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Divorce It From Banking. There is a growing sentiment in this country that the Government should be divorced from the banks and confine itself to its legitimate sphere of coining the gold and silver which may be presented at the mints for change.

Minor Mentions. Notwithstanding the revival in our industries and the improvement in business the business failures throughout the country are somewhat more numerous this year than for the corresponding period of last year, the liabilities being substantially the same.

The exports of manufactures from this country are increasing annually, the increase being from \$183,675,507 in 1889 to \$183,598,743 during the seven months of this year from December to July.

A Washington man on getting married changed his name to please his wife, and took hers. His name might have been Smith.

Another pull of \$1,500,000 Friday sent the gold reserve down to \$92,706,067, the lowest figure reached since April.

any discrimination against either metal, thus supplying the people with the metallic money they may need, and let the bank notes be issued under State laws as they were up to the time of the establishment of the national bank system, which in its inception was intended to be only temporary.

There is a rich old Chinaman in San Jose, California, who is so desirous of becoming an American father-in-law, that he offers to take into partnership any respectable American who will marry his daughter.

When a woman makes up her mind to marry she generally does it even if it costs her money. So Miss Umburger, of Muncie, Ind., skipped with the boy she liked, and made her pa so angry that he disinherited her of the \$250,000 he intended to give her, and made a boy who was no relation to him his heir.

Professor J. J. McCook tells the Washington Post that the number of tramps in this country increased from 45,162 in 1892 to 85,268 in 1895, the cost of supporting them increasing from \$900,000 in the former year to \$1,700,000 in the latter.

One peculiarity of the Hoosac tunnel, four and a half miles long, near North Adams, Mass., is that no telegraphic message can be sent through it. They all get lost although the attempt has been frequently made and with all kinds of wires. Electricians are puzzled over it, as they have failed to discover mineral or any signs of mineral anywhere about.

The Japanese are not having the picnic in Formosa that they had in China. They have to fight for what they get there and fight hard, too. They have about 60,000 troops there, about 3,200 of whom are on the sick list, worn out with the hard work they have had to do.

The bicycle is humming along in politics. The Republican convention of Pennsylvania put a plank in its platform for good roads, and the Democratic convention at Syracuse, N. Y., did ditto.

BAD FOR DEMOCRATS

IS THE PREVAILING ESTIMATE OF THE SILVER CONVENTION. Populist Eminent—Republicans Rejoicing—Spier Whitaker's Rules—Butler's Candidate For Governor—Expectations For the State Fair—Illustrious Dilettante Captured.

A big fizzle is the prevailing estimate of the Silver Convention. The scenes of yesterday are a thing of the past, all the delegates having left the city, Chambers Smith, Judge MacRae, and the other Democrats who took part, are not having much to say.

The duty of adjourning the Convention when trouble seemed imminent was given to Harry Skinner and how well he did it is best known in the report of the proceedings.

Spier Whitaker had several roles to play and he enacted them with the skill of an artist. Spier has stated time and again that he would only stand the proceedings about fifteen minutes. It was said that he stated that he came as a spectator.

Mr. Cooke's action is applauded by a number of Democrats. The opinion is that Butler out-generaled Spier, and the Democrats came here "loaded," while the Democrats trusted to his "fairness" with child-like faith, so to speak.

Dr. D. E. Everitt is spoken of strongly by the press as the Democratic candidate for Governor. He is a very ambitious man. He and Butler work well in harness.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

SUPREME COURT TO EXAMINE LAW APPLICANTS MONDAY. Business Improving—Optimistic Court Cases—Theoretical—The Silver Convention—Rev. C. Durham and Cy Thompson—The State Guard.

The Supreme Court Justices examine law applicants Monday for license to practice law. Already students from various points have arrived. The class will not be as large as those heretofore, judging from present indications.

It is very likely that the grand jury will find a true bill, this afternoon against a number of the clerks in the House, who are charged with being responsible for fraudulent enrollment of the assignment act.

Three low white people were sent to the workhouse for terms of five, three, and one year for perjury in a case before the Court.

Mr. Robert C. Strong, a prominent young attorney of this city and son of ex-Judge Strong, was married yesterday to Miss Nichols in having an addition of thirty stalls made at the Fair grounds for the accommodation of cattle.

