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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The Republican State Executive committee meets and then Holton and Butler hold a conference. The former is reticent. The latter says his Judicial ticket is complete——Milliken in the Fourth district withdraws and Spear's or Thompson will withdraw in the Third district ——Henry O. Havemeyer and John E. Searles are arraigned for refusing to answer questions in the Senate Sugar Trust investigation and placed under $5,000 bonds——An attempt is made to wreck a train on the Baltimore and Ohio road with dynamite——The division freight agent of the Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Louis railroad is indicted for cutting freight rates——A large part of the Tredegar iron works at Richmond, Va., is burned——The dead bodies of Ellett L. Titus and his betrothed, Miss Mary Duff, are found in a bath house on Long Island. She had died from chloroform and he from a pistol shot ——There is a big strike on among the cigarmakers in the Southern cities of Florida——The special train having the negro Dolby and his military guard reaches Columbus and the negro is placed in the penitentiary——Reinforcements reached Washington Court House at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. After that the crowd made no further demonstrations —— The Czar grows worse —— The *Manufacturers' Record* notes continued improvement in the industrial and railroad earnings at the South——Several of the Pacific Express company's employes are arrested, charged with being implicated in the robbery at The Dalles, Ore.—— The breach in the Democratic ranks over Congressional nominations in New York city have not been healed. There are opposition candidates in eight of the nine districts. Tammany has turned down about all of the present members——Mr. Wheeler accepts the Third party nomination for Governor——Governor McKinley will canvass New York——Straus, Tammany candidate for mayor of New York, says he will withdraw if Senator Hill allows his name to go on the Grace ticket——Preserved meats used in the French army are made in Germany, though having the brand of an American firm——Miss Harriet Monroe gets a $5,000 verdict against the New York *World* for publishing her World's fair ode, which was copyrighted —— Maj. Guthrie will not be on the Populists judicial ticket. Information as to this ticket is refused——Oliver H. Dockery, in a speech in Raleigh, said he cared nothing for the county Government matter——Robert J. and John R. Gentry pace a dead heat in 2:04——The naval board, which has just thoroughly tested the cruiser Raleigh, are enthusiastic over the results.

SOLIDIFYING FUSION.

Butler and Holton in Secret Conclave —Withholding the News From the Press—Milliken Steps Down—Thompson or Spears to Withdraw.

[Special to the Messenger.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 18.—The meeting of the Republican State committee was followed by a conference between Chairmen Butler and Holton. It was difficult this afternoon to get any information. Chairman Holton declined to say a word and the other Republicans were equally reticent, saying they did not intend to be interviewed or give any news to the press. Chairman Butler very kindly gave some information. He said that the judicial ticket was completed, but that it would be late to-night before he could give a list of the nominees. He also said that the printing of the tickets was ordered done immediately.

From Chairman A. R. Middleton, of the Third district, its Congressional committee has learned that either Spears or Thompson will be taken down from the ticket. He declares fusion is solid in his district. Committeeman Dolson makes the same assertion as to his district.

There was a good deal of surprise here to-day, caused by the sudden coming down from the Congressional ticket of T. C. Milliken, Republican nominee. He had said yesterday, positively, that he would not retire.

INFORMATION DENIED

As to Completed Populist Judicial Ticket—Col. Dockery Announces His Position.

[Special to the Messenger.]

RALEIGH, Oct. 18.—Late to-night it is stated by some leading Populists that Maj Guthrie is not to be the fusion nominee for the Supreme court.

Information as to the completed ticket is refused.

Oliver Dockery, who spoke this evening, was introduced by Loge Harris. Col. Dockery said in the course of his speech that he did not care anything about the county government matter; that the Democrats might take that and go to thunder with it, but that he was fighting for fair elections.

It Cures Consumption.

[Special Despatch to the Messenger.]

