

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

WAR ON MONOPOLIES

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY DOWNED BY SECRETARY HOKE SMITH.

A SAVING TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The new telephones will cost for all time only a little more than has been annually paid per year to the Bell Company...

These telephones will be owned by the department and will cost for all time only \$1,000 more...

The significance of this is the more apparent when it is remembered that the patent office which granted the Bell Telephone Company its patent is in the Interior Department...

North Carolina Militia

A report sent to Congress yesterday by the Adjutant-General of the army shows that there are 246,000 unorganized men in North Carolina...

The Geological Survey

The report of the Directors of the Geological Survey, was made to the Secretary of the Interior today...

Mr. Men'ball, his assistant, was engaged during December and January in making the plots based on his field notes...

The Rule of Populism

To-day's Post says of him: "Francis D. Winston, of Raleigh, one of the leading Democrats in North Carolina, was at the Capitol yesterday, accompanied by Col. Julian S. Carr..."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Winston, "that the Republicans and Populists have secured a hold upon North Carolina which cannot be shaken off for some time to come..."

RAILROAD DIRECTORS MEET.

Snow Six Inches Deep at Greensboro and Still Falling. Special to the News and Observer. GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 7.

The directors of the North Carolina Railroad held their annual meeting here today and declared a dividend of 3 percent semi-annually...

Carr's Donation.

In commenting on Mr. Julian S. Carr's gift of \$10,000 to the National Methodist University, the Post says: "Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C. is a guest at the Arlington Col. Carr is well known throughout the South..."

THE CURRENCY BILL

THE ADMINISTRATION BOND BILL MEETS ITS DEATH IN THE HOUSE.

A MAJORITY OF 162 AGAINST IT.

After Three Days' Discussion all Plans for Financial Relief are Refused by Decisive Vote--The Republicans Vote for the Bill and its Amendments and the Democrats and Populists Against it--A State Bank Tax Amendment also Defeated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The House has discussed plans for financial relief three days and refused by decisive votes to pass any one of them.

Mr. Cleveland is determined to delay the issue of bonds as long as possible. He wants to give Congress an opportunity of obviating the necessity of any issue of bonds at all...

Mr. Francis D. Winston, a well-known lawyer of Windsor, Bertie county, is among the North Carolina visitors here today.

Tug boats are plying the Potomac night and day for sixty miles down in order to keep the channel free from ice...

CHOSE A BRIDE IN OHIO.

Miss Harriet Olivia Sackett was this evening married to Mr. Henry Thomas Rumbough, a prominent attorney of Asheville, N. C.

ARRIVALS.

Kope Elias, Franklin, Clem Manly, Winston, A. W. Graham Oxford.

SPRINGER CHANGES HIS VOTE.

Mr. Springer has changed his vote for that purpose, moved to reconsider the vote, and that motion, on motion by Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, was laid on the table...

BRUTALITY TO CONVICTS.

Superintendent White and Steward Sluder Bound Over to Court. Special to the News and Observer. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 7.

Superintendent W. H. White and Steward W. C. Sluder, charged with assault on Tim McCarty, a convict in White's gang, had a hearing in Justice Sumner's court this afternoon.

The evidence was that Sluder, under White's instructions, had handcuffed and lashed McCarty, and White administered about 25 blows with a leather strap.

ROANOKE, VA., FEB. 7.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 7.—F. J. Kimball and Henry Fink, receivers of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, issued from the general offices in this city this afternoon a notification to all parties interested that they had assumed charge of the property and directing the opening of new accounts and reports of all officers to the receivers.

ATLANTA, GA., FEB. 7.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—The cold wave struck Atlanta about 10 o'clock this morning. In an hour the temperature fell from 49 to 20.

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THE DAY IN THE SENATE.

Discussion in Regard to Payment of Claims for the Sugar Bounty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Arctic weather was experienced in Washington today and at noon snow had been steadily falling for a couple of hours.

There was consequently a very slim attendance of Senators when the Chairman delivered morning prayer, and it was so dark that it was found necessary to light the gas above the glass roof of the chamber.

Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, said that he was instructed by the Committee on Claims to report an amendment to an appropriation bill and to make a brief statement. The amendment related, he said, to the claims for sugar bounty.

Part of it was for half the bounty on the sugar produced after that date. The Committee on Claims, he said, was divided on both propositions.

Mr. Mitchell said that the total amount involved, Mr. Mitchell said, was \$15,000,000, the half of that being \$7,500,000, which, added to the other sum, would make the whole amount about \$8,000,000.

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Temperature in the South.

