#### The Weather To-Day: [FOR NORTE] FAIR.

# The News and Obserier

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1900. PRICE FIVE CENTS VOL. XLVII. NO. 144 Leads all North Carolina Dailies in News and Circulation "I'm getting tired of these taunts and meers," said he. "You won't let us clock Chairman Cannon gave out the THE REPUBLICANS **UNDER GOOD COVER** another kopje held by the Yorkshires. TILLMAN AGAIN sneers," following statement of the amendments A vigorous fusilade ensued, the British alone.' agreed upon by the conference: firing accurately and succeeding in silencing the Boer fire. Meanwhile the "The Senator won't let us let him "The conference requested the Ways and Means committee to offer an amendsuggested Mr. Spooner amid alone," EN ERS THE LIST **CRONJE FIGHTS ON** were ordered to reinforce the Buffs WANT MORE TIME ment to the bill as follows: laughter. Yorkshires in case the Boers should be "In every State," replied Mr. Tillman, "'Amend the title to make it An Act reinforced. The British attack worked where the whites have divided politics Temporarily to Private Revenue for the around to the right of the kopje held by Island of Porto Rico and For Other Pur-poses, and to add the following secbetween the Democrats and Populiststhe Yorkshires, where the Seventh bat and it is so in every Southern State ex-cept South Carolina-the 'nigger' hold tery was stationed, the Sixty-second bathe Suffrage in Hawaii and For General Debate on Porto Boers Burrow in the River tery being placed at a farm near the the balance of power. As such they "This act shall be taken and held to centre of the Borderers' position. A vigstand there as a menace to a pure sufbe provisional in its purpose, intended to South Carolina. Rican Bill. orous shelling, accompanied by a British Bank Like Rabbits. meet a pressing, present need for reve-nue of the Island of Porto Rico and is frage and to good government, because fusilade, completely silenced the Boers. they are a purchasable quantity, edu-A company of Yorkshires were sent to clear out the Boers but the attempt cated or uneducated. not to continue in force after March 1st. "eW are charged with fraud and cor-ruption and ballot box stuffing. Finally FOOD STILL PLENTIFUL failed, the Boers opening a heavy fire, 1902.' THE VENAL NEGRO VOIE THE TIME IS GRANTED "These amendments were adopted with and the British having no cover. practical unanimity Another to reduce the duty imposed by the act from 25 per after the bayonets had come to us again The British then again opened a heavy SOME NUTS TOO HARD NORTHERN TEETH. FOR might We took the government. We stuffed ballot boxes, we bull-dozed the 'niggers' and we shot 'em. And we are not ashamed of it." rifle fire which silenced the Boers. The cent to 15 per cent was adopted by a DISSATISFIED REPUBLICANS AMMUNITION, HOWEVER, IS Boers made several attempts to run, but vote of 105 to 11. A further amendthe Maxims opened on them effectually and checked them. The Buffs now WOULD NOT YIELD. ment is to be offered by the Ways and SAID TO BE SHORT. Means committee to make it clear that worked carefully and cautiously around Leaning toward Mr. Spooner and shak-ing his finger at the Wisconsin Senator, no double duty is imposed: that the payand got within 150 yards of the Boers. ment of one internal revenue tax is the OPENING OF THE MAITHEW QUAY CASE AND SOME ARE COUNSELING SURRENDER Eighty Boers surrendered, but many, it THE TIME IS EXTENDED TO TONIGHT Mr. Tillman said: total tax on importation." appears, escaped, going singly. "What would you have done? You About 125 Republicans attended the Most of the prisoners had just arrived from Ladysmith. They complained of the bad generalship of their leader. would have done the same thing, I see it in your eye." (Laughter.) conference, The leaders had been in consultation during the day discussing Mr. Turl-y Speaks Against Seating Quay, De-The Republicans Again Co fer and Agree to Buller's Advance on Ladysmith is Marked by The amendment offered by Mr. Cullom plans for allaying the opposition to the claring Under the Constitution the Govwas finally adopted. So, too, was the amendment of Mr. Platt (Conn.), which Nearly every man carried explosive bul-Reduce the Duty Imposed by th Bill bill and bringing the recalcitrants into Heavy Fighting. Grobler's Kloof a Horlets and five British were wounded with The Republican members of the ernor is Powerless to Appoint Him from Twen'y-Five to Fitteen these missiles. I have seen the bullet, of has beeen pending for several days, relat-Ways and Means committee, except Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, the dissenting net's Mest. Boers Army Assembling ing to the appointment and tenture of office of the judges of the Hawaiian which one Boer carried fifty. in the Crcumstances. Per Cent. There is no longer the slightest doubt Near Blo mf ntein. Republican, called on the President at Washington, Feb. 26 .- Formal discusthat the Boers are gradually discarding all rules of civilized warfare. The other the White House this afternoon to as-Washington, Feb. 26 .- The general de-Courts London, Feb. 27 .-- (4:20 a. m.)-- The Mr. Butler (N. C.), offered an amendcertain definitely the President's posibate on the Porto Rican Tariff Bill in sion of the right of former Senator Quay ment restoring to Hawaii the postal sav-Boers are assembling an army near day they poured the contents of a Vickto a seat in the Senate as a member tion the House today is extended until tomor-Bloemfontein, with which to dispute the ers-Max'm gun into am ambulance, which ings bank system. Without concluding Assurance that he favored the passage from Pennsylvania, was begun today by the discussion of the amendment, the Senate, at 5:15 p. m., adjourned. row night, on announcement of Mr. of the bill was given out afterward. happened, however, to be empty, some invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelli-Mr. Turley (Tenn.), in a constitutional three hundred yards away from the Payne (N. Y.), the floor leader, that no The Republican members of the Ways gence comes from Pretoria by way of . argument against the seating of Mr. Lourenzo Marques. The commandoes are described as "hastening from all nearest troops. compromise had been made with the disand Meens committee, together with Quay. Consideration of the Hawaiian The war balloon is doing excellent ser-Speaker Henderson, remained at the cap-itol canvassing the situation during the satisfied Republicans. The speakers to-Government Bill brought out a lively discussion between Mr. Tillman (S. C.). Antonio Ferraro Electrocuted. vice. Early this morning it arose to a quarters of the two republics. day were Messrs. Boutell (III.), Brown No estimate is made of their numbers, great height and discovered in the bed New York, Feb. 26 .- Antonio Ferraro