CINCINNATI, Oct. 18.—Depositions taken here in the case of Dr. Amick vs. Reeves develop some remarkable facts. It was shown that the Amick Chemical company of this city has supplied 40,000 doctors with Dr. Amick's chemical treatment for consumption, as much as $1,000 worth of sample medicines being distributed daily. Each patient receives a trial outfit and an inhaler. The company offered as evidence its files, containing thousands of reports from physicians of cures covering every stage and phase of the disease.

Tredegar Iron Works is Burned.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 18.—A large part of the extensive plant of the famous Tredegar iron works were burned at 3 o'clock this morning. The horse shoe, blacksmith, pattern and car shops and numerous sheds were consumed. The loss is about $150,000.

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DETECTIVES AT WORK.

UNRAVELING THE QUANTICO TRAIN ROBBERY.

Facts Showing Searcey to Be One of the Robbers Gradually Developing—The Lottery Tickets to Become Valuable Evidence—The Prisoner Uneasy—Some Things He Can Not Well Explain.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 18.—Up to 11:15 this morning there are no new developments in the train robbery case. Searcey still holds out that he is innocent, while the Adams Express company officials are certain that he is the man that they are looking for.

A writ of habeas corpus has been issued and set for hearing at 4 o'clock this afternoon before Judges Boyd and Hoffman of the Circuit court.

Searcey is non-communicative. He has located himself at Memphis and at Roanoke, Va. Despatches from both those places say that inquiry there has failed of results.

The habeas corpus hearing in the case of Searcey, set for this afternoon, has been postponed until Saturday, to give the requisition papers time to arrive.

Searcey is a very nervous man to-night. Since he has been taken back to the county jail from the court room to-day his face has worn a troubled look and he has paced the corridor restlessly with a lighted cigar always in his mouth. When approached by a United Press reporter to-night he was inclined to be gruff and non communicative. "It's no square deal," he said, "locking me up here for nothing." This observation he supplemented quickly by asking if they had caught any of the gang of the robbers and his mind seemed troubled by an anxiety to know just what the newspapers had to say about him. In reply to questions he said:

"I was for some time a cattle dealer in Roanoke, Va., but business got bad and I went back to my trade as a carpenter. For a while I worked at Harper's Ferry and after leaving, traveled about that section of the country doing odd jobs. The money found in my possession is my own. I earned it honestly, working, as I have told you, at my trade as a carpenter. About that ring I pawned in Washington on September 27th, well I tell you, I bought that ring for almost nothing and I pawned it for a $1.50 and quit ahead of the game."

When asked where he was on the night of the train robbery at Quantico, he replied:

"I was in the neighborhood of Shenandoah Junction, I don't know exactly how far from that place, but I know I walked there the next morning."

Searcey also pawned a watch and other valuables in Washington from which he realized $17. When asked where he got these articles and the two watches found in his grip when arrested, his reply was confused and unsatisfactory, consisting, as it did, of merely these words: "That's my business."

Just why Searcey should travel about the county walking many miles, as he claims, with $1,050 in his possession, is a question the detectives say that may give him some trouble to explain.

Another point the detectives claim to have against him is an incident at Shenandoah Junction last Sunday night. Searcey arrived at Mrs. Moore's hotel in that place very late at night. He was told there were no empty rooms, but that he could double up with a stranger who had arrived an hour or so before. Searcey willingly agreed. In the morning Searcey and his room mate went to the depot together. Searcey bought a ticket for Cincinnati. The other man bought a ticket for Cumberland. On the train the two men exchanged tickets. Searcey's friend went on through to the West and Searcey himself got off at Cumberland. This, the detectives claim, was a dodge to put would-be pursuers off the track, for Searcey is a tall, well built man and his companion was a short stocky individual. Pursuers would look for the short man in Cumberland and the tall one would be sought after in Cincinnati; hence the exchange of tickets.

Adams Express Messenger Crutchfield said to-night that he could not positively identify Searcey as one of the gang. It was dark all the time of the robbery and all was confusion, but he is positive that some of the clothing found in Searcey's satchel is the same worn by one of the robbers.

