the jails in the Kingdom. Up to this time there are seven members of Parliament and between two and three hundred private citizens now in prison and for what? Because they attended public political meetings "at which no treason was talked, no acts of outrage recommended, no tumult caused" to quote from the Philadelphia *American*. It is a crime in 1887, for an Irishman to attend a political meeting unless it is a *Tory* meeting. This is the offence, and the penalty is incarceration and fines. The Parnell leaders have been moderate, long suffering and merciful. But the scene is slowly but inevitably changing. The *American* thus describes it:

"Irish people begin to lend an ear to those who tell them that constitutional and parliamentary opposition has proved a failure, and that the wisest course is secret preparation for war, with dynamite preliminaries, These new leaders are becoming all the more powerful as their more peaceful rivals, one by one, disappear behind dungeon bars, and are deprived of all participation in public affairs. Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Dillon are the representatives of the Home Rule party, since the failure of Mr. Parnell's health compelled him to abstain from active work. These and several of their associates are either in prison or on their way to it. If the Tories' policy were to force an Irish uprising, they could not have chosen their measures better. Perhaps they think what their Liberal friend *The Spectator* was indiscreet enough to say, that a fresh Irish rebellion would furnish the Unionists with the best way out of their difficulty."

Not only are Irishmen arrested, tried and imprisoned for daring to attend political gatherings, but the moderate men of Ireland are slandered, misrepresented and persecuted. This last chapter in the history of the wrongs of Ireland is like those that have preceded—all blurred and stained by wrongs and persecutions and falsehoods. Victoria ought to be ashamed to have such chapters written during her long reign. What a grand chance she has let go forever by to make herself a great name as the Benefactress and Friend of Ireland. She simply remains the aged figure-head of Toryism that never learns and has no throb of sympathy for the oppressed.

A DAY FOR ALL.

With the old the passing of a year is as the passing of a month to the young. It was only the other day we took our pencil to indite a few paragraphs relative to Christmas, and yet it has been a whole year according to the calendar. How swiftly move the wheels of time! How rapidly passes away a human life on earth!

"Time flies, death urges, knells call,
Hell threatens, Heaven invites."

But if life be very short and time be fleeting eternity is long. We have full time allotted us here to prepare for the world to come, for God is merciful and just and long suffering and full of tender compassion.

Christmas has become an old fashioned holiday. For some fifteen hundred years it has been celebrated with rejoicings, for on that day the Son of God became flesh and blood, and dwelt among men. Such is the ordinary view. If the Christ was not really born on the 25th of December he was born near that time. Christmas is generally a happy time for the young, and even the old some times are merry and rejoiceful. But it happens that it is a time of sorrowful visitation to many when the mourners weep and the dead are buried.

Christmas is a time when men and women try to forget cares and troubles, and to hope for better and brighter days. The world is full of vexation and sorrow and heart bereavements, and it is not unwise to cultivate a spirit of peace and good will and to try to make the burden lighter and life sweeter.

But in enjoying the Christmas holidays we should be careful not to sin. Let us make the children happy, and let us try to gladden the hearts of the poor. Let gentle Charity do its appointed work and let the liberal hand be well filled with pleasant and recreative things, while the heart overflows with good will to all. Let the Christmas tide prove a blessing, and if it brings back the long ago in our memories let it also quicken us to deeds of mercy and fill our hearts full of sweetness, tenderness and light.

Let sobriety and decorum prevail in this day of ringing bells and choral chants and resounding hosannas, and let wassail and dissipation be not allowed to mar the order and serenity and hopefulness of such a season of holiday pleasures. Remember it is a DIVINE BIRTHDAY. Let the festival be appropriate.

The STAR again wishes its friends a *Merry Christmas!*

We regret to part with our friend Capt. W. H. Kitchin, who has sold his paper, the Scotland Neck *Democrat*, to Mr. E. E. Hilliard, and has written his "Good-bye." Capt. Kitchin has shown himself able, bold, honest, thoroughly Democratic. He has stood up like a man for what he thought to be right. He has set the press of the State an excellent example in his devotion to sound Democratic principles and of consistency in his advocacy of those principles. We hope that Almighty Father will bless him in his retirement. Mr. Hilliard has had some editorial experience and is a young man of talents and education.

There is a sad lack of harmony in the Democratic fold.