but the withdrawal of the Boers from of the river four wagons which conmost of the places where they have been in contact with the British, except the district near Ladysmith may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field. The gathering of this army across the

path of Lord Roberts gives significance to General Cronje's steadfast defense. He has engaged the corps of Lord Roberts for ten days now, and, whether he is relieved or not, he has given time for the dispersed Boer factions to get together and to prepare positions to reeeive the British advance when Cronje is overcome and Lord Roberts moves forward.

It is difficult to conceive that the Boers are strong enough to take the offensive and to rescue General Cronje from his precarious situation.

The War Office has nothing after midnight to indicate his collapse, and he may hold out for a few days. The correspondents seem to have no exact information respecting his resources. Some say he has plenty of food but is short of ammunition. Others assert that he abandoned his food supplies, but kept

tained ammunition. These were exploded by the British shells an hour afterward. The balloon observer also discovered a number of horses concealed nearby and these also received attention from the British shraphnel. The Gordons are now incorporated in the Highland brigade making four kilted regiments. The Highland Light infantry. who are not kilted and are a fine body of men, are going to join General Smith-Dorriens' regiment.

#### BULLER'S CASUALTY LISTS.

London, Feb. 26 .- General Buller, in a lispatch from Colenso, dated Sunday, February 25th, reports that the British casualties for February 20th were 12 killed and 99 wounded, among the Somersets and Dorsetts, and that on February 22nd and February 23rd, 12 officers were wounded.

The War Office today issued another list of casualties sustained by the Fifth brig de, under General Buller, February 23rd and February 24th which include seven officers killed, 23 wounded and one missing.

