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RELIEF IS BAD[illegible] NEEDED.

REPORT OF CAPT. RAY ON CONDITIONS IN THE KLONDYKE—FOOD SCARCE AND WORK SCARCER.

No Placer Discoveries for the Last Eight Months—Capt. Ray Recommends That Immigration to the Territory Be Checked—Lawless Banding Together for Purposes of Robbery—Confirmation of the Report of Mob Attack on Food Supplies.

Washington Post.]

Gen. Merriam, under instructions from Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the War Department, has opened at Seattle the dispatches brought by Special messenger Wells from Capt. Ray, the department's special representative in the Klondyke, and forwarded an abstract of them to the department by telegraph. Acting Secretary Meiklejohn was so much impressed with the statements wired that he submitted the dispatch at once to Secretary Alger, who is now convalescing at his home from a long illness, and after consultation between these officials the paper was sent over to the White House, where it formed the subject of consideration by the cabinet meeting yesterday.

It is said at the department that the report of Capt. Ray fully justifies all that had been done by Secretary Alger and Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, under the authority conferred by Congress, to relieve the situation in the Klondyke. The report of Capt. Ray is particularly acceptable in view of the conflicting statements as to conditions in the gold field that have been made by persons coming out this winter, for it is not doubted that he had broader field of observation than the others who have made reports, and with the thoroughness and caution as to exact statements that form the guiding principles of all army officers when called on to make reports in the line of duty, this report is taken as establishing the facts for all official purposes.

The state of affairs in the Klondike as thus revealed is worse than was suspected at the war department, and indeed so large is the task that remains to be executed in order to insure the safety of life and property on the American side of the line alone, that the War Department officials have concluded to advise Congress as to the facts and place upon the legislative branch the duty of devising ways and means to meet the exigencies of the case.

The abstract of Capt. Ray's report, as telegraphed by Maj. Robinson, is as follows:

CAPT. RAY'S REPORT IN ABSTRACT

SEATTLE, WASH., Jan. 31.

The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington D. C.

Complying with telegram of today, five letters and two packages from Capt. P. H. Ray, addressed to you, in hands of Special Courier E. H. Wells, intercepted by me. Substances as follows: Latest bear date of November 2 and 3, refer to action and attempted robbery of coaches, recommend that United States government take steps to effectually check immigration to interior of Alaska of all persons not fully supplied to last two years. Give as reason no way to earn a living and that no placer discoveries have been made within last eight months, either in Alaska or the Northwest Territory.

There is no employment for any large number of people in any capacity; all values are speculative. There is no fixed standard for labor. There is not now, or likely to be within twelve months, adequate or efficient means of supplying people now in Alaska or Northwest Territory. Is of opinion that about 7 per cent, of all people who have entered during past year have earned their living, and hundreds are now scattered along the river, destitute of food, clothing, and money. People coming in have not had faintest conception what to do to earn a living, and after spending money they bring become dazed and helpless. State's rush will be great the next year, and any step that will prevent people from coming in their ignorance will be an act of charity.

In view of recent developments and knowledge that the lawless are banding together along the river for purpose of robbery, renew suggestion for government placing on the river small light draft steamers with high power, armed and used to patrol river, and the placing of detachments as the movement of the people demands.

Courier sent with dispatches by 4 p. m. train to-day to report to Gen. Merriam. Also recommend preliminary survey by Cook's Inlet to the interior for all American roads.

To Declare Martial Law.

SKAGUAY, Alaska, Jan. 31, via Seattle, Washington, Feb. 5.—A petition has been circulated here and at Dyea asking the War Department to send three hundred troops here that law and order may be preserved. The petition is being signed by nearly all the best element. It reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Secretary of War, "Washington, D. C:

"We, the undersigned citizens and business men of Alaska respectfully petition and set forth:

"That, there is an extraordinay condition of affairs existing at and near Dyea and Skaguy, Alaska, which calls for prompt attention from the proper authorities.

"As a result of the recent discoveries of gold in and near Dawson City, N. W. T., Canada, during the past two years, there is an enormous rush of people to that country from all parts of the world and it is estimated that 250,000 people will start for the gold fields of Alaska and the Northwest Territory, Canada, during the present year, and not less than 75 per cent. will attempt to get in by way of the Chilkoot and White passes. Even at this early day the full capacity of every steam sailing ship on the Pacific coast is taxed to its upmost capacity to carry the passengers and freight that is being offered and they are being dumped off at these two points at the number of 300 a day, which will soon be largely increased.

