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CHOICE WILL BE MADE THIS TIME

Asstute Politicians Believe that the Caucas Will Settle the Senatorial Fight This Evening

DISTINGUISHED LAWYER IS DEAD AT RALEIGH

Mr. Joseph Branch Batchelor Passes Away -- Insurance Commissioner Has Negro Jailed

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—Joseph Branch Batchelor, a distinguished lawyer, and member of the famous fraud commission of 1870, died here last night at the age of seventy-seven.

Insurance Commissioner Young has had R. A. Cadwell, a negro of Greensboro, arrested for swindling negroes. He claims to be representing the National Union, Educational, Industrial and Manufacturing Association.

There is no apparent change in the senatorial situation. Friends of all the candidates are working hard and many astute politicians believe there will be a nomination tonight since all appear to be determined to force the issue.

Senator Norris introduced a bill for a code commission of three to be paid fifteen hundred and have one clerk at seven hundred and fifty. Senator Reinhardt, a bill requiring a minimum of six places for the sale of school books in each county.

Representatives Parker and Dockery introduced bills regulating the employment of women and children in factories, to prohibit children under twelve from working.

The House passed the King resolution for a committee on the daily printing of calendar, bills and the journal.

MET LOST WIFE IN STREET.

She Had Come From Austria, But Could Not Find Husband.

Mahanoy City, Jan. 12.—George Marskin, of Lansford, was summoned to Philadelphia Thursday to give evidence before the Anthracite Strike Commission. It was the means of restoring to him his lost wife, whom he came across unexpectedly in the street in front of the Reading terminal.

Marskin is a native of Austria. Last April he sent for his wife to join him at Lansford. On her way to America she lost her husband's address and could not recall the name of the town in which he lived. She spent the summer trying to locate him. He also instituted a search for her, without success, and finally gave her up as dead.

Mrs. Marskin was on her way to catch a train for Pittsburg, where she hoped to get some tidings of her husband, when they happened to meet.

Cold Wave Spreading.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Weather bulletin: A severe storm of rain, snow and sleet that was central in the Ohio valley Sunday morning, has moved to the mouth of the St. Lawrence, followed by most severe and widespread cold wave of the season. Cold weather covers the entire eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, Texas and Louisiana, where the line of freezing temperature extends almost to the immediate coast of the East Gulf States, the Mississippi and Ohio valley and the Lake region. It will be cooler tonight in the Atlantic coast districts.

Hudson Frozen Over.

Hamburg, Jan. 12.—The navigation of the Hudson river between New York and Newburg is closed. The propeller steamer Ramsdell of Central Hudson Line made the last trip of the season up the river.

ANTI-TRUST FARCE IS PLAYED OUT

Such Measures as the House Chooses to Send to Senate Will Be Allowed to Die Quietly There

Washington, Jan. 12.—There will probably be no anti-trust legislation by the Fifty-seventh Congress. The program of the senatorial leaders on the subject is now well understood and unless the pressure to be exerted should be an irresistible force, such measures as the House may see fit to send over to the other side of the capitol will be allowed to die there.

HUSBAND DEAD; WIFE ILL. If She Expires, Secret of An Invention Will Be Lost.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 12.—In a Virginia avenue hotel, in this city, Mrs. Dean, of Allegheny, Pa., is critically ill, with her 16-year-old daughter watching beside her. Over in England lies the dead body of her husband, Theodore Dean, an inventor.

Last night a cablegram was received by Miss Daisy Dean, the daughter, saying that her father died yesterday of heart disease. The sad intelligence could not be conveyed to the mother, owing to her critical condition.

Mr. Dean gained wide prominence a few months ago when he announced that he had solved the problem of converting steel billets into armor plate at much less expense than by the present methods. Experts say his invention may revolutionize the steel industry. At the request of capitalists he was invited to meet them in England to demonstrate his claim, and he was abroad for that purpose when he was struck. No one other than Mrs. Dean knew the inventor's secret, and if she dies this treasured knowledge will go with her.

Porto Rican Legislature To Meet.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 12.—The new House of Delegates will meet next Monday. The laws passed in the session held a year ago have not been promulgated among the natives and lawyers lack knowledge of recent statutes. Government officials lay the blame upon the printers, but it is believed some official is at fault.

