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## MR. LOCKHART AT HOME. A NEGRO FOR SECRETARY. SILVER IN THE SENATE. SETTLE'S COON SECRETARY

## FREE SILVER WINS.

### SKINNER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON IN GOOD HUMOR.

Who are the Democrats?—Gov. O'Ferrall and Party Gone in the Wrong Direction to Look After Good Roads—A Raleigh Boy Capt. Turk's Private Secretary—A New Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Mr. Lockhart has gone home on business, to be absent several days.

Hurry Skinner came back in the best of humor with himself and everybody else. He says his friends gathered around him during his visit home, and he will have not only their support on his return, but that of several Democrats also. It would be interesting reading to know the names of those "Democrats."

I am told that Mr. Woodard will have his nephew, also, as another private secretary in addition to Mr. Gregory, who has hitherto held that position alone.

News comes here that Mr. Shaw's father, at whose bedside the Congressman has lingered for some weeks, is not expected to live. There are many expressions of sympathy.

Young Mr. George Gales, son of the late Senator Gales, and who has hitherto been employed in the law office of Mr. W. R. Tucker, of Raleigh, is here to accept the position of private secretary to General Passenger Agent Wm. A. Turk, of the Southern Railway. George is as clever a lad as one meets in a long while, and this promotion is as deserved as it is worthy of his competence.

Congressman Henderson is still here greeting his old friends, as well as attending to some private business.

A press gallery correspondent is responsible for this: he remarked when Tillman was speaking of himself as a farmer that he had the proper name "Till-man"!!!

Gov. O'Ferrall, and staff and about 30 others including a committee from the Virginia legislature will pass through here tonight on their way to Camden, New Jersey for the purpose of studying in that state the question of good roads. The Virginia delegation in Congress has been invited by Roy Stone, special request of the Agricultural Department here, to accompany the Richmond party.

George Pell, formerly of Raleigh where he was on the staff of the State Chronicle, has at last received his promotion as Editor of the Monthly Catalogue of Public Documents.

Mr. Stephen D. Weeks has started upon his task of indexing the Colonial Record of North Carolina.

It looks as if the seed question is going to be settled. Recently the secretary has refused to give the congressmen any seed, on the ground that the existing law received a new interpretation by him. But the bill now introduced provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall purchase seeds, etc., and shall be ready for distribution at the earliest possible date.

The indications seem to point to a short session of Congress, and the appropriations are expected to be smaller than otherwise they would be. The order to steer clear of a billion dollar congress in the height of Reed's aspirations. But knowing ones say that the country may look out for looting at the next short session.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 5.—The damage done by the rains of Friday and Saturday night is just beginning to be understood here. Farmers in town today report fences and bridges washed away in every direction and that water covers places never before overflowed. Half the bridges in this city were destroyed, and water from Pearl river is backed up within one hundred yards of the capitol, a height it seldom reaches. A number of cattle and hogs are reported drowned.

BAVARD'S RESIGNATION AUTHORIZED.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—It is reported that Bayard has authorized Cleveland to announce his resignation in the event that the vote was adverse to him in the House of Representatives.

A RISE IN WHEAT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The shortage of foreign stock caused a rise of nearly two cents in wheat.

### TOM SETTLE'S RIGHT HAND MAN IN WASHINGTON.

The Negro Kicked and Kicked Until Settle Made Him Private Secretary—This, too From a White District in a Southern State.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The negro Corbett was introduced himself to the post-office clerks as Settle's private secretary. Corbett is from Settle's district, and was put to banging wood and fire-making for the committee on claims, but being an educated gentleman, he kicked, and was then put in a menial position in the House lobby. He kicked again and finally landed into work congenial with his literary tastes. His only regret is that he does not know stenography. And all this from a white district in a Southern State.

### THE TRIAL OF GRIER.

The Roseboro Express Robbery Case Now Being Investigated—The Mecklenburg Man Turns State's Evidence.