"In view of the fact that there is no local civil government in the territory of Alaska and no one with sufficient authority to enforce the laws of the land and much less to prevent crime and disorder, and in view of the large number of the undesirable and criminal class who are now flocking to our community to prey upon the unwary and innocent pilgrim, and in order to have some one with sufficient authority and in sufficient numbers to prevent disorder and blockades on the trails leading to the Lakes Lindermann and Bennett, and to protect the property of citizens of the United States.

"And, believing this to be an extraordinary emergency, we believe that martial laws should be declared in all of this part of Alaska, comprising the communities of Dyea and Skaguay and the trails leading therefrom to the international boundary, and that sufficient troops, not less than 300, be immediately dispatched to these points to enforce the laws and preserve order."

AN OPEN LETTER

To all the Silver-plated Gold-bug Democratic Newspaper Editors That Have Been Pretending to Contend for Reform.

EDITOR CAUCASIAN:—I wish to ask space in your valuable paper to ask the above gentlemen if they are truly in earnest about wanting to reform the National Government, and are not serving the money power instead of the people. Why did not you spend your breath and use your columns in telling the people of your party what a patriotic statesman North Carolina had in the Honorable Marion Butler, instead of using your columns to publish the lying Rocky Mount slander. No, gentlemen, one and all of you, care nothing about the reforms that the people need. You are only serving the enemies of reform, and trying to fool the people one time more, but the Populists are standing guard on the watch tower. You are only mad with Senator Butler because he exposed your rottenness, and because he broke up the bull pens and ballot-box stuffing in the grand old North State. Before he broke that up you had only to fix your majority and notify the canvassing boards of the big countys that were against you how many votes to steal to go in by the majority you predicted; and you had your boards so well trained that they would make the majority a little ahead of your prediction, and in your next issue you would have up the big rooster, and you would say, Oh, ha, we told you so, and you would go on to say that the white men could not stand the negro rule, and they joined hands and deserted the Populist party and went to the Democrats. But now, thanks to Marion Butler and the Populist Party, you have to stand up and be counted. And that is one reason why you are trying so hard to ruin his character as a statesman.

Why don't you tell the people that the Populists have eight members in the United States Senate, and they hold the balance of power, and are keeping down bad legislation, and that Marion Butler, as their leader, is offering to pledge these eight votes to either of the old parties that will do anything for the American people. You could praise gold-bug Ransom for getting a little appropriation till your throats were almost sore and that is all you had to praise him for. You, gentlemen, know you have slandered Senator Butler wilfully and knowingly by publishing the Rocky Mount lie. Why can't you have the manhood to correct it if you are really on the side of the people? Quit cursing Butler; the more you abuse him the nearer and dearer he is to the Populist Party. You burned and buried him in effigy, but it made him dearer and nearer to the people who love reform. Won't you have the manhood to right the wrongs you have committed against him? Who will be the first to come along gentlemen? Like men an honest confession is good for the soul.

Very truly yours,

G. P. SUTTON.

Parkersburg, N. C.

OUR FRUIT EXCLUDED.

Germany Forbids the Importation of Fresh Products—Alleged Ground Sanitary One.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The Prussian Minister of Finance, Dr. Miguel, issued a decree yesterday which goes into effect immediately, prohibiting the importation of every kind of American fresh fruit. The decree has been sent to all the German ports and frontier stations, excepting Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtemburg. The United States embassy was not previously warned, and the United States embassador today sent a formal letter to the Foreign Office, inquiring upon what authority this inimical step was taken.

The United States consul at Hamburg, Dr. Hugh Pitcairn, telegraphs that 16,000 barrels of American apples have been forbidden to be unloaded, and that two trains full of American fruit have been forbidden to cross the frontier at Emmerich, which, aside from Hamburg, is the principal place of entry for American fruit.

On the receipt of this news, Mr. White sent a second and stronger remonstrance to the Foreign Office, calling attention to the evident violation of the treaty. At the Foreign Office it was learned that the Prussian government prohibits the entry of American fruit on sanitary grounds, claiming that California and other vermin threaten German trees and fruit.

TENNESSEE'S SENATOR.