General Buller's death list contains the names of three lieutenant colonels,

(Ohio), Mondell (Wyo.), Graham (Pa.), and Reeder (Kan.), for the b.ll, and Messrs. Bartlett (Ga.), Lanham (Texas), Moon (Tenn), Williams (Ill.), Johnston (W. Va.), Sutherland (Neb.), Jett (Ill.), Moon (III.), and Wilson (Ariz.), against When Mr. Payne preferred the request

for the extension of time, Mr. Richardson, the Democratic leader, said: "This is a remarkable request to come

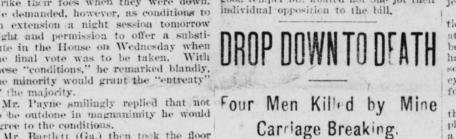
from the majority. We construe it to be a frank and caudid confession that they have brought here a bad bill and an admission in open house to the country that they have not enough votes to pass it."

The Democrats, he continued, were always magnanimous. They would not strike their foes when they were down, He demanded, however, as conditions to an extension a night session tomorrow night and permission to offer a substitute in the House on Wednesday when the final vote was to be taken. With the final vote was to be taken. With these "conditions," he remarked blandiy, the minority would grant the "entreaty"

of the majority.

to be outdone in magnanimity he would agree to the conditions. Mr. Bartlett (Ga.) then took the floor

interim between the adjournment of the House at 5 o'clock and the assembling of the conference at eight. Chairman Cannon presided over the caucus. When Mr. Payne submitted the two amend-ments mentioned. General Shattue, of Ohio, made a vigorous inviry regarding the President's position to which Mr. Payne responded announcing emphati-cally that the President was convinced that the bill was constitutional and that he would sign the bill. Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, the venerable ex-Speaker of the House said that the omendments proposed made the bill an emergency measure against which the question of constitutionality eught not to be raised. Mr. McCall and Mr. Littlefield spoke in good temper but abated not one jot their



and Mr. Spooner (Wis.), in which the former admitted that ballot boxes had been stuffed and negroes had been shot in the South to maintain white domination. An amendment was made to the bill striking out the property qualification for voters for members of the Legislature, but little other progress was made

Mr. Frye (Maine), reported the Ship ping Subsidy Bill.

Mr. Turley, who prepared the majority report of the committee on the Quay resolution then spoke. He said the Governor under the constitution was powerless to fill the vacancy and his action was "in the teeth of every provision of the constitution bearing on the subject.

Mr. Turley agreed that the representation in the Senate from each State ought at all times the kept full, but he did not believe the framers of the constitution had intended deliberately to confer upon somebody else the duty to fill the vacancy in case the Legislature failed to perform its duty. "It is not possible," he said, "to coerce

the Legislature or to coerce the peo-ple, and when they fail of their duty it's a place where our system breaks down."

\$3,500. The vault door was blown open as also was the inner money vault by dynamite. The loss is covered by burglar insurance.

was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison to-

The electric current was turned on at

S:20 a. m., and five shocks were admin-

istered before the attending physicians were satisfied that he was dead. He

Robbery of a Bank

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26 .- A special from

Perry, Ga., says: The Perry Loan and Savings Bank was entered last night and robbed of

was pronounced dead at 8:28 a. m.

day for the murder of Luciane Muchio,

in Brooklyn on April 4th, 1898.



Around Him.

abundant supplies of cartridges.

General Buller on Saturday faced the last and strongest positions of the Boers who bar his way to Ladysmith. The strenuous fighting indicates a battle between armies, rather than rear guard action protecting a retreat.

On Thursday and Friday he lost forty-three officers killed and wounded, representing probably a total loss of from four hundred to five hundred.

General White's guns worked on Saturday upon the Boer positions and a heliogram from Ladysmith reported that the Boers were retreating and that larger rations were being issued in view of the fact that relicf seemed at hand. Nothing has been heard from Mafe-

king since February 12th. The movement on the veldt away from the railway is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops as the grass is burned up. Genral French has to wagon forage for his horses, and even the infantry find long marches harder than before, as forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots.

and animals has set in.

Technical military writers take these and datea February 24th, says: things into consideration in forecasting events.

from private letters that British rifles rabbitt warren and affords shell proof and ammunition have been landed on the positions." southern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for the Dutch colonists.

additional pieces of artillery. Whether all have been sent to Paardeberg is not known.

England next Monday.

