

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

THE THIRD CONVICTION

INSURANCE AGENT HASSELL IS FOUND GUILTY OF FALSE PRETENCES.

CONSPIRACY CASE NOW ON TRIAL

Ab Wigfall's Evidence in Regard to the Insurance of His Brother, James Wigfall—He was Consumptive when Insured and Could Not Speak Above a Whisper—Both the Application and the Death Proofs were Entirely False—No Argument by Counsel.

—At the special term of Jones court to-day the third of the "Graveyard" insurance cases was called.

State against C. R. Hassell, Silas Blount, David Parker and Albert Wigfall, false pretenses, was called.

The solicitor pro pressed the defendants Parker and Blount and announced that Wigfall had just informed him that he desired to submit.

The defence exhausted their challenges and then objected to the tales jurors because they had been summoned from distant parts of the county.

They made the objection that these jurors should have been summoned from amongst the by-standers. Judge Graham overruled the objection.

Ab. Wigfall was then introduced by the State. Col. Jno. W. Himsdale's examination elicited the following:

"James Wigfall was my brother. I have been living in Beaufort thirty-five years. My general business is fishing. I know Hassell. I signed the name James Wigfall to the application for insurance in the Bay State Beneficial Association, Barney Davis, who purports to be subscribing witness to the name, was not present when I signed. I do not know where Barney now is. He left Beaufort recently but did not tell me where he was going.

"C. R. Hassell filed up this application at his house in Beaufort, Jim and I being present. He had spoken to my brother concerning the insurance and told me it would be wise if I could talk to Jim about it. I felt embarrassed about it but eventually he made the application and we got the policy. Hassell said it was the best thing my brother and I had ever done. That one but himself would have taken the risk. It was at Hassell's solicitation that the policy was put upon my brother's life.

"Jim was about 21 years old and lived in Beaufort all his life except when he was at St. Augustine school in Raleigh. About 3 years before his death he returned from school to Beaufort and taught school with the exception of 3 months, when he was merchandising. He had quit school teaching on account of his health and stopped merchandising a month before his death, because his health would not permit him to continue.

"I had Jim brought home from school. He then had a deep, heavy cough."

Question—"When did he get well of that cough?"

"When he died. He died Nov. 6, 1895. The application was made Oct. 18th, 1895.

"At the time this application was made I judge he weighed 90 pounds. He was weak and feeble and did not look to me like he would live long. He had a constant, heavy hacking cough and was choked up with phlegm. I think he had consumption. He was unable to work. I was present when he died. He was lying on his back and asked me to make a fire. I had a nice fire, but revived it to please him, and when I came back to the bed, he had raised up. I put my arms around him and carried him to a chair. He was as light as a child. When he struck the chair he was dead. He was conscious to the last."

The sworn proofs of death state that the assured died of typhoid pneumonia after an illness of 5 days.

"At the time the application was made he could not speak above a whisper."

"I said the premiums on this policy to Hassell. He said brother Jim did well to get the policy out."

Witness identifies the death proofs, sworn to by Dr. T. B. Delamar. The witness stated that a draft on the Bay State Association for \$3,000, which is handed to him and identified, was signed by Silas Blount for him in his (Wigfall's) name, and was given to Frank W. Gibbs to be mailed. It is payable to G. H. Roberts, cashier Bank of Newbern.

"The draft was paid by the company and I got the money. Two or three days after Hassell found I got the money he met me on the street and said 'I guess you are rich now.'"

"I said no."

"He said, 'you have acted damn mean towards me anyway. You ought to have given me one-fourth of that money. Nobody else would have done your dirty work for you.'"

On cross-examination witness admitted he pocketed \$2,970 and said he divided it with his wife and children.

"Dave Parker collected it for me. I do not know whether I have made my peace with the prosecution. Hassell got his fees. My brother consented for me to sign his name to the application. He was feeble and said he did not feel like signing it. Hassell did not ask me to pay him the horse and buggy hire Parker owed him, now that I had money."