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The Onslow Railroad.

The decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the State that the new registration ordered by the Board of Aldermen for the election in this city on the question of a subscription of $100,000 to the capital stock of the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina Railroad was illegal, was variously commented upon yesterday. Opponents of the scheme are of course satisfied that no other decision would be reached, while friends of the measure are badly disappointed, and had no hesitation in saying so. Counsel for the railroad company, Messrs. Russell & Ricaud and Mr. Eugene Martin, were of the opinion after examining all the statutes bearing upon the matter, that a new registration was authorized and are of the same opinion yet, and so, also, they say, was Judge Phillips, before whom the case was argued in the Superior Court.

The opinion is by Judge Merrimon. It says:

The registration of March, 1887, should have been scrutinized—purged of the names of persons who for any cause had ceased to be voters, and an opportunity offered to persons who became eligible to register and become qualified voters at the time of the election, and the result of the election should have been ascertained by the number of qualified voters thus appearing. Authority to provide for the registration of persons who became eligible as voters after the preceding election is given bystatute. [The Code, 2675, 3795.] As to this there is no provision in the city charter and hence the general statutory provision cized applies. [McDowell vs. The Construction Co., 96 N. C., 574 Perry vs. Whitaker, 71 N. C., 475.] By the term "qualified voter" is implied not simply that the person is eligible to be a voter, but as well and necessarily that he is registered as such in the way and manner prescribed by law. A "qualified voter" is one duly registered. [Southerland vs. Goldsboro, 96 N. C., 49; Duke vs. Brown, 96 N. C., 127; Wood vs. Oxford, 97 N. C., 227.]

There is error. The judgment must be reversed, and judgment declaring the election void and granting an injunction, as prayed for in the complaint, entered in favor of the plaintiffs.

Friends of the road, however, have not lost heart. They say that it is the purpose of the company to apply to the Board of Aldermen to order another election, in conformity with the rule laid down by the Supreme Court in this decision, and they think that even with the increased registration they can carry it.

A Dead Hog Thief.

The dead body of a negro man about sixty years of age, was found last Wednesday in the woods some two miles from Nat Moore creek, about thirty miles above this city near the Cape Fear river. The body was discovered by a citizen of the neighborhood who was hunting wild turkeys. Upon examination it was found to be that of a negro named Corbett, living in the neighborhood, who had been absent from home since the 10th inst. There was a stout hickory club in one of the dead man's hands, and one of his pockets was filled with corn. Near the body of the negro was a dead hog with its skull crushed. The hog was identified as the property of Mr. Andrew Squires. Apparently, the negro had tolled the hog into the woods and killed it with the club and was in the act of carrying it off when he fell dead. The negro had been troubled with rupture. The jury of inquest found that his death resulted from the effects of this, caused by straining in attempting to carry off the hog.

An Afflicted Family.

Mr. Jos. C. Pittman, a well known member of the Typographical fraternity of this city, has been sadly afflicted, in the death of his wife and two infant children. One child died Wednesday last and Mrs. Pittman and the other child yesterday. The two infants were twins, born about about two weeks ago. Mrs. Pittman was forty-three years of age, and the mother of five other children, four of whom with her husband survive her. The funeral of the mother and her two babes will take place this afternoon at half-past three o'clock, from the residence of Mr. Pittman on Fourth street, near Swann.

Foreign Exports Yesterday.

Messrs. Robinson & King cleared the German barque *T. C. Berg* yesterday, for London, Eng., with 1,500 casks of spirits turpentine and 2,000 barrels of rosin, valued at $27,659.76.

Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared the German brig *Atlantic*, for Fleetwood, Eng., with 2,852 barrels of rosin, valued at $2,935.

Messrs. S. P. Shotter & Co. cleared the German barque *Lucie Rodmann*, with 1,000 casks of spirits turpentine and 2,600 barrels of rosin, valued at $20,284.38.

Cotton.

Receipts of cotton at this port for the week ended yesterday are 5,134 bales, against 6,340 received the same week last year.

Receipts for the crop year to Dec. 24th, are 146,704 bales, against 112,439 to the same date last year—an increase of 34,265 bales.

The stock at this port yesterday was 21,401 bales, against stock of 20,251 bales the same date last year. Exports since September 1st to date aggregate 125,958 bales, of which 102,781 were foreign and 23,177 domestic.