Two small stalls of about forty gallons capacity each, have been seized near Franklinton. Another still was seized at Myrtle's Mill, this county.

Mr. Louis Arthur Mitchell, wife of Mr. B. F. Mitchell, of this city, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at the family residence on Mulberry street.

RALEIGH HAPPENINGS.

He Wants to Know If His Fighting Is a Misdemeanor or Felony in North Carolina—Horse Clerks Indicted For Fraudulent Enrollment of the Assignment Act—Spier Whitaker's gubernatorial aspirations—University Foot Ball Team—The Attempted Assassination at Chapel Hill—Cotton Report.

Gov. Culberson, of the Lone Star State, is up in arms against the scientific exhibition of boxing as will be exemplified by Professor Corbett and Fitzsimmons in Dallas. He telegraphed Gov. Carr this morning to know if prize fighting was a misdemeanor or felony in this State.

A bill was framed and was about to pass the Legislature, legalizing prize fighting in the county of New Hanover, but some of the fusion leaders called it down. They thought it would "injure" the chances of conclusion in the next campaign.

When it was first mentioned in the STAR that the "Pops" would likely swamp the Silver Convention, a good many people held up their hands and laughed at the idea.

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The grand jury returned true bills against J. U. Brown, enrolling clerk of the House, and S. P. Satterfield, chief clerk, for corruptly, wilfully and fraudulently causing and permitting to be enrolled a law down as the assignment act. The case comes up at the July term.

CONSTITUTION MAKERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION. A Resolution of Sympathy for Cuban Patriots Offered and Referred to a Committee—The Disputable Question Under Consideration.

COLUMBIA, September 28.—In the Constitutional Convention to-day the first firm action was the adoption of the new Constitution, which was adopted at exactly 12:15 p. m. and was sent to the Committee on Style and Revision, becoming thereby a part of the new document.

Another important feature of to-day's work was the adoption of the amendment with the parliamentary clincher attached, changing the time of holding the sessions of the Legislature from November to January, and after the first four sessions have been held, limiting the duration of the pay of the members to forty days.

An effort was made by Mr. Patton to pass a resolution sympathizing with the Cuban patriots in their efforts for independence, but it failed to get through and has been laid over for consideration on Monday.

The matter of putting the dispensary into the Constitution was called up, and Senator Tillman was about to present the following agreement provision, when the matter went over, owing to the absence of the Senator.

It was decided that the Legislature meet on the second Tuesday in January instead of the fourth Tuesday in November. The following also passed: That the members of the General Assembly shall not receive any compensation for more than forty days of any one session.

Monday, September 30th, will be devoted to the formal opening of the Exposition. The largest show ever shown in this State will be held at the Exposition grounds with a military escort, amid great pomp and pageantry. The military parade will be organized by the Southern Railway.

S. C. CONVENTION.

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS REPORT AN ARTICLE. Concerning Corporations—The Powers and Privileges of Railroads, Telegraph and Express Companies—The Disputable Question.

COLUMBIA, Sept. 27.—In the Constitutional Convention to-day the Committee on Corporations reported an article covering that subject in 16 sections, most of which are wholly new in the organic law of this State.

The first section defines corporations to be all associations and joint stock companies having powers and privileges not possessed by individuals or partnerships, and including municipal corporations.

The Legislature is forbidden to grant any charter for the incorporation of corporations, or associations for such purposes may be formed under general laws. Stock watering is expressly prohibited.

The Legislature is required to pass laws against all trusts, combinations, contracts and agreements inimical to the public welfare, and to prevent abuses, unjust discrimination and extortion, and shall provide for the supervision and regulation of such companies by commission or otherwise.

ATLANTA'S EXPOSITION. Preparations for Reception of the Liberty Bell—Formal Opening of the Woman's Building and Other Interesting Events Next Week.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 28.—Great preparations are being made here for the reception of the Liberty Bell. The day set apart is October 9th, and a committee will be in charge of the arrangements.

ATLANTA, Sept. 28.—The Convention of representatives of Southern Railways and connecting lines, at the Waldorf Hotel, broke up in confusion to-day, and was hastily adjourned until October 15th, at the same place.

UNABLE TO AGREE. The Convention of Southern Railroad Men.