"I have spent the money I got from the insurance company in various ways. Some of it on my house. I have an ordinary home, 16x24 feet, 4 rooms. It is listed for taxation at \$400. I owned the lot and had the house nearly finished when I got this money. I have five in my family. I have no money now. When I got the \$3,000 I owed some money—Frank Johnson, \$100; Perry Davis, \$100. I cannot say who else I owed. I don't know what has become of the money. I swear I do not know where the sum and substance of the \$3,000 has gone. Dave Parker didn't get it. I loaned him \$100. He gave me his note for it. I will say I loaned him \$500. I loaned Frank Gibbs \$400 or \$500. I do not know how I have spent it. I don't know what has become of the other \$1,200. Silas Blount had \$100 but he knows what doctor exam-

ined my brother. I suppose Mr. Hassell took Jim to the doctor. I did not take a sound colored man to Mr. Hassell and represent that it was my brother. I had this insurance some time before David Parker knew it. Silas Blount learned about it the same time David did. I took no security for the money I loaned Parker and Gibbs.

"I have known Mr. Hassell nine or ten years."

R. C. Strong testified that the application for insurance was filled out in Hassell's handwriting.

B. L. Robinson, G. W. Perkins, Jas. Bryant and Jas. C. Davis, of Beaufort, corroborated the witness Wigfall as to the condition of his brother's health at the time the insurance was effected.

The State then rested. It had been reported that Hassell would take the stand in his own behalf in this case, but after a hurried conference with his counsel, they decided otherwise.

The case was submitted to the jury upon the charge of his Honor Judge Graham, no argument being made by counsel. Before midnight the jury returned a verdict of guilty—the third this week.

To-day the case of State against S. D. Delamar, T. B. Delamar, Levi T. Noe, J. C. Delamar, Stephen L. Turner and W. H. Turner, for conspiracy, was called.

THREE CRIMES IN FRANKLIN

Killed White Gambling—Dead Infant Found—Shot From Ambush.

LOUISBURG, N. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The past few days have seen three very serious crimes committed in this county.

On Sunday, Tink Mills and Judge Cook, colored men, about 40 or 45 years old each were gambling in the northern part of the county. They had a fifty cent piece on the table, and of this 50 cents Mills owned 10 cents and Cook 40 cents. The table was full of money and Mills at once pulled a pistol and shot him and he died on Tuesday. Mills has been in hiding since.

A few days ago some parties found floating in Tar river about eight miles below here the body of a new born white male child. The body was wrapped in a piece of white cloth and then tied in a guano sack. The party who found the infant buried it and afterwards told his neighbors of it. It came to the ears of the authorities and Cook 40 cents. The table was full of money and Mills at once pulled a pistol and shot him and he died on Tuesday. Mills has been in hiding since.

On Thursday night as Jas. L. Harris, his mother and son, James, were sitting before the fire at Harris' house some one shot young James through the window, hit him on the side of the neck and face and dangerously wounded him. No warning was given and no cause is known for the shooting.

THURMAN AND POLITICS.

President Taylor Talks to the Students About the Old Roman.

WAKE FOREST, N. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—This morning at the chapel services President Taylor made a few private remarks about the late Allen G. Thurman as an illustration of the possibilities of incorruptible American citizenship. These three-minute talks by Dr. Taylor at prayers are stimulating and valuable to the students.

The religious services at the limits of the Christmas holiday. It will extend from 2 p. m., Dec. 20th to 9 a. m., Dec. 26th.

The fall term examinations will all be held within the period of one week, that next preceding January 15th. Each examination is to last for three hours, and there will be two examination periods each day, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

A number of students are expected to matriculate January 15th, the beginning of the spring term. President Taylor has distributed 4,000 copies of the "Old Roman" to the students of college and announcing the new term.

Rev. T. C. Britton, of Mooch, China, Wake Forest graduate, preached here Wednesday evening last.

Judge Timberlake is on the Hill visiting his mother.

LOWER RATES TO ATLANTA.