— The Florence Railroad will be opened for freight and passenger traffic to-morrow, December 26. It extend from Pee Dee Junction, on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, to Dillon, S. C., a distance of 18 miles. The stations are Sellers, Latta and Dillon. Commercial travellers will please make a note of this, and govern themselves accordingly.

— The Maxton *Union* improves with every issue. In the hands of its present management it will prove of inestimable value to Maxton and the surrounding country. The STAR wishes the *Union*, and for that matter, everything in and around Maxton, unbounded success.

COL. WADDELL'S REPORT.

To the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange.

A joint meeting of the Executive Council of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, to which the business men generally of the city were invited, was held yesterday at half-past 12 o'clock at the Produce Exchange. There was a full attendance of members of both bodies and a few visitors.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Chamber, Mr. F. W. Kerchner, who stated that it was called to hear the report of Hon. A. M. Waddell, who had visited Washington, D. C, at the request of these bodies in the matter of obtaining representation of the South Atlantic ports on the committee of the House of Representatives on River and Harbor Improvements.

Col. Waddell stated that in the discharge of that duty, he had been requested by the representatives of other Southern ports, who were then in Washington on the same business, to act as their spokesman in an interview had with Speaker Carlisle of the House of Representatives; that he had so acted, and in his interview with Mr. Carlisle called attention to the fact that not one of the South Atlantic ports had a representation upon the committee on River and Harbor Improvements and that they asked for two members on said committee, and that while he did not suggest any names for that committee, he was prepared to do so if agreeable to Speaker Carlisle. Speaker Carlisle said that he would be glad to have any names suggested, when Hon. George D. Wise, of Virginia, and Mr. Dougherty of Florida were presented. Col. Waddell said, further, that because of a protest on the part of some of the representatives from North Carolina, he had a second interview with Speaker Carlisle, who refused to name a representative from North Carolina, because this State had a representative on the Senate River and Harbor Committee; but that he would consider favorably the appointment of Mr. Wise, of Virginia, and possibly would place that gentleman on the committee. Mr. Wise, he said, had pledged himself to represent the other Southern parts as fully as he would those of Virginia, his own State.

Col. Waddell felt assured that Hon. Alfred Rowland, representative from this district, and Hon. C. W. McClammy, will do all that they can for the improvement of our river and harbor, while he was satisfied that Senator Ransom would redouble his efforts for the advancement of the same object.

On motion of Mr. H. C. McQueen, President of the Produce Exchange, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Col. Waddell for the valuable services he had rendered. The motion was adopted, unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.

The committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen and a special committee of the Board of Audit and Finance, were in conference last night at the Mayor's office in the City Hall with the commissioners appointed to treat with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R. Co. relative to a subscription by the city to secure the extension of that road from Fayetteville to Wilmington. It is understood that the railroad company want the subscription of $150,000 to be either in cash or five per cent. bonds. It is understood, also, that the Board of Audit and Finance are unwilling to issue bonds bearing more than four per cent. interest, if the decision of the Supreme Court affirms the validity of the subscription of $100,000 voted to the Onslow railroad; otherwise, the Board will be willing to issue five per cent. bonds.

The result of the conference was not made public. It was stated, however, that no conclusion was reached, but that another conference will be held after the holidays.

The committee from the Board of Audit and Finance were Messrs. Gore, Hewett and Maunder. His Honor Mayor Fowler and Alderman Fishblate represented the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen at the meeting.

Fatally Burned.

A colored girl named Emma Nash, aged about 19 years, was terribly burned last night, by her clothes taking fire from a stove, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Larkins, corner of Sixth and Dock streets. The girl was employed as a nurse for the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flanner. She was sent up-stairs early in the evening to put the child to sleep. About an hour afterwards Mrs. Flanner went up to the room and found the girl asleep by the stove and her clothes on fire. She immediately awoke the girl and took her out on the piazza and attempted to smother the fire, but not succeeding she ran down stairs to obtain assistance. In the meantime, the frightened girl ran up and down the piazza and fanned the smouldering fire into a blaze and when help came she was enveloped in flames, and her clothing was nearly all consumed before the fire was extinguished. Dr. Storm was immediately summoned and everything possible was done for the relief of the sufferer, but she was so terribly burned that there is no hope of her recovery.

