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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

A base ball team goes to Havana.

Vienna, Ga., suffers a disastrous fire.

Civil war has broken out in New Guinea.

A new lodge of Masons is organized in Raleigh.

Harry S. Cornish testifies in the Molineux case.

The victims of the Maine disaster are buried at Arlington.

Ex-President Cleveland, who has been sick, is improving.

The Boers have wonderfully strengthened their position at Colenso.

Saturday's gold exports from New York are estimated at $3,000,000.

Every effort will be made to save the steamer Ariosto, aground off Hatteras.

The negro rioters at Fort White, Fla., are suppressed by show of force by the whites.

Henry Spencer Wilkinson thinks it is time for England to have a military dictator.

At Chattanooga a furniture collecting agent shoots a woman and her little daughter.

The supreme court of Porto Rico has sentenced five men to be garroted for murder and robbery.

The sheriff of Citrus county, Florida, is assassinated and his house burned the same night.

In Orangeburg county, South Carolina, a man accidentally shoots and kills his only child.

The secretary of the treasury designates more national banks as government depositories.

Effort will be made to prevent the confirmation of Mr. Bynum as appraiser of New York.

Near Monticello, Fla., a sheriff is killed by a negro while trying to make an arrest. The negro is killed.

The bubonic plague is raging in Hawaii. San Francisco takes measures to prevent its introduction there.

A committee of the creditors of Harper Brothers is appointed to prepare a plan for reorganization of the concern.

Three men are arrested at Augusta, charged with the recent postoffice robberies in that section and in South Carolina.

The Lawton home fund in the hands of General Corbin amounts to $26,492. This is exclusive of sums in hands of others.

New York capitalists furnish James Gresham $50,000 to perfect his cork screw boat, which he says will make fifty miles an hour.

The state department will thoroughly investigate the alleged seizure of American cargoes by British warships near Delagoa bay.

Edwin Gould and General Samuel Thomas, as president and vice president, take charge of the Produce Exchange Trust Company.

A German official denies the report of a treaty between England, Germany and Portugal for division of the last named's African provinces.

The inter-state commerce commission sends to the attorney general the evidence taken in the matter of proposed re-classification of freights.

The failure of Stahl & Straub, bankers of Philadelphia, is pronounced by an expert accountant as a clear case of looting. They made a clean sweep.

The attorney general of Mississippi brings suit to rescind the charters of all companies in that state belonging to the Southeastern Tariff Association.

Governor General Wood is besieged by office seekers. He refuses to give out any appointments until the cabinet is filled. He is finding great favor with the Cubans.

An injunction is asked for against the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company paying a reward of $25,000 for detection of persons starting false rumors as to its financial condition.

SAN FRANCISCO UNEASY

Over Existence of Bubonic Plague in Hawaii and the East.

San Francisco, December 28.—The news of the breaking out of the plague in Honolulu brought here by the transport Centennial has created some alarm among the state and city health officials, and every precaution is being taken to prevent a possible admission of the disease into this city. The transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived last night, and the Tartar, which arrived from Manila today, are now at quarantine station undergoing fumigation and will be detained at Angel island for some time. The steamer Gaelic is due here tomorrow from the Orient via Honolulu and will be sent to quarantine and held there until all possible danger is passed.

News from reliable sources in the Orient is to the effect that the disease is prevalent in China and Japan to an unusual extent and that the officers at Manila have taken precautions to prevent the plague from getting a foothold there. News from Bombay is to the effect that the plague is rampant in India, and in view of these conditions the authorities in this city and every port on the Pacific coast will take strenuous precautions to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague on this coast.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for coul stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's

Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

GOULD AND THOMAS

Take Charge of the Produce Exchange Trust Company.

New York, December 28.—Actual charge of the affairs of the Produce Exchange Trust Company was assumed today by Edwin Gould and General Samuel Thomas, the new president and vice president, respectively, of the reorganized company. They were at the officers of the company today examining the books and looking into everything pertaining to the administration of the company up to the time of its suspension. There will probably be a meeting of the stockholders tomorrow and likely as not the new executive committee will be named. Some of the committeemen who resigned Wednesday to facilitate the rehabilitation of the company will doubtless be reappointed, it was said on good authority today.

