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Dr. James Schouler, of Boston, author of a "History of the United States Under the Constitution," delivered a lecture day before yesterday at the Johns Hopkins University on "The Rights of Human Nature."

"That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and happiness; that to secure these rights government is instituted among men--these maxims form the text of our investigation in the present course."

"Life, liberty, property, home and family and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of the individual under our American doctrine, and not, as in the Old World, rights which are treated as derived from sovereign favor."

CURRENT COMMENT.

One of the first measures to be taken by the new British parliament provides that children of the very poor, attending the public schools, shall be furnished one meal daily at the expense of the authorities.

A telegram from Dallas, Texas, says that the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin yesterday gave what looks like a final blow to dealers in cotton "futures" in Texas.

"Bubb is General" is the rather startling head-line to a Washington dispatch in one of our contemporaries.

"I have had no time to examine the proposed amendments in detail, and until I do weigh them carefully I don't want to express an opinion."

THE REAL GOLD STANDARD PARTY.

Under the above head the Richmond Times-Dispatch, commenting on an article in the Washington Post, says:

In that campaign [1896] the regular Democratic convention declared unequivocally for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The Post is right. There was only one gold standard party in 1896. The regular Democratic party came out bravely for the silver and gold standard.

INDICTMENT OF INSURANCE OFFICERS.

Three officers of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company were on Thursday, in New York, indicted for alleged grand larceny in the first degree and perjury in the third degree.

THE VERY TRUTH.

The FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER copies The News and Observer's editorial containing Vance's letter on the fight that would be waged by the R. and D. (the Southern) on any man who stood against their dictation.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity of a wide circle of friends.

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FEN PICTURE OF MR. TILLMAN.

As Senator Tillman is now probably the most conspicuous figure in the United States the following "pen picture" of him, which we take from the Charlotte News, will be interesting:

The position which Senator Tillman now occupies in Washington is peculiar. He is practically the leader of what might be termed the "Roosevelt party" in the Senate.

Senator Tillman comes of good blood. His clan settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland several centuries ago. He does not exactly know how they got to South Carolina, and he does not know why the change in the spelling of the name was made.

GOOD EARLY TRAINING.

Senator Tillman's father died when the boy was two years old. His mother had a plantation of between four and five thousand acres and between two hundred and two hundred and fifty slaves.

TORTURE BY SAVAGES.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys."

"The gentleman knows what my record would have been in the civil war if I had not been maimed by misfortune by which I lost my eye. If he means to impugn the bravery of the Tillman family in the war, I would ask Bishop Capers, who is in the audience, to come forward and say what he knows about the fighting qualities of Jim Tillman."

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