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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The annual report of the State University is submitted to the trustees by President Winston. The report is a very gratifying one, and shows a marked improvement in the general deportment of the students. During the present term 385 students have been enrolled. It is the largest enrollment in the history of the University.——The State reward for the capture of Orange Page and Mary Smith, charged with murder, has been paid to two colored detectives.——The murderer of C. D. Jones, in Cleveland county, has been removed from the Cleveland county jail to Charlotte to avoid lynching.——Published statements to the effect that Senator Vance was in a dying condition is denied by his son, who says that his father is in Florida in good health.——An order is issued from the Navy Department assigning Commodore Farquhar to the command of the League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia.——An old feud between Wm. Norton and James Breckinridge result in the death of both near Monofalia, Ala.——The reduction of the sentence of Frank Porterfield, ex-cashier of the defunct Commercial National bank of Nashville, Tenn., has been refused.——Henry McDonald, of Atlanta, Ga., who deserted his wife and ran away with a pretty 17-year-old girl, has been arrested. The girls' father threatens to shoot McDonald on sight.——The destruction of the Insurgent transport Mercier by the guns of the Government battery at Ponta Madame, Brazil, is said to have resulted in the loss of many lives. Telegraphic communication with Bahaia is cut off.——A letter is sent out by ex-Secretary Tracy, counsel for Erastus Wiman, in vindication of that gentleman.——Work will be resumed in the Bethlehem Iron company's steel mill on Monday, giving employment to 1,100 hands.——Twenty-three schismatic bishops of Syria have returned to the Catholic church.——The Democrats of Ohio have decided on Paul J. Long as candidate for Congress to succeed late Representative Houk.——A dispatch from Fort Louis, Mauritius, reports considerable destruction to property and life from a cyclone which swept the island Friday. Fifty people were killed.——Erastus Wiman is released from custody on $25,000 bond.——The House branch of the Virginia Legislature refused to pass the Miller bill, which proposes to relieve cities of the local option law. The vote stood 71 to 10.——Jean Graves, an Anarchist of letters, is sentenced to two years imprisonment and pay a fine of 1,000 francs for having published a book calculated to excite to revolution.——Norman L. Munro, the well-known publisher of New York, died at 6:15 o'clock yesterday.——Oyster pirates have made a descent on James river. Governor O'Ferrall says he is determined to enforce the law against invading oyster dredgers.——At Hackitstown, N. Y., Barney Moore has his head torn from his body.——The grand jury at Mason, Mich., returns true bills against several State officers for felony and misdemeanors.——Yesterday was the coldest day of the winter in New York. The thermometer registered five degrees above zero.——The Thomas Iron company, of Allentown, Pa., will reduce the wages of its employes 10 per cent. beginning March 1st.——Michael Silka is instantly killed and Hon. James Collins fatally injured at Jeansville, Pa., by the explosion of dynamite.——Twenty buildings are destroyed by fire at McDonald, Pa.——President Cleveland denies that he is suffering from any serious malady.——Dispatches from various points indicate that the snow storm is very general.

An Effort to Vindicate Erastus Wiman.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The following letter in relation to the charges against Erastus Wyman is sent out by his counsel, General Benjamin F. Tracey, ex-Secretary of the Navy, in vindication of that gentleman:

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, 1894.

I have seen for the first time to-day the indictments against Mr. Wiman and have learned his story of the case and the facts upon which the indictments are founded. I am entirely satisfied after such examination that Mr. Wiman has committed no crime, and, unless I am greatly misinformed, the trial will develop a state of facts which will show that Mr. Wiman is not only not a criminal but that he has done nothing that can seriously reflect upon his honor and integrity as a man. I am not in the habit of trying my cases in the newspapers, but in view of the extent to which this course has been taken by Mr. Wiman's enemies and a certain number of his supposed friends, it is only just to him that I should make this statement.

(Signed) BENJAMIN F. TRACEY.

A Pool Formed on Steel Casting.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—A prominent merchant of Philadelphia, who does not desire to be quoted, but who speaks authoritatively, stated to-night that a pool has been formed which embraces all of the manufacturers of steel castings in this country, (about twenty) with but one exception. The exception is the Midvale Steel company of this city which will not be antagonized it is said, as long as it does not antagonize the trust. The leader in the movement here is Howard Evans of J. W. Paxson & Co., The proposed system of operation is not known, but it is supposed that the work of supplying steel castings will be proportioned among the mills in the trust and prices maintained at a mutually satisfactory figure. Negotiations looking to the formation of the pool have been in progress for several months.