Messrs. Gould and Thomas are said to have had assurances that fully 95 per cent. of the old depositors will remain on the books of the new company.

"One Minute Cought Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. R. R. Bellamy.

A MILITARY DICTATOR

NEEDED BY ENGLAND IN THE OPINION OF A MILITARY EXPERT.

BOERS' CHANGE OF WARFARE.

By Aid of Europeans They Conduct Operations on Scientific Principles. Their Strong Fortifications at Colenso—The Boer Agency at Delagoa Bay—Grumbling of the British Public and Press—Firing on Ladysmith—A Report from General Methuen.

London, December 29.—A correspondent of The Standard at Lourenzo Marques, says: "Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander, who is consul general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherland railway through the Transvaal and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa Company and has the ear of the Portuguese governor, as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier and knows twenty-four hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officials and the German forwarding agents."

4:40 a. m.—During the continued lull in the military operations in South Africa the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like.

The Times' complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose 600 men at Stormberg.

A MILITARY DICTATOR.

Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, The Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation today, says:

"The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military minister empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war, and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator.

The Transvaal government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa Bay."

It is now estimated that the war will cost at least £60,000,000 ($300,000,000) and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years in order to defray the cost.

London, December 28.—The war office has received the following report from Methuen by Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 27th:

"At 9:30 o'clock yesterday evening the Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a very heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitering in a northeasterly direction. Lieutenant Masters has made an extended reconnoisance westward and northward of Enslein, and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food. I have established a market here, where I can purchase fresh mild and vegetables, selling to the farmers tea and other articles which they cannot otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell last night. Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Baden Powell reports all well December 12th."

The latest independent news from Ladysmith says:

"The field fortifications would now withstand any organized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There are sufficient food stuffs for two months. The question of forage might be troublesome, but since the rains there has been some grazing within the British lines. There is no horse sickness.

"The casualties by our shell fire are increasing and the Boers are reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusillade on imaginary attacks.

"The German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Damaraland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border.

FIRING ON LADYSMITH.

Chiveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday, December 27.—A heavy Boer gun on Budwhana hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond.

The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve their trenches facing General Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills. The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on the extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

IMPROVEMENT IN BOER WARFARE.

London, December 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, December 23rd, says:

"Every day reveals some new facts regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who relies upon guerilla tactics, but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantages of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest, without the burdens of a cumbersome commissariat.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them bomb proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages and the forts proper bristle with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid.

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boer shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint.

"The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a keen dislike and the way in which they restrained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering.

A SHERIFF SHOT TO DEATH.

Monticello, Fla., December 28.—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and instantly killed Sheriff T. B. Simpkins this morning at the Scurry Place, six miles north of town.

Gorman was wanted for murder and Simpkins and a posse went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simpkins pushed open the door, Gorman shot him twice in the breast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects. R. R. Bellamy.

L'AGILE CLUB'S XMAS GERMAN

Held Last Night in Masonic Temple Ball Room.

One of the most brilliant dances ever given in Wilmington, and certainly one of the prettiest of the Christmas germans, was that given last night by L'Agile German Club. It was held in the magnificent ball room of the new Masonic Temple, which had been prettily decorated in bamboo and other yule-tide decorative plants. A conspicuous feature was the letters "L. A. G. C."—the initials of the club—artistically wrought of holly, placed in the centre of the southern wall.

The german was gracefully led by Mr. Milton Elliott, who introduced some very intricate and beautiful figures. A large number of spectators watched and greatly admired the dance. Excellent music was furnished by Haywood's band, of Raleigh.

Those in attendance were:

