

DRIFTING SOUTHWARD.

The census of 1900, for the first time in the history of the country, revealed the fact that the population of the South had increased more rapidly in the past decade than the population of any other part of the country.

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"We don't know much about oleomargarine, but experts say there is nothing injurious to health in it, that it is a clean and wholesome article, and really better than the ordinary article of butter, while it is much cheaper.

"While the dairy men are entitled to fair play and protection against frauds, it seems to us that they ought to be satisfied with a law requiring oleomargarine to be sold as oleomargarine, and let everybody who likes it well enough to buy it, knowing what they are buying, do so.

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OFFICIAL SALARIES.

The tendency in this country for years has been towards an increase of official salaries, both in State and nation, especially in the latter, and that tendency is still on.

"The oleomargarine question is one of the questions that will not down, or stay down, if it be downed. For years the dairy interests have been trying to drive oleomargarine out of the market and when taxing it has failed to accomplish that purpose they try to load it down with other restrictions that ought to crash almost anything.

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SEABOARD'S EQUIPMENT. Agreement Filed for Record Yesterday With Vermilye & Co., New York.

There was filed yesterday for record at the Court House by Messrs. Meares & Ruark an "Equipment Agreement" between Vermilye & Co. of New York and the Seaboard Air Line Railway of date Jan. 29th, 1902.

The equipment to be furnished by the Railway Company, for which there is to be paid \$381,298. Of this amount, \$181,298 is to be paid in cash upon the delivery of the first equipment by Vermilye & Co., and the residue, \$200,000, is to be paid in 40 quarterly installments on the first days of May, August, November and February of each year, commencing May, 1902.

The agreement is signed by John Skelton Williams, president of the S. A. L., and the secretary of Vermilye & Co.

The equipment to be furnished as per the agreement is as follows: 300 flat cars, No. 4400-4469, inclusive, delivery, Feb. 1902; amount \$111,999; American Car & Foundry Co., Huntington, W. Va., manufacturer. 200 vestibule box cars, No. 18,000-18499, inclusive; delivery March 1902; amount, \$238,000; Southern Car & Foundry Co., manufacturer. 10 passenger engines, No. 681-690 inclusive, delivery same as above, amount \$180,000; manufacturer, Richmond Locomotive Works. 10 freight engines, No. 641-650 inclusive, same terms, same manufacturer, amount \$140,000. 10 coaches, No. 610-619 inclusive, delivery April and May 1902, amount, \$77,000; manufacturer, Niles Car & Mfg. Co., Niles, Ohio.

His Sister Critically Ill. Sheriff Frank H. Steadman left yesterday morning for Fayetteville to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. N. E. Smith, who was reported in a dying condition at the family residence on Haymount. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of the late N. A. Steadman, for years treasurer of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, and sister of Hon. Chas. M. Steadman, of Greensboro, and Sheriff F. H. Steadman, of Wilmington. The Fayetteville Observer at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon says: "The sad news reaches us that Mrs. N. E. Smith is in a dying condition this afternoon."

Moore's Creek Battlefield. Congressman Bailey's bill appropriating \$10,000 for Moore's Creek battlefield is held up by the library committee, to which it was referred. The Republicans refuse to allow the committee to meet for the purpose of keeping out a number of appropriations similar to these. Amos J. Cummings of the committee told Congressman Bailey that it was impossible to get a meeting.

Heavy Freight Business. Florence Times, 4th: "For this season of the year the local Line's freight business is said to be unusually heavy. A short crop of grain having been made car loads of grain are being shipped here from the West, the farmers having to put out cash money for what they failed to make. Flour forms a good part of the heavy shipments. Things are pretty lively at the transfer station. The fertilizer movement has opened up heavy."

The Junior Order Orphanage. Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. W. D. Gaster is getting subscriptions for a fund which is proposed to be used in locating the location here of the Orphan's Home, which the Junior Order of United American Mechanics is erecting somewhere in North Carolina. It is said that if Fayetteville offers the right sort of inducements the trustees are desirous of locating the home here. Mr. Gaster has met with little success so far, but a gentleman heading the list with \$100."

