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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Several Items Worth Reading.

[Special Correspondent of The Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—The

government directors of the Union Pacific railroad have made their report, and after showing the great burdens placed upon subsidized roads they say that no one can come into a close knowledge of the Union Pacific railway system without being impressed with the necessity for relief from the exactions and limitations enforced by law. In conclusion the commission says: "Policy should, in our judgment, prompt the government as a creditor to make such provisions as to time and date of payment of the principal and the rate of interest to be paid as may be within the ability of the company to meet, and just and equitable under all circumstances." The gentlemen who compose this commission are all of high standing and familiar with the work. They know the conditions existing, and what they have to say should be given due weight and consideration.

Mr. Robert Griffin, of England, is endeavoring to alarm the people of this country about their silver policy. Mr. Griffin shows that he knows about as much of the inhabitants of this country as he does of the Cannibal Islands. He says that the issue of \$60,000,000 silver is sure to produce a panic and even sets the time as next February. Mr. Griffin is not aware of the fact that the government is not issuing any silver money but is buying 54,000,000 ounces of silver and paying for it in legal tender notes, which are as good as English guineas or bank of England notes. There will be no panic here. The panic may be in England and the balance of Europe. The whole continent will have to disgorge its gold or send back all its American securities to pay for American bread stuffs.

The republicans had a Belshazzar feast at the Union League Club where more millions were represented than possibly at any similar affair ever held. The feast was given to Mr. J. Sloat Fassett, himself a millionaire many times over, and the republican candidate for governor. A great many distinguished republicans were present. As usual Mr. Chauncey M. Depew presided at the dinner. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is at the head of the greatest railroad corporation in the world and it is very fit for him to preside over such a feast. Speeches were made, one of them being a denial upon the part of Mr. Depew of the charge that he accused Mr. Fassett and some of his fellow republicans of causing the World's Fair to go to Chicago instead of New York. Mr. Depew's words stand against him in this matter and are known to the public. His denial will amount to nothing.

The Piqua tin fraud has been fully exposed. Major McKinley with a great blowing of trumpets was announced as having dipped some tin plates himself. He dipped some steel plates in a little lead and tin, the whole amount of tin on the plate being 100 pounds of California pig tin. A democrat near the works, which are advertised to furnish American tin, to test its capacity gave an order for tin enough to cover his barn and the company was not able to fill the order.

George Gould, the son of Jay, has been speculating in Missouri Pacific stocks and it was necessary to relieve him in some method or he was a heavy loser. As a result, the board of directors, entirely under the control of Jay Gould, me and passed by the usual dividends. The stock fell twelve cents and George Gould saved his money while a number of other people were ruined in the transaction. But Gould cared nothing for that.

The Picnic at Turkey Creek Camp Ground a Grand Affair.

The citizens of the townships, Leicester, Sandy Mush and French Broad, and Little Sandy Mush in Madison county, began to gather at old Turkey Creek camp ground early Friday morning, September 25th, and by 10 o'clock there was at the least calculation 2,500 people on the grounds. A few minutes after 10 the band arrived on the campus and greeted the crowd, which by this time was near 3,000 people, with that soul stirring air Dixie.

All gathered under the great arbor which had been previously fitted with a stage and handsomely decorated by Mrs. Terrell and her committee of ladies; and conspicuous was the motto, "Welcome All," which, when seen, reminded all present that they were not only in the Old North State, but in "Buncombe Hall." No speakers yet, 15 minutes longer, no speaker; what's the matter? The crowd begins to be a little restless. The band gives us more music; but before the air is finished two gentlemen were seen coming in a carriage. One was readily recognized by the wave of his hand, it was General, no, Uncle Bob Vance, and the other was Dr. Abernathy. The General and Dr. Alighted from their carriage and were escorted to the stand. When they took their seats upon the stage all seemed well with the immense crowd.

The Hon. B. G. Gudger, in his pleasant way, made a short speech of welcome in which he explained the object of the meeting.

Then Gen. R. B. Vance was introduced by the chairman of the committee on arrangements, the Hon. D. A. Blackwell. It is needless to say that he made a good speech, and to the point; he makes no other kind. The general said that he did not feel like speaking when he began, but no one believed it at the end of one hour and fifteen minutes; and the result of the subscription in the afternoon proved that his speech was a success.

The chairman called out the names of the committee on the arrangement of dinner, and while that was being placed upon the tables the crowd was entertained by a speech from Mr. John W. Starnes; full of fun, some pathos, and to the point.

We will not try to describe the dinner farther than to quote the general. After his having partaken to the fill and returning to the stand, he wiped his great big mouth and said that it was "the biggest and best dinner he ever saw set in the woods."

The afternoon exercises consisted of the taking of a subscription for the purpose of building a suitable house for a school of high grade, upon the camp ground property, and the neat little sum of \$3,150 was subscribed.

Dr. Abernathy made a short talk which was enjoyed by all.

The band discoursed some stirring music and the crowd broke away with the inner man full of good things, and their hearts full of love for their fellow man; and we think all were glad that we were there. ONE PRESENT.

The News and Observer.

A few days ago this very faithful, able and honest paper, edited by Messrs. Ashe and Jernigan, entered upon a new era of prosperity by the introduction of new presses, new type, and new paper, but with the same reliable, earnest, unequivocal Democratic gentlemen as editors. However any may differ with them, all will acknowledge their honest purposes for the good of the party and the State. May all be well with them henceforth.

A Fight and a Lynching.