Another Cut Made by All Roads South of the Old River.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—Railroads South of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi rivers have just made from the 19th to the 20th of December, inclusive, rates much lower than any ever made before. The round trip from Washington, D. C., to Atlanta, Ga., 1,300 miles can be made for \$8.57 or little over half a cent a mile. Other rates are: New Orleans, La., \$6.20; Nashville, \$3.40; Knoxville \$2.80; Birmingham \$3; Chattanooga \$2.45; Savannah \$4.20; Jacksonville, Fla., \$5.25; Louisville \$6.70; Cincinnati \$7.15 (\$4.30 lower than the previous excursion rate); Lexington, Va., \$5.90; New Orleans \$7.45; Norfolk, Va., \$7.90; Portsmouth, Va., \$7.90; Columbia \$3.80; Raleigh, N. C., \$6.90; and Evansville, Ind., \$6.80. Tickets are good for five days.

AND STILL ANOTHER WEDDING.

It Will Be Celebrated in Winston Next Wednesday.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.) Miss Bessie Anderson, the accomplished daughter of Maj. W. F. Anderson, of this city, will wed Mr. David Luke, a wealthy young paper manufacturer of Piedmont, W. Va. The event takes place at the home of the bride, December 18.

Winston shipped over 200,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco this week.

The county exhibit shows Forsyth's expenses during the past year to have been \$25,165.77. The convict camp cost \$8,319.42.

ELEVEN STORES WERE BURNED.

TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed eleven stores in Bethel, Pitt county, last night, the buildings being the principal business houses in the town. The losses estimated at \$25,000, half of which is covered by insurance. The merchants who lost most heavily are S. T. Carson, A. B. Cherry, Stanton Cherry and Bunting and Blount.

NEXT YEAR AT KINSTON

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE DECIDES TO MEET THERE IN 1896.

RALEIGH ALSO ASKED FOR IT

But Kinston Got the Votes—Dr. Kilgo's Plain Talk About Christian Education and Universities—Rev. T. N. Ivey's Reply to Cy Thompson—President Cleveland Stops Over on His Way Home But Doesn't Stay Long—The Bishop's Address.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The fourth day's opening worship was conducted by Rev. J. W. Jenkins. The call of the pastoral charges was completed. The bishop had the class elected to deacon's orders to come before the Conference and he addressed them at length. This was a very comprehensive and profound address and was listened to with close attention by a large congregation.

"We have no creed that is not to be verified in consciousness and expressed in the life. The doctrine is not worth much that can't be lived. Our great work is to save men. We are not to instruct them in the creeds, as a school would do, but we are to save them by bringing them to living union with the living Christ. If we can do this we shall not be uneasy about our theology. The extent of a man's power and the fulness of his ministry is to be valued by his vital union with Christ."

"I want every one of you to be so grounded in Christ that you shall be always the enemy of sin in every form. Don't allow any compromise with sin. There is no concord between Christ and Belial. I want our ministry to represent the highest quality and highest faith of Christian life, so that they shall go to their people and say you can't make any alliance with sin."

"But you are to fight worldliness in the church in the spirit of love. You are not to use a meat axe and try to butcher men, but in love you are to rebuke men for their sins. There are no degrees of sin. All sin is alike evil in the sight of God. The sin of drunkenness is not darkened homes and broken families and distressed hearts. These are but the results of sin, but the great iniquity of drunkenness is that God has said, 'no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven.'"

"When we work among the poor and outcast the world looks upon us with scorn, as though we were insignificant, but we are doing a work there that is going to set us upon the throne of power at last. Therefore shall rise up from among these, the very subjects of your kingdom."

"We don't want any small men in our ministry who will look with scorn upon the low places among the masses, but we want men who are great enough to serve the lowest of all people in the earth."

"You will have to get yourselves down if you want to get up. You must go to the very poorest of the earth if you would be the noble men that God wants you to be."

The fixing of the place for the next conference was the next order of business. The vote was between Edenton Street, Raleigh, and Kinston. Kinston was chosen.

THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The report of the committee on books and periodicals was submitted to the conference. The report recommends that the editorial management of the paper be put under the control of a committee elected by the two conferences. The report bearing on this matter was made the special order for 10 o'clock next Monday.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the conference again convened, with Rev. R. A. Willis in the chair. The report of the joint board of finance was made. W. H. Branson, of Durham, is chairman of the board.