The impression prevails here very generally that Searcey is really one of the much needed train robbers and that by Saturday his guilt will be proven conclusively.

The batch of Honduras Lottery tickets found in Searcey's possession is the staff upon which the detectives and the express people are leaning. They have telegraphed for a list of the numbers upon the tickets which were carried on the looted train. If these numbers correspond with the tickets in Searcey's possession at the time of his arrest, then his case will be very serious.

All these questions will be settled Saturday afternoon when Searcey will again be brought before the court on habeas corpus proceedings.

The Czar Worse.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 18.—It is announced here that the condition of the Czar has perceptibly changed for the worse. His symptoms of general debility and weakness of the heart are more pronounced.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—A private despatch from Livadia says that the Czar's family and attendants are unanimously of the belief that he cannot live many days. The disorders affecting his heart have grown much worse.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 18.—The Grand Dukes Sergius and Paul, the Czar's brothers, started for Livadia to day. The Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt and the Grand Duchess Sergius, his sister, were officially notified by wire at Darmstadt yesterday of the sudden grave change in the Czar's condition and started for St. Petersburg immediately. Consternation was caused here by the news from Lavadia and the feeling is general that the Czart's death may be expected at any time. Great anxiety is expressed regarding the consequences that would follow the sudden death of the Czar.

It is announced here to-day that the condition of the Czar has perceptibly changed for the worse. His symptoms of general debility and weakness of the heart are more pronounced. The Czar's physicians have given up the idea of having him taken to Corfu.

Politics and Religion.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 18.—Professor J. B. Jones, of Hamilton Female college and pastor of the Providence church in this county, has been deposed from his pastorate by the irate members, who objected to his mixing up politics with religion. He took a prominent part in the campaign against Col. Breckinridge. A majority of the officers in the church were sympathizers with the colonel.

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—Wm. C. Liphardt, the school inspector who was convicted a week ago of taking a bribe in connection with a school contract, was this morning sentenced to five years' at hard labor in Jackson prison.

SAFE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

The Special Train with Troops Guarding the Negro Dolby Reaches the Ohio Penitentiary—No Farther Disturbance at Washington Court House.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 18.—The special train bearing Sheriff Cook and Deputy Sheriff Bostwick, of Fayette county, with the negro rapist prisoner, Wm. Dolby alias Jamesper, in custody, arrived here 7 o'clock this morning. The train bore also six companies of the Fourteenth regiment—all local companies—the remainder of the troops being left at Washington Court House. The train was stopped near the State prison and the sheriff and his deputy, with the prisoner in custody walked hurriedly, unguarded, to the main entrance and in a few moments Dolby was behind the great stone walls of the penitentiary where he will spend the next twenty years of his life at hard labor. Quite a large crowd had collected at the central station to see the prisoner, and were disappointed to see only soldiers when the train drew in. The crowd was a curious one only, however, and no violence to the prisoner would have been attempted if he had been brought to the union station in the train. The trip from Washington Court House was without incident.

The mob was easily controlled when the reinforcements of militia arrived at Washington Court House at 3:30 o'clock a. m. They gathered in little knots, but offered no resistance. The prisoner was at once taken from the jail and placed upon the train and the journey here was begun. Col. Coit did not order the cartridges taken from the rifles until a coal chute two miles north of Washington Court House was passed, as there Sheriff Cook feared an attack on the train might be made, but the train was not molested.