EX-MAYOR HEWITT NEARING THE END

Prominent New Yorker in Extremis and Attending Physicians Abandon all Hope of His Recovery

New York, Jan. 12.—Abram S. Hewitt is still alive this morning but no hope is entertained for his recovery. An official bulletin issued at 9 o'clock this morning says Mr. Hewitt's condition remains unchanged. His mind is unclouded.

Mr. Hewitt was born in Haverstraw, N. Y., in 1822, and was graduated from Columbia College at the head of his class in 1842. With Edward Cooper, son of Peter Cooper, he founded the firm of Cooper & Hewitt, to which Peter Cooper, whose daughter Mr. Hewitt married, turned over his iron business. Mr. Hewitt organized the Cooper Union. He has been the secretary of the board of trustees continuously. In 1874, Mr. Hewitt was elected to Congress, serving, with the exception of one term, until 1886, when he was elected mayor of New York.

LET A REBEL BOAT PASS.

Captain of British Ship Aiding the Venezuela Revolution.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 12.—According to the statements of two consular agents, neither of whom is a Venezuelan, and according to the declarations of leading merchants in Higuero, the British warship which is blockading that port is aiding the Venezuelan revolutionists. The vessel permitted to pass from Caracas to Curaçao to enter the bay and land 1,000 Mauser rifles and 200,000 cartridges for the Matos revolutionists, who are occupying the place.

The British cruiser Ariadne, flying the flag of Admiral Douglass, and the torpedoed destroyer Rocket arrived at La Guayra this evening.

Gift From Texas.

Washington, Jan. 12.—At this morning's session Senator Culberson read a letter from the Governor of Texas, presenting the Government status of Stephen F. Austin and General Sam Houston, to be placed in statutory hall. Culberson announced that later he would present resolutions providing for the acceptance of the same.

Quay presented several affidavits from citizens and clubs of New Mexico denying the accuracy of certain testimony taken by the subcommittee on territories hearing upon the Rio Grande River. A House bill providing for the incorporation of a secretary of the army of Santiago de Cuba was passed.

This Wind-jammer Comes to Grief.

Asbury, Pa., Jan. 12.—The three-masted schooner Harold B. Cousins went ashore at Townsend Inlet, near Atlantic City. The crew of life saving station No. 34 went to the rescue and they were landed safely. The vessel sprung a leak. She was bound from North Carolina to New York, loaded with lumber.

Cars Stop; Waterbury Still Running.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 12.—No cars were running on the local trolley line this morning and at 6 o'clock, the effects of the first trolley strike. The men went out after midnight Sunday morning and decided to remain out until their demands are granted. The company is unwilling to meet the demands.

THE SCHOOL FUND IS APPORTIONED

Mecklenburg's Share \$37,588 Which Amounts to Two Dollars Per Capita

THE CITY SCHOOLS GET \$11,250 OF THIS AMOUNT

Board of Education of County Attends to Important Matter --18,974 School Children At Present

The board of education for Mecklenburg county held its first meeting for the new year today at the county court house. Chairman Anderson presided.

The first business was the auditing of the treasurer's books. This consumed about an hour of the morning session.

Several delegations appeared before the board asking for increased appropriations and better facilities for their respective school districts. All delegations were accorded a hearing but nothing definite as to the asked for changes, was decided today.

A delegation from the Belmont school appeared before the board and asked that the corps of teachers be increased from five to six. This request was granted.

There are now enrolled at the Belmont school 265 pupils. This is a splendid showing and does great credit to those in charge.