DR. KILGO'S OPTIMISM.

The report of the Board of Education was next submitted. Dr. Kilgo spoke to the report. Among other things, he said: "This report comes to us with no voice of calamity. There is in it no lack of faith. It shows that we have not worked in vain. There has been progress in all our institutions. This is an hour of congratulation. The future church is to be determined by the place Christ holds in its educational institutions. It is time the world was taking Christian education seriously."

"The Church of Jesus Christ, moved and guided by the Holy Spirit, has been bearing humanity for 4,000 years along the road which leads from slavery to universal freedom. During the first stage she wandered through the low grounds. From Calvary she began to mount with renewed vigor. But in all her journey she has not descended. Yes, the men who had seen the glory of Pentecost had hardly fallen on sleep before the descent of the Holy Spirit had begun. When Constantine saw in the heavens the fiery cross, and afterward carried that cross on his victorious banners, she descended into the corruption of a State Church and an elaborate Christian formalism. During the travail of the Reformation and the Reformation she descended into the awful gloom of pagan philosophy, pagan superstition and pagan immorality. In the eighteenth century she descended into the depths of a gross materialism culminating in the horrors of the French Revolution. But she has not also descended. Yes, she has never fallen. God is descending low but that she has risen higher; and we have only to look at the position of humanity when Christ walked and talked on earth and the position of humanity now to see how high in the atmosphere of liberty it has been lifted by the Church of God."

THE PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

Call for the Committee to Meet and Fix the Time and Place.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 14.—The National Executive Committee of the People's Party have issued a call for a meeting of the National Convention at Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., January 17, 1896, to fix the time and place for holding a National Convention and transact other business. They say it is desirable that they have a full representation, and kindly request all to present. No one will be permitted to act as proxy without credentials in writing. The call is signed by H. E. Taubeneck, chairman; M. C. Rankin, treasurer; J. N. Turner and Lawrence J. McParlin, secretaries.

GUNBOATS ARE ON HAND

AUSTRIAN GAUARD SHIP JOINS BRITISH AND ITALIAN VESSELS AND IS NOW IN THE BOSPHORUS

The Guns of the Turkish Forts Were Famed Upon the British Ship Dryad as She Passed the Dardanelles—Fifty Thousand Persons Killed in the District of Van.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 13, via Sofia, Dec. 14.—It became known to-day that the British gunboat Dryad, which is to act as the second guardship for the British embassy here, had quite an exciting time while passing through the straits of the Dardanelles. When she approached the forts of Kum Kale and Sedil Bahr at the entrance of the Dardanelles in front of their parissons, and notified them that the Sultan had granted permission for the passage of the boat, they quickly manned the guns, which were loaded, and trained them on the incoming vessel. The commander sent a boat out to meet the Dryad, and quite a time elapsed before he was satisfied that she had the right to enter. Then the Dryad was allowed to proceed through the straits and into the sea of Marmora on her way to the Bosphorus.

The absence of news from the interior of Asiatic Turkey, and particularly from Zooloom, is causing much uneasiness among the Armenians and others here.

The extra Austrian guardship, Sebenice, a 900-ton gunboat, carrying four guns of fair caliber and two quick-firing guns, has arrived here.

A new trade (proclamation) has been issued in connection with the work of the reform in Asiatic Turkey. It orders that those who are found guilty of murder, arson, pillage or theft of stock shall be prosecuted inexorably and punished in the most severe manner.

The trade also orders that the troops are to repress all disorders by force of arms, and that armed persons shall be amenable to martial law.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOMELESS.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—A letter describing prevailing condition at Van, Eastern Turkey, has just been received in this city. The writer asserts that a descent upon that place may be expected at any time.

"The country," says the writer, "is being devastated just as fast as armed herds of Kurds can travel from one village to another. Thousands of Kurds are gradually completing their work of devastation and it is feared will soon make a descent upon this city. The work of the last twenty days has rendered at least 15,000 people homeless and utterly destitute. Sassoon is a mere incident compared with what is going on now in this province. If the powers had never touched the question of reform the people would have been ten times happier, safer and richer than they are now."

