

GOVERNMENTS AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT ANALYZED.

Mr. Nurse's Address to the Road Congress. Important Suggestions.

The following address delivered before the recent South Carolina Road Congress held in Columbia by Mr. Nurse, gives some interesting information in regard to roads of the United States and contains some suggestions for the improvement of the roads in the present period that seemed to interest the convention favorably:

ROAD IMPROVEMENT ANALYZED.

Our public highways and favor a system which will provide for the immediate improvement under the control of the State Government. The legislature should appoint a board of public highways, who in turn should have the power to select the supervisors from each county and the construction should be made to work upon the roads of the county which they were created. The road question is now being fully agitated by most of the States and many of them are constructing roads of the best quality. The Erie State, New Jersey, which is nothing like the size of our State, expended in 1894 on road improvements the sum of \$24,000,000. In the State of New York it has been proposed to raise the sum of \$20,000,000 by a State loan, payable in 17 years at a low rate of interest and devote the entire sum to the improvement of the county roads. It is proposed to construct an average of 50 miles of splendid roads in every county of the State and the entire expenditure upon a farm of the value of \$10,000 would not exceed \$100.

TORTURED AND LYNCHED.

The Terrible Vengeance of a Mob in Tennessee.

Jefferson Ellis, a colored man, put to death in a most cruel way—ears and fingers cut off—then his head was removed and his body left hanging to a pole.

Jefferson Ellis, a young colored man, who ten days before had committed a criminal assault on Miss Sue Praeter, a beautiful young woman, who lives with her parents near Galloway, Tenn., was lynched within a few hours of the scene of the assault. He was horribly tortured before he was killed. He was decapitated while his heart yet beat.

Ellis was captured in Mississippi and taken to Galloway in a sack. He was placed in a buggy beside a constable, and was started toward the home of the young lady, to be identified by her, after which he was to be taken to some place and put in jail. Identification was entirely unnecessary, inasmuch as Ellis confessed his crime.

As soon as the wheels of the constable's buggy made their first revolution 700 armed horsemen swung into line behind him. The officer drove with reckless rapidity, and the constable followed him, and in a few minutes a dead man. As the procession was passing out of the village of Galloway, a number of men standing by the roadside cried out to them:

CONSTITUTION OF FREE CUBA.

Formal Articles of Government to Which Cuban Delegates Pledged Themselves.

The constitution of the Cuban revolutionary government, has been promulgated. The introduction and text follows:

Article I.—The supreme power of the republic shall be vested in the Council of Ministers, composed of a president, vice-president, and six secretaries, for the dispatch of business of War, of the Interior, of Foreign Affairs, and of the Navy.

Article II.—The Executive power shall be vested in the President, who shall have the right to appoint and remove all officers of the civil and political life of the republic, to receive contributions; to contract loans; to issue paper money; to raise troops and to maintain them; to declare reprisals, with respect to the enemy; and to ratify treaties, except the peace with Spain.

Article III.—The legislative power shall be vested in the Congress, which shall be composed of representatives of the people, elected by the people, and of members of the military service, as drawn up by the Commander-in-Chief.

WOMEN AGAINST LYNCHING.

W. C. T. U. SO RECORD THEMSELVES IN CONVENTION.

A Message Sent the Congress of the Episcopal Church Urging Use of Only Unfermented Wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Between 500 and 600 delegates from 38 States and territories, representing nearly 300,000 members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, congregated at Music Hall last week to attend the 22nd annual convention of that society. The hall was filled by half past eight o'clock. Preceding the regular session of the convention a prayer meeting conducted by Mrs. J. Fowler Willard, national evangelist, was held in the annex hall.

At the conclusion of her address a large white silk banner, studded with fifty gilt stars, representing the States and territories wherein the W. C. T. U. have representation, was presented to Miss Willard by Mrs. W. Jennings Demorest, chairman of the executive committee of Sorosis, N. Y. A cable-greeting from Lady Henry Somerset of England was read.

At the afternoon session two resolutions were presented and adopted. Mrs. A. S. Benjamin, of Michigan, offered the following:

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

The town of Blanchester, O., was almost completely wiped out by fire Friday.

The mining town of Crede, Col., was almost entirely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning.

A disastrous fire occurred in New Orleans on Friday, destroying about \$300,000 worth of property.