Miss Mary Treat Peck with Mr. J. C. Angel; Miss Chadbourn with Mr. J. M. Black; Miss Mabel Powers with Mr. Ed. Brown; Miss Mary Lil McKoy with Mr. George W. Brunson; Miss Clara Ashton, of Portsmouth, Va., with Mr. J. G. Cotchett; Miss Octavia Boatwright with Mr. W. W. Vick, of Atlanta; Miss Annie Kidder with Mr. W. C. Crow; Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy with Mr. F. N. DeRosset; Miss Olive Armstrong with Mr. Walter Daggett; Miss Elliott Emerson with Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Fannie Williams, of Fayetteville, with Mr. Howell Fry; Miss Leonora Cantwell with Mr. E. R. Foster; Miss Jeannie Peck with Mr. J. McR. Hatch; Miss Maie O Connor with Mr. H. McFarlane; Miss Lola Martin with Mr. John Andrews, of Raleigh; Miss Eleanor Emerson with Mr. Henry McMillan; Miss Marie Peschau with Mr. E. A. Metts; Miss Clarkson, of Charlotte, with Mr. Pride Thomas; Miss Susan Parsley with Mr. R. N. Nash; Miss Mildred Davis with Mr. O. P. Peck; Miss Carrie Harriss with Mr. J. B. Peschau; Miss Katherine Harriss with Mr. H. L. Saunders; Mrs. George C. Southerland, of Goldsboro, with Mr. H. D. Southerland; Miss Young, of Winston, with Mr. Elliott, of Fayetteville; Miss Rena Johnson with Mr. O. A. Wiggins; Miss Alice Borden with Mr. A. B. Elliott; Miss Lucy Latham with Mr. Dawson Latham; Miss Mary Nash with Mr. Munroe; Miss Eliza Bellamy with Mr. Milton Elliott.

Stags—Mr. Green, of New Bern; Mr. Martin and Mr. Turrentine.

The patronnesses were: Mesdames George Rountree, R. R. Bellamy, H. B. Short, W. N. Cronly and E. V. Baltzer.

DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury as to Death of Sam Campbell, Colored.

After another session yesterday morning, the coroner's jury which was empanelled to investigate the causes of the death of Sam Campbell, agreed upon a verdict that "the deceased came to his death from the effects of disease which we judge from the report of autopsy to have been tubercular meningetis and not from any foul play as was reported to us."

John Pesson, the witness, who was wanted Thursday, testified yesterday and his statements corroborated the evidence given in by all of the other witnesses except two, in that Mr. Helen did not strike Campbell in his bar Thanksgiving night.

The jury judging by the autopsy and the evidence given in rendered the above verdict and Mr. Helen was exonerated.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

By St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School Last Night.

The Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church very gretly enjoyed a Christmas entertainment held last night. There was a very good atttendance and every one pronounces the occasion a decided successs. An especially pretty Christmas tree was provided and an interesting programme rendered. The pastor Rev. A. D. McCure, made a pleasing opening talk and a class of girls giving "Welcome to Santa Clause" which really heralded the advent of "Old Santa" who was well impersonated by Mr. Frank Irving. Each child in the school was given a neat basket of confections, boxes were given to the teachers and fruit to the visitors.

The Messenger notes with pleasure that the school is in a very flourishing condition and is accomplishing a very gratifying work.

Complimentary to Charming Visitors

An especially pleasant social event among the numerous ones which are distinguishing Christmas week was that given last night by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Moylan at their residence complimentary to two charming young ladies, Misses Mamie Castera and Miss Fannie Applegate, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who are their guests.

During the evening refreshments were served and every guest was accorded royal entertainment.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Mrs. C. G. Terry, Miss Mattie Strauss, Mr. Vernon Brantley, Mr. Otto Dingelhoef, Mr. J. W. Daniels, Mr. R. E. Daniels, Mr. R. E. Post and Mr. Benjamin Bell.

TO RESCIND THE CHARTERS

In Mississippi of Insurance Companies in the Southeastern Tariff Association.

Jackson, Miss., December 28.—Attorney General Wiley N. Nash, whose term of office expires in January, has created consternation and confusion in insurance circles by filing a bill of information in the Hinds county circuit court, declaring that all insurance companies doing business in the state and acknowledging allegiance to the Southeastern Tariff Association have violated the state law regarding trusts and combines. He asks that their franchises and charters be canceled and the companies prevented from transacting further business in Mississippi.

In his declaration, the attorney general states that by uniting or pooling their interests for the purpose of establishing a set of rates from which the underwriters are not allowed to vary the association and the companies therein have violated a section of the Annotated Code and its amendments.

Local agents are writing their managers to come to the scene as soon as possible. The proceedings will be called at the sitting of the Hinds county circuit court which meets two weeks hence.

