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REPUBLICAN SUMMARY

Churches of Raleigh... tonight in the... they have five... city—Governor... Secretary of State... the negroes eman... Baltimore will... of chickens to the... show—John R... the oath of office as... of agriculture.

REPUUDIATION OF BONDS.

BY COUNTIES RAISING A STORM OF ANGRY COMMENT.

Buncombe County Brings Suit to Invali date an Issue of \$98,000—Southport Naval Reserves—New Year's at the Capital—Grant's Low Estimate of Russell's Follies—Butler Denies Rumors as to Fugition—Our State Leads in Number of New Factories.

Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., January 1.

Buncombe county now brings suit to test the validity of \$98,000 of bonds issued to the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad. The holders of these are innocent persons, as are those of the Stany county \$100,000 of bonds, lately declared invalid by the supreme court. The repudiation of bonds is raising a storm of angry comment and it is urged that it is damaging the credit of the state which has been so high. It is said that it was the decision in the Oxford case which opened the door to these evils. The claim is officially paid and that the penitentiary debt is paid, and that there is a "good" tendency. The new supreme court yesterday, took charge of the new bonds of naval reserves at Southport, coming from most of the ports, will be one of the first of all.

There were more murders in the state during December than in any other month of the year. It is quite clear that Carl Duncan, the revenue collector of this district, is going to make a great effort to do his duty as a jurist. He is clearly quite ready to knock out civil service. It is an end to free passes by the railroads unless perhaps some one makes a test case and lets the courts decide whether such passes are forbidden. The new year came in clear and cold. The public buildings were nearly all closed. A few clerks were at work here and there. There was but little receiving. The Butler no reception at the executive mansion. It is said not to be the custom to receive there on this day and it is added that one reason is that it is a day of private receptions. At the office of the secretary of state it is said that the December entries of "public lands" were larger than in any other month of the year. It is stated that yesterday the receipts were over \$200 and yesterday over 2,500 acres were entered. Of course all or nearly all of this land has been entered in the year.

It is quite probable that the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at Asheville. The teachers of Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee are invited to attend and that will be the most convenient point for them all.

Grant makes the plain assertion that the only republican in 1897 in the state endorses Governor Russell's administration and ought to know. This is in conflict with the news from Washington last week. It must be that the Butler wing of the populists is holding aloof, waiting to see what terms the republicans offer. The Butler populists are regarded as having already been reconciled to the republicans for this year. Their leaders are now holding them up to this.

North Carolina remains at the head of all the states in the number of new mills in 1897 and the additions to old mills are concerned. The statement was made that Mrs. Persis Chase, of New Hampshire, had the flag of the Fourth North Carolina regiment, captured at Sharpsburg, Zt turns out that it was captured at Chancellorsville, the color-bearer and twenty-five men of the regiment were flanked and captured. It was at one time denied that the Fourth had ever lost its colors.

It is quite plainly hinted that it is the purpose of the new railway commissioners to oust H. C. Brown, the veteran and very efficient clerk to the board, and put in place George Sharp, of Irredell, last week made assistant clerk. Brown is a democrat and Sharp a republican.

Mr. Richard Baker, of Wilson county, was sent home from the asylum here today, cured. Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After my doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from a group by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Mr. Bryan at Austin.

Austin, Texas, January 1.—W. J. Bryan and wife, accompanied by ex-Governor Crittenden of Missouri, arrived here after midnight last night and today were tendered a reception at the home of ex-Governor Hogg. About 2,500 people attended. Mr. Bryan authorized the statement by the Associated Press today that he would not make any statements on his Mexican trip until he reached Lincoln, when he would give the public his views in detail. He, however, expressed himself as delighted with the country and the people. Mr. Bryan and the members of his party will assist Governor Culberson in his New Year's reception this evening and leave tonight for Muskogee, Indian Territory, where Mr. Bryan will stop a day or two before going home.

Hart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Creasote and the Hypophosphites if faithfully used, is a specific in the treatment of weak lungs, Consumption, Bronchitis, etc. Leading physicians recommend it. Sold by J. C. Shepard, R. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Indignities to General Eivera. Barcelona, January 1.—General Rius Rivera, the insurgent leader who was captured, badly wounded, in the province of Pinar del Rio, by the Spanish troops under General Velasco, on March 29th, 1897, and who was condemned to death and his sentence modified, has arrived here and was conducted on foot and in chains to Montjuich fortress between lines of soldiers and mounted gendarmes. General Rivera was calm, but he protested against being chained. No one was allowed to speak to him. There was a big crowd of people in the vicinity but there were no demonstrations.