#### EFFORT TO AID CRONJE.

#### Futile Attempt to Break Through Roberts' Line.

Paardeberg, Saturday, Feb. 24.-Yesseries of fights along the British front. One thousand Boers, commanded by operating in the immediate front. at either wait until his ammunition, which tempt to break through the British lines of General Cronje's forces who are coun left and cantered in the direction of a alternatives may occur at any moment. kopje with the object of occupying it. Unfortunately for the Boers however, the kopje was held by a company of Scottish Borderers who opened a heavy tire. The Boers galloped off but moved again towards another British position. with exactly the same result. Then they made a third attempt to occupy another position, but the Borderers were again ready to receive them. The third repulse thoroughly disconcerted the Boers, fighting. In Grobler's Kloof General perce ving enother kopje the Boers moved net's nest. quickly toward it. This kopje was unoccupied, but the Borderers, not to be beaten, raced the Boers for the position and won, occupying the kopje and driving off the Boers. A portion of the lat- district, the Boers evacuating the place, partially by the Borderers and facing

Thackery of the First Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Sitwell, of the Second Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and Thorold, of the Royal Welch Fusifiers. An additional list of the British cas-

ualties at Paareberk, February 18th, is announced and gives a lieutenant and eight men killed, a lieutenant and seven men missing and thirty eight men wounded

MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE. Cape Town, Feb. 26 .- The Canadian transport Pomeranian from Halifax, January 27th, with another contingent of Canadian troops on board, has arrived here.



#### Roberts Needs Lessons in Close Investment From the Boers.

London, Feb. 26 .- Dispatches from Paardeberg show that General Cronje's forces have far more protection from Field Marshal Lord Roberts' heavy fire The ordinary campaigning season is than at first indicated. A special disover, and the sickly season for both men patch from Paardeberg, published in the second edition of the Daily Chronicle

"A balloon has discovered the enemy well covered by a system of burrowing The Daily Chronicle says it learns in the river bank, which resembles a

It will not be much of a surprise if today and tomorrow which is the anniver-Lord Roberts has recently received 72 sary of Majuba Hill, pass without be ing marked by the surrender or annihilation of the gallant band so overwhelmingly hemmed in, though the eloseness Probably the Eighth division will leave of the investment appears open to criticism. Small bodies of Boers, apparent ly, are able to make their escape, causing comparison here between the Boer methods of investment, with their quickly dug, surrounding trenches, impassable barbed wire, etc., and those of the British.

Lord Roberts holds a position almost analagous with that held so long by the terday there was a most interesting Boers at Ladysmith. As General Cronje is reported to have plenty of food, the plan of starving him out can General Dewet, who were known to be scarcely avail as Lord Roberts must early dawn yesterday determined to at- is said to be short, runs out, or those aid General Cronje. A body of five selling surrender prevail. So indefinite hundred Boers moved toward the British is the information that either of these Meanwhile, Lord Roberts' engineers are sapping stendily towards the Boer laager, and according to a special from Faardeberg, dated Sunday, February 25th, the cordon is gradually drawing closer.

General Buller's march on Ladysmith being marked by sharp fighting. A Pietermaritzburg dispatch of today' date says he is still heavily engaged in who galloped away in a panic. Later Buller seems to have discovered a hor-

In Cape Coloney the British arms are steadily advancing.

Barkley East is now in their posses sion, according to a dispatch from that ter ultimately occupied a kopje flanked retreating on Lady Grey and wiring the modified bill is certain.

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with a half hours speech against He laid down as an elementary principle of international law that whenever a The Carriage Striki g a Projecting Shelf, the country, whether empire, monarchy, or republic acquired territory by conquest, purchase or treaty, that territory became a part of such country and subject to her laws. He pointed to the Supreme Court for consolation on the constitutional question in case the bill passed.

Porto Ricans were either Americans or mine carriage. There could be no such thing as aliens. separating and dividing the communities and privileges of American citizenship. Mr. Moon (Tenn.) was opposed to the bill. Mr. Boutell (Ill.) tollowed in advo-

cacy of the bill. The people of Porto Rico, he said, had certain fundamental rights, but not the rights of Amer.can citizenship.

