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## REUNION AT MEMPHIS.

### GEN. JOHN B. GORDON WAS RE-ELECTED COMMANDER OF THE ORDER WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

#### FOUR THOUSAND MEN IN THE PARADE.

Congress Asked to Make an Appropriation for the Care of Confederate in the Cemeteries of the North—Dallas, Tex., Selected as the Place to hold Next Reunion.

The United Confederate Veterans held their Reunion in Memphis, Tenn., last week. Over four thousand of the old soldiers were present and took part in the parade.

General John B. Gordon was re-elected Commander of the order without opposition, and the scene which followed the announcement that for one year longer he would preside over the work of the organization, was touching. The old soldiers sprang to their feet and cheered the general with frantic energy. Delegates climbed upon their chairs, made the building ring with their shouts and filled the air with their waving hats as they applauded him again and again.

The convention was a memorable one in another respect, and that is in the decision that steps are to be taken for the erection of the Battle Abbey in Richmond. The work of erecting a memorial to the cause of the South has passed beyond the preliminary stage and now the actual buildings will be commenced. Within ninety days the members of the Executive Committee will meet in the city of Richmond for the purpose of completing details for the commencement of the building and the laying of the corner stone. The committee has in hand the funds to warrant the work and from now it is expected that there will be no more delay in the erection of the memorial.

A ball was given in the Confederate hall by the Sons of Veterans which was attended by fully 2,000 people.

A resolution was passed that the members of the Memorial Committee be ordered to meet in Richmond within ninety days to make final arrangements for the laying of the corner stone of the Battle Abbey. A resolution was offered respectfully requesting the Congress of the United States to pass on act making sufficient appropriation for the care of Confederate dead in the cemeteries of the North. Another resolution was passed extending thanks to Congress and the President of the United States for the passage of the act making an appropriation for the re-interment of the Confederate dead interred in the National cemetery at Washington.

General A. P. Stewart offered a resolution asking that members of the United Confederate Veterans each give one dollar for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the women of the South to commemorate the heroism shown by them during the war. The motion met with great approval and one delegate who announced himself as "Jim Crow" from Louisiana, handed up the first dollar.

Gen. Gordon announced that Gen. Stewart of Chattanooga had been made treasurer of the fund and that all subscriptions for the memorial to Southern women be sent to him.

The report of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association was then read by Mrs. N. B. Randolph, of Richmond, Va. The financial report of the association showed a total of cash in hand of $32,672 with outstanding subscriptions of $10,727.

A prayer was offered by Dr. Perry for the memory of Winnie Davis, the Daughter of the Confederacy. The order adjourned to meet next year in Dallas, Texas.

TAR HEELS AT THE REUNION.

Memphis, Tenn., May 30.—North Carolina made a splendid display in the grand parade to-day and was given a prominent place near the head of the column. All along the line of parade the North Carolina veterans were loudly cheered and many compliments were paid them.

#### Was It Theft or Gift?

Washington Post.

Norfolk, Va., May 30.—Augustus Holley, son of Judge Holley, of North Carolina, and L. Y. Harden, were arraigned in the Police Court this morning on the charge of robbing John C. Howson of $164 in money, and were sent on to the Corporation Court for trial. Howson came from New Britain, Conn., not long ago. They said Howson gave them the money and watch to keep for him, and they meant to return them to him later. Harden was bailed in $300. Holley, who is of Coleraine, N. C., is in jail.

#### Captain King Convicted.

Mobile, Ala., May 31.—The sealed verdict in the bribery case against Cyril W. King, former captain and quartermaster in the United States army, returned last night, was opened in the United States Circuit Court today. It finds him guilty, as charged, of receiving money with the intent to influence his official actions.

## KANSAS FARMERS COMBINE.

They are Preparing to Handle the Largest Wheat Crop in the History of the State.

Abeline, Kan., Dispatch to N. Y. Post.