VIRGINIA'S NEW GOVERNOR.

Governor Tyler Inaugurated—In His Address He Favors Rigid Laws Against Election Frauds, Financial Reform for the People and Economy in State Finances.

Richmond, Va., January 1.—The inauguration of Hon. J. Hoge Tyler as governor of Virginia took place in the hall of the house of delegates at noon today. The hall was crowded, a large number of ladies being present. The ceremonies were very simple. The incoming governor and lieutenant governor and some half dozen of their friends were escorted from the executive mansion to the capitol building by Company F, First Virginia Regiment, Governor O'Ferrall met the party in the executive reception room, and with the governor-elect, headed the procession to the hall of the house of delegates. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge and the oath was administered to the new governor by Judge Cardwell, of the supreme court of appeals. Lieutenant Governor Echols was also sworn in by Judge Cardwell. The new governor then delivered his inaugural address. In his address, the incoming governor declared in favor of retrenchment and reform, and favored fewer officers rather than the cutting down of salaries. One of the most salient features of his address was that part devoted to the honest elections question. On that point he said:

Virginia would set a noble example to her sister states of this union, if she were worthy of a leader's place in the future, which she so grandly held in the past. If she would forever set the seal of her commendation upon the integrity of a leader who would debase the people's suffrage and pervert their will by the use of money and the power of government, she would be unworthy of the trust reposed in her. Here lies the taking of our oath to our republic, and in the light of this, I would feel degrading if I did not, in the very beginning of my state to do so. I wish me in the penal code as clearly within the offenders.

As to the financial question, the speaker declared that the budget for the current year is almost a record, that there was plenty of money in the treasury, and that the government is not overburdened with debt. He pointed out that the British had not so far as to regard the occupation of Kiaochow by the Germans as a success, because British interests would be damaged. He also pointed out that the British had not so far as to regard the occupation of Kiaochow by the Germans as a success, because British interests would be damaged.

Touching taxation, he favored vigorous measures to reduce the tax burden. At the conclusion of Governor Tyler's address, calls were made for Senator Daniel, who gracefully excused himself from speaking.

Tonight Governor and Mrs. Tyler held a reception at the executive mansion. The affair was a most brilliant one. All the members of the city, members of the general assembly and hundreds of Richmond's citizens with the lady members of their families called.

IT IS NOW GREATER NEW YORK.

Mayor Van Wyck Enters Upon the Duties of Mayor of the Second Largest City in the World.

New York, January 1.—New York today became the second city of the world, with Robert A. Van Wyck as its mayor. At the City Hall, a large crowd gathered early to witness the induction of the new mayor. Mayor Strong transacted a few last matters of routine. Nearly all the old members of Mayor Strong's cabinet dropped in to say good bye. Floral pieces were strewn in every direction. A tiger, in yellow and black immortelles, resting in a bed of roses, was one of the most noticeable decorations.

At 11:30 o'clock Mr. Van Wyck entered the office. He was greeted by Mayors Strong, Gleason and Wagner. The four men chatted some time and the big crowd of office-holders and ex-office-holders made a circle around them. About one minute before 12 o'clock, Mayor Strong said:

"Mr. Van Wyck, the people of this new city, made up of the boroughs and 3,500,000 people, have decided that you should be the first mayor and descend from your position as judge to assume the position of magistrate. My impression is that this old city in which you and I have lived for about the same number of years—this old city of New York that is passing away, will contribute \$9,000,000 worth of property to the new city of which you are the first mayor, \$230,000,000 of banking stock and \$1,000,000,000 of deposits. And you will take charge of this little borough along with the others, and you will always feel, I know, that it is the brightest little jewel in the cluster of five. You have been chosen to be mayor of one of the largest cities in the world. I congratulate you and welcome you as mayor of Greater New York."

Mayor Van Wyck, in reply, said: "The people have chosen me to be mayor. I received the office from you and to them I will answer."

Then, after a great shaking of hands, the ceremony was completed, and the administration of Mayor Strong was a thing of the past. A good contingent of Brooklynites accompanied by S. S. Color when he took charge of the comptroller's office. Mr. Color announced several minor appointments and got through the ceremony of induction with little ado.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach discharging food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla" makes the "King of Blood Purifiers" makes the appetite keen and hearty—invigorates the liver—purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

EVENTS IN THE FAR EAST.

