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mands upon him and his business. Every one with two grains of sense knows that the South is not so solid on the money question just for the excitement there is in it and every one with two grains of sense knows that if the South and the West had a sufficiency of currency to answer their purposes the financial question in the free silver shape or in any other shape would never have reached the status of a leading issue between parties. We would be fighting over the tariff and other issues yet, with the Republican party outside of the breastworks and trying to get in.

If the question of the free coinage of silver come up the South would favor it as a matter of right and of good policy, and as a matter of principle, because the silver dollar had always stood upon the same legal plane with gold until the Republicans, obeying the dictation of gold hoarders and bond holders at home and abroad, made war upon it and degraded it; but the same motive for aggressive action on that line would not exist to make it a cardinal issue in party contests. But there is one thing just as sure as that the sun will continue to shine, the rain to fall, the grass to grow and the rivers to run to the sea, and that is that the financial agitation and the demand for free silver will be kept up until the people have free silver or those sections which are deficient in currency have the right restored to them of establishing their own banks under their own laws and thus supplying the currency they need. If the gold men who are talking about the necessity of currency reform, but have not yet condescended to recognize the State banks in any plan they have suggested, would take off their yellow glasses long enough to let the sunlight bathe their eyes, and would give some attention to the State banks, there might be some hope of their accomplishing something in the way of currency reform, and they might be instrumental in solving this problem and in allaying the agitation which they seem to regard as so harmful and possibly disastrous.

MINOR MENTION.

There are some amusing features in the N. C. railroad lease fight, with the Governor and his friends on one side and the Southern and its friends on the other. It is a sort of a cat and mouse business, but it isn't yet settled which is the cat and which is the mouse. If there be any trick in the law that hasn't yet been discovered and resorted to by one side or the other, it is pretty safe to say that it will be, for ingenious and able counsel are employed on both sides. A couple days ago Governor Russell's commissioners were cited to appear at Washington and show cause why they shouldn't be disciplined for contempt of court for ignoring that superseas and breaking into and taking possession of the office in the absence of the two bounced commissioners. If they can put them in jail, or force them to recognize the superseas, then the old board will continue in business until the courts finally decide which are the commissioners. In the meantime the new commissioners are hustling and trying to find out all they can, and seem particularly anxious to find out something about the passes issued by the Southern Railroad, and whether it gave Ohio Wilson any reduced rates on his mother's furniture which was shipped to the leased hotel, and the consequences is that there is a hustling and a hiding by some of the officials and R. R. employes who have charge of the books and are wanted. In the meantime if the other side get in the hold up they are playing for in the U. S. court, the new commissioners may get a forced vacation and then we may not find out about that furniture.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee, Ala., Colored Institute, is one of the biggest colored men living, and is doing more to lead his race in the right direction than any other colored man in this country. He speaks and writes much, and always speaks and writes sensibly and to the point. The following we find in the Jacksonville, Fla., *Times-Citizen*, taken from a lecture delivered in the Opera House in that city:

"Under God, as bad as slavery was, it prepared the way for the solving of this problem by this method. For 250 years slavery taught the Southern white man to do business with the negro. If a Southern white man wanted a house built he consulted a negro mechanic about the building of that house; if he wanted a suit of clothes made, he consulted a negro tailor. And thus, in a limited sense, every large slave plantation in the South during slavery was in a measure an industrial school. On these plantations we had thousands of young men being taught farming, carpentry, others wheelwrighting, brick-making, etc. It is safe to say that we had during slavery more young men learning trades in a single county in the South than we have in the whole city of Jacksonville to-day. I should be the last to apologize for the curse of slavery. I am not doing that. I am

simply stating facts. This business contact and this training in the matter of skilled labor on these plantations left us at the close of the war in possession of all the common and skilled labor in the South, but the great problem that is pressing upon us now and more as a race is, can we still hold on to this legacy in the matter of skilled labor that was purchased by our forefathers at the price of 250 years in slavery? We cannot hold our own in the industrial and mechanical world unless we do two things: First, we must put brains and skill into the common occupations that are about our doors; and in the second place, we must dignify and ennoble common labor."

If the negroes in the South would quit thinking so much about politics and listening to selfish mercenary demagogues white and black, and follow the advice that this level-headed counsellor gives them there would be a vast improvement in the condition of the race, and their relations with the white race be vastly improved.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, got in a solid chunk of truth in his speech in the Senate Friday when he said, "It is perfectly plain that to-day the Republican party is the party of the gold standard, and it is equally plain that there is no distinction between the sentiments of the President and the Secretary of the Treasury upon the question." The only difference between them is that the President is more of a politician than his Secretary and keeping his eye on the party fears to speak candidly and honestly and therefore plays double. The Secretary of the Treasury, being no politician, and being more interested in the banks with which he is identified than in the party speaks plainly without any regard to the effect his declarations may have on the party. If the President didn't agree with the Secretary Gage would he retain in the Cabinet a man for whose views his administration is responsible, and would he, when Secretary Gage expressed his willingness to resign, privately, affecting the nature of Bland's relations with Livingston's wife, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Chief Melton and Police Officers Charged With Assault and Battery Acquitted.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

A Special Term of Court to Convene Tomorrow—Giles Anderson, a Watchman, to be Tried for a Murder Committed Last October.

The Criminal Court convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment. Cases against Chief of Police J. R. Melton and Officers C. O. Knox, Rowan Green and Frank Toomer for assault and battery on Deputy Sheriff William Grison, ejecting him from the enclosure in the City Court room not long since were taken up, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., appearing for the defendants and Herbert McClammy, Esq., and C. P. Lockey, Esq., conducting the prosecution. Defendants were declared not guilty.