Mecklenburg people will be interested in the trial of the men charged with the robbery of the Express Company at Roseboro, as agent Grier is a Mecklenburg man. A special yesterday from Clinton to the News & Observer says: Court is in session here this week, his Honor Judge Starbuck presiding. The most important case to be tried is the Roseboro express robbery. Grier, the agent for the express company up to the time of the alleged robbery, is under arrest and guarded in a room at the Murphy house, Cooper and Butler are out on bond. They are charged as being conspirators with Grier in the robbery. The lawyers for the prosecution are Cooper & Fowler, and John D. Keer to assist the Solicitor for the defense J. L. Stewart, H. E. L. Faison, Lee & Butler, of Clinton, and Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville.

The case came up for trial here today. All the forenoon was consumed in compelling the jury which is regarded as a good average jury.

The afternoon was consumed in hearing the direct testimony of Agent S. W. Grier, who was a party to the robbery, and turned State's evidence, implicating Cooper and Butler. Grier tells substantially the same story which he told at the preliminary hearing of a month ago. The case will take all of this week and will be hard fought on both sides.

The prevailing opinion here is that it is a very complicated case, and it is impossible to predict at just now, what will be the result. About two hundred witnesses have been summoned.

### WANTED TO LYNCH HIM.

Mr. Shields Identifies His Assailant—The Negro, Handcuffed, Leaps from a Window.

Chief of police Orr and officer Black left Wednesday for Mr. Cowan Shields' home in Long Creek, taking with them the negro John Johnston, who was arrested on charge of breaking into Mr. Shields' house and shooting Mr. Shields and his daughter. The object of the trip is to see if Mr. Shields can identify Johnston.

The moment the negro was brought before Mr. Shields, the latter said excitedly: "You are the very man!" At that Johnston, who was standing by a window, though handcuffed, leaped out and fled. Chief Orr put out after him and caught him. A crowd had gathered and threatened to lynch Johnston, but the chief held them back while officer Black secured the prisoner and put out for town, arriving here safely at 4 o'clock with his charge. The chief remained there to help catch two of Johnston's accomplices.

Johnston, after being caught by the chief, was again taken before Mr. Shields, and confessed to the deed. He also implicated two other negroes. Chief Orr says that he will get them.

### Mecklenburg Presbytery.

There was an unusually large meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Tuesday, the session lasting 3 hours. The three main items of business were:

Rev. J. M. Grier was allowed to take Huntersville church and arrangement was made for his installation.

Rev. S. W. Newell resigned as pastor of Newell and Amity churches, and goes to Sharon.

Rev. J. W. Stagg was received into the Presbytery and arrangements were made for his installation, on the night of the third Sunday of this month.

### A VERY INTERESTING DEBATE NOW GOING ON.

It is on the Construction of the Agreement to Take a Vote, and the Fight on Further Amendments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—The Senate is in a state of considerable excitement at 2:25 o'clock over the construction of the agreement to take the silver vote at 2 o'clock. Lodge and Chandler maintain that notwithstanding such agreement it was not agreed to withhold further amendments. Harris was very acrimonious, maintaining with some violence of manner that amendments now would amount to a violation of agreement. At 2 o'clock the chamber and galleries were loaded to the gunwales, and the suppressed excitement is intense, more so than during Tillman's recent volcanic outburst. At precisely 2 o'clock Gorman moved to table Butler's amendment to the Jones substitute. The vote was 43 to 34 against tabling. The debate is growing more heated, with Faulkner and Gorman now taking a part. Sherman protests against allowing the amendments.

