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SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Gen. E. P. Alexander, President of the Central Railroad, of Georgia, has a most interesting and suggestive paper in the Forum for this month, which shows not only what has been accomplished in the South in the way of industrial progress since the war, but the bright outlook for still greater progress in the future.

The South, he says, possesses the two great essentials to prosperity and to command success, without which she could not have made the marvelous progress which she has made within the past three decades—that is, soil and climate, the twin treasures, which no other section of this country can lay equal claim to. In addition to this combination of fertile soil and genial climate which have enabled the South to recuperate from a condition of exhaustion and nakedness, so to speak, following the war, and become strong and flourishing, there are other agencies which will exert a mighty influence on the future of the South and make her not only agriculturally, but industrially and commercially, in the near future, the most advanced section of this country.

Amongst these are the changed methods in agriculture, improved railroad systems and the shorter distance from the West to Southern than to Northern ports, and in time the tide of immigration which will seek the South.

The South will always hold the vantage ground in the production of two great, world-wide products, cotton and tobacco, while by the intensive system of farming her acres may be brought up to yield in cotton, cereals, etc., fourfold what they do now, and the intensified system becomes the easier of adoption by the new phosphate discoveries in Florida cheapening these fertilizers so that they may be more freely and systematically used.

He calls attention to the fact that it is only within the past few years that the policy of consolidating railroads in the South has been entered upon, welding, so to speak, short roads together and making out of their great and long continuous highways, thus giving the public cheaper rates for travel and for freight, a policy which many years ago was entered upon in the North and West, where it was recognized and acted upon as a necessity to make the roads more effective to meet the demands of traffic, and at the same time enable them to greatly reduce the cost of carrying people and freight.

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volume of trade, Southern ports will become the ports of export and import for millions of bushels of grain, barrels of flour, of pork, &c., which have in past years sought Northern ports for shipment to foreign countries; and with this the opening of the Nicaragua canal, which is only a question of a few years, will add immensely to the importance and business of our Southern ports which will be so much nearer than Northern ports and on the great highway of commerce between North America, South and Central America, and the populous empires of the far East with their hundreds of millions of people who will want to exchange their products for ours. The progress of the South, great as it has been in the past three decades, will be nothing to compare with the great possibilities of the years to come.

IS THIS A WARNING!

Within a couple of weeks Senator Hill will be in the South at the invitation of his Southern friends, who take this way of showing their admiration for him, and at the same time promoting his candidacy for the Presidency. When he comes we want to see him hospitably greeted and cordially treated, as any other distinguished citizen should be, especially when he comes by invitation, for we will be to a certain extent the guest of the Southern people when he comes, whether they favor his candidacy or not. Aside from this as an honored citizen of a great State which for twenty-five years has been a friend to the South and within that time has of all the Northern States stood sometimes alone in demanding justice for her; for eight years her chief executive, in which capacity he made a distinguished and honored record; himself a friend to the South and an uncompromising defender of constitutional government, he is entitled to a warm and generous recognition wherever he goes.

But while this is so, Southern hospitality must not be confounded with Southern obligation, and the political friends of Senator Hill who are anxious to see him nominated for the Presidency must not assume to commit to his cause the communities which pay him respect when he comes amongst them. If they do this they will assume too much, and may deceive themselves and him too. The distinguished Senator from New York, the honored ex-Governor of the Empire State, and now Senator, is one man, and David B. Hill, the aspirant for Presidential honors, is another. The South may honor the one without committing herself to the other, and this the particular friends and champions of the Presidential aspirant must permit her to do.

This would be prudent, to say the least of it, prudent for them and better for the South, which must be tied to no man, but must be left free to act with cool discriminating judgment, with the best lights before her, when the time comes to act, and when her voice may be a potent factor in deciding the question of the next Presidency. The tying process is not good at any time, for it obscures the vision, clouds judgment and hampers discreet, intelligent action, while premature tying does not only all this but may prove disastrous to the tied and the one tied to.

The movements are very rapid sometimes on the political chess-board, and the man who looms up conspicuously in the front to-day may be jostled around by stern facts and events to-morrow, until he finds himself on a dead level with the undistinguished multitude of every day plodders, a leader no longer, but a follower of one brought to the front by the same combination of events which forced him to the rear. These reflections are true in general, and they are especially true at this particular time under the conditions by which the Democracy of this country is confronted.

