

OPTIONS ON SWAMP LANDS

Held by the Real Estate Investment Company of Wilmington Extended - Blockade Distilleries Captured. (Correspondence of the Messenger.) RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18.—The State board of education renewed for twelve months the option on all swamp lands held by Charles M. Steadman, president of the Real Estate Investment company, of Wilmington.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

The Receivers Discharged—Carnegie's Big Suit Argued. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—Judge Goff entered orders in the United States Circuit court to-day, discharging Messrs. Foster and Huidekoper as receivers of the Richmond and Danville railroad, and confirming the sales of Richmond and Danville property recently made. Messrs. Foster and Huidekoper tendered their resignations.

A SIXTY DAYS' TRUCE.

The Southern Railway to Submit a New Schedule of Wages and Rules to Employees in Sixty Days. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An effort made to-day to adjust the differences between the Southern Railway and its employees over the cut in salaries made by the receivers of the road when it was known as the Richmond and Danville has resulted in a two months' truce, arranged at a conference between the representatives of the employees and W. H. Baldwin, Jr., third vice president of the company.

The Supreme court will in a day or two close up its work for the fall term. The seats for the new Legislators have all been assigned by Capt. Roberts, keeper of the Capitol and are on printed diagrams. There are intimations of some other changes in the personnel of the officials of the Seaboard Air Line, changes which will by no means please people in this State.

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A Great Battle

Is continually going on in the human system. The demon of impure blood strives to gain victory over the constitution, to ruin health, to drag victims to the grave. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the weapon with which to defend one's self, drive the desperate enemy from the field, and restore bodily health for many years.

Mr. Airy Dies.

Evidences of the approach of the Christmas holidays are seen on every hand. Even the tobacco raisers are rushing in their tobacco to sell on Mt. Airy's most excellent market.

Mr. Airy is looking up, notwithstanding the stringency in finances. Several business houses and residences are now going up. Among others we will mention the large plug tobacco factory of L. W. Ashley's Sons.

The Doctors Puzzled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The condition of young Bahen, the Georgetown football player, was unchanged this evening. The physicians are greatly puzzled over the case. It is believed that an operation, if successful, would eventually relieve him, but in his present weak condition it is feared that he could not stand the ordeal.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

IT MEETS TO MAKE SALE OF MORE SWAMP LANDS.

More Propositions for New Counties—Proposed Reduction of Cotton Acreage—Christmas Week Gaieties—Improvements of Telephone System—Complaints About Bad Streets and Pavements—Sudden Death at Warrenton.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17. Governor and Mrs. Carr left this morning for Washington, D. C. Governor Carr will remain there until Thursday.

It is said by friends of Mr. N. A. McLean the Democratic nominee for Solicitor in the Seventh district, to whom the certificate of election is given, that he, like Mr. John E. Woodard in the Third district, will decline to receive it.

Some of the straight-out Republicans hint that H. G. Ewart leans too much toward Populism. His friends claim he is a straight-out and has not made any deal with the Populists.

It is now denied that Dr. Mott is a stockholder in the Caucasian Publishing company. It is alleged by a prominent Republican here that the Republicans are falling to take stock in the paper, though not only Dr. Mott but several others of them were at the organization of the company.

The holiday trade here appears to be quite up to the average. The country people, low as is the price of cotton, all appear to have money. They have plenty of corn and meat and the sales of pork are quite large this season.

Raleigh's amateur minstrels, sixteen strong, are arranging to give a performance about January 15th.

Among to-day's arrivals here is Hon. Charles M. Steadman, of Asheville. Mr. A. J. Joyner, of Halifax county, this State, was here to-day on his way home.

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A large addition to the power house of the Street Car company was begun to-day. This will be for the engines, boilers and dynamos. The telephone company here (the Southern Bell) is beginning \$3,000 worth of work, including a new multiple board, cabling, etc.

committee justice, but handicap it, and that no further improvements can be made unless there is an issue of bonds. It is contended that the city's income barely meets its expenditures.

Rev. Dr. I. McK. Pittinger, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, is to be married in that church January 9th to Miss Lucy Garrett, of Ringwood, Halifax county.

Mr. John White, one of Warrenton's oldest and best known merchants, died very suddenly last night.

The joint Legislative committee to-day completed its examination of the office of the State Treasurer and began work in the Auditor's office. Senator Jones, chairman of the committee, thinks it will finish its work by Thursday afternoon.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

Declines to Receive Any One on the Wistaria or to Accept Any Invitations. To Hold a Reception at Georgetown. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 18.—The News and Courier dispatched a special reporter to Georgetown last night to see the President and received the following account of the President's first day's sport:

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 18.—As the reporter for the News and Courier steamed up in his special tug to the buoy tender Wistaria in Muddy bay, this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, he was just in time to see the President returning from the day's hunt in one of the Wistaria's naphtha launches.

After the President and other gentlemen of the party went up the side the hands took out the guns and the result of the day's shoot, viz.: A large raccoon and forty-nine ducks, chiefly English mallards.

As soon as the launch got out of the way the News and Courier tug went along side and the reporter was cordially received by the genial captain of the Wistaria, who said that although glad to see him, he could not allow him to come on board, as his orders were strictly not to allow one not connected with the vessel to come on board.

