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PROBLEMS TO FACE.

The late consolidation of the steel trusts manipulated by the Morgan-Rockefeller syndicate has revived interest in the Trust question generally, and awakened a keen interest in these combinations of trusts, for unless some action be taken to discourage that kind of business, there will doubtless be more of such combinations controlling other than manufactures of steel.

"Henceforth, however, the investor in these enterprises will have to face a set of problems which they have so far ignored. The neglected factors are, from every point of view, very serious matters, which neither the trusts nor the public can afford to ignore. The first of these is the tax, which, at least to prove to be the sentiment of the American people.

"Our railroad experience illustrates the outcome of this sort of financing. As a general rule, until within quite recent years, our railroads have been built almost exclusively on the proceeds of bonds, whilst the common stock, to an equal amount, has been issued without any substantial equivalent, the consequences being that, for every dollar of bonds, there has been a dollar of common stock, the latter comprising 50 per cent of the total capitalization.

"The result of these experiments have never before been made public. Further developments will be looked forward to with great interest.

"If this be all that is claimed for it, the sugar problem as to this country will be solved, and there need be no more talk of bounties for beet, nor protection for our sugar growers, for we can produce sugar enough to sweeten the universe.

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dated corporations; but it is nevertheless a fact that there are few trusts which do not largely owe their monopolistic power to their ownership of patents. Our patent system is full of wrongs and inequalities which cry aloud for remedy, and yet there need be no difficulty in devising a law which, while adequately compensating the inventor, would make the invention available for common use upon common conditions.

"Beyond these points of exposure connected with the trust movement, there is the more insidious and less obvious one of the popular education. The larger movements of capital, a strong oligarchical tendency has set in as an element unfriendly to popular education. A sub-consciousness of this tendency is beginning to pervade all classes, affecting the upper and lower in very conflicting directions.

"It begins on this line, and if they can't very well help it now after having gone so far, the logical result will be that the whole protective system will go to pieces. The abolition of the protective duties as demanded in Democratic platforms, was denounced by the Republican protectionists as free trade so that we may expect to see the free trade denouncers suddenly become free traders.

"We have had numerous reports of British brutality in South Africa. These reports have been denied, as might have been expected, and a strict censorship is exercised to prevent the facts from being given to the world. But they do get out through the medium of letters of soldiers to friends, the same way that we learn much as to the situation in the Philippines, where the military censorship suppresses what is not deemed well for the public to know.

"A few days ago a proclamation was issued by Gen. DeWet, in which he denounced the atrocities perpetrated by the British soldiers, giving them notice that he would retaliate, but on men and not on women and children, who would be safe from their avenging hands. This proclamation and these reports are substantiated by letters from soldiers, extracts from one of which are produced in a recent number of the London Truth, describing the march of one of the British columns in the country north of Belfast.

Robert M. Douglas, Associate Justice. We now present to the Senate articles of impeachment and ask the Senate to take action thereon.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Articles of Impeachment Presented by the House to the Senate.

COURT TO ORGANIZE MONDAY

Proceedings in the Two Houses—Bills Introduced and Bills That Passed Final Reading—E. K. Bryan Appointed Criminal Judge

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NEW BOTTLING ESTABLISHMENT.

Contract Let Yesterday for the Building to Be Completed by April 1st.

Contractor W. E. Glenn, of Charlotte, was yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of a building for the new bottling works soon to be established here by the Joseph Schellz Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., portions of which was made in the columns a few days ago.

Contractor Glenn will begin work on the building tomorrow, and has obligated himself to have it completed by April 1st. The Wilmington agent of the company will be Messrs. W. H. Pyke & Co., the firm being composed of Mr. W. H. Pyke, a well-known business man of Southport, and a gentleman in Wilmington, whose name the STAR is not at liberty to disclose.

DEATH OF MRS. REBECCA A. GORE.

Died Yesterday Afternoon of Pneumonia at Home of Her Son in Wilmington.

The STAR chronicles with regret this morning the death of Mrs. Rebecca A. Gore, which occurred yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock at the residence of her son, Mr. Thomas J. Gore, Second street between Church and Castle, after an illness of three weeks with pneumonia. Mrs. Gore was a native of Brunswick county but had resided for the past ten years or more with her children in this city.

Recruits for U. S. Army.