An Anarchist Author Sentenced.

PARIS, Feb 24.—Jean Graves, an Anarchist of letters, was tried in the criminal court to day for having published a book entitled "Societe Mourant," which, it was charged, contained matter calculated to incite to revolution and overthrow existing institutions. Elizee Reclus, the famous geographer, testified warmly in favor of the prisoner. Octave Mirbeau declared that Graves had a superior mind and was regarded as a literary authority. Graves was sentenced to pass two years in prison and pay a fine of 1,000 francs.

Refused a Reduction of Sentence.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb 24.—Judge Sage, of the United States Supreme court, this morning refused to reduce the sentence of Frank Porterfield, ex-cashier of the defunct Commercial National bank from ten to five years. Porterfield will be taken to the prison at Brooklyn to-night.

People troubled with sick and nervous headaches will find a most efficacious remedy in Ayer's Cathartic Pills. They strengthen the stomach, stimulate the liver, restore healthy action to the digestive organs, and thus afford speedy and permanent relief.

To Succeed Representative Houk.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A special from Hamilton, Ohio, says: Democrats have decided on Paul J. Sorg, tobacco king, of Ohio, as candidate for Congress to succeed late Representative Houk. Bourke Cockran, Chairman Wilson and Senator Brice will speak for him.

Bucklens Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Rob't F Bellamy.

R. C. Taylor, Murfreesboro, Tenn., writes: "I have used the Japanese Pile Cure with great satisfaction and success." Sold by J. H. Hardin.

VANCE'S CONDITION.

THE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS DYING DENIED.

Filibustering on the Bland Bill Developing Personal Antagonism—The Condition of Hon. William L. Wilson Considered Grave—Commodore Farquhar to Command the League Island Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The filibustering on the Bland bill has developed more or less personal antagonism, which finds expression in threats of retaliation from the friends of the bill when the opportunity presents itself.

Mr. Pence, of Colorado, presumably voiced the sentiments of the Populists upon this subject this morning when he said: "The New York an Eastern men will need a quorum for any legislation they are interested in hereafter. I am speaking now as a Populist and a supporter of the Bland bill. I do not know what the Democrats will do. But the Populists propose giving the Eastern men a dose of their own medicine. They will get no more legislation through this House this session if they don't have a quorum. That will be our policy from this time henceforward."

Published statements, alleged to originate in Raleigh, N. C., that Senator Vance was dying were shown this morning to Senator Vance's son, who promptly denied them by the statement that his father was in Florida and not in North Carolina, and was in good health.

Secretary Gresham to-day received from Mr. Crittenden, the United States Consul General in the city of Mexico, the following telegram concerning Hon. Wm. L. Wilson:

"Mr. Wilson has developed a marked typhoid fever. General condition grave, though the fever as yet is of a mild type. Dr. Mallet Prevost, whom I sent from here to Augusascalientes (Hot Springs) to see him, has had him removed to Guadalajara, which he considers the location which will give him the best sanitary surroundings possible in Mexico. To bring him to this city would be most dangerous. He shall have the best attention."

An order was issued by the Navy Department to-day assigning Commodore Farquhar, chief of the naval bureau of Yards and Docks to the command of the League Island Navy Yard, near Philadelphia. The term of Commodore Farquhar as a bureau chief will expire March 6th.

A cable dispatch received at the Navy Department reports that the Mononcacy sailed from Chinkiang for Shanghai yesterday. The Yorktown sailed this morning from Acalcpulco for Mare Island, California.

Mr. Bland said at the close of the fruitless effort to-day to get a time fixed for voting on the silver bill: "There is no change in the programme and no thought of surrender. We will begin again on Monday just where we left off to-day."

Mr. Tracey, of New York, who is directing the fight against the bill, said at the close of the days sessions: "The silver men have shown their greatest strength and they will lose from this time forward. Their vote to-day was fifteen or twenty short of a quorum. A careful estimate of their men who are absent show they can get fourteen more votes. These added to the 159 they showed to day, they will have 173 votes, or six short of a quorum. That is the very best they can do. Indeed, I think they will lose ten or more votes thus far with them. If they could see a quorum ahead a special rule might be brought in to help them reach a vote, but with six short of a quorum, there is no rule in sight and no possibility of the passing of the bill unless present conditions change very much.