The final vote on the Jones silver substitute has just been taken at 2:45 and was adopted by a vote of 43 to 34 as follows: Ayes—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Barry, Blanchard, Brown, Butler, Call, Cameron, Cannon, Carter, Chilton, Clark, Cocke, Daniel, George, Harris, Irby, Jones of Arkansas, Jones, of Nevada, Kyle, Montle, Mitchell of Oregon, Mills, Pasco, Peffer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Pugh, Rauch, Shoup, Squire, Stewart, Leller, Tillman, Turpie, Vest, Voohees, Waltham, Warren, White, Wilson. Nays: Allison, Baker, Burrows, Caffery, Chandler, Davis, Elkins, Faulkner, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gray, Gibson, Gorman, Hale, Hawley, Hill, Hoar, Lindgren, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Martin, Mitchell, of Wis., Morrill, Murphy, Nelson, Palmer, Platt, Proctor, Sherman, Thurston, Vilas, Wetmore, Pairs: Blackburn and Cullom, Brice and Wolcott, Dubois and Smith, Aldrich and Hansbrough, Morton and Quay.

The final vote on the bill as amended was then taken and the bill was passed by a vote of 42 to 35. Mills changing his vote to no, to stand against the bill as amended.

After the passage of the Jones amendment Baker, of Kansas, and Lodge, of Massachusetts, attempted to amend the bill and again drew the fire of Harris whose temper was hot. The old Senators sided with Harris. Constraining the unanimous agreement against amendments, but Lodge was obstinate and sent up his amendment in spite of the protestations of Allison and others, who gathered about him. It was voted down, and the yeas and nays were called but unsupported. Hoar, Chandler and Lodge being the only ones who rose. Then Lodge sat down squelched, and the final vote was taken. The Senate went into executive session at 3:15, and the multitude flooded the lobbies.

THE BILL PASSES.

The Silver bill passed the Senate by nine majority, out of seventy-seven votes.

### Will Meet in the Coliseum.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Coliseum building has been chosen as the hall for the next Democratic convention.

It is being built at Sixty-third street and the Illinois Central railway. There the convention will meet on July 17 next. It will be the largest permanent exhibition building in the world. The contractors are under a \$50,000 bond to have the building entirely completed and ready for occupancy not later than April 15. It will be formally opened in May.

The Coliseum will be a fireproof structure of brick, steel and glass. It is 676 feet long and 300 feet wide, with a clear central space of 225 feet in width and 632 feet in length.

One of the special features of the interior of the Coliseum is an adjustable amphitheatre or auditorium, which is made in sections so as to accommodate an audience of from five to fifteen thousand comfortably, or it can be taken out of the building entirely, leaving the floor and gallery space for a great exposition. The Coliseum is quickly and easily reached from every part of Chicago.

### A SCENE IN SETTLE'S COMMITTEE ROOM.

One Colored Gentleman Has His Feet Coked up on a Desk—If Corbett is Not Settle's Private Secretary, Then He is Very Intimate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The negro Corbett was at his desk this morning in Settle's committee room, and said in reply to a gentleman who called that he was Mr. Settle's private secretary. He was writing in the regular committee record book and not backing documents as alleged to have been stated by Settle. There were two other negroes present, one with his hat on and feet coked up on the table. He was one of the Corridor laborers. Thus his committee room is turned into a coon nest with Secretary Corbett as a centre.

The postoffice officials this morning again confirmed my statement, saying moreover that Corbett had called for Settle's speeches and had signed for them, which signature I saw. Moreover he directed his mail put in Settle's box, which the clerk said was done. It is thoroughly understood here that Corbett is Settle's private secretary, and of every statement here, I vouch for the entire accuracy.

### THE SOURCE OF MEASLES.

January's Mortality Record the Greatest Known in Charlotte.

Just how severely the city has suffered from the measles epidemic, now happily passing away, is to be seen from the mortuary report of Mr. Moses Thomas, keeper of the cemeteries. Mr. Thomas' report shows that during January there were 62 deaths in Charlotte—41 among the whites and 21 among the colored. Of the 41 interments in Elmwood cemetery, 8 were male adults, 6 female adults and 27 children. Measles and pneumonia were the principal causes, the deaths from this cause being 23. Other causes of death were: Consumption 3, group 2, convulsions 1, debility 2, meningitis 1, and 1 each from uremia, Bright's disease, bronchitis, enterocolitis, pistol shot, erysipelas, premature birth, typhoid pneumonia and cholera infantum.