Thomas B. Turley, a Free Silver Democrat, Chosen.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 1.—The Democratic caucus on the first ballot to-night nominated for Senator, Thomas B. Turley, of Memphis, to fill the unexpired term of Isham G. Harris. Mr. Turley was appointed Senator by Governor Taylor, after Senator Harris' death. The ballot stood: Turley, 46; McMillin, 43; Taylor, 1. When the Senate and House met in joint convention Hon. Thos. B. Turley, Democrat, was elected, receiving 91 votes. The Republicans voted for Hon. J. W. Baker, of Nashville.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair-roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

PINGREE FIGHTING THE RAILROADS.

The People's Governor of Michigan compelling the Railroads to Comply With the State Law.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 5.—Governor Pingree won the first round in his fight to secure 2-cent railroad fares in Michigan today.

Judge Donovan gave his decision in mandamus proceedings, brought by the Governor against the Michigan Central Railroad Company to compel the company to comply with the State law.

The Legislature of 1891 passed a law compelling railroads earning more than $3,700 a mile annually to issue mileage books, good for all member of a family, to be valid for two years, the rate to be 2 cents, with repayment of unused mileage at the expiration of that time.

Governor Pingree demanded one of these books. It was refused, and immediately he brought suit.

Judge Donovan, in his decision, holds that the company must come under the general law and obey the act of 1891, which means the compulsory sale of tickets on its lines at 2 cents per mile.

"The holding of the company," says the decision, "are so vast that eventually the company will control the State railway system, or that function must remain in the State. In my view, the road is the servant and the State is the master."

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

THERE ARE 45 STATE BANKS—16 PRIVATE AND 6 SAVING BANKS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Commercial and Farmers' of Raleigh Heads the List—Money Deposited in Banks at Home is Loaned to Home Folks to Build up Home Institutions—Some Facts and Figures.

There has been issued from the Treasury Department of this State a statement of the condition of all State, private and savings banks at the close of business on the 15th of December, 1897, giving the summary of the resources and liabilities of 45 State, 16 private and 6 savings banks. It is a most interesting document, giving as it does condensed in formation not otherwise to be had.

There is also appended a detailed statement of the State's debt and investments.

Some Facts and Figures.

From the report, the following extracts are made:

The total amount of the resources and liabilities of these banks is $10,246,029.43.

The resources and liabilities of the State banks are $7,255,611.08, of the private banks they amount to $1,423,867 34 and the savings banks, $1,566,471.01.

The amount of silver on deposit in the State banks is $84,240.22, in private banks $22,102.08, in savings banks, $5,963 38.

The amount of gold on deposit in the State banks is $152,366.97, in private banks $36,027.76, in savings banks $32,495.00.

The capital stock paid in in the State banks amount to $1,986,690.00, in the private banks $297,353 93, in the savings banks $280,000 00.

The amount of deposits subject to check is $5 787,632.94. Of this amount $3 922 477 34 is in the State banks, $815 877.76 in private banks and $1,049,777.84 in savings banks.

The resources of the State, private and savings banks in the State is as follows:

Loans on real estate, $940,498.56; all other loans and discounts, $5,612,286.70; overdrafts, $134,082 42; United States bonds on hond, $10,000; State bonds (par value), $76,841,45; other stocks, bonds and mortgages, $210,200,64; due from banks, $1,804,332 15; silver, $112,315,68; banking house, $193,479.90; other real estate, $132,911.32; furniture and fixtures, $70,239.99; current expenses, $75,082.97; premiums, on bonds, $3,167.50; cash items, $155,743.97; gold coin, $214,889.73; national bank notes, $469 966.48; total resources, $10,246,029 43.

The liabilities of these various State, private and savings banks is as follows: Capital stock paid in $2,564 043.94; surplus fund, $360,901 89; undivided profits, $334,886 11; dividends paid, $2,238.50; deposits subject to check, $5,787,632.94; due to banks and bankers, $175,632 94; notes and bills re-discounted, $17,143.47; bills payable, $93,165,50; cashiers' checks outstanding, $38,321.30; certified checks, $3,436.20; demand certificates of deposit, $190491.34; time certificates of deposits, $568,475.54; total, $10,246,029.63.

The State's Debt.

The interest bearing bonded debt of the State stands at present as follows: 4 per cent, consolidated bonds . . $3,866,250
6 per cent. N. C. R. R. Construction bonds 2,720,000

Total . . . $5,086,250

The interest is payable on the 4 per cent. bonds in January and July, and on the 6 per cent. bonds in April and October.