Last Thursday evening a fight occurred between Fred Tyler, "hostler" at the railroad depot, and Hezekiah Rankin, a colored employe of the railroad in shifting cars at the depot.

The result of the fight was that Tyler struck Rankin with a piece of coal; Rankin left, but returned with a pistol, and whether there was any colloquy or not, shot Tyler, the wound causing death Saturday night.

Thursday night, soon after the shooting, a crowd of Tyler's friends arrested Rankin. The next morning he was found hanging to a limb, dead, his hands tied behind him, presenting a most horrible appearance.

Dr. McBrayer, coroner, with a jury composed of Messrs. R. M. Deaver, W. J. Worley, J. W. Farrell, D. C. Clapp and M. P. Triplett, held an inquest and rendered the following verdict, after hearing all the evidence to be obtained: "We the undersigned jurors, find that Hezekiah Rankin came to his death by strangulation on the night of September 24th, 1891, at the hands of parties unknown to us, and that W. H. Mayo, Lum Bolch, Erwin Allison and Tom McCoy are accessories before the fact."

Virgil Friday, Maria Friday, W. V. Lowe, Calvin McCorkie, Wm. Morgan, Brooks Moore, Wordy Allison, Thos. McCoy, Alphonso Bailey and Jake Burkhardt were witnesses before the coroner's jury. The evidence was conflicting. Upon the finding of the jury, Mayo, Allison, Bolch and McCoy were arrested and taken before Esq. A. T. Summey for a preliminary examination. They waived examination and were bailed in the sum of \$300 each, for appearance at the next term of the criminal court.

With the court we leave the case.

Another Horror.

Mr. G. D. Henneman, mayor of Spartanburg, S. C., was shot and killed in that city Sunday evening, by a negro named John Williams. The mayor was passing Williams' house, and hearing screams, went in and found Williams brutally beating his wife. He ordered him to stop and attempted to arrest him, when the negro struck him. A scuffle ensued, in which Williams shot the mayor, killing him instantly. Williams was arrested and placed in jail. Great excitement prevailed, and a strong guard around the jail was thought necessary to prevent lynching.

A Neat Affair.

That was a very neat affair which occurred at Straus' European Hotel on Friday evening, the 25th. Mr. T. E. Davis, one of our best and most popular contractors, gave an elegant banquet to his employees and a number of invited guests. The house was beautifully decorated, and the spread superb. This was a graceful act on the part of the kind hearted employer, to those whom he employs, and indicates that harmony of feeling between the two which ought always to prevail. We much regret that we were not at home to meet with the pleasant party.

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The Hoof-Beats of Time.

One of those glorious moonlit evenings about the middle of September, a gentleman, tempted by the charming beauty of the night, strolled out and at the risk of breaking his neck or his leg walked the sidewalks of Chestnut street. As he strolled along he puffed a fragrant cigar, blessed sweet nature, and damned the sidewalks.

Presently the regular hoof-beats of a galloping horse fell upon his ear. "Toblockit, toblockit, toblockit, toblockit," sounds the horse's four feet. One, two, three, four; they can be counted as each in succession strikes the hard clay soil of the street; and keeping time with the ringing hoof-beats comes the sound of a not unmusical voice singing.

As the horse draws nearer it is seen that he bears a rider, a negro boy, who, happy in the brilliant moonlight, has burst into song. What the words of his foregoing or after verses were is not known, but the two following were sung in strict time to the hoof-beats while within hearing:

"O, Colonel Coxe,"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"He thinks it a sin"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"To build a hotel"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"Like de Kenilworth Inn,"
(toblockit, toblockit, toblockit, toblockit.)
"Yes dat he do, yes dat he do,
Yes dat he do, fur tru-u-ue!"
(Toblockit, toblockit, toblockit, toblockit.)

"O, de Swannanoa,"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"Hit wants no wings"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"Ef hit specks to keep up"
(toblockit, toblockit.)
"Wid de Sulphur Springs,"
(toblockit, toblockit, toblockit, toblockit.)
"Yes dat it do, yes dat it do,
Yes dat it do, fur tru-u-ue!"
(Toblockit, toblockit, toblockit, toblockit.)

And as the musical refrain died away on the sweet evening air, the hoof-beats, falling at regular intervals, grew fainter and fainter in accompaniment as the horse galloped on.

Danville, Va.

We spent a day last week in this splendid city; the first time we have had that pleasure in six or eight years. It has improved astonishingly since our last visit. Through the courtesy of our friends Frank S. Woodson, of the Register, and Capt. Jordan, of the Exchange warehouse, we rode through and around the city. There are 150 large brick buildings, four and six stories high, devoted to the manufacturing or handling of leaf tobacco, besides several mammoth cotton mills and other factories. There are nine immense warehouses in which, last year, over forty million pounds of tobacco were sold. It is a city of great future prospects, and it deserves all it can achieve. Its people are pushing, energetic, liberal, hospitable; are proud of their city and determined to push it for all it is worth.

We were pleased to meet with a number of old friends, Messrs. Betts, well known in Western Carolina and connected with the Exchange Warehouse; Mr. Arthur Reagan, a Buncombe boy, now connected with the Cabel and Planter Warehouses; Messrs. Geo. Williamson and Ed. Overman, who are engaged in the clothing business; Capt. Johnson, of Rockingham, now manager of the Alliance warehouse; Mr. Frank Woodson, of the Register, and others. We had a most pleasant stay and enjoyed it.

Gov. and Mrs. Stedman and Miss Katie Stedman have returned to their pleasant home in Victoria.

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