The reporter then asked the President to ascertain if the President would receive him, as he had come with an invitation for him to visit the city of Charleston.

As it pushed off a steam launch bringing a delegation from the Palmetto club to tender the President a reception arrived and came alongside. The delegation, which was headed by the Hon. Mr. Morgan, mayor of the city, was received by Capt. Evans, but not allowed to board the vessel.

The last hour of the session was occupied by Mr. Hall, Democrat, of Missouri, a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency, who reviewed at length the objections to the Carlsile bill made in the report of the minority of the committee.

CLOTURE IN THE SENATE

FURTHER ARGUMENT ON THE HILL RESOLUTION.

The Nicaraguan Canal Bill Opposed by Senator Turpie—Mr. Springer Opens the Debate on the Carlsile Bill—Notice of Amendments—The Hill a Compromise Measure—Mr. Walker's Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The bill appropriating \$100,000 to supply an urgent deficiency for public printing and binding was received from the House and was passed without reference to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Lodge offered a resolution calling on the President for the record of the extradition proceedings in the case of Gen. Ezeta, and it went over till tomorrow.

Senator Hill called up his resolution for a cloture rule and addressed the Senate in advocacy of it. He said that the sentiment of the country seemed to desire the adoption of some such rule.

Senator Hoar expressed his full agreement with Senator Hill's view of the necessity of a change of the rules of the Senate. It was one of the gravest public questions likely to arise, and ought to be dealt with a care and circumspection equal to what should be bestowed on an important amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Without concluding his speech, Senator Turpie yielded to a motion to proceed to executive business and at 4:25 o'clock the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The debate upon the currency plan proposed in the Carlsile bill reported from the Committee on Banking and Currency, was begun in the House to-day, according to the notice given yesterday by Chairman Springer.

Mr. Hall said the milk in the cocoon of opposition to the Carlsile bill was contained in the statement in the minority report: "Whatever legislation is had with reference to the finances of the country or banking in its effects upon National banks, should be permissive and not mandatory as to National banks which their present charters continue."

Mr. Springer responded that it was a currency measure, and was not intended to interfere with nor change the regulations for the security of National bank depositors found in other parts of the National Bank act.

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Mr. Simpson asked if the chairman of the committee had made any calculation of the amount of additional currency that would be issued under the bill.

Mr. Springer replied that it would be impossible to make any definitely approximate estimate of the amount of currency that would be issued under the operations of the bill; but he would call the attention of the gentlemen from Kansas (Simpson) to the fact that for every \$30 of greenbacks deposited as security there would be issued \$100 of notes.

Referring to the provision regarding State bank issues, Mr. Springer said that it might be assumed that States which wished the circulation of their banks to go beyond the borders of the State would make provisions for the redemption of their bank notes, which would make them safe.

The proposition regarding State banks was different from the one discussed by the House at its last session—the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax. He did not favor the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax. He had not changed his mind regarding the State banks; but this did not prevent him from agreeing to a compromise.

Mr. Walker, Republican, of Massachusetts, followed. He said that if there ever was a case in which bread was asked and a stone given, a fish asked and a scorpion given, it was in this instance. He wanted to go back to the Jackson-Benton Democratic platform of compelling the banks, in return for the safety of their deposits, to maintain at their own expense the parity of their notes with gold.

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Just before adjournment Mr. Henderson, of North Carolina, reported the Postoffice Appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1896.

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Sun's cotton review says: Cotton declined 1 to 2 points, but got this back and then advanced 1 to 2 points, closing quiet and steady with sales of 69,000 bales.

Mr. Winkler—I move to lay the resolution on the table. The Speaker put the question and it was laid on the table—three no votes being distinguished. The House then got back to its work, but Mr. Duncan was not yet done.

Mr. Duncan—Mr. Speaker, I want your ruling on my point. I want to know if this House can openly violate the Constitution? Speaker—I am only the mouth-piece of this body. This body has acted.

TO SNUB THE PRESIDENT

LIVELY TIMES IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

Opposition of a Member to a Resolution Inviting Mr. Cleveland to Columbia—His Protest Against the Passage of the Resolution and Denunciation of the President—The Resolution Adopted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 18.—In the House of Representatives to-day Mr. McGill, of Abbeville, introduced a concurrent resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States and party are now visiting in this State, and WHEREAS, The General Assembly is now in session and desires to extend to the President and gentlemen accompanying him that courtesy due his exalted official position.

Resolved, By the House, the Senate concurring, that an invitation be extended to the President and party to visit the General Assembly and accept the privileges of the floor of the two Houses.

Mr. Manning, a Conservative, said the matter had come before the House. Any action looking to receiving it as information would have a bad appearance. He suggested that the resolution be withdrawn.

Mr. Watson, the Reform leader, then took the floor. He said he hoped the resolution would not be withdrawn. The matter if withdrawn had gone so far that it would be given full publicity.

Mr. Williamson endorsed Mr. Watson's remarks. He said this was a duty they owed themselves and their State. The Speaker then took a hand, saying they were assuming an opposition to the resolution which did not exist.

Resolved, That with all due respect for the office of President of the United States, and with due deference to the policies and principles of parties, we wish to be recorded as ever ready to do honor to him to whom honor is due.

After the matter had been read, Mr. Pollock and several members jumped up and addressed the Speaker. The Speaker—The matter is not debatable.

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