The report from Buenos Ayres via London that the vessels fitted out in New York for service in Brazil with the exception of the Nictheroy, had gone over to Insurgents is partially confirmed in a letter received from an American officer in the service of the Brazilian Government. This officer says while these vessels are not actually in possession of Insurgents their officers have such high personal regard for the Insurgents that the naval officers are unwilling to take any steps against the force of Da Gama, although they would not turn over their ships to him.

The Tariff bill is practically completed and will be laid before the full Senate Committee on Finance at a special meeting Monday morning at 10 o'clock. When it will reach the Senate is not known. Senators Voorhees and Mills expect the bill will be reported before the end of the week. Coal people say they have secured 50 cents per ton on coal, iron ore, and it will be protected by ad valorem duty of not less than 20 per cent. It is by no means settled that wool will be on the free list. Lumber will be taken care of in consideration of the votes from the united party. Sugar has finally reached a stage where the committee may be said to be of one accord with one another.

Louisiana Senators will not get the 1½ cents per pound they have held out for so strenuously, but be content with the duty that hovers near 1 cent a pound with the graduated system above, probably sugar standing a test of 80 degrees.

Secretary Carlisle was before the sub-committee this morning and went over the internal revenue features. He believes the bill will produce sufficient revenue.

Secretary Carlisle was notified to-day that 8,000 Chinese have already registered at San Francisco, California, and that 3,000 have registered at Portland, Oregon. The work of registration is progressing very rapidly and seventeen additional deputies were allowed to these two districts to-day. The total number that are registered in the United States under the law is 13,242. The $50,000 appropriated by the special session of Congress will be ample to complete the registration. There are about 110,000 Chinese in the United States.

Senor Guzman, the Minister of Nicaragua to the United States, has received a cablegram to the following effect from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua: "The capital of Honduras (Tegucigalpa) capitulated last night. Publish this cablegram: Our victory puts an end to the war in Honduras."

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Sun's* cotton reton review says: Cotton declined 9 to 11 points, closing weak. Sales 152,900 bales. Liverpool declined 1-16d on spot and 1½ to 2 points for future delivery; spot sales 6,000 bales; futures closed quiet and steady. Spot cotton here is 1c lower; sales 104 bales for spinners. The Southern markets were generally quiet and depressed. There was a decline of 1c at Galveston and Savannah, and 1-16c at New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Norfolk, Memphis, St. Louis and Augusta. New Orleans sold 4,250 bales, Memphis 3,000 bales and Galveston 1,01 bales. Port receipts 9,332 bales, against 6,048 bales this day last week and 8,396 bales last year. Exports to-day, 8,631 bales to Great Britain. New Orleans receipts on Monday estimated at 3,000 bales, against 7,848 bales last Monday and 4,847 bales last year. Augusta received to-day 236 bales, against 180 bales this day last week and 97 bales last year. Memphis receipts, 281 bales, against 237 bales last week and 897 bales year. Shipments to-day, 2,471 bales, St. Louis receipts, 319 bales, against 1,200 bales this day last week and 621 bales last year. Shipments to-day, 1,200 bales. Houston receipts, 1,290 bales, against 949 bales this day last week and 1,966 bales last year. Shipments to-day, 2,722 bales.

Irregularity.

Is that what troubles you? Then its easily and promptly remedied by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate the system perfectly. Take one for a gentle laxative or corrective; three for a cathartic.

If you should suffer from Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious attacks, Sick or Bilious Headaches, or any derangemen tof the liver, stomach or bowels, try these little Pellets. They bring a permanent cure. Instead of shocking and weakening the system with violence, like the ordinary pills, they act in a perfectly natural way. They're the smallest, the easiest to take—and the cheapest, for they re guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money is returned.

The cleansing, antiseptic and healing qualities of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy are unequaled.

AUGUSTA, Feb. 24.—After raining and sleeting all day, snow began to fall to-night at 9 o'clock, and gives promise of being an inch or more deep by morning.

TREATING CONSUMPTIVES.