The interest on the 4 per cent. bonds is paid out of taxes levied for the purpose, while the interest on the 6 per cent. bonds is provided for out of the dividends coming from the State's stock in the N. C. R. R. Co.

The annual interest is as follows:
On 4 per cent. bonds . $134,650
On 6 per cent. bonds . 163,200

Total annual interest $297,850

The annual income to the State from its stock in the N. C. R. R. Co. has been under old lease . . $180,012
Is to be for six years, under new lease . . 195,013
Is to be for ninety-four years under new lease 210,014

Under the Act to "Compromise Commute, and Settle the State Debt," $3,366,250 new 4 per cent. bonds have been issued in exchange for the old valid debt. To complete the work begun in this line will require $249,520 more to carry the new debt to its utmost possible limit, $3,615,770. The time in which this may be done expires January 1, 1899.

ANOTHER LITTLE GAME NIPPED.

BLOOD ON THE TAR HEEL MOON.

RESISTANCE TO SUPREME COURT.

Russell Will Use the State Guard to Keep Caldwell and Pearson out of the Clutches of the Supreme Court, and if the Guard Mutinies, the Governor Will Fall Back on Captain C. S. L. A. Taylor's Company: Marshal Dockery Will Call for Federal Troops if he Needs Them—The Conflict Between the State and Federal Judiciary.

[Charlotte Observer, Feb. 4.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Governor Russell is quoted in Wilmington as saying that he "Will protect Railroad Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson against the rule recently issued by the Supreme Court of the United States to the full extent of his resources as commander-in-chief of the State militia."

He is reported as having advised resistance to the order of the Supreme Court, saying that the object of the removal of the Wilsons as Railroad Commissioners was to precipitate a conflict between the State and Federal judiciary. "I will go to jail," he is quoted as saying, "to make the question of Federal usurpation the paramount issue in the next State campaign."

It is not believed here that the State Guard will respond to his call in the event of resistance on the part of Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson. But the Governor's Guard, a colored company of Charlotte, commanded by Capt. S. A. L. Taylor, has offered its services in anticipation of the Governor's failure to utilize the State Guard.

Mr. Claudius Dockery, speaking of the matter to-night, said that Marshal Dockery will execute the orders of the United States Supreme Court, and if necessary, will call for troops to support his authority in the premises. Colonel Mott, Governor Russell's chief of the staff, said that it is the Governor's avowed purpose to prevent, at all hazard, the surrender of Caldwell and Pearson to the Federal authority.

"To me," said District Attorney Holton, "it looks like a case of jail for somebody, if there is any trifling with the process of the United States Court in this matter."

And the most uncanny spot on the face of the earth at this season of the year is the District of Columbia jail. It is not seriously believed that commissioners Pearson and Caldwell are looking for that sort of destiny, but that the show of force on the part of the United States will sufficiently emphasize the conflict as a campaign issue.

Lawyers here agree that the rule issued by the Supreme Court against Caldwell and Peaason means the surrender of the office or imprisonment. The court, it is understood, was unanimous in ordering the issuance of the rule in this case, holding, it is said, the method employed by Caldwell and Pearson in securing possession of the Commissioners' office to be a grave offense against the mandate of the court. There it only one precedent, it seems, in the history of the court and the offenders in that case were fined and imprisoned

[The Charlotte Company of colored troops is not the "Governor's Guard" but the Charlotte Light Infantry, and is not commanded by "Capt. S. A. L. Taylar," but by Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor. Capt. Taylor could not be found last night, to be interviewed in regard to the impending conflict.—Observer.]

THE RUSSEL FAKE STORY.

Charlotte Observer Prints a Correction and Comments Thereon.

Charlotte Observer Feb. 6]

The Washington Post and some other Associated Press papers, in yesterday's editions, printed the following "denial" of Governor Russell, concerning the fake story (so characterized and printed in yesterday's Post), anent his alleged declaration of calling out the State troops to uphold his wrongfully appointed new Railroad Commissioners. It is dated Raleigh, and reads as follows:

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"In an interview given out tonight, Governor Russell says: "The statement accredited to me with regard to remarks concerning resistance to the order or decree of the Supreme Court of the United States is unqualifiedly false, and has not even the shadow of foundation, and was concocted by my enemies to injure me, and my appointees."

