

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

There is a certain class of gold and monopoly Democrats and a certain class of Populists who are pulling together...

If the monopolists succeed in electing the next Legislature of North Carolina, it will be due to the efforts of the Cleveland Democrats and that class of so-called Bryan Democrats...

When it is announced that Mr. Otho Wilson and some others of his kind are raising money to start a newspaper...

The Charlotte Observer, the acknowledged mouthpiece of Cleveland, and the enemy to every principle of the People's party...

The Southern Railroad files an exception to the last reduction which it says will amount to \$12,000...

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PUBLIC OPINION

What Exchanges are Saying on Current Events.

Webster Weekly. The editor of this paper, while a member of the Legislature...

A Great Wrong. It must be Righted. We believe a great wrong was done the people of the State...

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UNION AND CO-OPERATION

The People Who Think Alike Should Act Together to Conquer the Enemy.

DIVISION MEANS DEFEAT

Disinterestedness in Party Success and Earnest Advocacy of the People's Demands. The Continuation of Goldbugs in the Democratic Party...

The reader has no doubt heard that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. To stave off goldbug and monopolistic machinations...

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The goldbug element. The refusal to cooperate with other silver people would be the strongest of proof...

GEN. LEE ON THE MAINE

Believes Spaniards are Responsible for the Disaster. General Lee's Idea as to the Authorship of the Explosion is That Officers in Charge of the Mines Accomplished It.

The testimony taken before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in connection with the investigation into the relations between the United States and Cuba was made public Thursday...

With reference to the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine, Gen. Lee said: "I am satisfied the explosion was from the outside. I called the State Department a few days after the board assembled...

Admiral Montenegro's Telegram. Gen. Lee said that he had seen a copy of a telegram from Admiral Montenegro, dated Havana, prior to the explosion...

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Continuing his testimony Gen. Lee said that ten minutes after the explosion he was at the palace talking to Gen. Blanco...

TWO OF A KIND

"Goldbugs and Mid-Roaders are Doubling Their Teams."

"SOUND MONEY SLUSH" AND "MID-ROAD MUSH"

The American X Ray (Ogden, Utah). Each week we receive advance proof sheets from cliques in the east who evidently believe they edit the country press better than can the editors themselves...

"The fusion proposition is meeting with little encouragement in Indiana as it is in Minnesota and numerous other States where it has been tried. The Indiana Populists at their State Convention recently adopted an extremely stormy session...

We would call the above pair twins. It is evident the gold power has secured a powerful ally in the mid-road faction headed by Wharton Barker. It is also evident that the gold power has also secured an ally in the mid-road faction...

have been certain that the submarine explosive was placed there prior to the entrance of the Maine into the harbor. It might have been done after the explosion...

Mr. Caldwell, Chairman of the Cabarrus County Committee, in a very well written and patriotic letter warns Populists against the danger of a coalition with the gold power...

EDITOR CAUCASIAN:—The campaign of 1898 is but the marshaling of all the reform forces for the great battle of the next year. Let the will of the people prevail in the campaign and trusts will tremble in their strongholds...

"Half a span of angry steel" will produce no more fatal results than a neglected cold or cough. For all throat and lung diseases, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best remedy.

MORE MONEY IS NEEDED

Navy Department's Estimate on Emergency Fund. Negotiations for the Purchase of the New York and the Parts of the American Fleet—Department Decides not to Publish the Statement.

An order was issued at the Navy Department yesterday prohibiting the giving out of news concerning the movements of war vessels. Since the beginning of the preparations for war the most secret has been gradually closing in the lines of information...

Having seen the American Line's last ocean greyhounds, the President and the Secretary of the Navy Department is now negotiating for the purchase of the Paris and the New York of the same line.

With \$5,000,000 paid out for the St. Paul and St. Louis, as many millions likely to go for the Paris and the New York to say nothing of the money paid for the other Morgan Line steamers...

The Norfolk Navy Yard is in a state of the greatest activity, workmen are busy by hundreds on the vessels moored in place...

The Secretary of War authorized Quartermaster General Luddington to invite companies operating steamships along the coast to submit proposals for chartering to the government their vessels for use in transporting troops...

On the question of volunteers there is some misunderstanding in the public mind. Of course, in case of war, the militia of the various States will be called upon immediately to augment the regular troops...

RAISING WAR REVENUE. Chairman Dingley at Work on a Measure Designed to Raise \$100,000,000 by Taxation of "Luxuries."

STATE AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Shows a Net Increase in Revenue From All Sources—The Secretary of State's

RECEIPTS \$30,000 MORE

More Than Under Previous Administration. Some Particulars in Listing Real Property Increase in Valuation of Railroad Property, the Pension List and Other Matters of Public Interest.

The cash balance in the hands of the State Treasurer is shown to be \$93,944.47. This report, however, credits him with two items which have not been paid and are now in litigation...

The statement of the Educational Fund shows an excess of disbursements over receipts of \$2,041.98. This condition was created by the State Board of Education in appropriating to the public schools the unexpended amount of the fund...

In Statement 1, of part two, it will be noted that dogs are reported by some counties as subjects for ad valorem taxation. It may be proper to remark here, for future reference, that this species of personal property is not a subject of taxation in this State...

The total aggregate taxable value of all property in the State subject to taxation was, according to the Auditor's report for 1897, \$47,227,991. The total aggregate value of such property is shown, by this report, to be \$50,011,508.23...

Net increase over 1896, 1,574,280.24. According to former reports of the Department it appears that the real and personal property of the State has been gradually decreasing in taxable value for the last five years.

The irregularities in listing of course begin in the counties, and it may be interesting to note some illustrations as to the differences that have occurred there. In doing this, note will be taken of the returns for the last five years, viz: 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897.