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## Business Men as Swindlers.

Three prominent business men of Pittsburg, Pa., have been arrested and bound over to the October term of court, charged with conspiracy to defraud the National Loan & Investing Company, of Detroit, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country. The case promises to be a sensational one, owing to the prominence of the accused, and the amount claimed to have been secured by them, which is said to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

## Stenographers at Nashville. At Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 4 several hundred stenographers from various

states attended the celebration of stenographers at the National Centennial xposition. The addresses of welcome were delivered by Major John M. Mcann, representing the Exposition, and by Buford Duke. The response was by J. D. Strachn, of Brazil, Ind.

#### Jews Join Debs' Colony. Representatives of 25,000 Jewish rades unionists, in a convention in New York, have voted to join the Debs

movement, or Social Democracy of Hawatian-American Commerce. Censul General Haywood, in a report to the State Department, at Washington, states that during 1896 American vessels numbering 247, of 243,983 tons,

#### entered at Hawaiian ports, while the vessels of all other nationalities numbered 139, of 234,041 tons. These are the only foreign ports where a majority of the carrying trade is now under the American flag.

Scott Succeeds His Father. Carter Scott, son of the late Attorney General Scott, of Virginia, has been appointed attorney general to fill his father's unexpired term. He has accepted, and his name, it is understood, probably go before the Roanoke

convention for the nomination for the

#### ffice, though he will himself make no flort in that direction.

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Secretary Sherman's Letter to Japan Will be Short,

NEARING THE MILLION MARK.

The Gold Production-Foreign Countries Advised on the New Tariff Bill-Other Notes.

The State Department has sent out

instructions to the United States ambassadors and ministers abroad acdited to countries with which we have trade relations that would be affected by the enactment of the Dingley tariff bill, directing them to communicate to the foreign officers at their respective posts the text of the act and to call attention to the sections of the new tariff which provide for retaliation, reciprocity and similar arrangements. This is done in order that there may be a proper basis for the institution of negotiations looking to the consummation er of the in Yount & Shrum's Building. of some of the reciprocal agreements ed on the ground that the sheriff had contemplated in the Dingley act. The grounds not covered by the State Department in these negotiations will be lifficult to traverse, owing to the complexity of the subjects to be treated, and the dissimilar conditions existing in various countries with which we most have to do, yet there cannot be any delay in undertaking the task inasmuch

certain news items that come from Europe, it is perceived that such overtures may be expected at any It is understood that the reply of Secretary Sherman to the last Japanese protest against the annexation of Hawaii will be brief by comparison with the long letters that have gone before, but will be conciliatory in tone. This is accounted for by the fact that the State department has taken note of the public utterances of eminent Japiese statesmen, which, while unofficial, are still of redoubted authenticity, all going to show that Japan has herself no designs upon the islands, but seeks only to conserve her treaty ly-feeling grateful for a very liberal pat- right. However, the bassic tone of the note on the point will be the declar-

ation by Secretary Foster when he sub-

mitted to President Harrison the orig

inal treaty of annexation in 1893, which

failed, owing mainly to the immediate

beginning of the negotiations as soon

as may be after the passage of this act.

So far, it is said, no formal response to

our advances have been made, but from

change of administration. A New York insurance company is getting a good deal of lucrative business in China, according to Consul Read, at Tien Tsin. Endowment polcies are the craze. The higher class and officials take readily to the idea as a safe method of making investments, 'which cannot be touched and upon which 'squeezes' cannot be levied. Within a few days after his arrival at acv. lien Tsin the agent insured Chang Yen-Mow, a leading engineer, for \$77, 000, and had written in other quarters about \$123,000. He is confident of placing policies to the extent of \$1,155, 000 in Tien Tsin before the winter sets

A dispatch from Cleveland, O., says All the prominent leaders in both houses of Congress will make speeches in Ohio this fall in the interest of Senator Hanna. The list includes nineteen Senators and at least 28 members of the strikers refused to return. The mills ower house. Senator Hanna himself will make short speeches of fifteen minutes in length in his journey through Ohio. It has even been claimed that President McKinley will make

a journey through the State. The pension roll of the United States has almost reached the million mark. Commissioner Evans has finished a secured. statement showing that at the beginning of this fiscal year, the pensioners numbered just 983,528. During last year 50,101 new pensions were granted, and 3,971 were restored to the rolls. Old age and disease, however, are working great inroads into the lists, for there were 31,960 deaths during the year.