At this afternoon's session of the board the annual apportionment for the city schools and the different townships. The apportionment is based on that of last year. There are 18,974 school children in Mecklenburg and the apportionment amounts to \$2 for every child of school age. The aggregate amount to be set aside for school purposes is \$37,588.00 and is divided as follows:

City schools of Charlotte	\$11,250.00
Charlotte Township	5,548.00
Berryhill	1,260.00
Steele Creek	1,644.00
Sharon	1,644.00
Providence	1,702.00
Clear Creek	1,488.00
Crab Orchard	2,844.00
Mallard Creek	1,462.00
Deweese	1,478.00
Lemley	1,042.00
Long Creek	1,774.00
Paw Creek	1,452.00
Morning Star	1,278.00
Pineville	1,140.00
Huntersville	1,206.00

In the city of Charlotte there are 5,625 school children. In Charlotte township, outside the city, there are 2,774. Berryhill 680; Steele Creek 822; Sharon 719; Providence 851; Clear Creek 744; Crab Orchard 1,172; Mallard Creek 731; Deweese 739; Lemley 521; Long Creek 887; Paw Creek 726; Morning Star 639; Pineville 570 and Huntersville 603.

The board has a great deal of work to do before adjourning and it is more than probable that it will be in session the entire day tomorrow.

GENERAL WILSON WARNS LAWYERS

They Must Not Attack Witnesses and he Further Declares Commission Will Brook No Delay

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12.—Before any witnesses were called at this morning's session General Wilson made a number of announcements. The first was that hereafter no delays due to absence of counsel will be allowed; that lawyers desiring to leave must appoint a proxy to act for them; second, the announcement was made to Attorney Lanahan that the commission declined to allow a record showing that venue had been applied for in any case; that two coal and iron policemen had been charged with murder, to become part of the commissions' records. He also warned the lawyers not to attack personally any witnesses.

Following these warnings Comptroller Culver resumed the stand. In response to questions by Attorney Darow, he stated that the Delaware and Hudson Company was not benefiting by the present speculative prices of coal, but was selling its product at five dollars a ton at water. He admitted however, they sold almost exclusively to middlemen and jobbers and placed no restrictions upon them as to the price they must charge.

SUPPLY THE WORLD.

Vast Deposits Discovered in West Siberia, Struck It Rich.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Vast deposits of platinum have been discovered by a party of diggers on the River Gusseva, a tributary of the Issa, in Western Siberia.

The news quickly got abroad, and swarms of miners started for the new camp. Within a month 25,000 men were on the spot digging like demons, and before the police could get to the camp more than \$1,500,000 worth of platinum, it is estimated, got clear away, no one knew how nor where.

Matters are now being regulated by the police, but the miners do not like the regulations, and most of them are leaving, preferring to return home rather than submit to gathering wealth slowly.

A few of the wiser ones remain, thinking that they will be able to "regulate" the police.

It is believed that the new Gusseva mines could supply the whole world with this valuable metal.

PLESS' NAME IS MENTIONED.

But He Is Unwilling To Come To This Country.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—According to a semi-official statement made, Ambassador von Holleben was obliged to leave Washington owing to a series of blunders attributed to him.

The Vossische Zeitung today publishes a strong arraignment of Dr. von Holleben, blaming him for the present strained relations with America. It states that political bacilli and not influenza caused Von Holleben to seek leave of absence.

"Neither the United States nor Germany," says the newspaper, "will weep when Holleben leaves Washington. Germany needs an able counselor, who will advise the authorities correctly."

Baron Speck von Sternburg is regarded as too young to be Dr. Von Holleben's successor.

The name of the Prince of Pless is frequently mentioned in connection with the Washington post, but he would be unwilling to accept.

BATHED IN ICY SURF ON BEAT.

Two New Yorkers Thereby Won a Supper and \$500.

Atlantic City, Jan. 12.—To win a champagne supper, a wager of \$500 and to show that one could bathe at Atlantic City at all times of the year, William Peissinger, of J. A. Kramer & Co., and S. E. Dickson, of the Kellar Sewing Manufacturing Co., both of New York, donned their bathing suits here today and took a dip in the surf.

It was the coldest day of the year in this city and the wind was blowing a gale from the north. Both men said they "felt fine" after their plunge.

BIG DOG IS PEDRO.

He Is 7 Feet 4 Inches Long and Good-Natured.

Agawam, Mass., Jan. 12.—"Pedro," one of the largest dogs in the world, measuring seven feet four inches from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail, has arrived at Coneyhurst, the country residence of Col. Robert Stride, a retired English army officer.

He was presented to Mrs. Stride by Frederick B. Betz, wife of Frederick Holbrook, one of the engineers who planned the New York subway.