The wheat farmers are preparing for an active contest with the railroad and elevator companies in the handling of the new crop. There is now little doubt but that Kansas will raise the largest wheat crop in its history, the large yield of last year not excepted. The farmers feel aggrieved at the pri es received at the elevators last year, and claim that the railroads owned the principal elevators and kept the price of grain below the market, refusing to furnish the farmers cars so that they could not not ship their own product.

As a means of retaliation farmers' co-operative grain companies are being formed in many communities, prepared to buy or build elevators to handle the members' grain. In some instances the membership includes 90 per cent. of the wheat-growers and insures enough grain to run the elevator throughout the season. Other companies are being formed, and the prospects are for a general movement that will insure a more generous treatment of the wheat-raisers. The danger of an infusion of the old-time alliance politics is the chief peril of the new plans, and this is already making itself manifest.

The announcement of the heads of the millers' and implement-men's associations that Kansas will need 20,000 extra hands to harvest the crop indicates that the farmers have before them a busy season, and probably a very profitable one.

#### An Irishman's Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I, Timothy Delona, of Barrydownderry, in the county of Clare, farmer; being sick and wake in my legs, but of sound head and warm heart. Glory be to God!—do make the first and last will the ould and new testament; first I give my sole to God, when it pleases Him to take it; sure no thanks to me, for I can't help it then; and my body to be burried in the ground at the Chapel, where all my kith an' kin that have gone before me an' the ones that live after me, are burried peace to their ashes, may the sod rest lightly over their bonez. Bury me near my godfather, Felix O'Flaharty, betwixt and betwen him and my father an' muther, who lie seperate altogether, at the other side of the chapel yard. I leave the jit black dorg, what is kivered all under with big white spots, to me eldest son Tim, after the death of his muther, if she survives him. My daughter Mary I leave to her husban who is to get the white sower that'e to have twelve black bonifs Teddy my second son that was killed in the Amerikay war mite have got his pick of the poltry, but as he is gone I lave them to his wife, who died a wake before him; I beqeath to all mankind fresh air of heaven, all the fishes of the sea they can take, and all the birds of the air they can shoot; I lave to Peter Rafferty a pint of whiske that I kant finish, and may God be mersiful to his sole.—Ex.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

One of the most remarkable but least-noticed facts in connection with the war in the Transvaal is the extreme youth of a large part of General De Wet's army. When hostilities brake out almost every grown man enlisted, even the enfeebled, but the pace has been too rapid for the venerable burghers. As they were killed or incapacitated their places have gradually been taken by mere school-children, many only thirteen or fourteen years of age. Under the title of "The Youngest Soldiers in the World," in the June Cosmopolitan Allen Sangree throws more light on the make-up and life of General De Wet's commandoes than anything hitherto published. The naive, simple letter from fourteen-year-old Deneys Reitz to his father, the Secretary of State of the Transvaal Republic, has seldom been equalled for vital interest by any carefully written article on the war.

#### The Platonic Love Letters of Charles Dickens.

For more than fifty years an Englishwoman (who is still living) has cherished a little sheaf of letters written by Charles Dickens. These charming letters show the novelist in a new part—that of the successful matchmaker. They tell the story of another man's courtship and show how the writer spurred a faint heart into winning a fair lady.

They will be printed—for the first time—in The Saturday Evening Post for June 15.

#### Must Protect Populist Principles From Democratic Thieves.

Hickory Times-Mercury.

Whatever plans and policies the populists may adopt when the proper time comes, it will be dangerous to make them known until a good strong safe can be procured to lock them in, for our democratic friends are again without policies and plans and may "steal" ours again. Men starving for pie will steal, you know, and swear it justifiable larceny.

#### Oil Struck in the State of Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., May 30.—The first oil found in this state was struck to-day at a depth of 200 feet in a well near Tenine, by the Puget Sound Petroleum Company.

## NO "HAMMER COLLEGE OF SCIENCE."

The College was to Educate its Students in the Science of Treating Disease Without Medicine or Surgery.