Physicians in Favor of Treating Consumptives as They do Small Pox Patients.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Sanitary Superintendent was ordered yesterday to enforce rigid regulations concerning consumptives. To prepare to isolate them in one hospital, to see that all doctors and institutions report to the Health Department such patients, and to require landlords to immediately disinfect rooms having been tenanted by consumptives. Many doctors interviewed favor thus treating consumption like small-pox, but converts to the Amick theory that lung troubles are not contagious and are curable are increasing. An Amick depository was established here last week to supply free test medicines proving his theory to New York physicians, and those living in other States can send to Cincinnati, where the discoverer lives. Even the medical journal edited by the President of the Board of Health said recently that the success of the Cincinnati treatment proved consumption is curable, and the isolation of its victims will be vigorously fought.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Stocks and Bonds in New York—The Grain and Provision Markets of Chicago.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—American Sugar refining and Distillers were the great speculative cards at the Stock Exchange to-day. In fact they absorbed the attention to the exclusion of almost everything else. The total transactions were 123,000 shares, of which 48,000 were Sugar and 45,000 Distillers, leaving about 30,000 shares for the other stocks traded in. The industrial stocks named as usual, of late, were influenced by advices from Washington relative to the probable action of the Senate sub-committee on tariff and internal revenue matters. It was reported that the sugar people had gained their point in securing a larger duty on refined than on raw sugars, while the advocates of increased tax on distilled spirits had suffered defeat. Sugar rose 2⅞ per cent to 89⅞, and Whiskey declined 1½ per cent, to 23⅞, the dealings in both having been animated at intervals. The fluctuations were comparatively slight. The tendency of prices was downward in the early trading, but the losses were only ⅛ to ¼ per cent, outside of National Lead, which droppprd 1¼ to 2 per cent, for common and preferred respectively. The buoyancy of Sugar finally alarmed some of the smaller shorts and their purchases lead to an advance of ⅛ to ¾ per cent, during the last half hour of business. Western Union rose from 83¼ to 84, St. Paul from 56⅝ to 57; Rock Island from 66 to 66⅝, and Chicago Gas from 62⅛ to 63⅛. Among the specialties Sugar, preferred, jumped 1⅞ per cent, to 85 and Erie, preferred, 1⅞ to 38⅞, while Lackawanna dropped 2⅞ to 166 on very light sales. The bank statement, if anything, had a favorable influence on speculation, as a small increase in reserve was reported, whereas quite a loss had been expected. The market closed firm in tone. The market to-day for railway and miscellaneous bonds was strong from start to finish and the dealings were well distributed. The leading brokers report an increasing demand for this class of securities, owing to the extremely low rates prevailing for money.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24—The edge was off the bull campaign in wheat at the opening to-day and the enthusiasm which has marked the trade for the past few days was entirely abated. Several big scalping lines of long wheat were thrown overboard at the start and further depressed prices. They had opened off 1-2 to 5-8 from last night's close. Operators were all at sea. Cash wheat in the northwest was off 7-8c of a cent. As the advance there was one of the principal bull points in the late advance, for the same reason the decline helped along the recession.

May wheat opened ½ to ⅝c lower at 60½c, ranged between 60⅛ to 60c, closing 1c under yesterday at 60 to 60⅛c.

Corn attracted but little attention. The feeling was a counterpart of that evinced by wheat. Prices were within narrow limits. The opening was ⅛c lower than yesterday's close, selling off another ⅛c and closing without any reaction. There was more disposition to sell and the demand was very much restricted. Cash corn was in moderate request, but easier.

Oats were quiet and easier. Fluctuations followed the changes in wheat and corn, but were confined within a narrow range. The close was ⅛ to ¼c lower than yesterday. There was no especial feature to the trade. Cash oats were quiet and steady.

Under the dual influence of a lower hog market, and a decline in wheat, provisions declined. At no time was there an active trade. On the whole, the market was featurless. May pork closed with a net loss of 7½c for the day. May lard lost 5c and May pork 5c.

THIEVING STATE OFFICERS.

The Secretary and Treasurer of Michigan Charged With Peculations From the State Treasury.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 24.—The *Journal* this evening says that an investigation which has been in progress at Lansing for some days shows that several State officers have been guilty of extensive peculations from the State treasury. The *Journal* alleges that Secretary of State Jochim, State Treasurer Hambitzer and Land Commissioner Berry have made charges for mileage, hotel bills and other expenses which the law does not give them the right to collect from the State. By a table copied from the books in the auditors office the *Journal* shows that every time one of these officials served on any one of the boards of which he is an ex-officio member, he charged for mileage from his residence to Lansing, hotel bills and extra services, and although meetings of different boards were held on the same day in the same building, mileage and hotel expenses were charged up in each instance. After marked progress had been made in its investigations, the *Journal* was denied further access to the books and the full extent of the peculations could not be ascertained. It is probable that the matter will be brought to the attention of the grand jury.