Governor McKinley arrived from Cincinnati at 8 o'clock this morning, and after a consultation with Sheriff Cook of Fayettee county and receiving a number of telegrams from prominent citizens of Fayette county, ordered all the troops remaining on duty at Washington Court House to their homes. He says he is assured that there will be no further lawlessness there.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

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

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—At the Stock Exchange to-day only 125,100 shares were traded in and of this total, four stocks, American Sugar, General Electric, St. Paul and Chicago Gas, figured for 92,500 shares. Speculation outside of the issues named was devoid of feature and bulls and bears alike were bemoaning the narrowness of the market. It is utterly impossible for the big traders to turn around and the leaders as a rule have abandoned the field to the small traders who are doing their level best to capture eighths and quarters, but so far without material success. The features of to-day's limited speculation were Sugar and General Electric. The first named advanced ⅛ per cent. to 87, fell to 85⅞ and rose to 87⅞. The decline brought in fresh orders for lower Wall street account. General Electric was heavy throughout and broke from 35¾ to 33¾ on sales of 33,200 shares. An impression prevails in some quarters that the property is not in as good shape as its friends would have the street believe. At any rate the recent selling by a pronounced bear is not said to be all short stock by any means. Chicago Gas was firm and the shorts were picking up the stock at concessions. So far as the general list is concerned, variations were confined within narrow limits and but little attention was paid to the fluctuations. London sold a little stock at the opening which was taken by local shorts. The recovery in Sterling exchange and the resumption of dividend payments by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis did not affect speculation in the slightest degree. The market closed steady and ⅛ to 1 per cent. higher, the latter in Sugar, St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Louisville, Lake Shore and Manhattan. United States Rubber advanced 2⅜ per cent. to 41⅜ and the preferred ¼ to 94¼. Baltimore and Ohio recovered 1⅛ to 70. The bond market was higher.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—There was a big line of 'calls' that prevented wheat prices from holding the entire gain they made during the day's session, the selling against those privileges being most active during the closing fifteen minutes trading. There was decidedly a better tone to the market to-day than has been felt in some time and the bulls were inclined to pluck up courage and buy. December wheat opened at 52¼c, sold between 53c and 52⅜c, closing at 52¾c, ¼ higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was strong and ⅛c higher than yesterday.

There was not enough business in corn to permit of a very wide range to prices. The disposition to follow wheat, however, was well defined. The news was of the routine order. Sympathy with the final easy tone of wheat carried prices a shade under yesterday's last quotations, where they closed. May opened from 49⅛ to 49⅜c, sold between 49⅜ and 49⅛c, closing at the latter.

The oats market was quiet, within a moderate range, no important trading being seen, the strength in wheat and corn finding a reflection here. Prices at the close were easier than at any other period of the day. May closed a fraction under yesterday. No change in cash values took place, the market ruling firm.

Provisions—The hog market had an easier tone to-day, produce showing a similiar one. The estimated run for to-morrow was heavy and dampened any buying desire in the provision market, which otherwise would have undoubtedly sympathized with grain. The absence of business was noticeable, and, more than anything else, contributed to the indisposition of prices to move in either direction. The close was 7½c lower than yesterday for January pork, 5c lower for January lard, and 2½ to 5c for January ribs.

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The *Sun's* cotton report says: Cotton declined 7 to 8 points and closed steady. Sales were 146,600 bales. Liverpool declined 1-32d on the spot and 3½ to 4 points for future delivery, closing quiet, with spot sales of 18,000 bales, however. In Manchester yarns was steady. In cloths there was more disposition to do business. Port receipts were 47,141 bales, against 58,919 this day last week, and 36,038 last year; thus far this week, 295,786, against 254,269 for the same time last week. Port receipts for the week were estimated at 355,000 to 360,000 bales, against 288,280 this week last year and 376,460 this week in 1891. New Orleans estimated receipts for to-morrow were 11,000 possibly 18,000 bales, against 11,801 on the same day last week and 13,438 last year.

To-day's feature: The price felt the crushing effects of large receipts at the ports and interior towns. The South had a selling fever, and, of course, this fact accelerated the decline. Late in the day there was some buying by Southern operators, who believe that prices are low enough, and also by some local operators for short account. Nevertheless prices ended at about the lowest figures of the day. The Southern markets were in many cases lower, and though Liverpool was active, it took the cotton at lower prices or let it alone.

NEW YORK DEMOCRACY.

SLOW PROGRESS IN HARMONIZING THE FACTIONS.