Died from Her Injuries.

The colored girl, Emma Nash, who was terribly burned last Thursday night, (as reported in the STAR), died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Larkins, where she was employed as a nurse in Mr. Andrew Flanner's family. She received every care and attention at the hands of her employes, but her injuries were beyond the reach of human aid.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

The Senate Addressed by Mr. Dolph on his Proposed Constitutional Amendment on the Subject of Marriage and Divorce—Death of Mr. Moffatt, of Michigan, Announced in the House—Both Houses Adjourn to January 4th.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Mr. Eustis, from the Committee on Epidemic Diseases, reported a bill authorizing the removal of the quarantine station from Ship Island, Miss., to some other island in the Gulf of Mexico or to some pass in the Mississippi delta. Calendar.

The Senate then took up the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Dolph on the 12th inst., proposing a constitutional amendment on the subject of marriage and divorce, and prohibiting bigamy and polygamy. The proposed amendment is in the following words:

"Congress shall have power to legislate on the subject of marriage and divorce by general laws applicable alike to all States and Territories, and neither bigamy nor polygamy shall exist or be permitted within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Mr. Dolph addressed the Senate in support of the joint resolution.]

At the close of Mr. Dolph's remarks the joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table—Mr. Cullom saying that he proposed to submit some remarks upon it after the reassembling of the Senate.

A bill for the removal of the political disabilities of Abram C. Myers was taken up and passed.

Mr. Butler presented a letter from the Secretary of the Mexican Veteran Association, accompanying a gavel wrought out of 350 separate pieces of wood, tastefully inlaid, the work of a veteran of the Mexican war, Chas. Ufferhuster, formerly of the Third U. S. Artillery, now residing in Charleston, S. C. The letter suggested the presentation of the gavel to the presiding officer of the Senate. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The presiding officer announced the appointment of a special committee to investigate the condition of the five civilized tribes of Indians, as follows: Butler, Morgan, Dawes, Cameron and Teller.

Mr. Teller introduced a bill to provide for compulsory education of Indian children. Referred.

After half an hour's Executive session the Senate adjourned to January 4th.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

When the House met to-day the desk recently occupied by Mr. Moffatt, of Michigan, who died in Providence Hospital this morning, was draped in emblems of mourning and decked with flowers.

The chaplain offered the following prayer:

"Almighty God, in the midst of this gay and festive season we are startled by the sudden death of a member of the House. It impresses upon us all the solemn sense that there is but a step between us and death, and so may every man order his house that he may likewise be ready when the summons shall come. Comfort and cheer the widow, uphold and provide for the children thus made fatherless, and may they and all that were dear to him find in Thee that consolation which alone can be had at such a time. We commend to Thy almighty care and protection the members and officers and all connected with the service of this House. Go with those who journey, abide with those that remain; and in all our homes may there be a merry Christmas and happy New Year."

Mr. Adams, of Illinois, offered a resolution for the payment of a month's salary to the House employes who were on the rolls December 5th, but who have since been discharged, or who may be discharged prior to January 1st. This is similar in substance to the joint resolution passed some days since, except that under the joint resolution payment must be made from the Treasury, while under the pending resolution payment is made from the contingent fund of the House.

In speaking to the resolution Mr. Herbert, of Ala., remarked upon the action of certain Senators in criticizing the House for passing the joint resolution—an action which he thought was uncalled for, in view of the fact that the Senators voted themselves each a clerk and insisted upon paying their employes 25 per cent. more than was received by the employes of the House.

Mr. Bland moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Accounts. Agreed to—yeas 93, nays 91.

Mr. Burrows, of Mich., then announced the death this morning of his colleague, Mr. Moffett, and the House at 1.15 adjourned to January 4th.

ILLINOIS.

