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He can't retire the greenbacks, for they will not be retired. He could not do it with a Democratic Congress, which would never endorse a bond plan, and he can't do it now with a Republican House and a mixed Senate, in neither of which the bond plan would receive a respectable support, and he cannot do it with State banks, which could never get through the House even if it stood any show of getting through the Senate, which it does not. The fact is the day has gone by for some time to come, for the retirement of the greenback or for anything else in the way of monetary reform which Secretary Carlisle may have contemplated. What might have been done two years ago can not be done now, for the conditions have changed and the opportunity was not seized when we had the power to institute financial as well as tariff reform.

With the free coinage of silver the retirement of greenbacks would have been practicable without contracting the volume of the money, and with State banks the volume could have been so enlarged that the coinage of silver might have gone on gradually without any danger of dreaded inflation; but the men who are now loudest for the killing of greenbacks were then the loudest for the repeal of the State bank tax, and they will be found opposing silver now as they were then. Secretary Carlisle doesn't expect to see them retired for he knows he is confronted by an opposition that he can neither persuade nor control. The greenbacks have come to stay.

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of the United States, get practical possession of them without firing a gun, or appearing to interfere, for she can send immigrants enough in to make the Government a puppet in their hands. No good reason can be given why they should be denied the right of suffrage which is accorded to residents from other countries who desire to become citizens, and if they are enfranchised within a few years they can have the Government entirely in their control. If Japan even if it stood any show of getting through the Senate, which it does not. The fact is the day has gone by for some time to come, for the retirement of the greenback or for anything else in the way of monetary reform which Secretary Carlisle may have contemplated. What might have been done two years ago can not be done now, for the conditions have changed and the opportunity was not seized when we had the power to institute financial as well as tariff reform.

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RALEIGH HAPPENINGS.

A CIRCUIT AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

Federal Court Meets Monday—Gov. Carr's Military Aide—The Champion Tramp Tourist—Report of Mr. Leam, Commissioner of Labor Statistics—The Dime Savings Bank—New Building for the Fire Department.

(Star Correspondence)

RALEIGH, November 23.—Next week a ten and twenty-cent circus will be the attraction. To-night the Agnes Wallace Villa Company will present "The World Against Her" at the Academy.

Judge Simonton will be here with Judge Seymour at the Federal term of court which meets Monday week. Maj. E. M. Hayes, of the U. S. Army, who is stationed in this city as military aide to the Governor, has returned from a visit to Washington, whither he went to see Gen. Fitzgibbon Lee.

Paul Smith, of London, Eng., the champion tramp tourist, will reach here Monday from Richmond. He is walking on a \$5,000 wager to the capitals of all the States and Territories in the United States, the tramp to be made in six years.

There are now eighteen prisoners in the Wake county jail. The next term of Criminal Court does not convene until January 6th. Lieut. Henderson has gone to Salisbury and will remain there for a month with his wife. His family will remain in Salisbury until the Indiana is anchored somewhere in American waters.

Mr. B. R. Lacy, commissioner of Labor statistics, has received the proof of his annual report, which is now in the hands of the State printer, Messrs. Stewart Brothers, of Winston. It is expected that it will be published in the middle of December. The report will contain many valuable and interesting statistics which have been carefully prepared by a traveling representative in some instances.

The report has gained currency that the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Mr. Benjamin R. Lacy, was to resign in the near future. In talking with Mr. Lacy, he told a reporter that he had not offered his resignation to the Governor and had not fully made up his mind to do so. Mr. Lacy decided upon offering his resignation, though he says if he does so, it will be between January 9th and June 9th.

Mr. Lacy is cashier of the Mechanics' Dime Savings Bank. This institution is already assured of success before opening its doors. A committee has been appointed for the purpose of securing a location. The committee has now under consideration several sites. It is pretty well certain that the new bank will be opened for business January 1st.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Fire Department building on Morgan street. The tower will be quite tall and an ornament to the building. Death of Maj. W. N. Peden. Maj. Wm. N. Peden, a former resident of Wilmington, died last Thursday night at his residence in Clinton, in the 83rd year of his age. His remains will be brought to this city for interment and the funeral service will be held at 10 o'clock this morning in the Chapel at Oakdale cemetery.

Receipts here yesterday 1,116 bales; same day last year, 3,608. Receipts for the week ending Nov. 23, 7,888 bales; same week last year, 8,589. Receipts for the crop year to date, 95,988 bales; for time last year, 100,864. Stock at this port, 19,006; at same time last year, 88,878. Exports from Wilmington so far this season—Domestic 7,929; foreign 69,899 total, 77,828. Last season—Domestic 5,173; foreign 98,788; total 103,961. Spot cotton firm in Wilmington at 9c; for middling; quiet in Charleston at 7 1/2c.

A LIGHTHOUSE OFF MATTERS.

Plans for the Diamond Shoal Structure About to be Executed.

Army engineers are about to undertake a most difficult piece of work for the Government. Formal approval having been given by the Lighthouse Board to the plans for a light on Diamond Shoal, which juts into the sea seven miles off Cape Hatteras, an engineer officer has started out to inspect steel manufacturers to determine where the material for the structure can be obtained.

Whether this light can be erected, or, if erected, can withstand the heavy seas and winds, is a question which has brought about a wide difference of opinion even among the members composing the board. The majority, however, hold that it is feasible. The minority, composed exclusively of the naval representatives and one civilian member, are of the opinion that no light can be built which will stand and that even if it can, there is no necessity of the Government going to an expense of over \$1,000,000 when a lightship costing but \$50,000 would do every purpose.