The new attorney general, Hon. Monroe E. McClurg, promises to carry the fight on. It is estimated that fully $25,000,000 worth of policies are carried by the thirty-one companies named in the bill of information.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, December 28.—The market has been dull throughout today, so far as new business goes, in both cotton and woolen goods and sales have been light from first hands. The general conditions are without change, no new feature coming to the surface. In brown, bleached and colored staple cottons and in prints and ginghams prices are generally maintained. Cotton linings are firm. Hosery and underwear and in excellent condition.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

THE BEST EVER HELD.

CITY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESSES OF HIGH ORDER.

The Leading Educators of the State Take Part in the Proceedings—The Subjects Discussed Yesterday Meeting of State Association of Academies and High Schools—Satisfactory Increase in Its Membership—Teachers' Assembly Committee Meets.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 28.—The fifteenth annual session of the City School Superintendents' Association is the best yet held. The addresses and discussions were of a high order.

The first paper today was an excellent one by Superintendent Eggleston, of the Asheville city school, on "Discipline in Public Schools."

Superintendenta Moses, of Raleigh, made a thoughtful address on "Proper Articulation of Grades," of practical value, highly approved and followed by considerable discussion.

Superintendent Foust spoke on "Self-Government as Applied to Schools." He outlined the method of discipline now being tried with good effect in the Goldsboro schools.

Professor Noble, of the university, the first president of the association, delivered an address on "Influence of City Schools on Popular Education in North Carolina." Cities, he said, are great observation schools in which the country at large is learning many of its lessons in all departments of modern life, and rural districts will soon imitate cities by adopting local tax laws for the support of public schools.

President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, read a well prepared paper on "Free Public Libraries," which was well received.

President Alderman, of the university, by request, spoke practically on "Proper Co-ordination of Public High Schools and Higher Education."

The association took supper at the Agricultural and Mechanical college, where addresses were delivered by President Winston, Professor Noble, Superintendent Graham and Superintendent Mangum. The association was the guest of President Winston.

Superintendent Graham, of Charlotte, reported that four rooms had been added to the white schools, making an additional seating capacity of 400. The contract had been awarded and work begun on a new white school building, to contain eighteen rooms and seating capacity of 1,000, the building to cost $84,000; that the enrollment this year of 1,559 white and 1,000 colored would be largely increased after the holidays. That the first fourteen weeks of the schools were conducted witnout a case of discipline; that corporal punishment is practically abolished.

The full executive committee of the North Carolina teachers' assembly met late tonight. Reports of the year's work were submitted and found very satisfactory. Selection of a place for the meeting of the next assembly will be made at an adjourned session.

Twenty-seven acadmies and high schools were represented at the meeting of the state association this afternoon and evening. President Horner's address was an excellent one. A speech made by Professor Sheep, of Elizabeth City, was greatly enjoyed.

Secretary Whitsett's report snowed a gratifying increase in membership. There are now forty-six institutions in the association, and 100 members.

The meeting closes tomorrow, when officers will be elected, and there will be addresses by John Graham, F. V. Anderson, Martin H. Hoit, J. W. Canada, John Duckett and E. L. Middleton.

New Lodge of Masons.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 28.—A new lodge of Masons was organized here tonight, with twenty-four charter members, formerly of William G. Hill lodge. The officers installed are: Master, Mr. Faison, of the state labor bureau; senior warden, William T. Harding; junior warden, H. C. Butter.

A FIFTY-MILES-AN-HOUR BOAT

Gresham Secures Backing for Perfecting His Corkscrew Boat.

New York, December 28.—James Gresham, of Brooklyn, has found capital to demonstrate the commercial value of his corkscrew boat for which is anticipated a speed of fifty miles per hour. A syndicate of New York capitalists has agreed to furnish $50,000 with which to build a small boat on the corkscrew plan with the further understanding that if it demonstrates its ability on a commercial scale to approximate the speed which the models have reached, the syndicate will furnish sufficient capital to build a mail boat.

The inventor promises that his craft will cross the Atlantic in less than three days. The vessel, the construction of which is being arranged for at the Newport News shipyards, is not intended for passenger service, but only for the conveyance of mails and fast freight and for use in life saving stations. It is so constructed that it can penetrate the surf or the waves of the roughest water. The boat is cylindrical in shape with a serpentine flange like a corkscrew extending from bow to stern and the outershell revolves through the water, while the inner compartment maintains its equipoise.