A Train Run at Full Speed Through a Crowd of People in Chicago—Attempt to Lynch the Engineer—The Indictments for Conspiracy in the McGarigle Cases.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An incoming B. & O. train flowed at full speed through a crowd boarding the Illinois Central suburban train, at Van Buren station, last evening. Fully 200 people were thronging the tracks at the time, and without a whistle or note of warning the train was upon them. In an instant Miss Lottie Launderville was thrown fifteen or twenty feet, and fatally injured. Immediately after the accident the B. & O. train backed up and had barely stopped when the cab was boarded by an infuriated crowd of persons who had narrowly escaped death. The engineer was roughly seized and cries of "lynch him," "kill him," were shouted from hundreds of throats. Just in time to prevent the crowd from executing its threats, two Central detail officers arrived and rescued the cowering man from the throng of avengers. The engineer was quickly spirited away and his name could not be learned. There seems to be no excuse for the accident. The B. & O. train was going at full speed when it should have been at a stand. There was no sound of bell or whistle to warn the crowd of the approaching danger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The trial of Dr. St. John, Levi Dell and Capt. Freer, indicted for conspiracy in aiding in the escape of warden W. J. McGarigle, came to a sudden close this noon. The State's attorney acknowledged in open Court that he had not evidence enough to convict, so Judge Collins ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, and the State *nolled* under the indictments against them. The indictments against Capt. Irwin, master of the barque, who has kept himself in Canada since the escape, still stands.

VIRGINIA.

An Old White Woman Outraged by a Negro—Lynchers in Search of the Fiend.

LYNCHBURG, Dec. 23.—A Liberty (Va.) special to the *Advance* says Dick Welcher, a colored youth, 18 years of age, outraged a very old white woman named Fifer, near that place yesterday. Mrs. Fifer was passing through a piece of woods when Welcher stopped her with a pistol, telling her he would blow her brains out if she resisted. After accomplishing his design he allowed the old woman to go. People are very indignant over the act and large parties are on a hunt for the fiend, and if caught he will be lynched.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

The whereabouts of the big timber raft is still enshrouded in mystery.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed the following storekeepers and gaugers: W. S. Sawyer, in Madison county, N. C.; J. L. Sherman, in Yadkin county, N. C.

The *Times* newspaper in Chicago has been purchased by the West-Snowden syndicate, which will assume control about the 4th of January. The form of the paper will be changed, and the price will be three instead of five cents.

WASHINGTON.

A Lightship at False Cape—A Lighthouse for Cape Hatteras Shoals—Confirmations, &c.—Government Receipts—Estimates for Deficiencies—New Year's at the White House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Gorman introduced a bill to-day appropriating $60,000 for a lightship at False Cape entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

The Light-house Board is now considering the feasibility of erecting a light-house, of first-class order, on the outer shoals at Cape Hatteras, N. C. These waters, which are regarded as the most dangerous on the Atlantic coast, are now insufficiently protected. Engineering difficulties in the way of the construction of a light-house on the shoals are so many that recent developments in constructive engineering were needed to ensure success in the undertaking. Plans for the work are now being prepared in accordance with the views of eminent experts.

Senator Dolph reported from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Senate adopted in secret session, a resolution calling upon the Secretary of State for the correspondence and records of the State Department relating to the German occupation of the Samoan Islands and Apia.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of S. S. Carlisle, of New Orleans, to be Minister of Bolivia; J. G. Walker, of Texas, to be Consul General at Bogota.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Pasco, for the erection of a public building at Tallahassee, Fla., and appropriating $75,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Lamar to-day instructed the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the order of December 15th inst., (telegraphed on the 16th and published the 17th inst.,) directing "that all lands heretofore withdrawn and held for indemnity purposes under grant to railroads mentioned in said order," be restored to the public domain, and opened to settlement and entry under general laws, after giving the usual notice, be changed and modified so that the lands shall be restored to the public domain upon the same terms and in the same manner as was directed to be done by the order of August 3, 1887, in relation to indemnity lands withdrawn for the benefit of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company and subsequent orders of August 15, 1887, in relation to other roads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Cleveland will hold the usual New Year's reception Monday, January 2d. The President will be assisted by Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the cabinet. Mrs. Cleveland's Saturday afternoon receptions, from three until five o'clock, will begin Saturday, January 7th, and continue on alternate Saturdays throughout the season.

The receipts this month amount to $21,697,888, being an excess of $12,927,137 over disbursements for the same period.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day transmitted to Congress estimates to meet deficiencies in expenditures of various departments of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, and prior years amounting to $5,580,978. He also submits an estimate aggregating $3,075,374, to meet urgent demands upon the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888; and schedule claims amounting to $383,703, allowed by the Sixth Auditor on account of compensation of postmasters under the readjustment act of 1883.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President issued the following order this afternoon to all the departments:

The President directs that flags on all public buildings in the city of Washington be placed at half-mast as a mark of respect to the memory of Daniel Manning, late Secretary of the Treasury.