Opposition Democratic Candidates in Eight Congressional Districts in the City — Present Members Dropped by Tammany—Straus' Opposition to Hill's Name on the Grace Ticket.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—No progress has yet been made toward harmonizing the Democratic factions in the Congressional districts of this city, which was so urgently recommended by the chairman of the Congressional Campaign committee, Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, in the address he issued on Thursday. In eight of the nine districts comprised exclusively within the city of New York there are opposition Democratic candidates. Tammany was first in the field with its nominations and, for one reason or another "turned down" about half of the delegation as it exists in the Fifty-third Congress. John De Witt Warner was elbowed out of the nomination in the Thirteenth by the transfer thither of Amos Cummings, of the Eleventh. E. J. Dunphy, who had contumaciously defied Tammy, was retired. The redoubtable Timothy J. Campbell was deemed to have had his full share of honor and dignity and the nomination in his district was given to Henry C. Miner, the theatrical manager. Bourke Cockran was shelved, and, it is alleged, by the express direction of Mr. Croker, to make place for Geo. B. McClellan, the young president of the board of aldermen and son of the general of the same name, and some other changes in the delegation were made. Dunphy and Campbell have had their names placed upon the State Democracy's ticket.

Every member of the delegation, with one exception, who voted for the Wilson bill was passed over by Tammany. Ex-Mayor Grace, who represents the State Democracy, has demanded an equitable division of the nominations between his organization and Tammany and specifically the restoration of Cockran and Warner, but up to the present time has obtained no assurance that his claim for the State Democracy will be allowed. There is scarcely one of the city districts which are now represented by Democrats in which it will be safe for either Tammany or the State Democratic candidates should both remain in the contest.

Chairman Faulkner is reported to have said in Washington, since his return from New York, that he had reason to hope for an arrangement upon a satisfactory basis, but upon what this hope is founded he has not indicated. The appearance of Senator Hill's name at the head of both the Tammany and the State Democratic tickets may also complicate matters. Nathan Straus, Tammany or regular nominee for mayor, claims that he should have the exclusive benefit of whatever prestige there may be used on the regular State ticket. Senator Hill has declined to refuse the use of his name to the State Democracy which is supporting Strong, a Republican, for mayor, and Straus and his friends are in consequence much disaffected toward the Senator.

An evening paper says that Mr. Straus has sent his private secretary to Mr. Hill with the ultimatum that the Senator must discountenance the State Democracy's ticket by refusing to allow his name to appear upon it with that of Mr. Strong, or he (Straus) would withdraw from the regular or Tammany ticket.

It is said that if Mr. Straus withdraws, another effort will be made to induce ex-Mayor Grant to make the run. Straus' secretary is in Rochester and will meet Senator Hill this evening when he will present Straus' letter to him. Most of the Tammany leaders who will talk about the matter express the opinion that Senator Hill will not change his mind, but will allow the State ticket to be printed on the local ticket headed by Strong and the Grace Democrats. Should Straus decide to withdraw from the race the executive committee of Tammany Hall, which is empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur on the ticket, would select a candidate for mayor to take his place, and if the action was too late for nomination by certificate the man selected could be nominated by petition.

At Republican State headquarters to-day Secretary Hackett said that arrangements had been made for Governor McKinley's tour in this State. The Governor will begin his New York campaign on the 25th inst.

Everett P. Wheeler has accepted the nomination for Governor of the State of New York on the third ticket. His letter of acceptance to chairman Fairchild was made public to day.

THE CRUISER RALEIGH.

Her Inspection by a Naval Board—Their Enthusiasm Over the Results—Sugar Trust Men Arraigned—To Go Home to Vote.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—President Henry O. Havemeyer and Secretary John E. Searles, of the American Sugar Refining company, came over from New York to-day and were arraigned this afternoon in the District Supreme court on indictments charging them with refusing to answer certain questions before the Senate Sugar Investigating committee. Bail was fixed at $5,000 in each instance. A plea of "not guilty" was entered in each case, with leave to withdraw that plea and demur within fifteen days. After this proceeding the defendants left for New York, Broker Allan Lewis Seymour, of Seymour, Bros & Young, was arrested in New York to-day on a bench warrant and bailed in $5,000 to answer a similar indictment.