The writer concludes by asking: "What is the meaning of this great political crime of stirring up the Moslems to hate the Christians more than ever and then calmly leaving the people to their fate?"

Another correspondent writing from Philippopolis, Bulgaria, refers to a clipping from a Turkish paper which he says the English Consul has translated as follows: "General satisfaction has been caused by bringing to light of the seditious intention of the American missionaries, who, on the pretext of aiding, go about the village of Anatolia sowing the seeds of sedition, which are in their minds; and we are glad to hear that the Imperial Government is taking energetic means to repress and drive away such masters of pernicious opinions."

HEAVY FAILURE IN RICHMOND.

President of the Planters' National Bank Makes an Assignment.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 14.—The failure of Mr. James B. Pace, president of the Planters' National Bank, was announced this afternoon. He has made the bank secure by assigning to himself \$250,000 worth of real estate which will cover his liabilities to that institution. The total liabilities are about \$1,000,000 and the creditors are in five classes. The Virginia Trust Company, of which Mr. Pace was also president, is preferred. His son is a creditor of the third class in the sum of \$100,000. In the fifth and last class are northern creditors in sums aggregating \$600,000. Mr. Pace resigned as president of the bank and as a director. Mr. J. J. Montague succeeded him in the former position and Mr. T. C. Williams in the latter. The bank is made absolutely secure and has plenty of currency to meet all demands besides all the other banks have pledged any assistance that may be needed. Mr. Pace has been sick and his business suffered by his absence. The direct cause of the failure is inability of friends, whose papers he held, to meet their obligations. He has, too, been unfortunate in speculation in cotton.

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THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Chairman Carter Issues the Call for the National Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Chairman Carter, of the Republican National committee, to-day issued the call for the National convention. Each State will be entitled to four delegates-at-large and for each representative in Congress at large two delegates, and each Congressional district, each territory and the District of Columbia, two delegates. The delegates at large shall be chosen by popular State conventions, called on not less than twenty days published notice, and not less than thirty days before the meeting of the National convention.

The Congressional district delegates shall be chosen at conventions called by the Congressional committee of each such district in the same manner as the nomination of a representative in Congress is made in said district, provided, that in any Congressional district where there is no Republican Congressional committee shall appoint from the residents of such district a committee for the purpose of calling a district convention to elect district delegates. The territorial delegates shall be chosen in the same manner as the nomination of a delegate in Congress is made. The delegates from the District of Columbia shall be chosen at a convention to be called by the National committee at its meeting in Washington City on December 20th, and such convention shall be constituted of members elected in district primaries to be held at such time and places and presided over by such judges of election as said committee of three may appoint.

In addition to the delegates now authorized by the rules of the National Convention for the territories of Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona the committee advises each of said territories to elect four delegates and the admission of such additional delegates to the convention is recommended.

The committee also advises each delegate to the National Convention to act in case of the absence of the delegate, shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the delegate is elected.

All notices of contests must be filed with the secretary of the National Committee in writing, accompanied by printed statements of the grounds of contest, which shall be made public. Preference in the order of hearing and determining contests will be given by the committee in accordance with the dates of filing such statements and statements with the secretary.

THOMAS H. CARTER, Chairman.

JOS. H. MANLEY, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, 1895.

HELD AN INFORMAL RECEPTION

The People of Elizabeth City Shake Hands With the President.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 14.—President Cleveland arrived here at 4 o'clock this evening on board the light house tender Violet. The town turned out to greet him and for about half an hour Mr. Cleveland held an informal reception. The villagers were anxious to shake hands with the President and Mr. Cleveland seemed willing to gratify their wish in this respect.

The President was dressed in a sack suit of black and those who expected to see him arrayed in fishing and hunting costume were disappointed. His face was bronzed and he seemed in fine health and spirits. He was importuned for a speech but declined. From what can be learned the President has distinguished himself as a sportsman on this trip. Scores of duck and swan have gone down before his unerring gun. Although the storm, which has been raging along the coast with great ferocity, interfered with the sport, the party, it is understood, had no unpleasant experience and were at no time in serious danger.