The treasury department has received an intimation from the Spanish minister that a cargo of arms and amunition has been shipped from New York to Bridgeport, Conn., whence, it is said, it is to be transferred to a vessel, supposed to be the Douglass, for shipment to the Cuban insurgents. The custom officers have been instructed to see to it that the laws of the United States are

The German press is still discussing most unfavorably the terms of the Dingley bill; German exporters and manufacturers are already making complaints of injury to business, caused by this bill. A prominent German says a tariff war on the United States by the combined powers of Europe is impracticable, that Germany needs our products and her hands are tied.

Mr. Preston, the Director of the Mint estimates the gold production of the world for 1896 to have been \$205,000,000, of which the United States contributed over \$53,000,000. For 1897 it is believed the world's gold product will reach at least \$240,000,000, an increase of \$35,-

000,000 over 1896. President Young, of the National Baseball League, who has been employed in the Treasury Department for thirty-one years, has tendered his resignation, and, at his personal request,

t was accepted by Secretary Gage. The President has made the following appointments: Wm. L. Diston, ncy, Ill., to be Surveyor General of Alaska, vice Gilbert B. Pray, declined; Lewis Morris Iddings, of New York, to be Second Secretary of the Embassy of

the United States at Rome, Italy. An earnest effort will be made to have some provision made during the next session of Congress for the repair and tension of the White House.

Reports from various sections of the country indicate that the silver cause is gaining strength.

The State Department has been advised that Ira C. Farley, traveling in Cuba for a New York cigarette componce begin making its entire necessary ing done at any of the De Armit mines. pany, was captured by the Spanish forcee, and has been turnod over to Consul General Lee to be sent out of the island. Farley is a citizen of Mas-

There are sixteen contested cases on file in the present Congress.

At Albany and Glenwood, Ga., two negro brutes have been given swift justice for the usual crime-rape. there was no rope used, but plenty of

THE STRIKING MINERS.

The Situation Looks Worse--Bloodshed and Riot May Prevail. The situation at the Coffeen mine, in Illinois, has changed for the worse. Strikers have arrived from different points and eight hundred are now there. A number of arrests of strikers have been made and the prisoners taken to

Hillsboro tor trial. One striker from Mount Olive was bound over to keep the peace. In default of bond he was sent to jail. This tended to incite the strikers and a number of small fights and difficulties oc

General Bradley is on the ground. He says every miner in the district has been ordered to Coffeen to prevent work

Sheriff Randle, in anticipation of trouble, sent for additional deputies. Nearly every man in Coffeen is on duty, with many from Hillsboro.

Twenty-five armed dejuties have been ordered from Nokomis and fifty from Hillboro. They are to proceed immediately to Coffeen. The sheriff

stick. Those thus far arrested had revolvers. The request of Sheriff Randle to Gov. Tanner to send State troops was refusnot exhausted his resource. From the general appearance here the sheriff should be able to control the strikers by using good judgment and coolness. But aggressive acts on the part of his deputies will cause an excited condition of affairs and may precipitate riot and bloodshed.

### ASSASSIN'S BULLET

Lays Low the Prime Minister of Spain.

Castillo, prime minister of Spain, was assassinated today at Santa Agueda by as in 1892; but of cotton the price is shots, one of which struck the premier in the forehead and another in the The wounded man fell dying at the

feet of his wife, who was with him, lingering in agony for an hour and then paseing away with the cry of wheat advanced 3 cents on Tuesday, "Long live Spain," which were the last words upon his lips. Santa Agueda is noted for its baths. The place is between San Sebastian, the summer residence of the Spanish court, and Vittoria, the capital of the province of Alava, about 30 miles south of Bilboa. The premier went there last Thursday to take a three weeks' course of the baths, after which he expected to return to San Sebastian to meet United States Minister Woodford when that gentleman

should be officially received by the queen regent. The assassin was immediately arres ted. He is a Neapoliton and gives the name of Rinaldi, but it is believed that this is an assumed name and that his real name is Michele Angino Golli. The murderer declares that he killed Senor Canovas "in accomplishment of a just vengeauce," and that the deed is the outcome of a vast anarchist conspir-

### The Strike at Atlanta.

The strike situation at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills, Atlanta, Ga., 6th, when the operatives demanded a signed statement from Mr. Elsas that he would remove all negro laborers. The president refused. He discharged the negro women who were the immediate cause of the trouble, but would not put out his old laborers. The are now silent, but President Elsas says he will advertise for new operatives.