Robert Ridley, a negro, was hanged at Sussex Court House, Va., on Friday. Last December he shot and killed a man named Williams at that place.

Morris Schoenholz, convicted of arson in the first degree, second offense, was sentenced to 18 years in the State prison by Judge Fitzgerald at New York.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

Important Constitutional Changes Under Consideration.

The constitutional convention, at Columbia, devoted an entire day to a discussion of the section providing for a homestead law.

The article was amended to provide for a homestead law for a single homestead of \$1,000 worth of real estate and \$500 worth of personalty. The stricken out portion gave many special provisions, one placing the control of such property in the hands of the court and virtually making the man who takes advantage of the exemption a minor.

At Washington, the Colored National Convention completed its work Friday when Chairman James W. Poe declared it adjourned to meet at Richmond, Va., the second Tuesday of July, 1896.

The aggregate of the embezzlement of the State Bank, Cashier, J. C. Coleman, of Fort Scott, Kas., is declared by Vice President Stewart, to be fully \$50,000. This has renewed the excitement and shattered the hopes of many of the depositors and all of the stockholders.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS.

Big Falling Off in Value, but Not in Quantity. Due to Decrease in Prices.

According to a special bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture there has been a large falling off in the value of agricultural exports for the fiscal year ending July 1st as compared with preceding years. The figures are \$553,215,317 for the current fiscal year, \$628,363,638 for 1894, \$615,382,986 for 1893, and \$799,328,232 for 1892. As compared with the average of the years 1890 to 1893, the average agricultural products fell off about \$90,000,000.

FARMERS HOLD THEIR WHEAT.

A Combination in the Northwest Formed to Raise Prices.

It is reported throughout the Northwest that the wheat growers have formed an organization for the purpose of advancing the price of wheat so that it will pay them to take the grain to market.

TURKEY FINALLY SUBMITS.

The Plan of Reform for Armenia Accepted by Said Pasha.

Said Pasha, the Foreign Minister of Turkey, has accepted the plan of reform in Armenia presented by Great Britain, France and Russia. It now awaits the Sultan's signature. The plan is almost identical with the proposals of last May.

THE END IS NOT YET.

Future Cotton Markets Largely Overcast and the Price Must Go Higher.

Atwood, Violet & Co., of New York, in a prospectus for this market adding to its stock are becoming more and more remote, unless they are compelled to do so at matter what sacrifice, should they desire to liquidate the contract.

SOUTHERN COTTON MOVEMENT.

Comparisons of Last Week's Figures With Those of the Past Three Years.

The New Orleans cotton exchange statement from September 15 to October 18, inclusive: Port receipts, 1,058,018 bales against 1,357,009 last year, 1,024,236 year before last, and 991,576 for the same time in 1892.

3 Killed and 9 Injured.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Sunday, three persons were killed outright and nine others injured by a runaway trolley car on the West End electric line jumping the track and going over an embankment.

NO EXTORTION IN ATLANTA.

President Collier of the Exposition Issues a Card to the Public.

On Friday President Collier of the Cotton State Exposition, at Atlanta, furnished the following card about the charges of extortion and incomplete condition of the exposition for the press.

THE DEFICIT FOR THE HALF MONTH OVER NINE MILLIONS.

For the half month of October the receipts of the Treasury have been \$12,236,332, and the expenditures \$14,721,000 making the net deficit for the half month \$9,484,667. The deficit for the fiscal year to date is \$19,369,325. The deficit for the month will probably be reduced at its close \$5,000,000 and for the fiscal year at the close of October to \$15,000,000.

THE GOLD RESERVE ON MONDAY WAS \$92,999,013.

For the first fifteen days of October the Treasury paid out \$732,579 in gold in redeeming United States notes and Treasury notes, and for the fiscal year to date, \$68,505,797 in gold.

CORBETT GOES TO HOT SPRINGS.

After a stay of nine days in San Antonio Jim Corbett and party went to Hot Springs, where the champion resumed his training.

A HORSE HEAVILY INSURED.

At Waterbury, Conn., on Sunday, a serious wreck of a freight train occurred on the New England Railroad. Ten loaded freight cars were demolished. Three men were injured and the track horse, Muzzey, was killed. The horse is said to have been insured for \$100,000.

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