MASON, Mich., Feb. 24.—When the court convened at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the grand jury returned the following true bills: Against A. A. Ellis for felony, against Jochim, Hambitzer and Berry for felony, against Frank Potter and George Warren for felony, against Jochim, Hambitzer, Ellis and Berry, the canvassing board, for misdemeanor; against Ellis and Wm. May for misdemeanor, and against Jochim, Berry, Hambitzer, Warren, Potter, Bussey, May, Clark, Ellis and Peterson for misdemeanor.

Bail is fixed in the felony cases of the State officials at $5,000 and in the similar cases of Potter and Warren at $2 000. In the misdemeanor and conspiracy cases it was fixed at $1,000 each, all of which was furnished.

To be Unveiled May 30.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 24.—The Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument association, at a meeting to-night, decided to unveil the monument on the 30th of May next. The monument is situated on Libbey Hill, this city, and is a tall graite pillar surmounted by a bronze figure of a private soldier. The selection of an orator was left to a committee of five.

He declares it to be "the best remedy for cough and croup." Mr. D. T. Good, Columbia, Tenn., writes: "I keep Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the house all the time. It is the best remedy for cough and croup I ever used."

His Head Torn From His Body.

HACKITSTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Barney Mooney, foreman in charge of a large number of men filling the ice houses at Waterloo, had his head torn from his body this afternoon. The steam elevator got out of order and Mooney went underneath to readjust it. The men assisting him after attending to the re-adjustment of the dumper stepped out and the engineer, supposing everything all right, started up the dumper. It caught Mooney by the head and actually pulled the head from the body. The body dropped to the ground and the head was not released for several seconds. It rolled away in another direction. It was a sickening sight and the three hundred men at work near the scene were completely unnerved and all work was suspended for the day.

THE SAME OLD GAME.

FILIBUSTERING YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE.

The Senate Joint Resolution for the Printing of the Hawaiian Correspondence Reported and Referred—Friday, March 16, the Time Fixed for the Eulogies on the Late Representative Enochs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The appearance of the galleries and the floor of the House this morning was indicative of the calm that follows a storm. There was an absence of all symptoms of the excitement which has marked the proceedings for the past two days. Speaker Crisp was in his place and rapped the House to order at noon.

The Senate joint resolution providing for the printing of 6,000 copies of the Hawaiian correspondence sent to Congress since January 1st, was reported and referred.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor, Republican, of Ohio, the eulogies on the late Representative Enochs were fixed for Friday, March 16th.

Sergeant-at-arms Snow reported under the resolution adopted yesterday that Representative H. U. Johnson, was not in fact arrested under the order of February 19th, and he asked that his name be stricken from the list as an act of justice to that gentleman. The report was received and the necessary order given by the Speaker.

Mr. Bankhead, in the temporary absence of Mr. Bland, moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the Seigniorage bill, and that all debate be closed in thirty minutes. On division the vote was—ayes, 120; nays, —, and Mr. Tracy, Democrat of New York, suggested no quorum.

Mr. Bankhead asked that the yeas and nays be called and it was so ordered. Mr. Bland failed to get his vote in on the first call of the roll, but returned to his seat in time to hear the clerk call it the second time.

Pending the announcement of the vote, Mr. Boatner, Democrat of Louisiana, stated that he came into the House after his name had been called the second time, and would like to have his name recorded as present.

The Chair—There is no rule authorizing the chair to entertain the gentleman's request.

Mr. Reed—The gentleman, I doubt not, makes the request as a matter of right. It is not a matter of request to be allowed to vote but to have his name recorded to help make a quorum. There is no rule, I suggest to the chair, prohibiting the action.

The Chair—The clerk will read the rule.

After it had been read he said: There is no authority for the chair to grant the request.

Mr. Reed—I trust the chair will appreciate the efforts I make to help the House out of the difficulty it is in.

The Chair (smiling)—The chair has no doubt that the gentleman from Maine would be glad to have a quorum counted.

The result of the vote was announced—yeas, 152; nays, 7—twenty short of a quorum, whereupon a call of the House was ordered.

The call showed 273 members present, and on motion of Mr. Bland further proceedings thereunder were suspended.

Mr. Wilson, (Republican) of Washington, moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. Bland wanted to withdraw the motion of Mr. Blankhead, and submitted one to close debate at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday next, but Mr. Wilson insisted on his motion.

Mr. Bland—Oh! I hope the gentleman wont filibuster in that style.