LATER. -The strike at Atlanta has peen settled and the operatives has returned to work; President Elsas says no white women were discharged, but the negro women were employed because sufficient whites could not be

Arbitrated By Hoke Smith. The big strike of the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills operatives in Atlanta, Ga., was the work of former Secretary of Interior Hoke Smith. The strike was the most serious labor difficulty that has developed in Atlanta in recent years, and as it involved the troubles of the negro question, an adjustment was difficult. Disinterested parties induced the strikers' committee and President Evans, of the company, to meet in Mr. Smith's office, however. and with the former secretary acting as arbitrator an agreement was reached on terms suggested by him. The settlement is regarded as a victory for the principle of arbitration in labor dis-

Bank Dividends Declared. The Comptroller of the Currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of the following insolvent national banks: 15 per cent., First National Bank, of Tyler, Tex., 121-2 Citizens' National Bank, of San Angelo, Tex.; 25 per cent., the Florence National Bank, of Florence, Ala.; 5 per cent., the American National Bank, of New Orleans, La.; 10 per cent., the City National Bank, of Fort Worth,

Confessed to Both Crimes. Joe Fife the negro who is under sentence of death at Richmond, Va., for attempt to criminal assault upon Mrs. Marks, and who was also indicted | and in some voting districts the polls for attempting to criminally assault a were not opened. In Nashville, with a young lady near Chestnut Hill, in the voting population of 15,000, the total suburbs of the above city, has confessed

## Judge McGowan Dead.

his home in Abbeville, S. C., aged 78 of Savannah, representing the freight years. He served in the Mexican war and transportation bureau of that city, as captain and quartermaster; was of 25 per cont. in freight rates on cotelected a member of Congress in 1865, ton. but denied his seat; was a member of the State Legislature, a brigadier general in the Confederate army, and for a long time associate justice of the Su- that they will probably reply to the preme Court of South Carolina.

## A Business Revival. The Birmingham (Ala.) Rolling Mill

Company is now working, and will at hauled. There is a general building on the Fayette county mines. boom, and over \$500,000 is being put into business and residence houses

A report that the American flag is to be raised over Hawaii is denied in was taken from jail and lynched. Phil-Washington.

Gratifying Reports of Business Improvement by Dun & Co.

THE DAWN OF BETTER DAYS.

Fewer Failures the Past Week Than in Any Week Since the Year 1892.

R. G. Dun & Co., for the week ending August 7th, says: Four years ago, August 5th, 1893, the first of Dun's reviews was issued, with failures in that Dingley law is 23.35 per cent, and month amounting to over \$60,600,000, while in the month just closed failures have been only \$7,117,727, the smallest in any month since 1892. The statehas an armed force of two hundred, ment of failures by classes of business Every striker is armed with a short for July and for forty-six months shows that in manufacturing failures have been smaller than in any other month in the entire period, in trading smaller than in any month except one, and in many branches of manufacture smaller than in most months of which records

The pessimists who pronounced reports of gain fictitious and misrepreenting have grown weary of their dismal predictions and begin to see the dawn of better days. Last month was volume of business reported by clear-ing houses was larger than in the same month of 1892, and the telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country given this week show gratifying im-A cablegram from Madrid, Spain, of provement. This is probably due to the 18th, says: Senor Canovas del a larger yield of wheat and good prices, though the crop is probably not as large nor are prices thus far as high are realizing good prices, and the possible decrease in yield of corn may help o market the enormous surplus South. brought over from last year. Liquidation of a powerful combination in wheat broke and a gain of 11-2 cents for the week. It the wrong season to expect much from industries, and yet there has facture because of the satisfactory adjustment of wages dispute with the Amalgamated Association and the openers' strikes seem each day more likely to end in a permanent settlement bene-

> The sales on comparative returns by n saids show, bear little re-lation to the actual consumption in manufacture, but heavy liquidation since the new tariff bill was enacted gives the impression that some dealers are no longer confident of a speedy advance. Nevertheless, prices have risen during the past few weeks nearly one cent per pound. Manufacturers are buyne but little, though they are rapidly increasing the output and are able to report an advance of 10 per cent. in

prices of goods, with rapidly increasing The temporary curtailment of output by cotton mills continues, but does not vet bring improved prices for products, Ithough the demand is generally gain-

Failures of the week have been 237 in the United States, against 240 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 32 last year.