What the Charlotte Observer Says.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer, which printed the same correction of its story of the preceding day, comments upon it as follows:

"We are glad to see that Governor Russell denies having said, as reported in this paper's Washington correspondence, and that he would resist, with force or otherwise, the decree of the United States Supreme Court attaching his Railroad Commissioners for contempt. We regret that our Washington correspondent was misinformed in the matter. The Observer would not consciously do injustice to Governor Russell, however much it opposes his administration of State affairs. In this connection we call attention to the card of Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor, in this issue, denying that he had tendered the services of his company to the Governor, or that they had been asked for."

Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor "Didn't Tender His Command.

In to day's Charlotte Observer the captain of the only negro military company in the State, and whose company was in Raleigh during the late negro State fair, uses the following denial of the soft impeachment, so far as he and his company are concerned:

"I notice in your issue of to-day, in reference to a threatened tilt between Governor Russell and the Supreme Court of the United States, it was published that I, as commander of the Charlotte Light Infantry B, N. C. S. G, have tendered the services of my command, in anticipation of the Governor's failure to utilize the State Guard.' This statement, unintentional, no doubt, is calculated to do me injustice, and to place me in a false light. In advance of a demand by our Governor and commander-in-chief of the State military forces for the services of my command, it would have been, to say the least, highly improper for me to even intimate that I would respond or refuse to respond to the order of my superior officer. I may simply state that Governor Russell has made no such demand of me, or even hinted that the services of my command would likely be required.

"C. S. L. A. TAYLOR,
"Com. C. L. I. Co. B., N. C. S. G."

ALABAMA POPULISTS

Wants Admission to the Old Party, Because It Has Adopted the Populistic Principles.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. Feb. 5.—A special to the Times from Birmingham, Ala., says:

"A conference of a score or more of the leading Populists of this county here to-day issued a call for a general conference of all the Populists of the county, February 19th, to consider a system of returning to the Democratic party and participating in Democratic primaries. The leaders of the movement says the Democrats adopted the Populistic principles at the Chicago convention and that the best thing for the Populists to do is to return to Democracy, act as a faction of the party and by united action wield a strong influence on the party primaries and conventions. It is said similar efforts will be made in various counties. Jerry Fountain, former Populist county chairman, is the leader of the movement which is now opposed by the State Populist organization.

[Since the above has been in type we have learned that their is no grounds for the report, and is absolutely false.—Man. Ed.

SILVER MEN TO COMBINE

Populist and Silver Republicans Have a Conference and Will Co-operate With Democrats.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—The Populists and Silver Republicans held a conference last evening which was generally attended by members of these parties in both houses of Congress. After a discussion of the present situation in politics it was determined that the two parties, while maintaining separate organizations would work together in the coming campaign and endeavor to avoid nominations which would conflict. Both organizations will endeavor also to work with the Democrats in order that a solid combination of all organizations may be made against the Republicans.

BIG MONEY

Offerd for Trotters and Runners—Eleven Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars in Purses.

The New Bern, Washington, Greenville and Rocky Mount Fair Associations have arranged a circuit of four weeks racing and offer the large sum of eleven thousand and four hundred dollars in purses.

The classes range from four minutes to a free for all and the purses range from $100 to $500 each. The races of this circuit commence at New Bern on March 1st; Washington March 9th; Greenville, March 18th and Rocky Mount, March 23rd. There will be four days racing at each place. The entries for the first two places close on February 12th and the last two on March 1st.

Mr. George Green is the Secretary for the New Bern Fair and Mr. R. L. Davis, of Washington, N. C., acts for the other three places.—Washington, N. C. Progress.

The New Time has the plutocrats on the run. Do not miss Frederick U. Adams' masterly editorial on Mark Hanna's famous telegram to President McKinley, "God reigns and the Republican party still lives." Send us your subscription for this great reform magazine. One hundred pages, illustrated, 10 cents a month, one dollar a year.

Leiter's Wheat Profits.

N. Y. Sun.]

Leiter's wheat has cost him not more than an average of 91 cents a bushel, and a profit of 15 cents a bushel may be easily figured up for him. As he holds somewhere near 15,000,000 bushels, it is estimated that his profits now figure $2,250,000. On the 9,000,000 in store here he has a clear gain of $1,350,000.

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

THE CAUCASIAN $1 per year. Now is the time to subscribe.

SEVERE STORM.

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed and Many Lives Lost.

A score of persons were drowned and $2,000,000 loss inflicted by the storm that swept over eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Monday night and Tuesday morning. Four unidentified bodies lie in the corner's office in Gloucester. Five more are in Lynn and twelve unidentified corpses are reported to be at Baker's Island, in Salem Harbor.