Mr. Wilson—The gentleman has no right to make such remarks, impugning the motives of a member.

Mr. Bland—Well, I have made them all the same.

Mr. Wilson's motion was voted down—ayes, 51; nays, 126.

Mr. Reed moved that the House take a recess until 10 o'clock a. m., and Mr. Bland protested against filibustering.

The vote resulted ayes, 9 nays, 103, and another call of the House was ordered.

The call was responded to by 283 members. Upon this being made known, Mr. Bland moved to revoke all leaves of absence except those granted on account of illness, The Speaker informed him that there was no absences except for illness. Then he moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which was agreed to. The question recurring on Mr. Reed's motion to take a recess until 10 o'clock Monday, the ayes were 8 and the nays 127.

Mr. Reed—I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, to observe the absence of a quorum.

The Chair—No quorum has voted. The gentleman from Missouri and from Maine will take their places as tellers.

Mr. Bland—The quickest way to have done with filibustering is to call the yeas and nays.

Mr. Reid—I think everybody ought to stand up. (To second the demand for the yeas and nays.) We should help the gentlemen along all we can.

The yeas and nays were offered, resulting—yeas, 27; nays, 168.

Mr. Bland withdrew the motion to close debate in half an hour and moved that debate close at 4 o'clock.

Pending that motion Mr. Tracey moved that the House adjourn.

On division the House voted — yeas, 80; nays, 118.

Mr. Bland demanded the yeas and nays, and the roll was called.

Mr. Tracey's motion was defeated.

Mr. Bland stated that it was evident that the bond holders intended to filibuster today and he would, therefore move to adjourn, which was agreed to, and at 3 o'clock the Speaker declared the House adjourned until Monday.

Sleet and Snow.

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 24.—Dispatches received here from many points indicate that the sleet and snow storm wrecked telegraph wires and done other damage.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Feb. 24.—A great snow storm has been raging in Dallas and throughout the State to-day. It began here at 6 o'clock this morning and did not cease until after 5 o'clock. Over a foot fell, but in the evening it turned warmer and the snow melted greatly.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 24.—It commenced snowing here about 2 o'clock this afternoon and at 9 o'clock there was about three inches of the fleecy white on the grounds. Reports from all over the section show heavy snow storms prevailing. At 9 o'clock the snow ceased and at midnight the mercury is falling steadily.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 24.—With snow and ice all through the city, Mobile comes forward as the ideal winter resort of the country. The thermometer to-night registered 62 degrees.

Oyster Pirates at Work.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 24.—The Governor was notified to-day that oyster pirates had made a descent upon James river. He has telegraphed in every direction to find the steamer Chesapeake and send her to the scene. He has also offered a reward of $50 a piece for the capture of the vessels. In an informal and friendly conversation with Governor Brown, of Maryland, to-day, Governor O'Ferrall said he was determined to enforce vigorously the law against invading oyster dredgers and sink their craft if necessary, and that if the Maryland authorities resorted to harsh measures towards Virginia dredgers who invaded Maryland waters the Virginia pirates would receive no sympathy from him.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

The Regular Monthly Dinner at the Club House—Judge Patterson of Tennessee, Responds to a Toast.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Nearly 150 good Democrats sat down this evening to partake of the regular monthly dinner at the Democratic club house, No. 617 Fifth avenue, and, incidentally, as it was thought by some, to listen to the Hon. Benton McMillin, of Tennessee, give the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt an oratorical dressing down for his free and unpleasing criticism of modern Southern statesmen, made at the Southern society banquet on Thursday night. But Mr. McMillin had to send his regrets, on account of illness, and the New York Democrats who sympathize with the Southern ones, who have felt specially aggrieved, listened instead to Judge Patterson, of Tennessee, as a substitute.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when the toast master, Mr. O'Dwyer, once president of the club, demanded the guests attention and in a very brief speech, presented Judge Patterson, who spoke to the toast "The South, and the Public Credit." In response, Judge Patterson said: "I imagine that I have been selected to respond to this toast because it is imagined in New York that the South does not care much about the public credit, and because I am from that section of the Union. Permit me to say that I am one of the citizens of the South who has always entertained a high regard for the Democrats of this municipality. When the South was in travail, when the South had misfortunes, when the South was under Radical rule, during those dark days when no star but one appeared in the political horison, that star always appeared above Manhattan Island. I feel an affection for the Democracy of New York because that Democracy has always stood by the South in its struggle for home rule and self government. I congratulate the Democrats of New York as I do the Democrats of the South, that they have been able to shake hands and wipe from the statute books the last vestige of Radicalism in the repeal of the election law."