By direction of the President.

(Signed) DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Private Secretary.

He also sent the following telegram to Mrs. Manning:

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Dec. 24—To Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y.:—Though in this hour of unutterable grief your sorrow is too sacred to be shared and too deep to be reached by earthly comfort, may I express to you my sincere and tender sympathy, saddened by my own affliction at the loss of a true and trusted friend and loyal associate, who but lately stood at my side in the discharge with patriotic zeal of a solemn public duty.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Fairchild issued this afternoon the following order relating to the death of ex-Secretary Manning:

Treasury Department, Dec. 24.—Hon. Daniel Manning, late Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died to-day at Albany, N. Y. Mr. Manning was a true patriot and firm friend, and he rendered his country great service by his wise management of this department; he was honored by all of our people, and especially endeared to all who were associated with him, either in his public or private life. As a mark of respect to his memory, it is ordered that the Treasury Department building at this capitol be draped in mourning for ten days; that it be closed on the day of the funeral, and that on that day the national flag be displayed at half-mast on all public buildings under the Treasury Department throughout the United States.

(Signed) CHARLES S. FAIRCHILD,
Secretary of the Treasury.

It is expected that President Cleveland, Secretary Fairchild, and several other members of the Cabinet will go to Albany to attend the funeral. The customary New Year's reception at the White House will be held as usual.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President and all the members of the Cabinet, and Colonel Lamont will attend ex-Secretary Manning's funeral at Albany on Tuesday. They will leave here Monday night.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

Fears that a Missing Man Was Murdered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The police authorities have in their charge a nine-year old boy whose story is mysterious. He was given to the police by Mr. Manning Light, of Atlanta, who says he brought the boy from Atlanta to this city at the request of Mr. Beckwith, of Lawrence, Kansas. The last named said that he started from Tampa, Fla., with Alexander Simpson, the boy's father, and that on Wednesday night, near Waycross, Ga., Mr. Simpson went to the water closet, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Mr. Beckwith brought the boy to Atlanta and then sent him here with Mr. Light. Mr. Simpson was book-keeper for the Plant Steamship and Investment Company, and was on his way to Lawrence, Kansas, where the boy says he expected to start a dry goods store. There are fears that he was murdered. Mr. Simpson's former home was in Jersey City, and his wife is now at Newark, N. J.

HOMICIDES.

Isaac Haynes Killed at Stevenson, Ala.—A Colored Man Murdered in Tennessee.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 24.—A special to the *Times* from Stevenson, Ala., says John Thomas, yard master of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad, at that place, met Isaac Hayes on the street to-day, and enraged by slighting remarks which the latter is alleged to have made with regard to his (Thomas') sister, shot Haynes dead. Haynes recently drew a prize of $15,000 in a lottery and had been living rather a fast life. Thomas surrendered himself and he is in jail.

A special to the *Times* from Soddy, Tenn., says Henry Marshall, colored, shot and killed Will Mason, colored, there today. The murdered man was trying to quiet a row when he was shot. The murderer was captured and has been put in jail at Chattanooga.

Cecil Fleming, for many years superintendent of the Mobile & Ohio, and afterwards of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, committed suicide in Mobile, Ala.

EX-SECRETARY MANNING

His Death at Albany Yesterday at 1.34 P. M.—The Funeral to Take Place Tuesday.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mr. Manning seemed to rally and brighten considerably this morning, to the surprise of his family, and about 1 o'clock this afternoon his son, James H., who had been up watching at the bedside almost without rest, went out for a short walk in the fresh air. He returned in a few moments, and entering the room where the nurse and patient were, discovered that his father was breathing faster and with shortened breath. The mark of death was on his countenance, and though Mr. Manning had repeatedly requested his family not to witness his passing away, it was deemed best to summon the household, and in the presence of his family, at 1:34 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Manning quietly and gently ceased to breathe.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The Mayor issued the following this evening in regard to ex-Secretary Manning's death:

Mayor's Office, Albany, N. Y., Dec 24.—To the citizens of Albany—Our foremost townsman is no more. Daniel Manning is dead. The great heart which loved Albany is done with its throbbing; the mighty brain which devised wise plans for a nation's money is at rest. Content with private condition, he rose to national eminence; free from ambition, he was intrusted with power; modest and unassuming, he stood before kings. His career has reflected lustre upon our city. His ascent into honor has marked a way for our youths moved by honorable desire. In the literature of mourning we can find no expression to tell our sorrow; the most we can do is to adopt the customary symbols and wear the common emblems which speak of grief and affliction. Therefore, you are requested to display the ordinary signs of mourning and to cease from your usual employments during the hours of funeral services.