A terrible storm has swept the coast of Norway during the last few days. There have been several shipping disasters and it is feared that many lives have been lost.

Storms are prevailing throughout Great Britain, and railroad trains have been greatly delayed. Severe gales have swept the coast and worse weather is predicted with severe cold.

Counting Uncle Sam's Money.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A recount of the Treasury cash, which was completed late this afternoon, disclosed a shortage of $859. The recount was made necessary by the appointment in June of Mr. Ellis E. Roberts as United States Treasurer in place of Mr. D. N. Morgan, and was begun on July 1. Since that time about $797,000,000 in cash has been counted. No errors or shortages of importance were discovered.

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY.

EPITOME OF THE TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE WORLD AND TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES.

An Interesting Collection of Items in a Condensed and Comprehensive Form and Matters of General Interest to our Readers.

A Michigan Central train last Friday ran into a sleigh containing four people and killed three and badly injuring the fourth occupant near Saginaw.

Two Christian Scientists, who allowed members of their families to die without medical attention, have been arrested at Kokomo, Ind., on the charge of manslaughter.

NANGATUCK, Conn., Feb. 1.—The reclaiming plant of the United States Rubber Company was gutted by fire to-night, causing a loss of more than $700,000; partly insured.

The American Press Association will send a special correspondent to the Klondike regions to supply it with a true and graphic account of that country for publication.

Senator McNulty introduced a bill in the New York Legislature providing for a world's fair in New York in 1901. It provides for the issuance of municipal stock to the amount of two million dollars.

Cashier Quinnion has resigned from the Chemical National Bank after confessing that he had loaned $333,000 without the directors' sanction. He says that he got no benefit personally but cancelled the loans improperly. He says that he hopes the bank will recover some of the money.

Thousands of sheep are reported to have perished from cold and starvation in western Wyoming. The cold has been intense for sixty days, and oldtimers say that it is the hardest winter they have seen for the past nineteen years.

Mallory Bros. & Barnesdall struck oil in the Big Injun sand in the Wildcat territory near the Whiskey Run field W. Va. The well spouted a solid stream of oil seven inches in diameter eighty feet high at one bit in the sand, and will be good for 100 barrels an hour, or an output of nearly $5 000 a day at the present low price of oil.

While temporarily insane, Miss Lucy Taylor, a pretty twenty-year-old girl, the daughter of Walter Taylor, a treasury department clerk, leaped through a window last week. She alighted on an iron fence and then ran nude and bleeding through the bitter night until she fell unconscious on a snow bank. Five minutes after her awful fate, her father, maddened with grief and thinking that his daughter was dead hanged himself in his kitchen.

George P. Tucker, a coal miner at Crescent, Fayette county, W. Va., went home at noon Saturday and found his wife with Wm. McAllister. He fired four shots, killing both his wife and McAllister instantly. He then walked two miles to Montgomery and gave himself up to the officers. Mrs. Tucker was the mother of three grown children, who lived at home.

The employes of the Whittenton Mills have been notified of a seven per cent reduction in wages to take effect Monday. More than eight hundred hands are employed, and the concern is the largest manufacturer of cotton cloth in Taunton, Mass. Keen competition and the condition of the market are given as the causes of the reduction. There will be no strike and the cut will be accepted. Congressman William C. Lovering is president of this corporation.

Admirable as a Non Partisan.

Nebraska will send a ship load of corn to the starving Cubans, and Bryan will pay for one hundred dollars worth of it. Whenever Mr. Bryan acts in non-partisan and non-political ways his behavior is invariably generous, sympathetic, and admirable.

Lingering Barbarism.

That there are relics of legal barbarism still existent in this country is evidenced by the fact that a bill has been introduced in the New York legislature to abolish fine and imprisonment for non-payment of taxes.

Wanamaker For Governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—A conference of business men from all over the State met here this afternoon under the auspicies of the Business Men's League, and resolved to request John Wanamaker to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, against the candidate favored by United States Senator Quay. Vigorous anti-Quay resolutions were adopted.

THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.

This is the Time to Give Attention to Your Physical Condition.

The warm weather which will come with the approaching spring months should find you strong and in robust health, your blood pure and your appetite good. Otherwise you will be in danger of serious illness. Purify and enrich your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla and thus "prepare for spring." This medicine makes rich, red blood and gives vigor and vitality. It will guard you against danger from the changes which will soon take place.