It is conceded by all thinking Democrats that unless there should be some unexpected changes on the political chart between this time and next November, the electoral vote of the State of New York will be necessary to elect a Democratic President and Vice-President. Inspired by the belief that it is necessary to "carry New York," the Democrats of the country have been looking for the man who gave the most promise of being able to carry it. By common consent it has been pretty generally conceded that a popular citizen of New York would be most likely to do this, and public attention naturally turned to her two most popular and distinguished Democrats, Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill. Each has his particular friends and champions who stoutly maintain that their candidate is the man to win, and without him in the lead it will be a hopeless battle from the beginning. Mr. Hill's friends have loudly proclaimed that his is the magic name to sweep New York and carry the party on to victory. So much for enthusiastic following. Now for facts, more emphatic and convincing than prophetic assertion. Senator Hill's friends have control of the party machinery of the

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The State Sunday School Association to Meet in Newbern This Month—The Programme, Etc.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Sunday School Association, is to be held in Newbern March 29, 30 and 31 next, to be presided over by Hon. R. P. Dick, Judge of the Western District of North Carolina, who is President of the Association. We appreciate that this Convention will be attended by Mr. Wm. Rogers of Peoria, Illinois, who was President of the Fifth International Sunday School Convention, and who is now Superintendent of Organization for the International Sunday School Association. It will also be attended by Prof. H. M. Hamill, Superintendent of the Normal Department of the Illinois Sunday School Association. Prof. Hamill will convert the Convention into a Sunday School Institute on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and present the following Conference topics: "Sunday School Management," a. The Equipment, b. The Programme, c. Their Attendance, d. Their Home Study. The following Training Lessons will be given: a. Their Preparation, b. Their Duties, c. Their Mistakes.

"Normal Work," a. Its Aim, b. Its Methods, c. Its Needs. "Next Sunday's Lesson," (The Convention as the class) will be taught by Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh. Elder Wm. P. File, the well known evangelist, will attend and conduct the Bible readings at the opening of several of the sessions of the Convention.

A large number of singers, a combination of all the choirs of Newbern, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Willis, of Newbern, will contribute largely to the music for the Convention. Reduced rates of fare on all the railroads of the State have been secured. Quantities of periodicals and lesson books from the various Sunday school publishing houses will be displayed for gratuitous distribution.

The above clearly indicates that these Sunday school people are going to have a good Convention. A Married Man Runs Away With Another Man's Wife. Newbern Journal: The wife and child of a Mr. Bozman, proprietor of a small oyster cannery at Morehead, left last Thursday for Princess Anne, Maryland, in a visit. The Mr. Bozman, a well known manager, Mr. Jake Perry, off to the vicinity of Smyrna, after oysters.

The two families occupied the same house in Morehead, and after their departure it remained closed until the neighbors becoming alarmed, it was broken into by the authorities on Wednesday, March 20, and found to have no inmates, but there was a letter left in it from Mrs. Perry, her husband told as much of the story as she wanted him to know. She called Mr. Bozman captain, and the note read: "The captain and I have gone. We love each other and you will have to get you another gal. I have gone like the ship that sails away never to return."

Mr. Perry, the deserted husband, got back in the afternoon of the same day; but he could throw no further light on the matter. It is not known how Mr. Bozman and Mrs. Perry left, much less where they went, judicial or other proceedings are pending. All the parties were told came to Morehead from Elizabeth City.

Postmaster Field, of Philadelphia has been telling the Dry Goods Economist "Why Merchants Fail." He gave a great many reasons, but he overlooked the boss reason of all. The merchants who fail are the merchants who fail to catch on to level-headed advertising. When they do that, they know no such word as fail, but go right on, and are kept so busy that the flies can't catch 'em still long enough to light on 'em.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE MEETING.

The Board of Managers of the Wilmington Produce Exchange met in regular monthly session yesterday, Mr. Wm. Calder, President, presiding, and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell secretary.

After the transaction of regular routine business, resolutions adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of Southport protesting against the proposed change in the time of delivery of U. S. flour were read, and on motion, resolutions endorsing the protest were adopted and ordered to be forwarded to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the secretary was requested to ask the daily newspapers of this city to publish this action of the Board.

The memorial of the Tampa, Fla., Board of Trade, to the Congress of the United States, asking the continuance of the Fast Mail service from New York to Tampa, was read and on motion unanimously endorsed and official endorsement ordered.

Resolutions and resolutions of the Charleston, S. C., Cotton Exchange, of date February 19th, 1892, requesting the New York Cotton Exchange to adopt the low middling clause as a basis for delivery of contract cotton was read, and the secretary was instructed to post the same for the information and consideration of members of this Exchange.

