

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

How many Democratic papers in this State have published the strong and forcible letter written by Hon. W. J. Bryan in favor of a fair and honorable co-operation of all who are opposed to the gold standard and the rule of the allied trusts and monopolies.

It has been given out that the Southern Railway will not lease the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad if the Railroad Commissioners insist on reducing passenger rates to 2 1/2 and 20 per cent.

Again we ask: why are certain Democratic newspapers in this State so anxious about the confirmation of Judge Ewart for one of the most important life judgeships?

There was a wide public interest in the decision of the Supreme Court over the Nebraska maximum freight rate case, and the general public is much disappointed that within a few days he would be confirmed despite the opposition of Senator Butler and the large number of witnesses who have testified to his unfitness.

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

A battle which is on now between the money power and the people began in earnest in North Carolina when Vance was attacked, from one side of the State to the other, for writing his letter to the Mecklenburg Alliance in 1893.

The Observer and its little band of allies—Webster's Weekly, the Statesville Mascot and the Morganton Friend—in opposition to the editor's proposition resulted in the confirmation of the Chicago platform and the endorsement of Mr. Bryan at the State committee's meeting on the 30th of November last.

The war upon the silver Populists practically the whole body of that party was repudiated, and the alternative referred to confronts us now in very truth.

The Logic of Events at the national capital has, however, come to our assistance. The chairman of the national Democratic committee and the Congressional Democratic committee have agreed to co-operation with the Populists for complete co-operation in the Congressional districts.

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STATE NEWS.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of A. Hunter, postmaster at Kingston, N. C.

Geo. W. Vanderbilt proposes to continue the development of the model village of Biltmore by the erection of a school for white pupils, the building of several handsome buildings and the establishment of an electric light plant.

Five flat cars loaded with cannon went through here, going South. The railroad officials would not tell their destination, but a warlike publication has been in the hands of the press.

The distinguished Dr. W. R. L. Smith, of Richmond, Va., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Wake Forest Commencement. With three such orators as Hilliard, Andrews and Smith, the next commencement will be attractive enough to those who go to the commencement "to hear the speeches."

Sheriff W. H. Harrington, of Pitt county, returned from Florida last week with a colored man named Alonzo Walters, who is charged with killing another colored man named Henderson West a year or more ago.

A hard rubber trust has been formed. The three leading firms of this country, the India Rubber Comb Co., No. 9, Myer street, New York, the Butler Hard Rubber Co., No. 33 Mercer street, New York, and the Goodrich Hard Rubber Co., of Akron, O., have joined it.

The convicts of Michigan City, Indiana, State prison attempted to break prison. Two hundred convicts were engaged in the outbreak. The leaders were shot which quailed the other convicts. It is thought two will die.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.—An imperial ukase just issued ordering disbursement of 90,000,000 rubles (about \$70,000,000) as extraordinary expenditure for the construction of warships. No loan will be raised to provide the money.

The Canadian government has decided to send a detachment of militia of 200 men to the Yukon district to supplement the mounted police force there are on account of the very influx of people who are expected to crowd into the Yukon this spring to maintain law.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad last week carried fifty thousand tons of gunpowder and ammunition from the government storehouse at Dover, Delaware. A train load of powder and ammunition left Dover each night last week and at Hoboken was placed on lighters and taken to the coast fortifications.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9.—John Wanamaker to-night consented to be the candidate of the Business Men's Republican League for Governor.

Mayor Robert E. McKisson announced that he would contest the election of Senator Hanna when the latter attempted to take his seat for the long term. McKisson was the candidate for Senator at Columbus last January.

MACON, Ga. March 9.—Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan delivered one of his characteristic speeches here to night to an audience of five thousand persons. His reception was an enthusiastic one. Firing of cannon and music by a brass band were the main features of the demonstration.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, has informed the Canadian Ministry officially that he has arranged a convention with the United States whereby the Alaskan boundary dispute has been settled. "Under the terms of the convention, the British government has conceded the claims of the United States that the three marine leagues should be measured from the shore of the strait, and not as rivers.

An enthusiastic audience of free silver advocates listened to an address by Senator Tillman in Raleigh last night, by Senator Tillman, of South Carolina. The speech was characteristic of the man, and it pleased his hearers immensely. Among other things, he referred to the appropriation for national defense.

There is one thing in which we can join hands with our goldbug friends, and that is in defense of the national honor. It is gratifying to me that I was able to do so consistently a few days ago in the United States Senate. It illustrates our unity of opinion in defense of the American flag. When it comes to our national honor we know no party or faction."

CLEAR AND CONVINCING. PRETTY COLLEGE GIRLS OUTING.

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