Lack of vitality and color-matter in the bulbs causes the hair to fall out and turn gray. We recommend Hall's Hair Renerve to prevent baldness and greyness.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak strong, blood pure. 50c. [illegible]

THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Supt. Mebane Proposes to Put History of Each in His Report.

Superintendent Mebane is sending out the following circular letter to all the schools and colleges of the State:

DEAR SIR: I am anxious that the next biennial report that is sent out from this office shall show, not only what North Carolina is doing in the public school and State institutions, but also shall show what our denominational colleges and high schools are doing; the academies, private schools, and in fact, want all the educational interests of the State to be represented in this report.

"In order to do this a considerable extra expense will be incurred and in order to meet the expense I have decided to offer space in this report at exactly what it will cost the State to print it.

"We want a short, concise history of the various shools, academies and colleges, and an outline of what has been done and is being done. Do not mention what you expect to do. I hope you will do greater things in the future, but want this report to show what is being done now.

"Would be glad to have a cut of your building and faculty to publish. The State printer estimates the cost to be about $1.50 per page.

This is a very reasonable expense to the schools and will do them a great deal of good, as well as the State.

"This report will be sent to every State in the United States, as well as distributed throughout North Carolina. I hope you will give this matter you careful consideration.

"Let me hear from you as soon as possible, also designate how much space you will want."

STATE NEWS.

Fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed to build a Losiery mill in Kinston.

The Asheville Citizen says that Col. V. S. Lusk will decline the Criminal Court Judgeship, and that E. D. Carter, Esq., will be appointed.

At an election held last week in Rutherford county on the question of "stock law" or "no stock law," the majority in favor of stock law was 1,053.

A white man named Fulp was knocked off the track by the Winston-Salem passenger train one mile from Winston Saturday evening. Both legs were broken besides other injuries sustained. He was sent to the hospital. His condition is considered serious.

The fire in Laurinburg Friday consumed $30,000 worth of property, on which there was $10,000 insurance. It began in J. W. McNair's warehouse, burned Britt's harness factory, the McDougald Furniture company, two livery stables. Laurinburg had a narrow escape.

Circulars have been issued for the corner-stone laying of the Coleman Cotton Mills, in Concord, on the 8th. A large number of speakers have been invited. This is purely a negro enterprise and should receive liberal encouragement.

The police department of Norfolk is engaged in a dilligent search for Miss Nessie Mundane, a young lady of Elizabeth City, N. C., who has mysteriously disappeared. Her friends fear that she has met with foul play. She left Elizabeth City last Wednesday afternoon, and from the time she boarded the train for Norfolk all trace of her disappeared.

A man named Geo. Bryant started from Lexington to his home Monday night somewhat intoxicated. He stopped at a flour mill to warm and standing too near the furnace he caught on fire. He went to a branch near by to try to extinguish the flames, but he was so badly burned that his dead body was found on the bank of the stream this morning. He was a hard-working industrious man.

Last Tuesday while the draw to the railroad bridge over the river at Greenville was being closed, after letting a steamer pass, the high wind struck the draw with such force as to knock the guard rails several inches out of line. The accident prevented trains passing over the bridge until the damage was repaired. Passengers and mail had to be brought over in hacks.

At the Superior Court in session at Oxford last week the case of Horner School against R. M. Westcott, of Wilmington, in which suit was brought to recover full charge for entire session's tuition of Cadet Westcott, who was dismissed from the school after being there six weeks. The decision of the court allowed Mr. Horner only a part of the tuition sued for, the judge holding that Mr. Horner was only entitled to collect for the quantum meruit. An appeal was taken by the plaintiff to the Supreme Court.

SOAP MADE FROM PEANUTS.

It May Rival That Manufactured From Olive Oil.

Pittsburg Disdatch.

In view of the fact that there is a superabundance of peanuts raised every year in Virginia, North Carolina and other parts of the South, the suggestion is made that the peanut oil be used more extensively in pharmacy and be permitted to take the place, to a certain extent, of olive oil. Prof. S. P. Sadler recently produced an experimental soda soap from the oil extracted from American peanuts. In reporting this fact, he remarked significantly that the bulk of the castile soap made in Marseilles is made from from African peanut oil. The average grade of American peanuts is slightly inferior to the East African peanut oil-producing value, but experience has demonstrated the excellent quality of the American peanut oil.