NO DEFINITE INFORMATION TO BE ASCERTAINED.

The Situation Not so Alarming—British and Russian Foreign Offices Dumb—German Uncertain as to Her Position—The Korean Situation of More Interest to England than the Chinese—Hints of a Chinese-Japanese Alliance Against Russia.

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London, January 1.—The inequity displayed in manufacturing news from the far east is remarkable. Five-sixths of the statements can be safely labeled "Guess Work." The British and Russian foreign offices are as dumb as oysters and the German stream of conflicting communications in the semi-official press shows they do not know where on which foot they are standing. France is apparently in the dark, while the mikado has dissolved the Japanese diet in order that opinions should not be expressed. In the circumstances it is not strange that accurate information is difficult to secure. The known facts wholly corroborate the statements cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday last, that Great Britain is carefully watching the situation, biding her time and will certainly not fail to act promptly and vigorously at the proper moment. It was pointed out in that dispatch that in well informed circles the scare in the newspapers in regard to the far east was at least premature and that the members of the government were evidently sincere in disclaiming the least alarm.

This view of the case was practically reiterated by The Daily Graphic on Friday, which asserted that there was every reason to believe the Russians would adhere to their pledge to evacuate Port Arthur at the end of the winter, and that, therefore, there were no grounds for complaint on the part of Great Britain. The Daily Graphic also pointed out that the British government did not regard the occupation of Kiaochow by the Germans as a success, because British interests would be damaged.

It is not known yet whether the British government will approve of the arrangement whereby the Japanese and British ministers appear to be somewhat disturbed at the present moment. The British government has been very anxious to see the Russian agent in Korea, will work the Korean customs together. The British ministers appear to be somewhat disturbed at the present moment. The British government has been very anxious to see the Russian agent in Korea, will work the Korean customs together.

It is by no means clear that the British interests are surely threatened. The present moment, it is generally believed, will afford a way to a spring, when, unless the normal conditions are resumed, Great Britain will undoubtedly take steps necessary to protect her interests and re-establish the balance of power.

The Spectator publishes an article in which the writer regards Marquis Ito's return to power and Japan's offer to assign an army and her proposal to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity, as possibly foreshadowing a Chinese-Japanese alliance. The writer adds that he is convinced that Marquis Ito thinks that securing a petual control of the resources of trade and soldiers of China are within his power, and if Japan's offer is accepted, Europe, according to the writer in The Spectator, will be beaten "for she has not the means to make the effort necessary to conquer the United Yellow Peoples."

The financial barometer does not show any decided trepidation. Consols are improving. There is not the slightest sign of the selling which always marks real clouds on the political horizon and there are signs of reaction in the long-continued depreciation in land. Farms are selling and renting more freely and at higher prices. The improvement is attributed to the rise in the price of wheat, and partly to the cheapness of money. Capitalists are glad even of the beggarly interest yielded by land investments.

The New Year honor list is weak and decidedly partisan. It attracted little interest from the public, outside of the Knighthood of Mr. Thomas J. Lipton, the millionaire provision merchant whose knighthood establishes the fact that titles are purchasable, for the honor bestowed upon him was, of course, due to his gift of \$25,000, (\$125,000), to the Princess of Wales jubilee fund for feeding the outcast poor of London.

The Paris police, during the course of the week, secured another of the organized gangs of murderers and robbers which have terrorized the suburbs of the French capital for months past. The new arrests number thirty-three and the oldest prisoner is only 21 years of age. Within three months the bodies of fifty-nine murdered persons have been found in a small section of the River Seine and it is believed most of the murders are traceable to this gang. There have been innumerable murderous attacks and robberies in the streets and the police are satisfied that all of the gangs, a number of which have been arrested within the past six

months, acted in concert and with a central administration. Visits made by the police to the abodes of the persons arrested have resulted in the discovery of arsenals of revolvers, daggers, blades, guns, knuckle-dusters, hammers affixed to bamboo canes and leaden balls attached to wire.

The annual wild scene of debauchery welcomed the new year in London. As usual, the precincts of St. Paul's cathedral were the centre of attraction. About 23,000 people assembled there. The majority of those present were composed of West End quids, demimondaines and jail birds, mostly in a drunken condition. There was a scene of the wildest orgie and licentiousness, swearing, etc. Ugly rushes were frequent and the thieves reaped a rich harvest. The police were unable to cope with the mob.