#### WESTERN UNION APPEALS. Resists the Reduction in Telegram

Rates Made by the N. C. R. R. Commission. The Western Union Telegraph Com-

pany has appealed from the order of the railroad commission making 15 cents the rate for a ten-word day message. The company contends that the rate is not just and reasonable and that it would force the company to operate at a loss; also that a commission has no power to make the rates for tele-The company alleges that at 25 cents it has operated North Carolina busiels available for export. For the year

ness at a loss. It files a prayer for re-moval of the case to the United States Court for the eastern district of North Carolina. The prayer alleges that the commission's order, violates the fifth amendment to the United States constitution in that the enforcement of said rate would be taking the company's property for public use without just compensation; that it violates section 1 of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution; that it violates section 8 of article 1 of the constitution, and also violates the United States act of 1866 to aid in the construction of telegraph a professor at the University of the lines. The prayer further sets forth per cent., the Merchants' National that the company is of New York and Bank, of Ocala, Fla.; 20 per cent., the not a citizen or resident of North Carolina. John VanHorne, vice-president, signs this prayer.

#### The Tennessee Election. A general election was held in this State on the 15th to decide whether or not a constitutional convention shall be held. Returns show that the calling of a convention has been overwhelmingly defeated. A light vote was pol led, but little interest being shown,

vote cast was less than 1,000. Freight Rates on Cotton. The Georgia State Railroad Commis-Judge Samuel McGowan died at Brewer, of Griffin, and D. G. Purdue, tion, which have been in convention at amount of the first and second mortand others, for a horizontal reduction

> The Bimetallic Commission. The British government has informed the American bimetallic commission proposals of the commissioners on behalf of the United States in October.

## Miners' Strike Progressing. The coal mine strikers are continually

receiving accessions; little work is be steel product. The Alabama Rolling At West Newton, Pa, a large store-Mill, at Gate City, will begin operations house has been opened as a commissary and contributions in large quantities in a few days in all departments. The have been made by merchants and farmentire plant has been thoroughly over- ers; the strikers will organize a march

Lynching in Texas. Two negroes, Esseck White and Armand Phillips, assaulted two young ladies near Houston, Texas. lips has not been caught.

# MORE TARIFF COMPARISONS.

Only Two Articles Were Transferred From the Dutiable to the Free The completed comparison of the

tariff bill prepared by Mr. Charles H. Evans, the tariff expert, has been made public. The following are some of the comparisons, in addition to those given

last week: The average ad valorem duty of the flax, hemp and jute schedule is lower in the new law than in the Wilson. That of the Wilson law was 46.94 per cent. The present law is 45.18 per The weekly trade review of Messrs.

3. G. Dun & Co., for the week ending the present law is 30.30 per cent.; under the Wilson law it was 22.18 per cent. The average ad valorem of the pulp, paper and book schedule under the present law is 30.30 per cent.; under the Wilson law it was 22.18 per cent. cent. The average ad valorem of the

ander the Wilson law it was 24.79 per The total value of articles transferred from the free list to the dutiable list is placed at \$101,968,941. Only two aricles were transferred from the dutiable to the free list. These were cocoanuts in the shell and sheep dips.

REMOVED THE NEGRO HANDS The Bag and Cotton Mills Strike

Atlanta at an End. The strike at the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills, at Atlanta, which threw 1,400 employes out because white girls refused to be placed by the side of colored women, came to an unexpected end last the first for four years of which the Thursday. The Textile Union met early in the day. It seemed as if a general strike would ensue, as no one thought the authorities of the mill would give in. A committee was appointed to consult with President Jacob Elsas, demanding the removal of all negro laborers. Unexpectedly to the strikers, this was agreed to, and a compromise was made by which the strikers agreed to work extra hours if necesan anarchist. The murderer fired three higher and the yield probably larger shots one of which struck the premier than in that year. Other farm products out, and the strikers went to work out, and the strikers went to work again. The strike caused a big flurry among the working classes of the

### INJUNCTION AGAINST DEBS.

A Federal Judge Prohibits Agitation Around the Mines.