The Secretary of State to-day returned to H. P. McKnight & Co., of High Point, their application for a charter for the "Hammer College of Science, etc." The Secretary's letter is short but covers the whole ground. He says: "Your papers do not demonstrate to my satisfaction that the objects proposed in your articles of agreement are in keeping with the laws and legislative policy of this state in regard to the treatment of diseases, nor do I find them to conform to the requirements and usages of the state board of health. The Attorney General sustains this position." The application said the "college" was to educate and graduate its students in the science of treating disease without the use of medicine or surgery; to practice same and educate and authorize them to teach and practice same, to confer upon each of said students, as its faculty thinks proper, any or all of the following degrees, namely: Doctor of phychs therapeutics, suggestive therapeutics, hypnotic therapeutics, anatomy diagnosis, professional muse, psychological therapeutics and metaphysical therapeutics. Also any minor details that may be necessary to carry into effect any one or all foregoing branches not inconsistent with the laws of North Carolina and the laws of the United States. The capital stock was fixed at $50,000 with privilege to increase to $100,000. The incorporators are Henry P. MacNight, C. A. Hamner and Miss Callie Futch, all given as of High Point. The faculty was to consist of a dean and such assistants as he might select.

#### Sued for $2,000; Got $2,269.98.

Gastonia, May 30.—A right interesting case was before the civil court at Dallas this week. At least the decision of the jury was interesting. J. H. McCarver, a young man, was sitting on the Southern Railway track several months ago, drunk, and was struck and killed by the 10:40 night train. His father sued for $2,000 damages. The judge instructed the jury that in estimating the amount they should consider what his wages would reasonably have been earned the balance of his life, taking it for granted that they would stay within the limits of the amount sued for. But to the surprise of the court they decided that he should have $2,269.98.

#### London Society Women Gamblers in Trouble.

London, May 30.—The passion for gambling pervading the smart set in London threatens to lead to much scandal. Stories are already current of well-known women in financial difficulties, over gaming losses, in one case amounting to, it is said, $8,000 at a single sitting.

## STORM IN SOUTHERN STATES

### GREAT INJURY TO FRUIT AND CROPS.

Churches and Warehouses at Dawson, Ga., Destroyed by the Harricane—Hail in Parts of Texas Twenty Inches Deep

Dawson, Ga., May 31.—A hurricane struck the northern part of this place this morning at 7 o'clock. The residences of M. P. Hoyle, J. W. Adams, Tom Fields, Sarah Jackson, Duke Major, Minnie Morris, The Dawson Oil Company's gin house, also their oil refinery building and tanks, warehouse of the Seaboard Air Line, Dawson Odd Fellows Hall (colored), and the Sardis Baptist church (colored) were wrecked. The depot of the Central Railroad, warehoure of the Dawson Grocery Company and Dawson compress were practically unroofed. Seven or eight tenement houses, hot houses, and much fencing have been destroyed. The damage so far as known at this time will probably not exceed $10,000.

Mrs. J. W. Adams had her arm and leg broken, and Sarah Jackson and daughter of Ruby Newman were injured but to what extent is unknown.

HAIL TWENTY INCHES DEEP.

Houston, Texas, May 31.—A heavy rain and hair storm covered a wide area this morning and great damage has been done to all crops, especially to fruit, Eastern Texas having been affected to a greater extent than any other section. A special from Long View says hail was twenty inches deep in places and much damage was done. A special from Palestine says the damage to property there and to crops in the surrounding country will reach $15,000.

Meridian, Miss., May 31.—A terrific wind and hail storm passed over this city and section last night. All streams are out of their banks to-day. The Alabama Great Southern Railroad has experienced some trouble on account of trees being blown on the track during the high wind.

A CHILD KILLED BY WIND.

A wind storm passed through the southern part of Claiborne county, Miss., prostrating everything in its path. Only one fatality is reported so far. A colored man's house was smashed in like an egg-shell and three of his children were caught under the falling timbers. The little girl was instantly killed.