Without issuing a direct order, Secretary Smith has allowed it to be understood that all employes of the Interior Department may go home to vote at the coming elections. There are a number of employes in the Interior Department who intend to avail themselves of his privilege. The superintendent of the railway mail service has issued an order allowing all postal clerks to go and vote who can get away, without serious detriment so the service.

The naval inspection board, of which Commodore Selfridge is president, returned to Washington to-day from Hampton Roads, after spending two days in a thorough test of the new Government built cruiser Raleigh, built in the Norfolk navy yard, with the results which far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Until the formal report is made to Secretary Herbert the exact details of the test cannot be made public, but the members of the board are enthusiastic over the performance of the vessel and assert that the Raleigh conclusively demonstrated the fact that the Government can build warships equal in every respect and superior in some to those constructed at private establishments. On Monday the Raleigh was taken outside the Capes of the Chesapeake and manœuvred in the Atlantic at full speed ahead and astern, her guns were fired and every effort was made to discover weakness without success. The vessel is a sister ship of the Cincinnati, but is said to have cost $150,000 less than that vessel.

MYSTERIOUS HOMICIDES.

The Dead Bodies of a Young Man and His Affianced Found—Her Death From Chloroform—His From a Pistol Shot.

SEA CLIFF, L. I., N. Y., Oct. 18.—The dead bodies of Miss Mary Duff and her betrothed, Ellett L. Titus, of Brooklyn, were found late last night in a bath house on the beach belonging to Peter Duff, the young lady's father. Titus had called to see Miss Duff Tuesday evening, but was missed from the house early under circumstances that caused the family to search for him.

Next morning it was discovered that Miss Duff had not occupied her room the previous night. Search for the couple was fruitless until last night when the bath houses were examined. The latter are merely frame cabins large enough for one person to use as dressing room, and had been locked and abandoned for the season. The keys of Duff's bath houses could not be found so they were broken open. In one of them the couple were found. Miss Duff was lying on her back on the floor, her hands carefully folded on her breast, her dress neatly and tidily arranged, her face blood stained. Titus' body was found in a corner with a bullet in his brain. The walls and floor of the bath room were covered with blood. No explanation of the tragedy can be given.

The door of the bath house in which the bodies were found was locked and the key removed from the lock. The neat and tidy way in which everything about his victim was arranged shows that after shooting the girl the murderer, before taking his own wretched life, must have paused long enough to compose his victim for her last long sleep. So far as is known, there was not even the slightest shadow between the dead couple, and had they lived they would have been married next spring. Miss Duff was about 23 years of age. Mr. Titus was a Southerner, whose mother lives in Florida.

LATER—Edward P. Floyd-Jones, Miss Duff's brother-in-law, reports that the result of the autopsy shows that Miss Duff died from the effects of chloroform administered by Titus, but it is thought, without murderous intent. It is now remembered that Titus had a small bottle of chloroform with him the day previous and offered Miss Duff a small quantity to allay a severe headache. It is believed that he again prescribed the same in a larger quantity while they were out for a walk, and the drug caused here death. Titus shot himself. The blood on Miss Duff's face and clothing proved to have come from Titus' wounds. No bullet wound was found in Miss Duff's temple as was given out in the first report.

Titus was a son of the late Col. Henry Titus, founder of Titusville, Fla. His mother, who is one of the Hodgkins family, well known in Southern social circles, is still living at Titusville. At her death young Ellett Titus would have been heir to a fortune.