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CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

Senate Committee Reports Favorably on the Anti Scalping Bill —Discussion of Hawaii

ADMINISTRATION PLANS

Will Probably be Abandoned—Jerry Simpson's Tilt With Cap. Reed—His Leaders Made Hot—The Champion of Protection Ridiculed by Kansas Representative—Congressman Skinner's Bill.

Special to THE CAUCASIAN.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—With the exception of the passage of some appropriation bills the Senate has been engaged in discussion of the Hawaiian Treaty. The result of the vote on the treaty cannot be accurately forecasted, though it will be very close.

The adverse committee report on the seating of Corbett is now being considered by the Senate. All precedents are against the seating of Corbett as the Legislature, having the opportunity, failed to elect.

The Senate committee on Inter-State Commerce has reported favorably the anti-scalping bill, including an amendment offered by Senator Tillman against the issuance of free passes except as provided in the act to regulate commerce approved February 4th 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blair, of Winston, were here last week. Mr. Blair attended the executive committee meeting of the Sound Money League.

Among the North Carolinians in the city during the week were District Attorney Holton, W. D. Cowles, of Statesville, Faison Calvert, of Jackson, and Claude Dockery.

Since the passage by such a large vote in the Senate of the Teller resolution it is now certain that the House committee on Banking and Currency will abandon all efforts to secure any financial legislation embodying the idea of the administration on that subject—for it could not be passed in the Senate. It is believed that the abandonment of the administration plans will probably end in May. The House has already passed eight of the appropriation bills, and the Senate has made good progress with them.

Jerry Simpson is one of the best fighters in the House. He has courage, ability and skill, and is well posted on public questions. He had a lively tilt with Dingley the other day and came off with flying colors. It seems that Mr. Simpson learned that the champion of protection for American industries had a silk tile marked "London," showing that the hat was of foreign make, and Jerry took occasion to say that he thought it very bad taste for the great advocate of protection to be wearing London-made hats, that Dingley, of all men should wear only American-made goods, since he claimed tariff was needed for American industries, he should not patronize foreigners in buying his hats. This brought Mr. Dingley to his feet instantly. He tried to make a defense, but silence would have been wiser and better for him. His explanation plunged him morally deeper in the hole than Jerry had put him. He said that he bought the hat from a firm in Lewiston, Me., and that firm, in order to command a higher price has stamped the hat "London," thus showing if this were true, that they were practicing deception on the American people. His explanation did not explain, and Mr. Dingley will not hear the last of his "London" hat. Some Republicans in discussing the matter among themselves said:

"Some traitor on our side must have told Simpson about that hat," remarked one member.

"Will such a thing as that hurt us?" asked another.

"Well, I should say so," remarked a Western man. "All over my country the Democrats will charge that Dingley thinks so little of the American manufacturer as to wear a London-made hat. All his explanations will avail nothing. We will never hear the last of Dingley's hat."

Congressman Linney was the only Republican member of the House who voted for the Teller resolution. In his speech he said that he was opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but favored free coinage of the American product. This is like the International agreement nonsense. Pearson voted against the resolution and White answered "present" when his name was called.

Congressman Harry Skinner has introduced a bill to establish in the District of Columbia a national training school for women. He introduced the bill at the instance of Mrs. Cotton. The measure is endorsed by the Mother's Congress and by various women's associations throughout the United States. Mrs. Cotton is behind the measure, and will bring powerful influence to bear in its favor. Mr. Skinner will urge the passage of the bill at every stage. An appropriation of $10,000 is asked to begin the preliminary work.

DUBOIS PREDICTS VICTORY.

Says the Silver Forces are Bound to Win in 1898 and 1900.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Feb. 1.—Ex-Senator Dubois, chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Silver Republican party, left for the East tonight, at the request of the Silver leaders, to confer with them for the purpose of uniting all silver forces. Chairman Dubois says the vote in the Senate in favor of the Teller resolution has convinced the silver advocates that with a close union of the silver forces victory in 1898 and 1900 is certain.

Under the contemplated arrangement the Populists, Silver Republicans and Democratic parties will each maintain a distinct organization.

Populist Congressional Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The Populists in Congress have completed an organization with Representatives Bell, of Colorado, Chairman of the joint caucus, Representative Shuford, of North Carolina, as Secretary, and Senator Harris, of Kansas, as Chairman of the Congressional Committee.