Admiral Walker, Capt. Wilde and Capt. Dewey, all of the navy, are advocates of the light vessel, while Col. Wilcox and the Army contingent favor the lighthouse. Congress has told the board to go ahead and prepare plans for a light, authorizing the expenditure of \$1,000,000.

One of the leading engineers in Washington stated that there was no more reason why a light vessel should not be placed on Diamond Shoal than off Sandy Hook, and pointed out that the Navy Shoal vessel had stood up in the teeth of a 75-mile-an-hour gale without heaving her masts. Notwithstanding the opposition, however, work on the great structure will begin with the opening of the Spring, by which time all the preliminary plans will have been completed. The structure is to be constructed above, ready to be towed out to the shoal and there forced down by hydraulic power.

The design of the structure contemplates an immense skeleton affair through which wind and waves can pass, meeting with little resistance. Eight great iron tubes will be sunk in a circle to a depth of thirty feet beneath the surface of the water, and the structure is designed to stand in thirty-three feet of water, or in deeper water than any other lighthouse on the Atlantic coast. The base of the lighthouse will be supported by piles sunk to a depth of thirty feet, the diameter of the base being sixty feet, and the height of the tower above high water forty-seven feet.

The building will be entirely of forged steel, a special feature of the design being to make all essential parts below the water level, so that they will not be subject to the action of waves and sea. The use of all bolts and rods and other essential parts will be weakened rapidly by corrosion has been avoided in the plans. Quarters will be provided for three keepers and the head keeper's family and several boats will swing from davits over the water for use in their use. The less will be the most powerful lighthouse now in existence, and the base of the lighthouse will be a part of the equipment, and it is probable electricity will be the lighting power.

Death of Mr. James Nolan. Mr. James Nolan, a native of Ireland but for nearly forty years a resident of Wilmington, died yesterday in Baltimore, Md., aged 68 years. Mr. Nolan had many friends in this city. He was an industrious man, honest and upright in all his dealings. As contractor, he built the shell road to Wrightsville and the Masonboro turnpike, and he was also the contractor for the building of the new Marine Hotel at Carolina Beach where his wife was fatally burned and died about three years ago. He leaves no children.

Mr. Nolan's remains will be brought to Wilmington for interment and are expected to reach here to-day at 12.30 p. m. by the S. A. L. route. The body will be buried in the St. Thomas church where the funeral services will be held. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Death of a Former Wilmingtonian. A telegram received here yesterday announced the death in Jacksonville, Florida, of Mr. Wm. B. Curtis. He had been in bad health for several months and went to the hospital there about two weeks ago, hoping to be restored to health, but grew gradually worse until yesterday morning when he passed away.

Mr. Curtis, who had been a resident of Jacksonville for the past nine or ten years, was a native of Wilmington and was a tinner by trade. He has several relatives living here, and many friends who will sincerely deplore his death.

SITUATION IN COTTON.

Hubbard Brothers' Report—Cause of the Recent Decline in Cotton—Market Shot Up Again—Corroborated by Movements from Plantations.

EDITOR STAR.—One of the results of the recent decline in the cotton market has been to increase the pessimistic feeling with which the outlook of the future course of prices is regarded by the trade, both here and in the South. Those who have for a long time been strongest in their belief that the shortage of the crop would astonish the trade when they became aware of the actual yield, are now looking for the market to decline to a lower level than that touched on Tuesday, because of the who same factors that those have been correct in anticipating this declining cotton market.

The water works pond has been completely drained off. There were very few fish in the pond. It is said that the Cary property, purchased by Mr. B. N. Duke, which the Alliance had contemplated purchasing, will be used for a sash and blind factory.

The receipts of cotton on the Exchange are very heavy. The question has been raised as to whether the Governor's private secretary should sign the Governor's thanksgiving proclamation or Secretary of State Cook. The Asheville Citizen says the latter. It has always been the custom for the Governor's private secretary to sign the proclamation.

The construction of all the railroads is very poor at present. This is due to the heavy traffic on all roads to the Atlanta Exposition. The Seaboard's \$5 rate will not be in effect to Atlanta to-morrow. A great many persons had counted on taking advantage of it.

John Miller, of Randolph county, was brought to the penitentiary to serve a term of thirty-five years for manslaughter. Mrs. John S. McRae, a daughter of Capt. and Mrs. J. Fleming, died of peritonitis in Maxton on Thursday night. There are good tobacco beds here at present.

Yours, very truly, HUBBARD BROS. & CO. S. C. CONVENTION. Section Relating to Lyncing Changed—Provision Against Released Freight Rates by Railroad Stricken Out.

COLUMBIA, November 23.—The Constitution convention to-day gave a third reading to the articles on declaration of rights and jurisprudence. A good many ordinances were also disposed of. The section relating to lynchings was changed so as to allow the family of the person lynched to recover \$5,000 from the county, the county having the responsibility of the lynchings. The provision against released freight rates by railroads was stricken out, but passenger rates of such a character cannot be changed by the Convention.

ATLANTA EXPOSITION. Arrival of Mayor Strong of New York and the Mayor's Party. ATLANTA, November 23.—Mayor W. L. Strong, of New York, and party arrived at 4:45 this afternoon. Troop A was drawn up along the curb opposite the depot and the Mayor, who was in a carriage, stepped into the carriage which was in waiting and again when he passed through the crowd of street escorted by troop A. With the Mayor were the Hon. Seth Low, of Columbia College, Gen. A. G.