A special from Parkersburg, W. Va. been material increase in the number says upon the application of James of hands employed in the iron manu- Sloan, Jr., of Baltimore, a stockholder of the Monongah Coke and Coal Company, made by ex-Governor Fleming, ing of numerous establishments which his counsel, Judge-Jackson, of the Unihave been waiting, while the coal min- ted States Court, has granted an injunction restraining Eugene Debs and his associates from interfering with ficial to both parties. Meanwhile the or molesting the management of demand for most finished products is the property of the Monongah Comsteadily increasing, the feature this week being large pipe contracts for writ covers everything that can possi-Russian oil fields, Sumatra and Ger- bly be construed into an infringement on the rights of a corporation and prac tically prevents all features of agitation in the vicinity of the Monongah mines. Reports from all the coal fields in West Virginia show no change in the strike situation.

## RUCKER TAKES CHARGE.

Atlanta's Colorod Collector Inducted Into Office-Deputy Collectors Quit. Henry A. Rucker, the new negro ollector of internal revenue, was in-

e 5th, with rather unusual ceremones. When he met his predecessor to effect the transfer of the office he found amount to only \$3,000. With a similar a large gathering of deputies who pre-sented Mr. Trammel with a very handsome silver service. Speeches were made, closing with one by Rucker, whose fair words and temperate tones pleased his hearers. Realizing the embarrassment ahead of him, he asked the support of all the deputies and assured them they should have his as long as they were in service. His speech was a reassuring one. About ten of the deputies sent in their resignations and

went out with their white chief, The Country's Wheat Crop, The United States government's es timate of this year's American wheat crop is 450,000,000 bushels. But some private expert estimates go almost as high as 600,000,000. Bradstreet's considers 550,000,000 a reasonable forecast. Full allowance having been made for the home demand, it is estimated that we shall have about 160,000,000 bush-

ending June 30th we exported 140,000,

000 bushels. The shortage in the Euro-

pean crop is estimated by such conti-

nental authorities as Beerbohm to be ! more than 100,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year. Monument to Kirby Smith. On the 3d a monument to Edmund Kirby Smith, the last full general of the Confederate army, was unveiled at Sewanee, Tenn. General Smith was South from 1875 to 1893, the year of his death, and this monument was erected by the alumni professors, and his comrades in the army. Addresses were delivered by Right Rev. Thos. F. Gailor, coadjutor bishop of Tennessee; Rev. J. E. Martin, Jackson, Tenn., and

Major G. R. Fairbanks, Fernandino. Fla., Gen. Smith's native State. No Silver Dollars Coined. The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during July, 1897, the coinage executed at the United States mints amounted to \$670, 850, as follows: Gold, \$377,000; silver, \$260,000; minor coins, \$33,850. No standard silver dollars were coined.

Dentists Unite. The American Association of Dension has refused the petition of W. H. | tists, and the Southern Dental Associa-Old Point Comfort, Va., have united, with Dr. Thomas Filler Brown, of Boston, as president. Dr. George H. Cushing, of Chicago, was elected sec-

retary. Jim Corbett Playing Base Ball. Jim Corbett, ex-champion pugilist, is to play first base through the Western association the latter of August for a percentage of the receipts of each club. He starts at Burlington Aug. 17.

Fierce Heat in Texas. At Dallas, Tex., on the 5th of August, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the gov-ernment thermometer recorded the extraordinary temperature of 108, surpassing all previous heat records. Business was paralyzed and men and horses gasped for breath. The heat was the most terrible ever felt in Texas, and it killed vegetation as if struck by

lightning. It is reported that because of the neglect of the State of West Virginia to pay the militia when last in the field. they cannot be relied upon to act against strikers if ordered.

# THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Comparison of Figures in This State and Virginia on R. R. Taxation.

OLD NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

Delegates to Farmers' National Congress--The Excellence of the Crops Simply Wonderful,

The following delegates and racing | sulted. Faulkner escaped. eams were represented at the State Firemen's Association at Fayetteville last week: Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Wilson, Newberne, Wilmington, Goldsboro and Winston-Salem; Columbia, Orangeburg, Sumter, Florence, from South Carolina. The officers elected are: James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president; J. C. Nichols, of Durham, secretary; Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro, and Parnell, vice presidents; T. A. Green, of Newbern,

The following is the result of the races: In the engine contest the New Berne steam fire engine's time was 3:41 1-2, Winston 3:49 1-2; Atlantics, of New Berne, 4:031-4; Greensboro 5:123-4;

Wilmington 6:261-2. The first prize was \$60, second \$30, third \$20. In the hand reel 150 yards dash Fayetteville's time was 31 seconds, New Berne 32, Greensboro 33, Durnam No. 2, 34, Salem 33 1-2, Salisbury 38 1-2, Charlotte 33, Durham No. 1, 33. The grab reel race resulted, New Berne, No. 1, 25 seconds, Durham, No.