The next case was that against Sam Livingston for secret assault upon one Bligh near Livingston's home, Thirtieth and Market streets, on the night of December 31. Bland's testimony was to the effect that he walked home with Livingston's wife on the night mentioned, and when he had gotten about fifteen steps from the gate Livingston opened fire on him; shot at him four times and then beat him over the head with the pistol. Livingston's story is that Bland opened fire on him and didn't cease firing until he, Livingston, knocked him down. Witnesses introduced to prove the character of both Bland and Livingston swore to the good character of both. W. E. Henderson, Esq., the colored lawyer, appeared for the defendant and C. P. Lockey, Esq., for the State. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. As there are certain facts in the case, ascertained privately, affecting the nature of Bland's relations with Livingston's wife, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The grand jury, D. L. Gore, foreman, handed in their report and were discharged for the term. It was lengthy and comprehensive, based upon a careful inspection of the court house, jail and home for the aged and infirm. The court house was in a satisfactory condition, the report stated, but for some slight repairs needed, and the dirty and filthy condition of the windows and gas fixtures. Repairs in the jail and improvements in the yard of both the jail and court house were suggested and recommended. A compulsory bath room in the jail to accommodate six persons at once, was named in the report as being necessary for health and cleanliness. The report reviewed at length the condition of the Home including the prison building, insane building, colored inmate department, ward for female inmates, and the hospital building. In the main the condition of all these was described by the report as being good, such improvements as were needed being suggested. An inspection had also been made of the city hospital, showing that there are 7 white charity patients, 4 male and 3 female, and 10 colored charity patients, 7 male and 3 female; 6 white pay patients, 1 male and 5 female, and one female pay patient in the white charity ward. The report showed that the grand jury had returned 37 "true bills" and 10 "not true bills."

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

The special term of the court will convene Monday at 10 o'clock. The case that promises to be of the greatest interest is that against Giles Anderson for the murder of a fireman from a tramp steamer on the morning of October 31st, 1897. The defence will be conducted by C. P. Lockey, Esq., and John H. Gore, Jr., Esq.

AT REST IN OAKDALE.

Funeral Services of the Late Mrs. Fulton and the Late Miss Eliza Reston.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Reston took place yesterday morning from St. James' church, Rev. Robert Strange officiating, and being assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson and Rev. G. M. Tolson. The hymns rendered were "A Charge to Keep I Have," and "Asleep in Jesus." After the services at the church were concluded, the casket was borne to the house and the funeral procession moved to Oakdale Cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were laid to rest under a mound made beautiful with flowers which loving hands had brought. The pall bearers were Messrs. Walter Smallbones, W. I. Smith, Jas. C. Stevenson, Jr., Clayton Giles, Jr., Cuthbert Martin and J. V. Grainger.

MISS ELIZA RESTON.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

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INTERESTING CASE.

Trial Of E. F. Hanna, Charged With Stealing a Life Insurance Policy.

DEFENDANT FOUND GUILTY.

Sentenced to Two Years Imprisonment in the State Penitentiary—An Appeal Granted—Other Cases in the Criminal Court.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the Criminal Court resumed the hearing of the argument in the case of the State vs. E. F. Hanna, agent of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md. C. P. Lockey, Esq., addressed the Court for the State. He spoke for about an hour, contending: 1. That the State's witnesses showed that the defendant did not get the policy at all from Alice Faison; that the defendant's testimony was unworthy of belief, he being an interested witness and his evidence having been contradicted by other witnesses; 2. That he did get it from Alice Anderson and got it with felonious intent.

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STEADFAST AND TRUE.

Brother Furman Praises the Star and Grows Retrospective—He is One of the Old Ones Himself.

[Raleigh Morning Post.]

We lift our hat to our venerable friend of the Wilmington Star, the journalist nestor of the State. On the first instant Bro. Bernard celebrated more than the thirtieth anniversary of his connection with the Star, and naturally does so "dressed in his best suit of clothes," a bright, brand new suit at that, from top to toe. During this third of a century our Wilmington luminary has been as steadfast to the true interest of the State and its best people, as its name, and around which the whole world is said to make diurnal revolution. May it continue many more years growing in grace and good works.

NO PUNISHMENT FOR JNO. C. DAVIS.

The Notorious Swindler Released from the Insane Asylum—Cases Against Him Not Prossed.

KINSTON NEWS NOTES.

News and Courier: "The Atlantic Coast Line announced that on Monday, January 10th, the regular Winter schedule, with through sleepers, will be put on that road from New York to Charleston and Jacksonville. This train makes splendid time between the freight stop and the balm of Southland, and is one of the most popular of the Southland. The first through Pullman of the season of the Atlantic Coast Line will be on train No. 35, leaving New York early in the day and arriving here about eight o'clock on Monday morning. The train will also carry the sleeper back to New York, passing Charleston at 5:17 P. M. The service is the finest in the South, and the schedule will be remarkably quick."

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Wants it to Shine Until Gabriel Toots His Horn.

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THEY REFUSED TO TESTIFY.

Col. Andrews and Other Officials of the Southern Before the Railroad Commissioners.

ADJUDGED TO BE IN CONTEMPT.

Gov. Russell Declines to Talk of His Trip to Washington—The State Library—Hospital Building at the Raleigh Y. M. C. A.

Col. Andrews and Other Officials of the Southern Before the Railroad Commissioners.

ARKANSAS LYCHING.

Four Colored Men—Two Were Rapists and Two Murderers.

ARKANSAS LYCHING.

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