Pedro found life irksome in the metropolis and is apparently immensely pleased among the diminutive fox terriers and cocker spaniels of Coneyhurst.

MISS CALHOUN TO SEE KING.

Going To London To Be Presented At Buckingham Palace.

London, Jan. 12.—Col. Calhoun's daughter, who lately "came out" in society in New York, is coming to London for presentation at one of the early courts in the spring at Buckingham Palace.

Col. Calhoun has engaged a suite of rooms at Claridge's for the season. He will take his daughter on a tour through Europe.

Rescued From Blazing Flat.

New York, Jan. 12.—Nearly a score of persons were rescued from a burning flat on Stanne avenue, in the Bronx, this morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of escaping gas in a flat on the second floor, occupied by Edward Strauss. Strauss was carried out and his wife and baby and nine children taken down stairs by Frederick B. Betz, who is himself only eighteen years old. Others were rescued by William Katz and Policeman Omeara.

Fire Guts Big Building.

New York, Jan. 12.—Fire in the eight-story building at the corner of Allen and Houston streets early this morning gutted the lower floors and caused a loss of a quarter of a million dollars. Fayerweather and Ladew, leather manufacturers, sustained the greater portion of the loss.

Miss Richardson Held.

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 12.—Miss Katherine Richardson was this afternoon held on five thousand dollars bond for the grand jury on a charge of attempting to poison her mother.

Crazed By Cigarettes.

New York, Jan. 12.—James Foster, aged twenty, shot himself in the head this morning at Diamond street, Greenpoint. He was a physical wreck from cigarette smoking.

—Mr. M. F. Trotter, formerly with the Adams Grain and Provision Co., is now traveling salesman for J. A. Glenn & Co.

THE MAJOR'S BLOOD IS AT FEVER HEAT

Confederate Veteran Anxious to Fight Out a Solution of the Outrage Now On at Indianola

TENDERS HIS SERVICES TO ARKANSAS GOVERNOR

With One Hundred and Fifty Troopers He Says He Will Protect People Against Negro Domination

Little Rock, Jan. 12.—The following letter has been received at executive office at Panola, Ark.:

January 10, 1903.
Governor Jefferson Davis, Commanding Arkansas State Guards:

Subject your orders, I tender my services with 150 cavalry to the good people of Indianola for their protection against negro domination. I am your to command.

(Signed) M. C. HOUSE, Major Commanding First Squadron Cavalry.

Major House is 55 years old now and when sixteen years old volunteered in the Confederate Army.

"TRANS-ATLANTIC COLOSSUS."

Austrian Statesman Warns Europe Against United States.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Count Friedrich von Schonborn, formerly Austrian Minister of Justice, has addressed a letter to the Temps on the subject of the Hague tribunal.

He begins by expressing satisfaction that the powers concerned have decided to submit the Venezuelan dispute to that tribunal, but points out how difficult it was to get the powers to agree to this course. Count von Schonborn continues:

"But we Europeans have an additional cause for rejoicing that the tribunal was chosen. The United States is already sufficiently powerful. Its force and progress are assuming disquieting developments. Without indulging in bitter recriminations, we desire to remind the powers of Europe that since the recent defeat of Spain they have no reason to regard with tranquil beatitude the expansion of a trans-Atlantic colossus. The economic superiority of the United States is recognized in Europe. It frightens us, but we do not see any serious attempt being made to resist it."

ANGLER CAUGHT A WILDCAT.

Animal Upset Boat and Gave Fisherman a Hard Fight.

Susquehanna, Jan. 12.—Tom Patrick, a Cascade fisherman, while fishing for pickers in the Susquehanna River, saw a wildcat swimming across in front of him.

Without stopping to think Patrick cast a line towards the animal, but the next instant he regretted it. The hook caught in the cat's ears and it at once turned and swam towards the boat.

Patrick paddled away, but the cat proceeded to climb in. Tom knocked the animal on the head with a paddle and the movement capsized the boat. Then there was a fight in the water. The fisherman defended himself so well with the paddle that he was able to reach the shore.