The fundamental rights of American citizenship, he argued, would be endangered if the inhabitants of territory acquired by conquest or perhaps involuntarily, as a result of war, came into full fellowship with our people without the consent of the latter. He was opposed, he said, to admitting the Porto ed, while Williams and Woodward lived Ricans and the Filipinons to free competition with American labor.

It ill-became the other side, Mr. Boutell said, to taunt the Republicans with imperialism. The Democratic party was the only party that had sold American territory to a foreign monarchy. In 1819 a Democratic administration, against the

protest of the people of Texas, sold 380,-000 square miles of territory with the people on it to the King of Spain. "Great God!" said Mr. Boutell, "if we exercised the prerogatives of an carthly empire the Democratic party exercised the prerogatives of the Almighty." Mr. Sutherland (Pop., Neb.) declared

that the anti-imperialists were anxious to join their opponents upon the issue. The people, he said, would rally to the standard of the great Nebraskan, who in 1898 had announced that imperialism would endanger the life of the republic. There was no disposition to dodge the issue. The platform of 1896 would be reaffirmed, with the Declaration of Independence added.

After other speeches, the House, at 5:10 p. m., adjourned.

### DROP THE DUTY TO 15 PER CENT.

#### Republicans Fighting Hard for Their Porto Rican Bill.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- At the conference of House Republicans tonight on the Porto Rican Tariff Bill assurances were given that the President believed the measure constitutional and would approve it if it came to him, and an agree ment was reached to limit the operation of the bill to two years and to reduce the duty imposed by it from 25 per cent to 15 per cent of the American tariff. As a result the Republican leaders claim that the bill will have the support of il the Republicans except four, Messrs. McCall, of Massachusetts; Littlefield, of Maine; Lorimer, of Illinois, and Crumpacker of Indiana, and that this loss will be offset by affirmative votes of the opposition. They claim the passage of

After the conference adjourned at 11

Men Were Precipitated to the Bottom

#### of the Pit.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 26.-Four men were killed this morning in the Mount Mr. Lanhan (Texas) declared that the Pleasant Mine by the breaking of a

The killed are:	
William Gilbert.	
Thomas Williams.	
John Regan, and	
Frank Woodward.	

The men were descending on the mine carriage to the sixth vein. When it reached the fifth vein the carriage, which was going down at a rapid rate struck an adjustable shelf which was left projecting, breaking the bottom of the car-75 feet below.

Gilbert and Regan were instantly killonly a short time.

#### RAILROAD MAGNATE DIES.

#### Hugh M. Comer President of the Central of Georgia.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 26-Hugh M. Comer, President of the Central of Georgia, died at his home in this city this morning. Mr. Comer had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Comer was a native of Georgia, and had been long identified with Sayannah. At the time of his death he was senior partner in the cotton firm bearing his name. Mr. Comer was 53

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 26 .- The Wilmot Mills, of Honea Path, Anderson Mr. Tillmon said that the \$200 property County, was chartered today. Capital qualification had been put into the South stock \$200,000.

Cheraw, capital \$100,000, was chartered today. Rhode Island capitalists are back the racial question and added:

#### Allen Liner a Wreck.

Portland, Me., Feb. 26 .- The big Allan Line steamship Galifornia, which left her dock at midnight, went ashore on Ram Island Ledge, just outside of the harbor, a few minutes after her pilot left her this morning. All the passengers are safe, although still aboard.

#### McKinley Names a Tar Heel.

in the army.

Turley then entered upon a de tailed discussion of the constitutional and technical points involved in the case his desire being, he said, to present On All the Issues, the Money Question, Trus's every legal phase of the question. "Every State," he said, "should be

and Imperialism, the Republicans Are

#### on the Defensive

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 26 .- Hon. W. J. Bryan arrived in Memphis this morning and was given an enthusiastic reception by thousands. The early morning train brought crowds to hear Mr. Bryan and to join in the celebration of Mardi Gras. In the morning a breakfast was tendered the Nebraskan by Hon. W. H. Carroll and a reception was held at the Peabody Hotel in the afternoon.