PECULIAR SITUATION

Of the Cotton Mills' Strike at Fall River—Some Mills Running While Others are Idle.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 18.—Contrary to the expectations of the manufacturers and much to the surprise of the public in general, the striking weavers continue to manifest a decided opposition to resuming work under the terms offered some weeks ago. Though there are hardly 30,000 out of 56,000 looms in operation, the idleness seems to run in streaks. In the northern section of the city, where the Border City, Sagamore, Narragansett, Watamoe and Mechanics mills are located, there are hardly fifty weavers working. In the eastern section where the Stafford, Hargraves, Flint, Wampanoag Barnard, Seaconnet and Cornell mills are, fully nine-tenths of the looms are running and nearly all of the old weavers are in charge of them. The Hargraves No. 2 and the Chace mill, in the southeast part of the town have not ten weavers at work between them. A little closer to the centre of the city the Robeson mill has but two weavers, while the Davol mill, directly across the street has 600 looms running out of a possible 1,100. The Tecumseh and the Richard Borden mills in the same vicinity have only half the looms running. Less than an eighth of a mile away, the Pocasset and Durfee mills are operating every loom and the Union and the Granite mills are gaining weavers every day. The Metacomet had every weaver at work this morning. On the river front the iron works mill is running in full at a 10 per cent. cut in wages, while across the road the American linen mills are running nearly full under the reduction. In the southern part of the city the Bourne mills are running with every weaver at his place, while at the Shove mill situated hardly 500 yards distant, only a third of the looms are running. The Conanicut mill is practically shut down, the Osborn No. 1 has only about thirty-five looms at work, while Osborn No. 2 is shut down and the Slade mill shows a gain. The King Philip is running about 1,200 looms. This is the concern where a strike was in progress for twenty weeks before the vacation was ordered. A great many of the strikers returned, but a large proportion left the city and they are not expected to return until a more settled condition exists. The manufacturers are at a loss to account for the erratic actions of the weavers. In some cases the mills paying the lowest wages and operating the poorest looms are the ones in which the weavers rush into their old places. The Hargraves mill is partically idle, despite the well known fact that the wages there average 10 per cent. higher than in mill No. 1. To-morrow the strikers will march to the eastern part of the city headed by a brass band and will endeavor if possible to induce a further resistance among the weavers who have gone back to their old places.

Express Officials Implicated.

THE DALLES, Ore., Oct. 18.—After removing F. N. Hill from his position as agent at this place, the officials of the Pacific Express company placed Edward Kurtz in charge of the office and caused Hill, Messenger Tibbetts and Watchman Gibbons, to be arrested. They are accused of complicity in Saturday night's robbery, when $14,000 was stolen. The fact that these men were the only persons possessing keys to the door of the office and that the door showed no evidence of having been forced, caused suspicion to rest upon them. The detectives are almost certain persons living in this locality committed the theft and that the money is hidden about town.

DEATH OF JUDGE READE.

HE PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 YEARS.

Chairman Holton and Butler Holding Numerous Conferences—Political Gossip—Large Attendance at the Agricultural College—Populists Too "Tough" for George Tonnoffski.

MESSENGER BURREAU,
RALEIGH, Oct. 18.

Last night there was a conference at a hotel here between Chairman Holton, Republican, and Chairman Butler, Populist, at which some of the other brethren of both parties were present, among these being Messrs. Zeb Vance Walsen and S. Otho Wilson.

To-day the Republican State Executive committee met at Mr. Holton's room at the Park hotel. Among these present were Hon. O. H. Dockery, who it seems is an ex-officio member. Walser, J. W. Goslen, Frank Dobson, A. R. Middleton, John Beckwith. Mr. J. C. L. Harris and Rev. A. H. W. Leak, colored, were also present, and probably some other non-members.

While this committee was in session Chairmain Butler was part of the time in his room on the same floor, in conference with several ex-Democrats. He was for sometime in Chairman Holton's room. Your correspondent tried to see Mr. Butler, but the latter said at noon he was very busy.

Big work is being done at these conferences and meetings. The long promised judicial ticket is being arranged, and both chairmen will now be able to tell who are on the tickets or ticket.