First Lieutenant John E. Cusack, Fifth Cavalry, U. S. A., in charge of the recruiting station at Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday morning in company with Dr. Thomas Hill, medical examiner for the station, and examined the nine applicants for enlistment in the army recently secured by Corporal Hicks in Wilmington. Out of eight applicants examined yesterday, only one, W. B. Ennett, came up to all the requirements, but others may have an additional examination at Goldsboro later, if they so desire. Lieut. Cusack and Dr. Hill left last night, returning to Goldsboro.

Towed to Fayetteville.

The steamer A. P. Hurt, which cleared in the snow storm yesterday afternoon for the return trip to Fayetteville, had in tow the disabled steamer E. E. Hovess, which sunk at her wharf here several weeks ago. She was towed to Fayetteville for repairs, the company having decided that it was cheapest to have the work done there.

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Wilson Times: Last Thursday a week ago, Mr. Raymond C. Thorne, of Old Field, was found dead in his bed. He was in good health and spirits on Wednesday despite his 74 years, and so it was supposed that he died of heart failure.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: Capt. J. H. Baker died at his home Wednesday of heart disease; aged 63 years. Compulsory vaccination is being enforced in Rocky Mount and the whole of Edgemont. The smallpox has been reported near town, and the house is under quarantine.

Carthage Blade: Last Tuesday, Mr. Maestas of Ritters township, killed a large young eagle near Island Ford. It measured from tip to tip 7 feet and its claws were three inches long. The eagle had killed a goose and was feasting on its prey when it suddenly rose in flight and was shot in mid air by Mr. Maestas.

Sanford Express: There is talk of a cotton factory being built at Pine Bluff, this county. Mr. John T. Patrick is interested in the project. The building will be four stories high. An electric light company was recently organized there, and are now constructing a lighting plant. One of the most prosperous cotton presses in Sanford is the veneering factory. They work a good number of hands and can readily dispose of all the material they produce. The hands are required to work some at night.

Hillsboro Observer: A dastardly attempt was made to burn the business portion of our town either Wednesday or Sunday night. The fire poured oil through the cracks and on the door of an unoccupied store house belonging to Messrs. James Webb, J. S. Croft, in front of the court house, struck a match and set the paper on fire and put it through a cat hole in the door. The door showed signs of having been on fire, and why the fire did not make any more headway, will probably never be known.

Smithfield Courier: The commissioners of Smithfield have had several deep wells dug in different parts of the town. Dr. G. J. Robinson, Mr. J. M. Beatty and others have had wells bored at their homes. Great good has already been done. The health of the town is by these wells. The farmers of this county are busily engaged in preparing for another crop. Much plowing has been done in some sections. We think there will be no decrease in the tobacco acreage, and as far as we learn there will not be much difference in the acreage in cotton from last year.

Mount Airy News: The most shocking and heart-rending affair that has occurred in this vicinity in many years, took place at the Mount Airy Granite Quarry, Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Cleve Ham. The little six year old daughter was left alone in the house by its mother, who had gone to see one of her neighbors, and on her return found her child enveloped in flames and screaming for help. But it was too late! The fire had done its work, the flesh was already scorched and from its arms, it lived in awful agony twenty-four hours.

Monroe Enquirer: The grip, gripe, lagrippe, take your choice as to spelling, has this country in its clutches. Hardly a family in the county has escaped the miserable disease. Schools have closed, business has been checked and everything is almost surrendered to a epidemic.

Franklin News: Mr. Frank Winchester, who lives near Price's Mill, in Sandy Ridge township, lost his house by fire last Saturday morning at a white fire day. When the occupants of the house awoke it was too late to save any of the furnishings of the house. Mr. J. Gay, a Mexican, who was on duty at his home in Buford township last Sunday, February 17th. He was about seventy five years old. He had been demoted for some time, but it is said that a love affair with a Mexican lady was the cause of the old man's mental derangement, but more likely the cause of the failure of his business was a wound he received in the war in which he made a good soldier.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Calling a Special Session of the Senate for Executive Purposes to Convene on March 4th.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, February 23.—The President to-day issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate for executive purposes, immediately upon the dissolution of the present Congress, March 4th.

The text of the proclamation is as follows: "Whereas, public interest requires that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive.

"Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol in the city of Washington, on the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock, at which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to sit as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

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