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COLD, CRUEL WINTER

EXTREMELY SEVERE WEATHER REPORTED FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THE MERCURY FAR BELOW ZERO.

A Driving Snow Storm Reported from Florida to Maine--The Coldest Day of the Season Throughout the South and the Coldest Ever Known in the West--A Howling Blizzard Raging in Texas--Temperature Falls 40 Degrees in Florida During the Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Washington experienced a heavy snow storm today with gusts of wind reminiscent of the blizzard of 1888. This morning the thermometer registered five degrees above and there was a slight raise during the day.

The Potomac is frozen and it is feared that the thaw will cause a flood. Fears are also expressed that the long bridge, Washington's direct railway connection with the South, will be carried away.

The district commissioners will ask Congress to appropriate \$10,000 to clear the river of ice. The snow and wind continue to-night and street car traffic is much impeded.

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Snowed for Fifteen Hours.

CORNK, Feb. 7.—Snow has fallen for fifteen hours in southwestern Ireland. Several trains are embedded in drifts and no railway in the region is operating regularly.

A Stiff Northwest Gale.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 7.—The weather has grown steadily colder all day and to-night at 6:30 p. m. the Age Herald thermometer registered 13.4 above zero. It will go still further down before midnight. A stiff northwest gale has been blowing all day.

Thirty Below in Nebraska.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Feb. 7.—The Union Pacific's Atlantic express was wrecked a mile from here this morning by a spreading rail. Four cars and the engine were overturned. The thermometer was thirty degrees below zero and the passengers suffered greatly.

EVADING REVENUE LAWS.

A Moonshiner's Lair in the Heart of South Carolina's Capital.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 7.—Slick moonshiners who have for years been making a study of ingenious methods to evade the United States revenue laws, are not in it with the South Carolina revenue-law invaders.

To-day a lair was unearthed right in the heart of Carolina's capital which was almost in the bowels of the earth—a lair which rivals that of the North Carolina moonshiners who dived through a river's waters to reach the mouth of their underground distillery.

It was way down under the collar of the grocery store of Platt Hook and Spell, and the whole construction, and underground tunnel, particularly the manner of concealing the way of entrance, was the acme of ingenuity. Nearly \$3,000 worth of whiskey was bagged and confiscated. The search of the place was made by the liquor constables and police. The owners of the store refused to allow the officers to go into the store, but opened up the cellar. The building is a very long one and the cellar the officers were ushered into ran only about half way. At the rear end was solid earth.

The officers knew what they were doing, for they sent for shovels and spades and began to dig into the wall of the earth. After digging for about six feet their instruments struck air and they soon got into the rest of the cellar. They went in and searched all around. On one side next to the brick wall was what appeared to be the foundation of a large chimney running on up through the building. On this their attention centered. Pretty soon they began to cut into the brick and in a short time they gazed through and by the flickering light of a candle they could see that the chimney was a false one, that inside a ladder ran upward and there was a small tubular bar with all necessaries inside.

They cut the hole larger and got inside. They could see the bottom of an ingenious trap door in the floor above, which could not be detected above, as it was covered by shelving. But the liquor had not been found, and the real ingenuity of the hiding place was yet to be seen. The constables looked around the inside walls of the chimney and towards the outer wall they finally discovered a door about four feet high. They broke this down and stood at the mouth of a long, dark tunnel, running back into the "bowels of the earth."

A man could almost stand erect in the neatly constructed tunnel. An exploration began. The constables went on and on until they struck a point where the tunnel divided and branched in opposite directions, and the liquor was in sight. There was about forty feet of tunneling and the earth taken out of it had been used to make the false back to the cellar. It took the constables several hours to get all the liquor stored in the tunnel out. And there was lots of it. In all the constables estimate they got nearly 460 gallons.

TREASURY RECEIPTS.

Revenue From the New Tariff Bill Steadily Increased Since November.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The Treasury gold reserve was reduced today by withdrawals of \$324,000 of gold and New York to \$41,743,186.

The Treasury receipts from customs continue to justify expectations from the new tariff bill. They began to increase last November and have kept steadily up since that time.

At the present ratio of receipts to expenditures the month of February will about balance, although the excess of expenditures over receipts is now \$2,400,000. Most of the heavy expenditures are made in the first half of the month.

Expenditures for Treasury do not take into consideration any fixed charges on account of the sinking fund, which is in arrears about \$140,000,000, beginning as far back as Secretary Windom's time, and being ignored by all subsequent Secretaries of the Treasury since because of lack of funds.

Seven Men Killed.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Seven men were killed by an explosion in the Timesbury colliery near Bristol to-day.