THE NEGROES SUPPRESSED.

Fort White, Fla., December 28.—The threatened uprising of negroes here over the killing of Tom White, a negro, by the marshal of this place has been averted by the citizens arming themselves and making a show of force. Several shots were fired into residences by unknown parties who are supposed to have been negroes. Armed guards are kept out to prevent incendiary fires.

SHOT A WOMAN.

Chattanooga, Tenn., December 28.—This afternoon, Samuel Mills, a collector for an installment house, attempted to seize furniture in the house of Mary Venable for a small debt. The woman attempted to prevent it and in the struggle that ensued, Mills shot the woman and her little son and daughter, all seriously.

TO MAKE HAVANA CIGARS.

Tampa, Fla., December 28.—S. Ottenberg & Brothers, of New York, have secured a license and number and will at once establish a branch of their big house here and begin the manufacture of clear Havana cigars. This new factory will add about 10,000,000 cigars to the yearly output of Tampa.

THE PLAGUE IN HONOLULU.

San Francisco, December 28.—The army transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived here last night from Manila via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian islands. It is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by vessels from one of the infected ports of China.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says: "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. R. R. Bellamy.

THE ORGANIZED EFFORT

FOR HER ADVANCEMENT BY TARBORO'S BUSINESS MEN.

PROGRESS AND ENTERPRISE

Is the Aim of Their "Progressive Association."—The Annual Meeting of the Society — A Handsome Banquet Served — Speeches by Members and Guests from Other Sections—Toasts Responded to by D. A. Tompkins and Professor Joyner, of Charlotte.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Tarboro, N. C., December 28.—If organized effort and a firm determination to succeed are any indications of progress and a spirit of enterprise, then these two essentials for the upbuilding of any community are certainly in Tarboro.

The Progressive Association is an organization composed of men of all kinds of business. It is an organized effort to built up Tarboro, encourage enterprises and show to the outside world what Tarboro people have done, what they are doing, and what they can do.

The big banquet given at the Hotel Farrar this evening was the work of this association. It was a meeting of the leading men of Edgecombe county to discuss topics of interest to the county. Its object is purely local. This banquet was one of the most brilliant occasions of its kind ever given in Tarboro.

At 8 o'clock the doors to the large dining room were thrown open, and the guests were invited to enter. Soon the 100 seats were filled and the banquet begun. It was impossible for the menu for this occasion to be improved upon. It consisted of everything that was good and enjoyable. After the delightful supper was over came the speeches.

The first speaker of the occasion was Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte. His subject was "Our Manufacturers." His speech was full of interest and instruction. He spoke of manufactures, education, markets, banking, each inseparably connected. He encouraged cotton factories in the south. His address was an exhaustive treatise upon southern industries. He has an easy delivery and his words were highly appreciated by our people and enthused his hearers. The association ordered publication in full of his speech.

Professor J. Y. Joyner, of Charlotte followed, his subject being "Education." His was a fine, practical address, referring to education in the state. The speech showed enthusiasm for his work, was thoughtful and scholarly and was thoughtful and scholarly said progress and education go hand in hand. Education means wealth to the land. With progress of wealth goes progress of life. We want the education that gives knowledge and develops power to utilize our vast material resources, but we must not forget the education that develops power to use wealth. In material wealth few hope to be rich; the many must still be poor, but in the riches of mind and soul of life education can give the many may be rich; the few alone need remain poor. The idea that it is great to know and great to do should preside. Matter and soul, material and spiritual, the two sides of man's nature, of man's life—hand in hand the two must go in their development through education.

Judge Battle's subject was "Our Guests." He was at his best, and referred to the time when he wrote of "hog and hominy" in The Southerner. He congratulated the association. He emphasized the unity of the people. What was best for one was best for all. He paid a tribute to Edgecombe and Tarboro. He said there was as much in the man as in the lands. He encouraged factories. They made more money for cotton farmers. He was glad to see such an industrial and agricultural awakening. The speech was concise, witty, happy as usual.

Then came the following addresses by the following gentlemen:

"The South and Its Advantages," by Mr. Henry Staton.

"Religion in Our Mercantile and Industrial Development," by Rev. J. B. Morton.

"The Relations Between Progress and Religion," by Rev. Mr. E. W. Gamble.