SENATE PASSED DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Case of Judge Arthur H. Noyes of the District Court of Alaska.

BECAME INVOLVED IN A COLLEGE WITH TIMMAN—The South Carolina Senator Sharply Criticized the Judiciary Committee.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Throughout today's session the Senate had under consideration the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation bill and just before adjournment passed it, substantially in the shape in which it was reported to the Senate by the committee.

During the early part of the session the case of Judge Arthur H. Noyes, of the District Court of Alaska, and Alex. McKenzie and others, which was brought to the attention of the Senate by Senator Tillman a day or two ago, was discussed. Senator McCumber of North Dakota delivered an elaborate speech in defense of Judge Noyes and Mr. McKenzie. He made a serious appeal to both men, characterizing them as men of fine character, eminent ability and sterling integrity, incapable of doing things with which they had been charged.

In the course of his argument he became involved in a colloquy with Senator Tillman. The South Carolina Senator brought the case of the Senator McCumber's speech he contended himself, practically with putting into Congressional Record the most pertinent evidence the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Tillman) would not give the least credence to. He asserted that Senator Tillman's statements in the case, taking strong ground against Judge Noyes and his actions in Alaska.

During Senator McCumber's remarks, which were what, in his mind, was appalling corruption in Alaska. Senator Tillman interrupted to inquire whether Senator McCumber did not think that the evidence in the case, giving it all the facts concerning the "damnable corruption" of certain United States courts to which he had referred.

Senator McCumber replied that he had not accused the members of the San Francisco Circuit Court of Appeals of anything worse than perjury and that he had not accused them of anything worse than perjury and that he had not accused them of anything worse than perjury and that he had not accused them of anything worse than perjury.

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reported from the appropriations committee to-day.

The Republic of Cuba. Representative Newlands, Nevada of the Ways and Means Committee who was the author of the resolution, amending Hawaii, to-day introduced a resolution providing the re-division of Cuba to become a part of the United States—first as a territory, and then as a State of the Union, to be called the State of Cuba; also, authorizing a 25 per cent reduction in the duty on the present crop of Cuban sugar in consideration of Cuba's granting preferential rates to the United States. The resolution provides for the reduction of duties to the period prior to January 1, 1903.

BOLD BANK ROBBERY AT CLARKSVILLE, ARK. Sheriff Powers Killed by the Robbers They Escaped With Their Plunder. Rewards Offered.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Feb. 6.—The town of Clarksville, Johnson county, is greatly excited over a bold and successful bank robbery which occurred early today when the vault of the Bank of Clarksville was dynamited and looted by five or six men. Sheriff John H. Powers was shot and killed by the robbers while attempting to frustrate their designs. The exact amount secured by the robbers is not known, but it is believed to be between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

Interior of the bank. A vigorous search is being made for the fugitives, but it is believed they have escaped into the mountains. Sheriff Powers was one of the best known officers in Arkansas. He had been in the service of the State for twelve years and would have been re-nominated without opposition for another term in the Democratic primary on February 15th. He had the reputation of being a man of high character and had run down a large number of criminals. All towns between here and Fort Smith have been wired of the robbery, and no efforts will be spared to capture the men.

Will Leave Washington Monday Night On His Visit to Charleston. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the party who will accompany them to the Charleston Exposition, will leave here for the South next Monday night on a special train over the Southern Railway. The hour for departure has not yet definitely fixed, but the train will reach Charleston on Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday night will be spent at the Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, as the guest of Captain Wagoner, president of the exposition. At this point the party will spend the tea farms near by. On Wednesday the party will go to Charleston, spending the day in that city and at the Exposition grounds. At night a banquet will be given the President and party at the Charleston Hotel.

Night Was Her Terror. "I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Charles Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. My husband told me that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other remedies failed three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained fifty-eight pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free, at R. R. LAMM'S drug store.

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