The wildcat followed, but a few well-directed blows finished it. Patrick lost his fishing outfit, but he expects to get \$2 from the county commissioners for the wildcat's scalp.

Block Swept By Flames.

Livermore Falls, Me., Jan. 12.—The Merriman block was swept by fire today causing a loss of forty thousand dollars. The block was occupied by the Masonic Hall and a number of merchants.

COMMITTEE WILL HAVE LIGHT TASK

House Authorizes to Investigate Causes of Coal Famine and then Adjourns Owing to Rep. Tongue's Death

Washington, Jan. 12.—At 12:15 the House today adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Representative Tongue, of Oregon, who died yesterday.

The House today, without opposition, passed a resolution authorizing the Committee on Merchant and Marine Fisheries to investigate the question of coal transportation and ascertain reasons for the coal famine in the North Atlantic States.

NEAR TO DEATH'S DOOR.

Mr. T. R. Magill Extremely Ill at His Home On West Eighth Street.

Charlotte people will regret to learn of the critical illness of Mr. Thomas R. Magill, one of Charlotte's oldest residents. He is at his home on West Eighth street. Mr. Magill has been in failing health for the past year or more. During the summer months he was able to sit up most of the time but since cold weather set in, he has been confined to his bed.

Yesterday, his condition grew rapidly worse and it was feared that he could not survive through the night. About the midnight hour there was a slight change for the better but this was only temporary. His condition this afternoon is extremely critical and the end is expected almost any hour.

For many years Mr. Magill was one of the leading grocery merchants of Charlotte. He and the late Calvin Scott, were associated in business together, the firm name being Scott & Magill.

For the past eight or ten years Mr. Magill has not been in any active business. He has been with his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Horton, on West Eighth street.

Big Ice Crop Up the State.

Saratoga, Jan. 12.—There is no danger about the ice crop anywhere in this lower Adirondack zone. Ice harvesters are hauling fifteen-inch ice of the best quality and if the present cold wave continues it will soon reach twenty inches. Thousands of men are busily engaged harvesting ice in this section.

BIRDS EXHIBITED FROM FIVE STATES

Annual Exhibit of Charlotte Poultry and Pet Stock Association Opened Today at the City Hall

Cockadoodledoo! My dame has lost her shoe; She master's lost his fiddling-stick, And don't know what to do. —Mother Goose's Rhymes.

The Poultry Show is again with us, an event that in Charlotte corresponds somewhat in interest to the Horse Show in Gotham.

The sixth annual exhibit opened this morning and already promises to eclipse all past displays. Over 700 fowls have been entered and they are still coming in.

Upon the second floor of the city hall the show is under way. The cackling of hens, the shrill clarion note of chattering quacking the acoustics clear as the tones of a silver bell, the cooing of doves, the "kyuck and gobble of the struttin' turkey cock" and the chatter of a poll parrot, while not exactly the most harmonious "concert of sweet sounds" are not unattractive to the ear.

Here are domesticated birds which are peers of their realm, of a long and blooded lineage, with rosy combs and proudly arched necks, fluffy breasts and gracefully poised wings—the aristocrats at the feathered tribe.

A beautiful bronze turkey gobbler which tips the scales at 37 pounds is one of the premier attractions of the show. A pair of Tansley geese, Canadian wild geese—rare birds—a 2-pound Pekin duck and a Muscovy drake of 12 pounds claim a large share of admiration from the fanciers.

The greatest display of bantams ever shown in the South is on exhibit, already about 200 specimens and varieties including White, Black and Buff Cochins, Black Tailed Japanese, Black Breasted Red Game and Golden Sobright. Lovers of the bantam family of fowls will find specimens here to delight them.

The Barred Plymouth Rock display is said to be the largest ever shown south of New York City. There are over 200 individual specimens and all the fancy varieties are comprised. Other strains of royal chicken blood are represented, such as Buff, White and Golden Wyandotts, Minorcas, Buff Leghorns, Partridge, Cochins, Black Langshans, Indian Games, etc. Ring Neck Doves, Pouter Pigeons and an enormous owl are also to be found in the collection.