The Speaker said he differed from a large number of the Congressmen from the South but they had a peculiar constituency in that region. His opponent was a double-barrelled man, one barrel a Populist, the other barrel a Republican. The Republican party was Janus faced on the money question. They advocated sound money on Wall street and anything else that would please the electors in the South. He did not believe in paternalism but he did believe in self-reliance. The Republican party was the party who prostrated the powers of the Government for more than thirty years for private advantage. The administration of this Government under its rule was absolutely paternal, It was not strange, the speaker said, that the people of the South, when they saw that favors were going to the moneyed men of the country, should expect forty acres of land and a mule. [Laughter.] To those people in New York who feared that this Government would embark upon the free and unlimited coinage of silver he would say that they need have no such dread.

BRAZILIAN AFFAIRS.

Many Lives Lost in the Destruction of the Insurgent Transport Mercier—Telegraphic Communication Cut Off.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24.—The destruction of the Insurgent transport Mercier, which was sunk by the fire of the guns of the Government battery at Ponta Madame, is said to have resulted in considerable loss of life to the rebels. The shots which cause the vessels destruction penetrated her boiler which burst and killing a number of the insurgents, the ship then caught fire and many of the injured are said to have been burned to death as the transport was burning fiercely when she sank. A number were drowned while attempting to swim ashore and others were captured by the Government forces.

Telegraphic communication with Bahia has been cut off. This has caused considerable sensational comment in and about the city. According to the most generally believed report that Peixotto's fleet has finally left Bahia for Rio de Janeiro and this is the reason of the Government cutting off telegraphic communication with the port mentioned. According to another report there has been a battle there and the Insurgents are supposed to have gained some kind of an advantage. There is still no news, as this dispatch is sent, of the whereabouts of the Nictheroy or of the Aquidaban and Republica, which are supposed to be searching for her in order to destroy or capture the dynamite cruiser.

To Colonize the Negroes.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 24.—The Knights of Labor of the United States are about to start upon a campaign, having for its object the removal of the negroes from the United States and their colonization in the Congo basin, Liberia, or some other part of Africa. The first substantial step looking in that direction was taken in Memphis tonight, when the trades council was called to meet to make arrangements to entertain Grand Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, who will make a tour of the South during March and lecture in the paincipal cities upon this subject. The undertaking is not a new one in the ranks of the Knight of Labor for it happened so for that the order in every State of the Union has been polled on the question and every State was found favorable to the movement.

Grand Master Workman Sovereign is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the undertaking and for some time to come will give it his unlimited attention. His first step in this direction will be the contemplated lecturing tour to the South when his sole theme will be the deportation and colonization of the negro. This tour will begin early in March and last through the month. One of the first points he will touch is Memphis. He will take in every important city in the South, including New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Montgomery and many others.

The President Denies That He Is Suffering from a Serious Malady.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—A representative of the Southern Associated Press saw President Cleveland this evening at the Executive Mansion regarding the reports that have been circulated in some newspapers for the past two or three days to the effect that the President was suffering from a serious malady and was about to have an operation performed. Concerning the reports the President said: "I have been engaged every day in my office on public business, and have every day seen the people who called, Senators, Representatives and others. Nothing would have been easier than to ascertain the absolute falsity of these reports. I am forced to conclude that there is an epidemic of mendacity emanating from the dull and stupid brains of some these correspondents. These men must be influenced either by a desire to deceive the public or to annoy these affected by their disreputable work. Those who read newspapers should understand the extent to which their credulity is calculated upon."

Mr. Cleveland never looked better in his life than he did to-day. He shook hands with 350 people in the East Room this afternoon.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 24.—The Thomas Iron company will reduce the wages of its employes 10 per cent., beginning March 1st. Stack No. 6 is now in blast, making four working at Hokendauqua.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES.

The Needs of the University Set Forth by President Winston—The Largest Number of Students Ever Enrolled—Lawson Howard, the Murderer, in Jail at Charlotte — Claims for the Reward of J. Atwell.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.

