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STILL CHARGING IT TO BRYAN.

During the late Presidential campaign the Republican organs and campaigners worked the charge that Wm. J. Bryan was responsible for the prolongation of the war in the Philippines and made much of the alleged utterance of Gen. Lawton that "if I am killed Wm. J. Bryan will be responsible for my death."

But the election being over there is no reason why they should continue to harp on that string and repeat that kind of rot, but some of them do, even while Mr. McKinley is congratulating the people whom he addresses on the era of good feeling.

But in addition to all this we are told that it is necessary to encourage American shipbuilders, who cannot compete with foreign shipbuilders on account of the higher cost of labor &c., in this country.

Another reason was that if Americans built ships they could not sail them in competition with foreign ships because American sailors demand higher wages than foreign sailors get, and our ships are required to provide better for their crews, which entails a much heavier expense upon them than the foreign ship owner has to bear.

It is interesting to note that the bridge to be built by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company across the Hudson river at New York will be the greatest bridge in the world.

A Muncie, Indiana, woman who was deserted by her husband, took it so much to heart that she invited all her neighbors over the next night, had a splendid layout and a jolly dance, at the conclusion of which she announced that her husband had lit out and she would follow him as he packed up and going to her father. Which she did the next day.

The New York Herald's correspondent, after viewing the new yacht Constitution, which will defend the America cup, take a spin, pronounces her "the cleanest gaited racer ever built."

CURRENT COMMENT.

Admiral Schley expresses anything but the alarm which appears to agitate the patriotic bosom of Senator Lodge over the danger of Germany's appropriation of Brazil and defiance of the Monroe doctrine.

The dispatches from Southampton say the king's escape from death, when Shamrock II, was dismayed by a squall, was "miraculous."

Not much encouragement for Government ownership of public utilities, it is remarked, is found in the fact that in the telegraphic service conducted by the British Government there is an annual loss of \$3,500,000.

It seems to us that he (Senator McLaughlin) is in closer touch with the Republican party than with the Democratic party.

Did he "stop active operations" when Senator Hoar and other distinguished Republicans were denouncing the war and holding Aguinaldo as "a second Washington?"

It was an interesting occasion and most heartily enjoyed by all. Many of the veterans told of their services in the field in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Among the applicants who successfully passed the State Board of Medical Examiners at Durham this week, other than those mentioned in yesterday's STAR, were B. S. Herring, Wilson; George Ruffin Banton, Wilson; Augustus M. Ross, Fayetteville; F. V. Moore, Phoenix; J. E. Ponce, Pollockville; H. Cook Davis, Fayetteville; Danlop Thompson, Morven; John A. McEachern, Fayetteville; M. Hugh McBride, Little River Academy; W. E. Kornezay, Goldsboro; Zary Highsmith, Parkersburg; Thos. F. Genn, Goldsboro; Theo. L. Hooks, Fremont; E. R. Hart, Tarboro; Paul R. McFadyen, Clarkton; A. S. Williams, Kenansville.

Among the applicants were ten negroes, and of this number only three passed a successful examination. The highest average was made by Dr. Wm. A. Graham, a barber, who was in Wilmington and Newbern both as speaker for the convention next year, but as stated in the STAR yesterday, Wilmington was chosen and the time will be decided by committee.

The murderer captured. Slayer of John Brown, colored, was arrested by Police Officers and Constable Sheehan last midnight.

NEW CAPE FEAR STEAMBOAT.

Contract Let by Fayetteville Parties For Its Building—The Dimensions, Etc. [Fayetteville Observer Spec.]

The Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company yesterday placed a contract with the Merrill-Stevens Engineering Company, of Jacksonville, Fla., for the first of its proposed new line of light draught steamers for navigating the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington.

Every modern convenience will be used in her construction and the machinery will be the latest type. The builders are under contract to have the boat completed by October 1st of this year.

Remember these facts: Unless you register anew your vote will not count either way in the bond election to be held June 18th.

Do not overlook the fact that an entirely new registration is required for this special election.

Department Announces New Order Which Will Go Into Effect July 1st. To take effect July 1st, salaries of the following postmasters have been increased by the department:

High Point, from \$1,900 to \$2,100; Lenoir, from \$1,300 to \$1,400; Lincoln, from \$1,200 to \$1,300; Marion, from \$1,300 to \$1,400; Raleigh, from \$3,000 to \$3,100; Rocky Mount, from \$1,700 to \$1,800; Statesville, from \$1,900 to \$2,000; Wilmington, from \$3,000 to \$3,100; Hendersonville, from \$1,600 to \$1,700; Kinston, from \$1,700 to \$1,800; Lexington, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; Lumberton, from \$1,300 to \$1,400; New Bern, from \$2,300 to \$2,400; Reidsville, from \$1,500 to \$1,600; Shelby, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; Wayne, from \$1,300 to \$1,400; Winston-Salem, from \$3,000 to \$3,100.