The rainfall at Vicksburg was nearly four inches, at Greenville, Alabama the roof of the court house was blown away and much damage was done to the crops in that State.

## ENGLAND STARTLED.

### ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR BRITISH WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AT THE BATTLE VLADFONTEIN.

#### HEAVY CASUALITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Most Serious Engagement Since Gen. Clement's Reverse at Magaliesburg. Boers Left Thirty-five Dead on the Field.

London, May 29.—An unusually heavy list of casualties in South Africa was issued this morning. It refers to a number of engagements heretofore unreported. There was fighting on May 22, 23, 24 and 25 between Standerton and Bethel, the British losing an officer and five men killed and twenty-four wounded. Other fights on a small scale are reported, but they extended over a wide area in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

London, May 31.—On the anniversary of Lord Robert's entry into Johannesburg, the county has been startled by the receipt of news of desperate fighting and heavy British losses within 40 miles of the Gold Reef City. The battle at Vladfontein, on the Durban-Johannesburg Railroad, reported by Lord Kitchener. to-day, is the most serious engagement since General Clement's reverse at Magaliesburg. It shows General Delarey is in no way daunted by the capture of eleven of his guns by General Babington, six weeks ago. The garrison of Vladfontein, apparently largely composed of yeomanry, had 174 men put out of action. That their assailants came to close quarters and suffered heavily is shown by the number of dead left on the field. The dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, May 20, is as follows:

"General Dixon's force at Vladfontein was attacked yester day by Delarey's forces, and there was severe fighting. The enemy was eventually driven off with heavy loss, leaving 25 dead. I regret that our casualties also were severe. The killed and wounded numbered 174. Four officers were killed."

#### "Rubbing It In."

Washington, May 31.—The Department of Justice is in receipt of a letter from a prisoner at the Fort Leavenworth penitentiary. This prisoner says that recently he severely burned his arm. He was compelled to perform his duties as usual, however. He did not mind that so much, he says, but he looked out of the window of his shop, out over the links connected with the prison, and saw Oberlin M. Carter, "who stole hundreds of thousands of dollars," playing golf with the prison physician and other officials. He thought that was 'rubbing it in," and worthy of complaint.

#### A High Price for Stamps.

The misprinted new Pan-American two-cent postage stamps in which the engine in the center appears upside-down are exciting philatelists in Brooklyn. Off the defective stamps a sheet of a hundred came to the Brooklyn office and they were sold without the defect being noticed. Their price has since gone up by leaps and bounds. A number went for $5 and others for $10 and $15. John H. Walsh, Assistant Superintendent of the Board of Education, has five of the stamps and is reported to have refused $30 apiece for them. This is probably the highest price yet quoted.

Other sheets of the defective stamps are turning up in different parts of the country. Stamp dealers are not anxious to acquire the new "specimens" until their total number is pretty definitely known, since their value depends entirely on the relative scarcity.

The last time an inversion was found on United States stamps was on the revenue issue of twenty-two years ago. These are now selling for $25.

## CHANGES IN SEABOARD AIR LINE.

The Headquarters of the First Division to be removed to Raleigh.

Norfolk, Va., May 30.—The headquarters of the first division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway are to be immediately removed to Raleigh, N. C., the northern division of the second division. This move is a part of General Manager Barr's plan for the reorganization of the transportation department of the system. It is stated that the second division will very shortly be consolidated with the first.

#### Ate Thirty Bananas.

The Albemarle correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: Three stalwart young fellows, operatives in the knittings mills here, engaged in a banana-eating contest at the store of the Albemarle Grocery Company Monday evening. The one who ate the fewest bananas was to pay for the entire lot. When the fun was over it was found that Fred Gaddy had eaten 30, Heath Morris 29, and John Miller 22. None of the parties suffered from their experience and all were able to work next day.