[Signed] JOHN BOYD THACHER,
Mayor.

The funeral will take place Tuesday, December 27th, at 2 p. m., from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Strike on the Reading Railroad—Nearly 60'000 Men Concerned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 24.—A convention of the Reading Railroad Employes' Assembly met here this evening and ordered on strike everybody in the employ of the company, with the exception of passenger train employes. The order to strike includes coal miners in the employ of the Reading Company, and will affect nearly sixty thousand men.

READING, PA., Dec. 24.—Up to noon today passenger traffic on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad has not been affected by the strike at Port Richmond; all passenger trains are moving on time. In consequence of the strike at that place, however, all coal and freight trains between Reading and Philadelphia have been side tracked. Not a coal train has passed through Reading for Port Richmond since midnight, shipments of coal being made to local points only.

READING, PA., Dec. 24.—During twenty-four hours ending late to-night, not a single coal train has passed through this city from Schuylkill regions on the Reading Railroad for Philadelphia or Port Richmond. Thousands of cars loaded with coal are now standing on sidings, north and south of Reading, where trains have been run and fires drawn from the engines. Hundreds of applications were received to-day from men anxious to go to Port Richmond and take the positions of strikers. The first contingent of fifty was sent to-night. Freight traffic is also at a stand-still. Passenger trains alone are running.

General Manager McLeod said to-night that the Reading Railroad Company intended to manage its own affairs. The question involved, Mr. McLeod contended, was not one of wages, but the far more important questions whether the company should manage its own affairs or whether they should be managed by its employes. He had been forbearing at all times, he said, granting requests which were absolutely unreasonable, and this course was pursued with the sole purpose of preventing sale of property under foreclosure and disintegration of the whole system. The situation of the property now, the General Manager said, is different; the property is about to pass again under control of its owners, and, as reorganization is assured, the company has determined to enforce discipline, no matter at what cost. The employment of the police was not for purposes of intimidation but to protect those whom the company might employ in the place of the strikers. The company has been promised protection in this city by the police authorities to the extent of 600 men, if such a large force should be necessary. The company has received applications for work from large numbers of men if protection should be guaranteed them. This assurance has been given, and it is intended to begin work in earnest with non-union labor on Tuesday, if the men in the employ of the company prior to Friday night do not resume work.

Another official stated that it was the intention of the company to operate the road with labor picked up wherever it could be obtained. It was intimated that applications already received for work furnished indications that it would not be difficult to obtain labor enough to keep trains moving.

TENNESSEE.

A Shooting Affair at Nashville—Two Prominent Republicans the "Interested Parties."

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 24.—John J. Littleton, editor of the *National Review*, a leading Republican paper in Tennessee, was shot near his home on High street this morning, by Joseph R. Banks, a real estate agent. Banks is a Republican, and he and Littleton belonged to opposing factions of the Republican party in Tennessee. Banks was one of the active opponents of Littleton in the late municipal election, when Littleton was Republican nominee for Mayor. By the cooperation of Banks and the faction to which he belongs, Littleton was defeated, and the issue of Littleton's paper for the last week was very bitter on those who opposed him, giving a most unsavory record to many of them by name. On Banks he was especially severe, accusing him directly of nameless immoral practices. Banks has been moving in the best society and was terribly angered. Littleton was out of the city when the paper appeared, being in attendance at a conference of Republicans in New York. He returned last night. This morning he left home a little before 10 o'clock. As he passed a shoe shop a short distance from his home on High street, Banks stepped out with a double barrelled shot gun and fired. The shot struck in Littleton's left side, some of them penetrating his liver. He fell, crying "Oh Lord," and Banks fired the other barrel in his left groin. Littleton staggered to his feet and said, "Oh you coward." Banks walked to the jail and gave himself up. Littleton walked home with the assistance of a friend. Littleton declares that he