The protests of the New Orleans and New York Cotton Exchanges against the passage of bills now before the U. S. Congress defining options and futures, etc., were read, and it was ordered that this Exchange join the Cotton Exchanges mentioned in protesting against the passage of said bills, and the secretary was instructed to send copies of this action to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Action of the Wilmington Medical Society on the Removal of Dr. D. A. Carmichael, of the U. S. M. H. Service. WILMINGTON, N. C., March 1: This Society recognizes with regret that under the orders of his superiors, our friend, Dr. D. A. Carmichael, about to sever the pleasant association that has been his here, his removal to another post will leave behind him in this body a company of friends who have learned to esteem him for those qualities that make up the genuine physician—manliness, gentleness and courtesy, tender charity and abounding generosity. No appeal for help from his professional friends went unheeded; and his removal to a distant post, which could afford them as always extended, the remuneration for such work often being only gratitude for his kindness. We cherish these traits in our friend with a becoming pride. Coming to our midst a stranger, his suavity and upright character as well as his professional attainments, made him a welcome presence among us; and he will always be remembered as our friend, and we trust that the ties that bind him to us, tempered alike with hallowed grief as well as joy, will be as strong as the obligations of his term of service, now drawing to a close.

It is resolved, therefore, that we tender to Dr. Carmichael, along with our regret at his departure, our best wishes for his prosperity, assuring him of our certain hope of his increasing success; and that we will welcome the announcement of his growing work, and cheerfully cheer him in his success, and we will welcome the announcement of his growing work, and cheerfully cheer him in his success, and we will welcome the announcement of his growing work, and cheerfully cheer him in his success.

At the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee in Raleigh last Wednesday, the following provision was recommended to the County Conventions for their favorable action, not to be binding, however, on any Convention unless adopted by it: In all County Conventions in which delegates shall be selected to attend any State or National Convention, the County Convention, a vote shall be taken in accordance with the plan of organization as to the candidates whose names may be presented to the County Convention. The delegates shall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted for in proportion to the number of votes they receive in such County Convention, and no other instructions shall be given. Provided, that when only one candidate is presented and voted for at such County Convention, it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The House Committee on Public Buildings—Protest of the Lumber Men Presented to the Ways and Means Committee—Investigation of the Pension Bureau—Behring Sea Fisheries Dispute.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to-day refused by a vote of 8 to 4 to adopt Chairman Bankhead's resolution declaring that in the judgment of the House, in view of the condition of the general Treasury, it would be unwise and inexpedient to enter upon legislation looking to the construction of new public buildings.

The Ways and Means Committee to-day heard the Committee of the Lumbermen's Association in opposition to the bill introduced by Representative Bryan, of Nebraska, placing lumber on the free list. The protest, as telegraphed last night, was laid before the committee, and representatives of the Association argued the merits of the lines of that protest vs. the Bryan bill.

The special House committee investigating the Pension Bureau continues its daily session, inquiring into matters which have from time to time appeared in the public prints to the detriment of the office. In the matter of re-rating each year the pension bills of the Bureau in Washington, which created a marked scandal at the time it became public, Assistant Secretary E. J. H. Smith testified that all of the men responsible for that practice had been removed. None of the money received illegally had been recovered. It was found that pension money had been received in excess of a man's salary by that amount; so that had been done was the recommendation to Congress to enact a law to cover the case. To Mr. Endicott, Mr. Bussey said the greatest abuse of the Pension Office to contend with was the practice of Congressmen, in pushing pension claims. He did not see how the practice could be stopped except by law, and he proposed the work of Congressmen, and also of the Pension office.

The joint English and United States Commission on the Behring Sea Fisheries held a long session at the State Department this afternoon, and practically concluded its deliberations. The members of the commission, in their report, are obliged to testify, and it is, therefore, impossible to obtain any official information as to the result of their conference. There is good reason, however, for the prevalent belief that the Commission will recommend a treaty, endeavors to reach a satisfactory agreement as to the best method of conducting the Seal fishery industry with a view to the preservation of the species.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The fact was developed to-day that the authorities have received notice that Lord Salisbury is unwilling to arbitrate proceedings in the Behring Sea dispute are pending to renew the modus vivendi of last year. He is said to be willing, however, to take the necessary steps for putting a stop during the approaching season to miscellaneous deep-sea fishing within thirty miles of Pribilof island. It was impossible to learn at the State Department the precise nature of the substitute proposed by the British Government. It is probable that this information, received from London, caused President Harrison to shorten his stay at Virginia Beach, and that he will return to Washington Saturday night. It is probable that the treaty of arbitration will be submitted to the Senate early next week, possibly Monday.