Of the 21 interments in Pinewood (colored) cemetery, 3 were male adults, 4 female adults and 14 children. The causes of death were: Measles 4; pneumonia following measles 2; convulsions 2; stillborn 2; heart disease 3, and 1 each of meningitis, rubio dysentery, group, consumption, and inflammation.

### Clear and Cold to Follow the Storm.

The storm area which was central yesterday over the middle Gulf coast, has moved rapidly northeastward during the past 24 hours, developing into a storm of unusual energy, and is central this morning along the Virginia and North Carolina coast districts. The pressure at the centre of this storm is 29.00 inches which is about one inch below the normal.

The pressure is relatively high over the New England coast and the western districts.

Generally clear weather prevails over the Southwest, but it all other sections the conditions are still cloudy and threatening.

Rain has been general during the past 24 hours over all the eastern and southern districts, and heavy rains have fallen at Augusta, Charlotte, Knoxville, Raleigh, Montgomery, Norfolk and Washington.

The weather is cooler over the Gulf States, and warmer along the middle and North Atlantic coast districts; elsewhere the temperature remains very nearly stationary.

The indications for Charlotte and vicinity are: Clearing weather tonight; fair Friday; colder tonight and Friday.

### Acres of Strawberries.

WEST POINT, Miss., Feb. 6.—Mr. Harris Strong, of this place, has located a large colony of Germans on several thousand acres of land four miles south of this place.

The colonists expect to plant most of the land in strawberries and fruits. All of the land is rich and conveniently located for shipping. The colonists are well satisfied with their new home.

### Foraker Ill.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.—Senator Foraker is seriously ill. His ailment is tonsillitis, and he has not been out since Saturday. He is likely to be confined to his room for several days.

### THE TARIFF SUBSTITUTE AGREED TO BY A MAJORITY OF ONE.

In the Exact Words of the Silver Substitute Bond Bill of Last Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The tariff silver substitute of the Senate was agreed to by a majority of one, Senator Jones, of Nevada, voting with the Democrats. It is in the exact words of the silver substitute bond bill which passed the Senate, Saturday. The finance committee of the Senate has agreed to report for the tariff bill the substitute providing for the free coinage of silver.

### OVER SEVENTY MILLIONS.

Vast Wealth Represented in a Western Lumber Trust.

FORT TOWNSEND, Wash., February 4.—The biggest trust ever formed on the Pacific coast, and representing a capital of over \$70,000,000, has been consummated, and went into effect last night. It is the Central Lumber Company of California, and its membership includes every lumber mill, all shipowners, wholesale and retail dealers of coal on the western coast of the United States and British Columbia.

All the charters of vessels and sales of lumber must be effected through the Central Lumber Company, which regulates freights and puts the buying and selling price on all lumber, regulating, also, the product of each mill, and the proportionate amount of lumber each vessel shall carry during the year. Not only are the markets of the Pacific coast thus controlled, but the lumber shipments to foreign countries are placed under the same restrictions. Every mill on the coast has its product regulated.

In Puget sound the daily output is 1,400,000 feet. In the same proportion every other lumber mill on the coast is regulated, but the regulations do not apply to shipments by rail to eastern points.

The first order issued by the company was to advance the price of lumber \$2 per thousand. Last year the estimated product of the coast was 600,000,000 feet, and this advance will enhance the profits of mill owners the coming year over \$600,000. The dealers are made to include manufacturers, dealers and freight carriers. The members of the trust claim they were manufacturing lumber for several years at actual cost, and that the dealers in foreign and coastwise trade were reaping all the profits. With these prices, they say, the employes will be paid better wages, and the timber men receive higher profits for their logs. Although capitalized at \$10,000,000, no other corporation of the Pacific coast controls such vast interests. More than 150 ocean sailing vessels come under the contract.

JOHNSTON RECALMS.