1, 221-4; Atlantics 251-2, Fayetteville 231-4, South sides 231-4. In the long distance rapid steaming, Wilmington and Winston made fine

In the long distance throwing water, Winston won, 239 feet, 5 inches. The Greensboro Juniors defeated the Favetteville Juniors. The championship hand reel race was won by the Atlantics, of Newbern: the horse wagon contest was won by the Greensboro team; the horse hook and ladder race was won by Winston; the hand hook and ladder contest was won by Greensboro. The next place of meeting

Charlotte didn't get the tournament, but she got the promise of the Fayetteville boys, along with others, to go

there the next 20th of May. Much has been said recently as to the taxation of railway property in Vir ginia and North Carolina. The follow ing are the facts as to such taxation. The total value of railways in Virginia, including property outside of right-ofway, as well as street cars, assessed for taxation, is \$53,389,540. That in North Carolina, not including street cars and property outside of right-of-way, is \$29,000,000. The gross earnings in Virginia are \$50,000,000; in North Carolina \$9,846,000. The net earnings in Virginia are \$12,151,000; in North Carolina \$3,257,000. So the taxation in Virginia, instead of being one and a half times greater than in North Carolina, should have been in round numbers four times as much. Governor Russell says railway property should be listed for taxation at a sum upon which it pays 6 per cent. upon net earnings. By this Virginia would have a valuation of ducted into office at Atlanta, Ga., on \$200,000,000 and North Carolina \$50, 000,000. Virginia, besides, pays 1 per cent. on net income, deducting interest on funded debt and taxes, and this tax North Carolina could collect nothing save a small sum from the At-

> antic Coast Line. - Charlotte Observer. The commissioner of agriculture says all the crop returns which come in are remarkably favorable. In fact the excellence of the crops is simply wonderful. The returns for August are rapidly arriving from correspondents. None of these put cotton below 100 per cent. and some put it as high as 120, compared with average years. There is a large incresse in acreage. The report as to corn is the best ever received by the department. It is a remark that 1897 may well be termed "a year of

plenty. Governor Russell appoints the following delegates from North Carolina to the Farmers' National Congress for the next two years: State at large, J. S. Cunningham and Wm. Dunn; First district, John Brady; Second district, M. L. Wood; Third district, J. A. Westbrook; Fourth district, Ransom Hinton; Fifth district, Benehan Cameron; Sixth district, Nick Gibbons; Seventh district, S. A. Lawrence, Eighth district, J. L. Byers; Ninth district, W. G. Candler.

Up to the 5th the Charlotte Observer says: Of all the counties in the State from which returns have been sent to the Auditor and to the State board of equalization, Gaston leads so far as increase in values is concerned. The increase in the value of property in that county is \$315,311 over 1896 and \$415,-

For the first time in three years the Cabarrus jail is clear of prisoners. Another incident attending the term of court just concluded is the fact that not a whiskey case was tried during the term-something that has greatly surprised even the public, to say nothing of the lawyers. —Charlotte Observer. Durham paid \$80,000 internal rev-

sales being: Tobacco, \$25,203.90; cigarettes, \$13,955.00; cigars, \$957.45; snuff, \$285.00. Total, \$40,401.35. Exports were: Cigarettes, 1,302,500; tobacco. 1,650 nounds. The Cumnock coal mine will be sold on September 6th. There is likely to be several bidders, who will run the

enue tax for the month of July, the

gages. During the last five years \$200,000 has been expended on the plant. Mecklenburg's new courthouse will be turned over to the county commis-sioners complete on the first Monday in

September. The building is a handsome one. Wake county has made a bad criminal record this year—one murder a month

so far. Governor Russell has been invited to attend the Prison Congress which meets in Austin, Tex., October 16th to 20th. Also one to attend the thirty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army also participate. of the Republic, which will meet in Buffalo, N. Y.

A Mooresville man tells the States ville Landmark that since that town has the prospect of another railroad real estate has advanced 25 to 50 per cent.

A recent storm in Cherokee county is estimated to have done damage to the try. amount of \$200,000.

### NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers. The smallpox situation in Birmingham, Ala., is very much improved.