The line of effort of the fusionists has been to mask their plans. A good rule for Democrats to follow in this campaign is to believe nothing they hear or see. Any sort of combination or arrangement may be made at the last moment.

A Democrat who has just made a tour of the First district says he thinks the Democrats are now all right there. It was up to a fortnight ago thought to be the most doubtful district. At Democratic headquarters it is said that the Ninth district is now absolutely safe, and that there is but little doubt of the Fifth.

The Third district is alleged to be the most doubtful. The fusionists are making great efforts to induce Oscar Spears, the Republican Congressional nominee, to withdraw. No one can yet say whether he will withdraw or not. A month ago he declared he would stay in the race.

The number of students at the Agricultural and Mechanical college has increased to 222. It is thought probable that the cadet battalion, which is now of three companies, will parade next week at the State fair. Four-fifths of the counties now have representatives at the college.

Deputy Collector Mebane reports the seizure near Siler City, Chatham county, of a 75-gallon illicit distillery, owned and operated by two brothers, William and Sam Johnson. These escaped arrest.

Messrs. Oliver H. Dockery and H. G. Ewart spoke here this evening, at Metropolitan hall, to a fusion audience.

The chairman of the Republican committee of Craven county issues a circular in which he urges the party to vote for the fusion State ticket and for Oscar Spears for Congress.

George L. Tonnoffski, for many years well known here as a Republican and more recently as a Populist, has left the latter party and will affiliate with the Democrats. He says the Populist workers are too "tough" for him, and he pours hot shot into the colored candidate for the Legislature in Wake.

This morning soon after 2 o'clock Hon. Edwin G. Reade died here, at his residence in the Raleigh National bank, having reached the age of 85 years. His death was by no means unexpected. In fact it had been looked for almost any time for two or three years. Judge Reade was one of the ablest men in the State. He had served in political life as solicitor, Superior and Supreme court judge and as Congressman. He was in 1868 the nominee of both the Republicans and Democrats for the Supreme court and served on the bench with great ability. In the Supreme court there is a fine portrait of him. He was a Presbyterian and a devoted member of that Church. He was a native of Person county and was a most kindly and charitable gentleman. Several of his relatives were with him at his death, among these being Mr. Washington F. Reade, his brother, of Person county. He was, after leaving the bench, a member of a legal firm here, but for many years the president of the Raleigh National bank and brought to that profession his usual ability and correct judgement. He was very wealthy.

Reference was made a day or two ago that in the Supreme court this week there was a case in which Mr. W. S. Barnes, secretary and treasurer of the State Alliance has sued Congressman W. T. Crawford for libel. This suit is for slander. Mr. Barnes' suit against Congressman Crawford for alleged libel comes up at the next term of Wake Superior court.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Oct. 18.—Dynamite was placed on the track of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Long Run bridge, last evening, and a serious wreck narrowly averted. The stick of dynamite was tied to the rail. The Bissel accommodation, which arrives here at 7:55 o'clock p. m. encountered it. The explosion damaged the track and tore off one of the front wheels from the engine. The passengers were badly frightened and somewhat shaken up, but no one was seriously injured. No motive can be assigned for the deed. It is believed, however, that the explosive was placed on the track to wreck the eastern express train due at Long Run at the same time as the accommodation, but, the explosive being placed on the wrong track, the express escaped an almost certain plunge over the high bridge.

Indicted For Cutting Rates.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 18.—To-day the United States grand jury found a true bill against Division Freight Agent James Means, of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railway for violation of the Inter-State commerce law in making rates on freight from Cincinnati to Pittsburg less than the scheduled rates.

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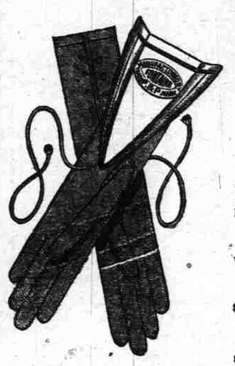

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