The annual report of the president of the State University is an excellent one and interesting. It was submitted to the trustees yesterday. During the term 385 students have been enrolled, those from this State numbering 352, or 59 more than the greatest enrollment in the history of the University. Three years ago there were only 198 students. The growth of the University is seriously hindered by the lack of dormitories. In every room in the buildings there are now at least two students, and many room in the village. There is also need of a common hall, providing good food at $6 or $7 a month. A second story added to the gymnasium would serve the purpose. There is also need of a Y. M. C. A. building. The need of more teachers, is urgent, in fact they must be provided for. The student-body has during the year shown a very marked capacity for self-government. There has not been a serious case of dicipline, and there has not, in Dr. Winston's twenty-eight years' acquaintance with the University, ever been less vice, or drunkenness or disorder; all this has been brought about by the harmonious co-operation of the faculty and students. The athletic life of the University has largely contributed to this exceptionally wholesome life morally, intellectually and physically. The health record during the year was remarkable, there having been only one case of serious sickness. Not a death occurred. There is a large increase of the number of students pursuing advance courses of study. During the year 101 students have pursued twenty-one advanced courses. Every department is in better working order and giving more efficient instruction than ever before. The requirements for admission are steadily rising. There are twenty students in the department of history and philosophy of education. The summer normal school which is now established and which begins in July will furnish free tuition and do great good. The special University summer courses will also prove a valuable feature. The repairs of the building during the past year have been on an extensive scale. There is now a fine water supply and sanitary conveniences. Ten thousand dollars was expended. During the current year the remainder of the buildings will be roofed and repaired. President Winston notes with deep regret efforts being made to arouse denominational opposition to the University. The University is conducted neither against the interest nor for the interest of any particular denomination. Its influence and its positive teachings are distinctly religious, but it can be no more denominational than the Legislature or the Supreme court.

The following sheriffs to-day completed their State tax settlements- Hector McEachern, Robeson, $10,342.90; William B. Lane, Craven, $8,128.26.

The sheriff of Halifax brought a convict to the penitentiary to-day.

The State reward for the capture of Orange Page and Mary Smith, murderers, has been paid to William Williams and Jim Whitaker, colored detectives.

The local cotton receipts by wagon in this market this season are 23,459 bales, against 18,762 bales last season.

Lawson Howard, the murderer of C. D. Jones in Cleveland county, is in jail at Charlotte. Governor Carr is notified that this was done to avoid any chance of the lynching of Howard. It is said the people of Cleveland are displeased at the action of the sheriff in thus removing him.

The Lumberton and Lumber River Railway company proposes to build its road from Lumberton to Lake on the Atlantic Coast Line, a distance of thirteen miles. It is the purpose to hold an election in the spring for the issue of bonds. Inquiry has been made of the superintendent of the penitentiary as to whether he can furnish convicts to grade the road.

Collector Simmons has received a report from Deputy Collector Pickard of the seizure of the distillery of George R. Keck, near Burlington. Ten barrels of whiskey were also seized.

The grading for the foundation of the large buildings of the car wheel shops here is completed.

Governor Carr finds that there are two claimants for the reward for J. Atwell, a murderer, who has just been delivered to the sheriff of Cabarrus county.

The Mysterious Yacht Natalie.

NASSAU, N. Y. Feb. 24.—The steam yacht Natalie, which arrived here on February 4th was suspected by the authorities of being engaged in violating the British neutrality laws, and was searched, but nothing being discovered to justify seizure, she was not held. She sailed the 9th and the same night ran aground on Egg Island reef and was assisted off by local wreckers who received a draft on the owners for $200 for services. The destination of the yacht was unknown and her movements were mysterious. The Natalie is the yacht which was turned over to Gen. Maulgal for operations against Hippolyte, and sailed from Savannah on January 29th.

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Steel Mill to Resume Operation.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 24.—Fires were lighted last night in the Bethlehem Iron company's steel mill which has been idle for sometime and work will be resumed on "double shift" in all departments on Monday, giving employment to 1,100 hands.

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Ran Over by a Fire Engine.

DANVILLE, Ky., Feb. 24.—Paul Jones, under contract as catcher for the Atlanta Southern League team, was run over by a heavy fire engine here this evening and received internal wounds of a dangerous nature.

Erastus Wiman Released.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Erastus Wiman was released from custody at noon to-day, on $25,000 bond. Mr. Charles H. Deere, of Moline, Ill., deposited twenty-five $1,000 bills in the office of the city chamberlain this morning. Recorder Smythe signed the bail bond. Mr. Deere is the father-in-law of Mr. Wiman's son, William, who is now lying in a precarious condition at his home on Staten Island.

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