M. A. Connelly, of Savannah, Ga., has been chosen as secretary of the Nicauraguan Canal Commission. Alfred E. Holton has been appointed United States attorney for the Western listrict of North Carolina.

A gentleman who has been dead two months has been appointed postmaster at Wahoo, Sullivan county, Tennessee. During a game of ball at Eufaula, Ala., Bose Faulkner struck Cal Taylor on the head with a stick and death re-

The Charlotte Observer says the proposition to move the court house site from Dallas to Gastonia, N. C., has failed. A majority of those who voted were in favor of removal, but a majority of the registered voters did not go to the polls. The Rome, Ga., cotton factory has

obtained a government order for 1,300, 000 yards of heavy duck for mail sacks. The amount of the contract is \$250,000. The mill has been forced to purchase new machinery and employ a large number of hands at good wages.

The erection of a twenty-ton cotton seed oil mill will be commenced at Lavonia, Ga., at once. It is believed that the plan to utilize the water power of the James, at Rich-

mond, for a great electric plant, will succeed. The old Talbot a line shops, at Richmond, Va., have passed away after fifty years of life. The depression of

the times did it Worried by business troubles, wealthy Samuel Blair, of Chattanooga. Tenn., cut his throat and died in his

Line at Charlotte, has mysteriously disappeared. His shortage foots up to \$1,444.44. A sheriff's posse in Coffee county, Ala., killed Allven Lightfoot and badly injured his son Joe, in attempting to arrest them for general crimes.

J. H. Milam, of the Seaboard Air

All About the North. A rain storm at Colorado City, Col. flooded the streets six inches.

cities has been formed in New York.

Cincinnati, O., is the centre of a great new combine of manufacturers of woodworking machinery. The World says that 2,500 babies have been abandoned by their mothers

for commercial houses in the various

in New York within the past year. The National Democratic Association convention Columbus, O., on Sept. 23d. All the gas companies of Chicago, have consolidated. The capital stock is raised from \$400,000 to \$25,000,000.

Stephen M. Carty, who put up the first telephone used in Cuba, died at New Haven, Conn., from heart failure caused by excessive smoking. At St. Louis cotton is said to be cornered and it is likely to remain so until September 1st, when the official cotton year opens, and the new crop begins to move. The statements of the local warehouses show that the total number of bales in storage aggre-

gate 9,682 bales. A gang of gold brick swindlers have come to grief in New York. At Sigourney, Ia., four girls were

lrowned in Skunk river. They were eruption. On that date lava streams caught in the current while wading. Chas. A Dana, the nestor of Amerian journalists, owner and editor of the New York Sun, is seriously ill. It is reported that Senator Gorman.

of Maryland, will not be a candidate for reelection at the end of his present term. Senator Gorman will have served 24 Many of the principal life and accident insurance companies of Chicago are refusing to assume risks upon the

ives of persons contemplating a visit to the Klondvke. The gold brick swindle was worked on a New Orleans saloon keeper for \$7,000 by members of a gang who have operated extensively in South American rities and large towns of this country. The men were arrested in New York.

At Hudson, Mass., an attempt was

made to blow up a section of the tene-

Rubber Company, in which several of

ment house owned by the L, D. Appley

the workmen employed at the factory in the place of the striking help have been boarding. Miscellaneous.

American whalers this season have realized \$702,449. Within eighteen months famine and pestilence have killed 8,000,000 people in India.

Most Kansas counties pay a bounty on wolveskilled, and Michigan pays for dead sparrows. Mr. Moody announces that he has no idea of retiring from his evangelistic

An explosion in the cartridge factory of Rustchuk, on the Danube, killed fifty-six people outright, Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a mail route to the

Klondvke region.

The highbinders in San Francisco, Cal., have posted a list of Chinese who they will murder. New York is still talking of a World's Fair in 1960 to commemorate the consol-

idation of the various cities which are

comprised in Greater New York.