## BAKERSVILLE DESTROYED.

### AN APPEAL MADE FOR AID IN THEIR GREAT DISTRESS.

#### $1,000,000 DAMAGE IN MITCHELL.

The Loss of Property in the Town Alone is Estimated at $100,000—Five Hundred Houses Swept Away—People in Need of Assistance.

To Charlotte Observer.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, taken at the flood leads on to" destruction. Our quiet little town nestling 'neath the lofty mountains, hitherto undisturbed by dire disasters, was on the 21st of May, visited by the most disastrous flood ever known to our people.

On the night of the 20th inst., a gale from the east began to blow with unusual velocity, and continued with unabated force, with lowering clouds of frightful darkness, and great waves of drenching rain, Tuesday morning when it became apparent that we were to have a great deluge.

By 10 o'clock the people living on what is called "Water street," observing the rapid rising of the stream and being terror-stricken, began to flee to the hills for safety. Scarcely had they gotten out of their houses until the whole valley within which our town is situated presented a scene alarming, appalling, and absolutely indescribable.

With mighty rush and roar, bearing upon its furious bosom the debris of demolished barns, dwelling houses, grist and saw mills, store-houses with entire contents, live stock and growing crops, the flood came like a mighty avalanche, and in its mad rush drove to ruin the entire part of the town on Water street.

Mingled with this maddening rush of turbid waters and crushing houses were to be heard the piteous cries of those astride floating buildings, rushing on to watery graves, begging and screaming and praying for help, in sight of the multitude drenched by the mighty downpour of rain, anxious to save, but powerless to help. It is not known how many lives have been lost, nor is it known how many dwelling houses, mills and store-houses were swept away. A conservative estimate would fix the number at about 500. Men whose judgment is regarded as safe, put the damage in the entire county at one million dollars.

The damage to this town alone will reach near one hundred thousand dollars. In the face of this dire calamity, and realizing the situation of our town, it being 35 miles to the nearest railroad point, with the roads all washed away, and knowing that great and wide suffering in our midst is imminent without outside help, a mass meeting was called by the mayor of the town. The town commissioners, ministers of the gospel, merchants, all the good citizens of the town being present, and participating, it was deemed best and proper, and it was ordered by said mass meeting, that an appeal be made to all charitable institutions, Christian organizations and all other business organizations, by whatever name or names known, or private individuals, for contributions for the relief of the suffering and distressed people in our midst.

May the God of mercy inspire our people and incline their hearts to aid us in this our great distress and save us from suffering, starvation and death. Contributions may be made either in money, food or clothing, to Rev. L. H. Green, pastor of the Baptist church; Rev. J. D. Carpenter, pastor of the Methodist E. church, South, and Rev. Lee Huddleston, pastor of the Methodist E, church, at Bakersville, N. C.

S. J. TURNER, Mayor,
J. S. WILSON,
J. H. GREENE,
G. K. PRITCHARD,
Town Commissioners.
D. A. BOWMAN, Secretary.
Bakersville, N. C., May 25, 1901.

#### Leaped From a Ferryboat.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 29.—Frederick W. Brinkman, a prominent German citizen, engaged in the insurance business and formerly mayor of Weston, W. Va., committed suicide to-day by drowning while crossing the river on a ferry. No reason for the suicide except a recent attack of extreme nervousness is known. He has two sons in the American army in the Philippines. He also left a wife and two daughters.

"Our milk," urged the agent, "is sterilized."

The housewife laughed scornfully.

"There is a lot of foolishness about sterilization and all sorts of health precautions these days," she said. "I don't take any stock in it myself. Our ancestors didn't resort to any such methods."

"True," admitted the agent; "and look at the result. They are all dead."—Chicago Post.

#### Horse Stung to Death by Bees.

Parkersburg, W. Va, May 29.—A horse belonging to A. F. Thomas, of Sissonsville, was stung to death to-day by bees.

## CATAWBA POPULISTS.

The County Executive Committee Meets and Confers.

Hickory Times-Mercury.