The fresh smell of the sawdust, the shimmer of the cages, and the flutter and clamor of the spirited and bright parti-colored fowls make up a beautiful pastoral picture, carrying you back to the time of Aesop and his Fables, when birds and beasts mingled freely with and discoursed wisdom with man himself.

One of the curiosities at the Poultry Show is a new device, patent applied for, known as Warden's Flight Arrestor. It consists of wire twisted into shape to fit across the back of the fowl and clasping the wings near the body so as to prevent it from flying. It is said with a ingenious contrivance fowls can be kept enclosed in a three or four-foot fence. Mr. E. Y. Warden, a suburban resident, is the inventor and patentee. The sizes of the device range from Bantams to Brahmas and turkeys.

Mr. F. J. Marshall, the well-known poultry expert, of Atlanta, will arrive tonight to act as judge. The judging will begin tomorrow morning.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts for tonight and Tuesday. For Charlotte and vicinity: Fair and colder tonight—the temperature will fall to about 15 degrees; Tuesday fair and cold.

VENEZUELA WILL SUE THE POWERS

Despite Good Advice of Uncle Sam, She Will Claim Damages For Bombardment of Puerto Cabello

VENETIAN ART RELICS SMASHED BY ACCIDENT

Contracts For New Cunard Liners Are Let to English Firms--To Cost Over Six Million Each

Paris, Jan. 12.—The funeral services of the late P. McLean, American Vice-Consul at Paris, who died last week, were held in the American church this morning in the presence of the entire consulate staff and prominent members of the American colony. The body will be shipped to America at the end of the week for interment.

Birmingham, Jan. 12.—The Post today hears that the Venezuelan government, despite advices from the United States to the contrary, intends to make a large claim against Great Britain and Germany for the damage done during the bombardment of Puerto Cabello.

Naples, Jan. 12.—The greatest art disaster since the fall of the Campanile at Venice occurred today. Twenty-six antique and tonic vases of unique form and untold value, which were placed in a basket for transportation to a museum, dropped and were hopelessly smashed.

Glasgow, Jan. 12.—The contract for the new Cunarders has been finally placed with Pickers at Barrow and Furness, Satin and Hunter at New Castle. The two vessels will cost a million and a quarter pounds each. The maiden voyages will be made in June, 1905. There will be twin screw vessels and the stipulations are 26 knots speed for six hours and 25 knots for two days continuous steaming.

Dover, Jan. 12.—The channel mail boat Princess of Wales collided with the schooner Meteor in the channel today. Both vessels were damaged.

Stockholm, Jan. 12.—General Ernest Von Y. Gessner died here today, aged 82. He fought in many battles of the American war of rebellion and rose from the ranks to general in the Northern army. He leaves a daughter, who is a physician in Chicago.

Madrid, Jan. 12.—The doctors who examined the man who Saturday afternoon fired at the carriage occupied by the Grand Chamberlain, the Duke of Sotomayor, say the would-be assassin is visionary. He has a delusion that Soto Mayer owes him money.

STILL ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

Mr. E. M. Bell Said To Have His Eye On Postoffice.

It is whispered around today that Mr. Edward M. Bell, who made the race for the State Senate on the Republican ticket, the past fall, will go one of the candidates to succeed Mr. J. W. Mullen as postmaster at Charlotte. Mr. Bell was seen today but he declined to talk for publication. It is understood that Mr. Bell has splendid backing for the position and should Mr. Mullen be turned out, Mr. Bell's friends say that he will be the lucky individual.

Tampa Is In Trouble.

Tampa, Jan. 12.—The strike of members of the fire department is rapidly assuming troublesome proportions. The council has put non-union men in and organized labor has entered the fight. Insurance agents have notified the council that fire protection must be paid or policies will be cancelled.

THE SENATOR HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

Opposed Tariff on Coal Until His Bull Was Gored, But Now the Aspect is All Very Different

Providence, Jan. 12.—Senator Albright, who opposed the suspension of the tariff on coal in the debate in Congress last week, was caught short of fuel at his Warwick home and his Newcastle agent went in many directions trying to get coal.

Finally he purchased several tons in the little factory village of Centerville, which cost him fifteen dollars a ton and three dollars a ton cartage.