Mr. Cleveland is very popular among the natives along the coast and they flocked into town as soon as it was known that the Violet had arrived.

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RESTS BESIDE HIS WIFE

REMAINS OF JUDGE THURMAN CONSIGNED TO MOTHER EARTH.

WITH THE SIMPLEST CEREMONIES

The Funeral Was Held at the Thurman Residence in the Presence of a Great Crowd Who Had Assembled to Pay the Last Debt Tribute to the Memory of the Beloved "Old Roman"—The Obsequies Were Conducted by Rev. J. L. Grover.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—With simple yet most solemn and impressive ceremonies all that is mortal of Allen G. Thurman, jurist, statesman and beloved citizen, was consigned to mother earth. The entire city felt the loss and all joined with the bereaved family in their grief. It was the desire of the deceased that there should be but the simplest exercises when the end came and in accordance with this desire were the arrangements for the sad ceremony of to-day made. Two years ago when the wife of the venerable statesman was laid to rest, Rev. J. L. Grover conducted the services and so impressed was Judge Thurman that he secured from the minister promise that should fate permit, the same services should be repeated over his remains.

The funeral was held at the Thurman residence, at the corner of Rich street and Washington avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning and even before the appropriate hour he was surrounded with sorrowing friends who were gathered to pay the last tribute to the memory of the beloved dead. There, mingled together, were State officials and private citizens, the substantial business man and the mechanic from the humbler walks of life, all come to testify to their appreciation of the sterling qualities of the departed member of the deceased. With bedimmed eyes they stood exposed to the wintry blasts but a small portion of the number being able to gain access to the house, awaiting the time when they should be permitted to file through and take a last look at him whom they had all known and loved so dearly.

The Thurman Club, named for the "Old Roman," and in whose affairs the dead Senator took the greatest interest during his lifetime, met at their club rooms and marched in a body to the house. Governor McKinley and the State officials, in accordance with a pre-arranged plan and together proceeded to the residence, as did also the city officials, headed by Mayor Allen. The postmaster, acting under special permission from Washington, had closed the office and all the employees, as well as the other Government officials in the city, attended. And in addition to those were numerous private citizens from every walk of life, making an immense concourse. Probably at no time has there been a more notable gathering in the city of Columbus on such an occasion.

The members of the family, the Governor and party, and such of the friends as could be accommodated, were admitted to the house previous to the beginning of the services, and then the doors were closed until the brief exercises were concluded.

Rev. J. L. Grover, who conducted the obsequies, was a life-long friend of the deceased, and is himself bowed under the weight of years, having passed his eighty-ninth milestone in life's journey. His white head shook and his voice trembled as he proceeded to read Psalm and followed with brief prayer. The services were the most simple in character, there being no music, and consisted of the reading of the Episcopal burial service, found in the Book of Common Prayer, and the reading of the Lord's Prayer, and then pronounced the benediction. There was nothing whatever in the nature of a sermon, nor were there any words spoken other than here indicated. Simplicity had been the desire of the dead man regarding the funeral service, and his wishes were respected.

The remains were in a plain but elegant black casket and rested in the arched way between the parlor and hall. The features were very life-like, the end having come without the ravages of disease and there was a calm and peaceful look on the face.

GOLDEN SCREAM FLOWS OUT.

And Secretary Carlisle's Report is Anxiously Awaited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The well defined prospect of the "specie" exchange of gold on a large scale during the coming weeks, practically regardless of the exchange market, renders the question of the financial situation of the United States treasury profoundly interesting to the community at large, including the holders of Government bonds and securities here and in Europe. Accordingly the report of Secretary Carlisle is anxiously awaited.

With a Congress politically hostile to Cleveland the prevailing opinion is that no legislation materially affecting our monetary system is at all likely. Foreign exchange is still at the gold export point, legitimate operations in the outward movement have been moderate during the past week.

Estimates of the engagements of gold to be shipped by Tuesday's steamer range up to \$4,000,000. Of this amount a little less than \$2,000,000 has been arranged for. Muller, Schall & Co. will ship from \$400,000 to \$600,000 and Heidebach,