Constable J. C. Black, of Long Creek township, arrived in the city this morning with a negro named Henry Kerns, who Johnston yesterday told Chief of Police Orr, was one of the two parties who helped him to break into Mr. Shields' house. Kerns was taken to the jail to be identified by Johnston. As the two were brought together Johnston said that he did not know Kerns. He went on to say that he didn't make any confession to the officers, never said that he and the two other negroes were Mr. Shields' assailants and if fact didn't remember of saying anything at all. He completely retracted his confession. Kerns proved an alibi, anyway, and was discharged from custody.

### Morrison Says It is False.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Wm. R. Morrison, interstate commerce commissioner, speaking of the report that he had sent the Illinois Democratic leaders notice that the free silver idea must be abandoned or he would refuse to be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said:

"I have sent no messages to the Democracy of Illinois by any one whomsoever. This answers all the assertions and is as good as a whole column of denial."

### Fine Chickens.

Old man B. C. P. Burnett, of Clear Creek, was in town Tuesday with a coop of as pretty white English Brahma chickens as one usually sees. He is one of the champion hog and chicken raisers of the county.

The Value of... The constant drop of water... Wears away the hardest stone... The constant grinding of Tower... Mashtones the toughest bone... constant cooling lover... Carries off the blushing maid... and the constant advertiser... is the one who gets the trade.

### ARMERS' COLUMN

FOR SALE—Male, 3 years old, 18 hands high, for cash or approved note.—D. G. Wray.

WANTED—Essex pig, black, 2 mos. old, reward for return to R. H. Allen, Hoods, Weymouth, Mass.

Wanted—400 lbs. of dry-shucks, Apply to E. M. Andrews, 243t.

Wanted—Sano for piles and hemorrhoids, No. 310 North Tryon St. Office hours from 2 to 6 in the afternoon. 4 wed sat 8t w4t

Wanted—Wedding invitations in the neatest and latest style at "The News & Printing Office."

Wanted—To get married, send to the News & Printing Office and we will give you wedding invitations in the neatest and most attractive styles at very low prices.

### A \$25 PRIZE OFFER.

The TIMES has doubled its size without raising the price one cent. Now it wants to double its list of subscribers.

We can do this easily if our friends help us. There are plenty of people in Mecklenburg and adjoining counties who take no paper at all to do this. We want these people and their children. It will do them good. How are we to get them. If our friends will help us we can do it easily.

We want all our friends, especially energetic young men or women in each neighborhood, to help us. We will pay them liberally for their services.

\$25 PRIZE.

We make this offer. We will give \$25 in gold or silver to the person bringing us the largest club of subscribers between this date and Feb. 1st. Everything counts and everybody is invited to enter the race. For further information address:

W. C. Dowd, Editor, Charlotte, N. C.

DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

Great many of our subscribers have not renewed their subscriptions this year. We have waited patiently for them to come in and pay. We need the money and hope those who have not paid will send the money or come in and bring it without further delay. Look at the last number of your paper, and come to see us. We hope this notice will be efficient.

W. C. Dowd, Editor, Charlotte, N. C.

### Agents Wanted.

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W. C. Dowd, Publisher, Charlotte, N. C.

### New Advertisements.

Is good enough for any use—Alexander, Son & Co. Rubber boots—Gilreath & Co.

Advertisement of Dr. H. C. Dentist.

The Racket for the best barrel of the season—Williams, Hood

Choice mixed lawn grass—R. H. Jordan & Co.

Low law prices on seasonable—D. H. Branch.

W. H. Wakefield, specialist, Charlotte, N. C.

The best quality of glass—Wray.

Back to the Committee.

Matthew school racket over Paysour was heard before the commissioners Tuesday. Mr. Clarkson represented the school committee, and Col. Paysour represented the school committee. All the alleged bills were brought up, and was refused his money by committee and sued for it. The commissioners finally decided to refer the matter back to the Matthews committee for adjudication, so the battle is transferred to that