The House of Representatives is rapidly getting the regular annual Appropriation bills into shape with the view to an early adjournment of Congress as the session draws to a close. The House is now working on bills before the Disposal and providing for expenses of the Government can be accomplished. The Appropriation bills are now in a satisfactory state of progress on the part of the House, and it is probable that by the end of this month, all of the regular Appropriation bills will have been sent to the Senate.

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MURDERER HANGED.

Execution of Van Thomas at Abbeville, S. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 4.—Today, Van Thomas alias Van Thompson, colored, was hanged at Abbeville, S. C., for the murder of John Brackett, also colored. The trap was sprung at ten minutes to one o'clock, and in less than six minutes physicians pronounced Thompson dead. He met death with great composure. His neck was broken, and he died without a struggle. Thompson left a written confession, in which he acknowledged his guilt, and also acknowledged having killed a man named Abraham Caddis, in Chester, on the 23rd day of December, 1889.

IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS. The Central Railroad and Banking Co., of Georgia. SAVANNAH, GA., March 4.—The Central Railroad Banking Co., of Georgia, leased last June by the Georgia Pacific R. Co., for the Richmond & Danville Road, a similar arrangement for the application of R. M. Clarke, one of the minority stockholders, appointed Gen. E. S. Alexander temporary receiver. The receiver is to be in charge of the road, and will be held March 14th, at Macon.

WRECKED ON THE OCEAN. A Schooner in a Disabled Condition Towed into a Florida Port. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 5.—The tugboat Walley, of this port, while on her way here from Cuba a few days ago, fell in with the schooner B. J. Hazzard, Capt. Brewer, thirty-five days out from Georgetown, S. C., for New York, with a cargo of rosin and turpentine. The Hazzard had encountered heavy north-easterly gales, and had been blowing for many days and was short of provisions. For eight days the crew had nothing to eat but rice, and there was only one quart left when picked up. The schooner was on the verge of being wrecked when the Walley took her in tow and brought her into Mayport last night, and Capt. Brewer was released from his confinement. His body was sunk in the ocean.

YACHT SIREN Reported Lost in a Letter Found on the Beach at Nag's Head. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Superintendent Kimball to-day received a telegram from Keeper Etheridge, at Nag's Head life saving station, N. C., saying the following note in a bottle was picked up on the beach near the station last night: Sunday p. m. about 3 o'clock—our yacht is in danger and cannot possibly keep afloat more than half an hour longer. Our boat is the Siren (name indistinct). Signed G. W. Smith, Wm. L. Johnson, J. B. Clark, and others. There were three registers with the name of Siren; one at New York city, one in Stonington, Conn., and one in Cold Spring, N. Y.

RICHMOND TERMINAL. A Bad Break in the Price of Securities Caused by Troubles of the Georgia Central. NEW YORK, March 5.—John H. Inman, one of the directors of the Richmond Terminal Co., to-day received a telegram from President Alexander to the effect that the latter had been made temporary receiver of the Georgia Central. The report caused a sharp decline in the price of securities to break badly upon 'Change just before the hour of closing. It is not known whether this will have any serious effect upon the reorganization of the Richmond Terminal Co., Mr. Inman professed ignorance on that point.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS. The Grand Duke of Hesse Stricken with Paralysis—Strike of London Shoemakers—Burning of Large Cotton Warehouses. BERLIN, March 5.—The Grand Duke of Hesse had a stroke of paralysis that has affected the entire right side of his body. His condition is critical.

CHARLOTTE NEWS: Last Saturday afternoon two little children of Mrs. Hackett Wall, a widow living two miles from town, being left alone in the house, began playing in the fire, and one accidentally pushed the other into it. The child's clothes ignited and as every thing burned off, leaving it burned to a crisp from its neck to its heels. — Fred Buchannon, the bar-keeper of Chester, who killed a policeman at that place some two years ago, is said to have been captured and jailed at Clarksburg, Va., on Monday. The arrest was made through the instrumentality of a prominent young business man of this place. The rumor that Buchannon had died in Brazil a year ago, was evidently circulated to help him escape.

CONCORD: A Mercantile firm had seen her husband measuring logs around and near the saw at his mill, had a dream that came only too true. She dreamt that her husband in stooping to measure a log, was struck by a fall and was cut to pieces by the saw. She told her dream and begged Mr. Misener to cease going near the saw as he was accustomed to do, but her warning no danger, was amused at the dream. But Mrs. Misener's dreams were sadly realized. Mr. E. Pink Deal tells of a similar dream which had not more than a week ago. The first account of the sad death of Mr. Misener was not literally true. His head was not entirely severed from his body, but the tearing of his body about the chest and shoulders was greater than first reported.