Reduced Rates, Teachers' Assembly. The Atlantic Coast Line has announced a rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2 membership fee, from points in North Carolina, Norfolk and Suffolk, Va., and intermediate points, on account of the Teachers' Assembly at Wrightsville, June 10th-15th. Tickets will be sold from June 7th to 15th, inclusive, with final limit June 25th.

Not Determination by the Board As to the Points to be Recommended. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The naval torpedo boat board, which has in charge the determination of a policy for the torpedo boat fleet and the selection of a chain of stations along the Atlantic coast, returned to-day from a trip along the Southern coast. Visits were made to Pensacola and Fernandina, Fla.; Savannah, Charleston, Port Royal, and Norfolk. The board will now inspect the points on the Northern Atlantic coast. No determination has yet been made as to the central points to be recommended as a torpedo boat rendezvous. Brunswick, Ga., has been asked to have its merits considered as a torpedo boat station, but it is not likely that the Board will return South.

IN MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Loss of Life and Great Destruction of Property Caused by the Late Storm. SERIOUS DELAYS TO MAILS. A Village in Mitchell County Destroyed—Sixteen Residences and a Church Washed Away—Damage to Southern Railway \$500,000.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 24.—Reports from remote counties in the mountain districts show great destruction by the storm. In Bakersville, sixteen residences and the Baptist church were washed away. Quinton Moore and his son were drowned.

Every house in Maquette City, a village in Mitchell county, was destroyed. At Roan Mountain station twenty houses were swept away. Six large stores on Big Rock creek were carried away and one man, Wm. Kinney, drowned, while an unknown man was killed in a landslide.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Serious delays to the mails in the South caused by the floods is announced in a dispatch received at the Postoffice Department to-day from the railway mail division headquarters at Atlanta. Train No. 32, the New Orleans and Washington fast mail, was held in New York and Florida, and 34, another fast train, all carrying the mails, were abandoned and the service performed on the other schedules.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 25.—All in readiness for the great reunion of Confederate veterans which will be held in this city on May 28th, 29th and 30th. At a meeting of the executive committee to-night the various chairmen reported that their work had been finished and that on Monday the gates of the city would be thrown open to the old soldiers.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE. The Robina from Charleston for Baltimore stranded at Cape Henry. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CAPE HENRY, Va., May 25.—The British steamer Robina, from Charleston for Baltimore, stranded off this station this afternoon, during a dense fog. Captain Nelson Holmes and crew of the Cape Henry life saving station boarded the vessel with the life boat. Captain Lamb, of the steamer, stated that the incident which occurred at 4.55 P. M. was due to very heavy fog which set in at 1.40 and lasted till 6.25 P. M.

FALL RIVER MILLS. Corporations Pledged to the Curtailment and Shut-Down Agreement. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. FALL RIVER, MASS., May 27.—Reports to-day indicated that from fifteen to eighteen corporations had pledged themselves in the combination curtailment and shut down agreement and that the original provisions have been modified to meet the conflicting interests. It was also stated that among the last half dozen agents signing, reservations have been made so that certain mills will not be compelled to carry out all of the provisions called for.

LYNCHING IN OKLAHOMA. Negro Taken From Jail and Hanged by a Mob for Murder. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WICHITA, KAN., May 25.—A special to the Eagle says that Bill Campbell, a negro, was lynched at Pond Creek, Oklahoma, at 10 o'clock to-night by a mob of four hundred persons who broke down the jail, took him to a telegraph pole. The crime for which Campbell was hanged was the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff George Smith.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Sanford Express: A new bank is to be established at Pine Bluff, this county. Stock to the amount of \$5,000 has already been subscribed.

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Lexington Dispatch: A number of South Carolina capitalists during the past week have organized a stock company for the building of a new railroad from Wadesboro to Winston-Salem. The new road will be ninety miles long and will pass through the counties of Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Davidson and Forsyth.

GERMAN TROOPS IN CHINA. Present Time Regarded as Opportune for Withdrawal of Von Waldersee. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The State Department has been advised that the German government regards the present time as opportune for the withdrawal of Field Marshal Von Waldersee, commander of the international forces in China. Nothing is stated as to the exact date for the return of the field marshal nor as to the number of German troops that will be left in China, but it is hoped at the State Department that the German government will follow our own example and withdraw all but a legendary number of the United States force which remain in command of a major and he will not be permitted to assume the command of the international forces even if so invited.