Tonight Mr. Bryan delivered an address at the Auditorium. The huge structure was packed with people, and many were denied admission. In an interview Mr. Bryan was asked what the paramount issues in the approaching campaign would be. He said:

"Well, that depends. There are three questions before the public-the money question, trusts and imperialism. Men differ as to the relative value of these questions, but the Rpublicans are on the defensive on all of them. Events will do much to determine which issue will exercise the most influence. For instance the currency bill which is now in conference has emphasized the money question because it attempts to carry the gold standard a little farther and to turn paper money over to national banks. Every new trust tends to emphasize the trust question. The Boer war and the Porto Rico 'Tar Bill are emphasizing the nestion of imperialism. But as I said, the Republican party is on the defensive on all of them, and the fight will

be made all along the line. All three of the questions are alive."

"Is not the free silver sentiment dying out?" asked the reporter. "No, it is not dying out," replied Mr.

Bryan, "and the editors who continue to say that it is know better. The action of the Republican party in amending the Currency Bill, as a last resort, so as to revive the promise of international bimettalism, is a confession that the go'd standard is not satisfactory, and no Republican editor can explain that amendment except by acknowledging that it is an attempt to thrust fraud on the Amer-

#### THE JANE C. HARRIS STRANDED.

#### Schooner From Washington, N. C. Ashore at Oregon Inlet.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26 .- The cargo of he schooner Jane C. Harris, from Washington, N. C., for Philadelphia, before reported stranded at Oregon Inlet, will prebably wash ashore.

The Lewes, Del., life-saving station states that the Wachapreague Life Savers report that the schooner J. T. Ford, from Cape Charles for Chincoteague, with household goods, struck the bar at Wachapreague today, filled and The crew was saved. sunk.

A woman invented the ice-cream freezer-and women have kept the thing going ever since.

#### Mr. Spooner deprecated a discussion of "The Senator has said that the people of South Carolina have sedulously ex-

for voters. There is something of reason in an educational qualification, but manhood suffrage is one thing and dollar suffrage is quite another."

Washington, Feb. 26.-The President today nominated Frank B. Davis, of before it was irrevocably laid at rest was North Carolina, to be second lieutenant | that he wanted the position of the Southern people to be understood.

notified, in language that cannot be mistaken, that its permanent representation in this body shall depend upon its electing a Legislature that will do its duty. "Let it once be understood." he con-

tinued, "that these contests are not personal questions and will be decided on legal and constitutional grounds and the bringing of contests here will soon cease. In myexperience I cannot now recall an honest division of a Legislature on party lines. There are nearly always three or more ambitious candidates, in the same party who create all the trouble. In not one single instance in 75 years has

a Senator been admitted here who was appointed by the State Executive after the Legislature had had an opportunity to elect; and never in the history of the riage and dropping the men to the pit, Government has a candidate been seated when the vacancy occurred during the session of the Legislature."

On unanimous consent the case was then postponed.

When the Hawaiian Bill was taken up Mr. Cullom offered several minor amendments and one striking out the property qualifications of those who desired to for representatives and Senators

in the Hawaiian Legislature. Mr. Tillman argued that his amendment substituting the suffrage provisions of the constitution of South Carolina was in all senses a better provision than that offered by the committee reporting the hill.

Mr. Tillman said:

"The people of South Corolina, in their constitution have done their level best to prevent the 'niggers' from voting. What I now ask you to do is to give the Kanakas and Portuguese of the Hawaiian Islands the same power of suffrage as we in South Carolina have given the 'niggers'."

In reply to a question of Mr. Spooner, Carolina constitution for the benefit of

the negro. ble its capacity. This brings the amount "No provision was needed for the of capital projected in cotton mills in this whites," said Mr. Tillman, "because the State since January 1st to nearly three whites would get through anyhow. We million dollars, or nearly \$50,000 a day. have some conscience in the South as an attempt t There are several other concerns which to tre, nent of the 'niggers.' You have ican people."

nave not yet crystalized. The Ashworth Electrical Company, of don't like it."

cluded the negro vote. They are now ac-complishing their purpose through the State Constitution, but they did not always do it by constitutional amendment."

Adverting to the pending amendment of Mr. Cullom, Mr. Spooner said:

"I don't like a property qualification

Mr. Tillman replied that his only rea-

have not yet crystalized. of it.

## The Sutro Mills at Yorkville will dou-

years old. • New Mills Chartered