The Populist Committee for Catawba county met in Conover on Saturday. Every township, except Mt. Creek, was represented. It was a harmonious meeting; and the reports showed that Catawba Populists still live and are united, the funeral orations over them to the contrary notwithstanding.

Populists rejoice in the fact that the time has come when men of all parties are becoming independent in politics, and are demanding free speech, free action and honest elections. They rejoice to know that a large element of the democratic party also recognize the fact that that time has come when it is necessary for the good of the state for issues, records and policies to be discussed, and when no editor or stump speaker can hide behind his inability to discuss issues and meet facts, by writing and squalling "nigger."

Populists recognize the fact that whatever mistakes they have made in their platforms and practices, democratic editors and speakers can't meet them by squalling "calamity howling," "incompetency" and "trading for spoils;" for the democratic party, with all its boasted—superior—intelligence, has endorsed them all by writing, speaking and voting.

J. S. Leonard, A. C. Shuford and J. F. Click were appointed a committee to draft resolutions to be presented for ratification at the next meeting of the committee. The populists of the several townships were requested to meet and discuss conditions and policies and plans between now and the next meeting of the committee and report the same to the county secretary.

The committee adjourned to meet in Newton on Tuesday of court, and it is hoped every member will be present.

#### Defective Armor Plates.

Washington, May 31.—An examination of the Krupp armor plate, representing three tons of armor for the battleship Maine, which failed to fulfill the requirements in the official test at the Indian Head proving grounds Wednesday, shows that the cracks in the plate existed prior to the test. The specifications permit another test, and if this is successful the government will have option of testing a third plate to determine whether the group of armor represented comes up to the requirements. Should the second test prove unsuccessful the entire group of armor would be rejected. The official report has not been received at the Navy Department and the decision as to whether there will be a second test will be reserved until it has been read by the naval ordnance officials.

## MUCH COTTON PLANTED.

### INCREASE OF OVER TWO MILLION ACRES

Lowest June Condition in Twenty Years—The Increase in North Carolina Estimated at Ten per Cent.

Washington, May 31.—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture estimates the total area planted in cotton at 27,532,000 acres, an increase of 2,111,000 acres, or 8.3 per cent over the acreage planted last year, and of 2,498,000 acres, or ten per cent over the acreage actually picked.

The increase in the states where the area planted and that picked last year were practically the same is ten per cent; in North Carolina, Florida and Arkansas, 9 per cent; in Georgia and Louisiana, 7 per cent; in South Carolina, 14 per cent; in Tennessee, 25 per cent; in Oklahoma, 20 per cent; in Indian Territory, 18 per cent; in Virginia, 12 per cent; in In Alabama the increase is estimated at 9 per cent over the acreage planted last year and 12 per cent over that picked; In Mississippi, at 2 per cent over that planted and 7.9 per cent over that picked, and in Texas at 8 per cent over that planted and 10 per cent over that picked.

The average condition of the growing crop is 81.5, as compared with 82.5 June 1 of last year, 85.7 at the corresponding date in 1899, and 86.4 the mean of the June average of the last ten years. A condition of 81.5 is, with one exception, the lowest June condition in twenty years. The condition by states is as follows: North Carolina 87, South Carolina 80, Georgia 80, Florida 88, Alabama 76, Misdsippi 82, Louisiana 80, Texas 84, Arkansas 82, Tennessee 71, Oklahoma 88, Indian Territory 85.

#### Dead Babies in Soap Boxes.

Birmingham, Eng, May 30.—The police of this city today visited an undertaker's premises and found the bodies of thirty-one infants in various stages of decomposition in the cellar. The bodies were in ordinary soap boxes.

A woman of the name of Emma Knowles is charged on suspicion of having been concerned in the death of the children.

#### Winston Breaks all Records.

Winston, N. C., May 31.—Winston broke all former records this month in the shipment of manufactured tobacco and in the sale of internal revenue stamps. The shipments aggregate 3,180,097½ pounds, while the collections amounted to $393,385.49.

## UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY BALANCE.

Ten Millions Surplus Gained in the Month of May.

Washington, June 1.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures, issued today, shows that during the month of May the total receipts were $52,629,440, and the expenditures $42,136,560, leaving a surplus for the month of May $10,492,880, and making a surplus for the eleven months of the fiscal year of $58,587,135.

The receipts for May are given as follows: Customs, $21,021,428, increase as compared with May, 1900, about $3,425,000; internal revenue, $27,668,702, increase $3,807,000; miscellaneous, $3,939,308, increase $40,000.

The disbursements on account of the War Department were $9,897,555, an increase of $4,200,000 over the same month of last year; on account of the Navy Department, $5,650,508, and increase of $100,000.

The total receipts for the eleven months of the fiscal year have been $535,514,401, and the expenditures $476,927,266. For the same period of the last fiscal year the receipts were $517,553,115 and the expenditures $454,418,498.

COINAGE DURING MONTH OF MAY.

Washington, June 1.—The coinage executed at the United States mints during the month of May according to a statement issued by the bureau of the mint, consisted of 191,000 double eagles, $3,820,000; 420,000 eagles, $4,200,000; 261,000 half eagles, $1,305,000. Total gold coinage 872,000 pieces valued at $9,325,000.

The silver coinage consisted of 2,534,000 standard dollars, 514,000 half dollars, 1,324,000 quarter dollars, 1,400,000 dimes. Total silver coinage 5,812,000 pieces valued at $3,266,000.

There were also coined 1,743,882 five cent nickels and 6,023,000 one cent bronze pieces. Total coinage for May 14,450,882 pieces valued at $12,738,424.10.

#### High Praise For Judge Timberlake

Judge E. W. Timberlake, the only Populist Judge now on the Supreme Court bench held the recent term of Burke Superior court. To show how well the people were pleased with him, we quote what the Morganton papers say.

Burke County News: Our people are loud in their praise of Judge Timberlake's way of doing business in the court, the things said of him by certain papers in other towns to the contrary notwithstanding. He did more business for the time he was here—from Thursday until Wednesday—than any judge we have ever had, and we have heard no criticism of his rulings and all unbiased men seem to be satisfied with the disposition of the dockets. And Chairman Berry, of the board of county commissioners, says that Judge Timberlake has saved Burke county hundreds of dollars, comparing the recent terms with that of some other courts held here. No matter what his politics, Judge Timberlake is a gentleman, an able lawyer, and we like his style of conducting court.

Morganton Herald: When Judge Timberlake came to Morganton, the Herald was not prejudiced in his favor. It had heard some complaints of the haste with which he hurried through the dockets. He came and the Herald watched him closely. We say now that no better judge, in our opinion, ever held a session of court in this town. He is fair yet firm, tempers justice with mercy, wastes no time, and cleans up old calendars in great shape. The Herald likes him, as do the Burke people. He is a good lawyer and a just judge.

## FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY AT COVINGTON.

Wife Kills Husband and Daughter, Then Shoots Herself.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 31.—A frightful tragedy took place at the home of Ottie Hester, on Western avenue and Third street, Covington, Ky., to-night and the bodies of an entire family now lie at the morgue in that city.

Mrs. Kate Hester, aged 32, after a quarrel with her husband, Ottie, aged 42, at the supper table shot and killed him as well as their three year-old daughter, after which she put the revolver to her own head and blew out her brains. It is not known what was the cause of the quarrel.

A heated argument was heard in the dining room at seven o'clock and a few minutes later several shots were heard. After shooting both her husband and daughter, Mrs. Hester locked the door and shot herself.

#### Samoan Guns to be Sold.

Washington, May 31.—The Secretary of State has sent to the Navy Department, with his endorsement, a request of the governments of Great Britain and Germany that 5,000 rifles surrendered to the Samoan joint high commission by the supporters of Mailetoa and Matasafa, the rival kings, be sold at public auction. The proceeds of the sale will be turned over to the State Department, which will consult the British and German governments as to its distribution among the nations who surrendered the arms sold.