There is some reason to believe that France and Great Britain have about reached an agreement on the subject of West Africa, by which the Lagos Hinterland will be defined by prolonging it northward to the Niger, the present Lagos-Dahomey frontier. France would thus secure Say and about 100 kilometres on the right bank of the river, and Great Britain would have Boussa and Nikki restored to her and be confirmed in the possession of other claimed points.

GERMANY TO HOLD KIAO CHOU.

IS THE OPINION OF ONE IN THE EMPEROR'S CONFIDENCE.

A Most Important and Valuable Possession—The Forts to be put in Thorough Repair and Surrounding Country Improved—Understanding as to France and England Helping Themselves also to Chinese Territory—American Reciprocity Negotiations.

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Berlin, January 1.—Bishop Anzer, of South Shan-Tung, China, dined with the emperor and empress at the new palace on Tuesday. Baron Von Buelow, the minister for foreign affairs, and Count Von Leyder, the new minister of Japan, were present. On the following day the correspondent of the Associated Press had an interview with the bishop, to whose shrewd advice and detailed information regarding the whole province of Shan-Tung, in which Kiao-Chou is situated, the German government owes much. Bishop Anzer gave an interesting account of the occurrences of the previous evening and of the audience he was accorded by the emperor in November, and also told of his audience with the pope a fortnight ago.

The bishop, who has been thirty-four years in China, and who is about to return, said: "I am amazed at the keen knowledge the emperor displayed regarding China, its resources and government. Every question the emperor asked was pointed out. There is no doubt Germany means to keep Kiao-Chou and its contiguous territory, and if the right measures are taken it will prove a most valuable possession, even more valuable than Hong Kong, because its mineral wealth, coal and iron, although needing a large amount of capital to develop it, is almost inexhaustible."

The emperor told the bishop that steps were under way to give a thorough administration to the territory and to rapidly develop the natural commercial advantages of Kiao-Chou. Relative to his audience with the pope, Bishop Anzer said that his holiness "highly approved the energy shown by Germany in the gigantic task of opening China and preparing her for the blessings of Christianity and civilization."

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Germany, in the spring, will open the ports of the harbor of Kiao-Chou, and will construct docks and wharves and strengthen the forts materially. Krupp ordnance of large calibre has been ordered, and during the winter a large quantity of military supplies will be sent to China. Some of the best artillery and engineer officers have volunteered to go to Kiao-Chou.

In official circles, it is not believed that Great Britain or any other power will interfere with Germany's plans. It is stated that the entente with Russia and France is perfected and that France will soon force China to grant her further compensations on her southern frontier.

It is also learned from an excellent source that there is no intention on the part of either Russia, Germany or France to place obstacles in the way of the present opportunity of Great Britain to secure a position in the harbor of Kiao-Chou.

The office formally denies the reports that the United States have been negotiating with Germany. It is expressed that the United States eventually resulted in the destruction of the part of America's fleet for 50,000,000, in order to make room for the new fleet. The office also learned from an excellent source that there is no intention on the part of either Russia, Germany or France to place obstacles in the way of the present opportunity of Great Britain to secure a position in the harbor of Kiao-Chou.

Prince Bismarck's health is reported to be improving. The report received by The Associated Press regarding the health of Prince Bismarck was contained in a dispatch from Berlin dated December 29th. It reads as follows: "It is asserted that, owing to his insomnia, the medical attendants of Prince Bismarck have advised him to abstain from all work and excitement for some weeks to come. Dr. Schwenger believes in the possibility of a cure, but not a rapid one."

A dispatch from Berlin December 29th said: "The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better and says he cannot walk or sleep, and is unable to read or answer his friends' letters. The former chancellor is described as being very irascible, and is quoted as saying: 'If the gentleman who wrote that were in my place he would be able to get an idea of what a satisfactory condition is.'"

Hamburg, January 1.—The report that Prince Bismarck died today is unfounded. The Prince, today received no personal visits. Callers left their cards.

The B-H-Shibley Marriage. New York, January 1.—Professor Alexander Melville Bell, the distinguished Scotch scientist and father of A. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Mrs. H. G. Shibley, of Toronto, were married at the Park Avenue hotel here today.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

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