From 12,000 to 15,000 natives are now in India, and the rebellion is still spreading. Missouri has raised the taxable valu-

ation of her railroads and telegraphs by over \$3,000,000 and will add \$750,000 to her revenue next year. Representatives of Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey have posted a second deposit of \$2,500 of the \$10,000 for a

probably fight in San Francisco during October. Officials at Washington have been informed that Great Britain will consent to take part in an international monetary conference, to be held at Washington next winter. The monetary

A special to the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer tells of another case of rape in this State, This time it is a white man, Henry Jackson. His vic tim is a respectable young woman, Miss Blanche Hodges, niece of the present sheriff of Beaufort county.

commissioners believe that France will

The Bureau of Statistics reports that the exports for last year were

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#### TITLE TO THE KLONDIKE FIELDS No Valid Objection Can be Advanced

to Great Britain's Claim. Incited by the newspaper publications recently, tending to throw doubt upon the ownership of the Klondike gold fields, some of the high government officials who would naturally be expected to deal with the question if it comes to a practical issue, have been quietly looking into the matter with a view to preparing themselves for any controversy that may arise. Their views are in substance that there can be no valid objection advanced to the title of Great Britain to this territory. A careful examination of all the reliable charts and maps made far enough back in date to be free from suspicion of influence of the recent heavy gold finds, has convinced the officials that so far as the Klondike fields, as defined by the latest reports, are concerned, there can be no question but that they lie east of the one hundred and forty-first meridian, which defines the boundary line, and so are within British territory by about thirtyfive miles at least. As for the meridian itself, it is said that it has been so closely located by the survey of the Canadians and our own coast survey, that there is not at any point a difference of more than 700 feet in the claimed

#### substantially effect any controversy that might grow out of the title. A VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

boundary, which, of course, would not

of Colored Men is called to meet in | Five Hundred People Known to Have Perished and 15 Towns Destroyed. A special to the Chicago Chronicle from Tacoma, Wash., says: Five hundred reported killed up to July 1st is the record of the terrible outbreak of the great volcano Mayon, on the island of Luzon, one of the Phillipine group. On the night of June 24 this volcano began throwing up ashes and lava in mmense quantities, and the flames were thrown upward considerably over 100 feet above the erater. The next lay 65 bodies were recovered at a considerable distance, and the most recent lispatches to Hong Kong up to July Sth stated that not less than 500 were known to have been killed. It is probable, said the dispatches,

> and ashes had reached the cities of Bacacay, Malipot and Liberi, and their destruction was certain. Fifteen smaller towns between these and the volcano had been destroyed, and scores of the agricultural population had been

that the loss of life will reach into the

thousands, depending on the length of

overwhelmed while attempting to es-

TILLMAN AT ABBEVILLE.

He Defends the Dispensary and Tells Some Great Things About Him-Senator Tillman spoke to the farmers' institute at Abbeville, S. C., delivering the first speech he has made in the State since the opening of the present senatorial campaign. He defended the dispensary law, and declared that the troubles it had been involved in were due not to the law itself, but to its unwise administration. He endorsed the tariff views of Senator McLaurin, and said that while he himself was not a protectionist, if there was any stealing going on, he wanted his State to have its share. He told his hearers that he was the only farmer in the Senate, and that he therefore represented 30,000,000 farmers of the United States. He declared that his speeches were as popular

#### when he arose to speak, the cloak rooms always emptied and the galleries filled. GOVERNMENT JOBS.

in the Senate as at home, and told how,

Civil Service Examinations to Be Held September 22. Civil service examinations will be

held in Columbia, S. C., on September 22 for the following positions under the government service: Bookbinder, clerk of the departmental service, composi tor, electrotyper (of all kinds), elevator conductor, janitor, messenger, pressman, railway mail clerk, skilled laborer (male or female), stenographer, stereotyper, stock examiner, tagger, typewriter, watchman. One wishing to stand the examination san select any one of the above callings to be examined upon. All applications must be on file in the office of the Civil Service Commissioner, Washington, at least ten days before the examination is held. Examinations will be held in Charlesunder arms in revolt against the British | ton on the 24th of September and the 25th of October.

ATLANTA OPERATIVES STRIKE Negro Women Were Employed and

All the Other Hands Quit. As a result of the employment of twenty-five negro women in the folding department of the Fulton Bag and Cotfight between the pugilists. They will ton Mills, Atlanta, Ga., 1,400 men, women and children have gone out on one of the largest strikes that has ever occurred in that city. The wills were forced to shut down their entire plant, and it will effect fully 2,000 people of the working classes. When the notice was put up that the mills were closed much disorder broke out, and it was the inclination of the strikers at first to cause trouble, but the police reserve force arrived in time to quell any disturbance.

> Iowa Colony in Alabama. A number of Iowa families have se

cured a concession of 6,000 acres of land in Shelby county, Ala., 30 miles south of Birmiss ann. The tract is to be laid out or \_\_ colony plan, but each colonist will own his own property.