#### A Sure Thing.

Philadelphia Press.

"I do wish dress goods would go up," and the merchant looked worried as he said it. "Why not try a mouse?" suggested the advertising man.

## "NOW A GOLD BUG"

### "EX-SENATOR BUTLER ADOPTS HIMSELF TO CIRCUMSTANCES"

#### "WANTS LOTS OF MONEY."

As There is Gold Enough to Meet All Requirements He Considers It Good Enough at Present For a Circulating Medium.

(By John Boyle in Morning Post.)

Washington, May 25.—"I am a goldbug now," was the startling announcement made by former Senator Marion Butler to the Morning Post correspondent today. He said it with a wink of the eye, but with emphasis.

The former Senator had just returned from a business visit to Boston and the North, and left tonight for Raleigh. He looked sleek and well groomed, and he was in excellent health, doing well and was full of praise for his native State and the move she has recently taken upon herself.

"You see," he said in explanation of his gold bug position, "I am a believer in the quantitative theory of money, and it makes no serious difference whether that money is gold, silver or paper, just so long as we have sufficient money to conduct legitimate business without undue inflation. The production of gold now, beyond all previous outputs of that metal in previous history, has given us money with which to conduct business.

As a result the increase in gold money has taken the place of our silver and greenback, which was demonetized and given us a circulation adequate to our business needs. The present great increase in the output of gold had added probably more money to the circulating medium than would have been added by the free coinage of silver under normal conditions.

"It may not be long before the gold bugs of 1896 and 1900 become silver bugs in the future. They care nothing for gold. What they want is scarce, dear money and gold is now becoming, because of its increased production, cheap money. The more money the less chance of cornering it; and for the very reason that I am now satisfied with the quantity of gold, the former gold bugs will become silver bugs if silver is scarcer than gold or will want to demonetize both gold and silver and let the banks issue all the money and control its volume. When that time comes we will fight for government greenbacks instead of bank paper.

"It is possible now to produce much gold where ten years ago it was impossible. That has been brought about by the inventive genius of our people. There is no more gold than formerly. The mountains of North Carolina are teeming with gold, its sands glitter with gold, and even in its fertile valleys mother earth receives upon its bosom gold filtered down from the mountains above. This has always been so, not only of N. C., but of the whole country practically. Until recently this gold has been locked up in nature's embrace. The key has been found: it is an American invention. Gold now can be mined at $1.00 a ton by the cyanide process. While in New York last week Senator Jones, of Nevada was forming twenty companies to mine gold in the west. Ten years ago gold could not be mined for less than $10 a ton.

"I predict that in the next few years—say five—the output of gold mined in this country will be so great that it will almost be a drug on the market. This is why I am for the present a gold bug," said the Senator as he winked the other eye.

Mr. Butler's trip to the North was for the purpose of securing money for the development of his state. In this he said he had been successful.

"What are the people down in the State doing?"

He replied, "They are full of business, and all that is needed is money to develop our resources. This they are getting. They are learning rapidly. Factories are being established everywhere. The South is, in fact, superseding New England as a manufacturing section. We are learning to use our raw material on the ground. We are erecting cotton factories in the edge of the cotton fields, the lumber mill in the forest, the cannery in the truck patch. Heretofore we have sent all raw material away to where some long headed business man had erected his factory on a barren rock, and we had to pay the freight both ways. All this is changing and the cry is even now heard in the North for a reduction of the tariff, because that section cannot produce as cheaply as we can. The South is on a business boom and North Carolina in a few years will lead the South."

Mint Director Roberts bears out Mr. Butler's statement about the increased gold production. He estimates the output for the next year at not less than $90,000,000. This year it was $78,000,000.

The salary of the postmaster at Lenoir, N. C., has been increased from $1,200 to $1,400, to take effect July 1st.