STEWART ARRESTED. Charged With Abstracting Gold From the Specie Room of a Steamer. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BERLIN, May 25.—Theodore Magers, the room steward of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, who in April last, at Bremen, found the three gold bars behind a cornice in the corridor outside the second class saloon which had been missed from the specie room on the arrival of the steamer at Cherbourg, and who claimed and obtained the reward of 10,000 marks offered for the recovery of the gold, has been arrested at Bremerhaven, at the instance of the North German Lloyd Company, charged with being the man who abstracted the gold from the specie room.

BOERS STILL ACTIVE. Three Commandoes Again Invade Populous Districts of Cape Colony. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MIDDELBURG, TRANSVAAL COLONY, May 25.—The commandoes of Kruger, Vanrensen and Fouché debouched yesterday before dawn and crossed the railroad. They dashed southward, re-invading the more populous districts of Cape Colony. Fouché's commando has been resting many weeks in the Zourberg mountains.

BANK ROBBED. Twenty Thousand Dollars Taken—No Clue as to the Robbers. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MINERAL POINT, WIS., May 25.—The First National bank of this city was robbed early to-day of \$20,000 in more or less currency. Insurance boys in the full amount of the loss. There is no clue to the robbers.

THE TEXAS OIL FIELDS.

Report of the Chief Geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey on Extent of the Oil Territory. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 25.—Robert T. Hill, chief geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, has returned from an extended geological investigation in the Texas oil fields, and has embodied the result in a report, which says:

"The importance of this oil field is far greater than at present can be described or estimated. It is not only a cheap fuel supply to the largest State in area in the Union, but owing to its proximity to tide water it promises an export trade which is nowhere else in the world. Preparations are being made to sink hundreds of wells and very soon the present output of 500,000 barrels a day may be quadrupled."

"It is entirely within the limit of probability that oil will be found at many places in the Texas oil field, and especially in its southern extension toward the Rio Grande and in the northeastern States of Mexico at Tamalipas. The output of the territory formations in Southwest Texas, in Wilson, Atascosa, McMullen, Duval and other counties is naturally rich in oil and the practical oil men are risking their lives in prospecting in that region. As the oil bearing strata extends east of the Mississippi into Louisiana and Alabama it is not beyond possibility that oil may be found in these States."

"It is impossible now to state exactly the extent of the oil yielding belt in the Texas oil field, but this can be only determined by drilling experiments. The area of profitable exploitation of the Beaumont oil field is confined between the San Jacinto and the Sabine rivers, east of the Houston and West Texas railroad and south of Oil City, Nagardoches county. The area is extended or restricted by future exploitation."

"It is very probable that other oil fields may be discovered in the coastal plain between the Brazos well and mobile fields. Here lies a vast territory underlain by the oil bearing eocene formations which has not been exploited."

COAL RATES REDUCED. Caused by Prospective Invasion of Oil for Fuel From Texas. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 25.—The cheapest coal rate in the history of mining in this district has just been reported for shipments to New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola, a reduction of more than 25 per cent. having been made. This reduction makes the rate to New Orleans \$1.25 per ton to Mobile \$1.10, and to Pensacola \$1.10. The rates heretofore have been \$1.75 to each city.

FLOOD SUFFERERS. Destitution at Elizabethton, Tenn.—Appeals for Assistance. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 25.—Destitution prevails with many families at Elizabethton, the flood stricken town. Mayor Lee F. Miller appeals through the Associated Press for aid. Congressman W. P. Brownlow has made a request for 1,000 tents and blankets from the War Department at Washington. He has secured the immediate shipment of enough to accommodate fifty families. The Southern Railway offers to ship free of charge all supplies.

The weekly statement of the associated banks shows: Loans, \$288,872,600; decrease \$14,639,500; deposits, \$941,116,900, decrease \$10,509,500; circulation, \$31,140,700, decrease \$4,300; legal tenders, \$76,601,000, increase \$2,183,500; specie, \$180,067,800, increase \$3,178,100; reserve, \$256,568,200, increase \$3,361,000. Insurance receipts, \$28,272,228, decrease \$2,627,450; surplus \$21,288,978, increase \$7,989,060.

L. F. Loree, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has been selected as the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and the official announcement will be promulgated next Wednesday, the appointment to take effect June 1.

Mary Allen Leese, the lecturer, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court yesterday. The liabilities are \$2,247, and assets \$2,293.