"Edgecombe's Future," by Hon. Geo. Howard.

"American Law," by Colonel John L. Bridgers.

"The Press," by E. E. Hilliard.

The toastmaster of the occasion was the president of the association, Dr. L. L. Staton.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit in the Courts

New York, December 28.—The grand jury was discharged by Judge Cowing today, after it had handed in its presentment in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company investigation. It found no indictment.

Judge Beekman heard arguments today on the application for an injunction to restrain the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company from paying a reward of $25,000 for information fixing the identity of the person or persons, who, as alleged, originated false reports as to the financial condition of the company with the purpose of affecting the price of its stock on the market. Decision was reversed.

THE LAWTON HOME FUND.

Washington, D. C., December 28.—The subscriptions to the Lawton home fund received up to noon by Adjutant General Corbin and excluding the subscriptions collected in other cities aggregates $28,792.

CHARGES AGAINST BYNUM.

Washington, December 28.—The Post tomorrow will say: "In a few days charges will be filed before the finance committee of the senate against the confirmation of ex-Representative William D. Bynum, of Indiana, as democratic appointee for the New York board of appraisers. The minority of that committee are determined to resist the installment of Mr. Bynum in that position. They will do so on the ground that he is not a democrat, but has openly affiliated himself with the republican party."

GROVER CLEVELAND IMPROVING

Princeton, N. J., December 28.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been confined to his bed for the last three days, was much improved today. The attending physicians at the Cleveland residence stated that the ex-president was up and able to get about the house and would soon be entirely recovered from his sickness.

BASE BALLISTS GO TO CUBA.

New Orleans, December 28.—Abner Powell sailed by the Morgan Line steamer today for Cuba with a team of base ball players. They will spend a month in Havana and Matanzas. Among the players were Gonding, Kansas City; Childers, Philadelphia; Steinfield, Cincinnati; and McAllister, St. Louis.

THE REBECCA FLOATED.

Lewes, Del., December 28.—Assateague life savers report that the schooner Rebecca from Norfolk for New York which went ashore December 26th south of Assateague floated today in good condition.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. R. R. Bellamy.

THE REPORT DENIED.

No Treaty Between England, Germany and Portugal as to Colonial Possessions.

Berlin, December 28.—Regarding the statement by The Lokal Anzeiger that a secret Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty exists for the division of the Portuguese colonies in South Africa, the correspondent of the Associated Press is able to assert on the highest authority that the story is a pure fiction and is, in all its claims without foundation in fact. The high official who authorizes this denial made the following declaration:

"There is no objection to stating that the understanding had by Great Britain, Germany and Portugal refers only to Africa and leaves Asia wholly out of the account. It is quite certain, however, that German under no consideration would conclude such a bargain with Portugal as The Lokal Anzeiger sets forth. Any one with the slightest political sense ought to see that these tiny enclaves in the midst of the British India are the last colonial possessions Germany would dream of."

Washington, D. C., December 28.—Nothing is known here of the reported intention of Great Britain and Germany to partition Portuguese East Africa between them. The officials here attach no credence to the story, because, as they point out, a movement of this kind, disturbing the balance of power in Africa, would lead almost certainly to serious complications between the principals and the other powers of Europe. Moreover, the old rumor of a secret treaty between England and Portugal, whereby the former might for a proper consideration possess itself of Delagoa bay whenever the place is needed for military purposes, has always been credited to some extent here, and if such a treaty really exists, there would be no need for Germany's participation, as reported.

London, December 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Berlin, comments on the Lokal Anzierger treaty statements as follows:

"When it is remembered that two of Portugal's Asiatic possessions Goa and Damao, form enclaves of the province of Bombay, the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger border on the fantastic."

GOLD EXPORTS.

New York, December 28.—Wall street estimates of next Saturday's gold engagements place the amount at $3,000,000. Superintendent Mason, of the assay office, has not yet been instructed to furnish bars for export at less than one-tenth of one per cent. premium, so nothing but coin, it is thought, will be shipped.

Muller, Schall & Co. will ship $750,000 and August Belmont & Co. $500,000 by Saturday's steamers. The discrepancy between Wall street announcements of gold engagements for last Saturday's steamer and the custom house reports of actual shipments was cleared up today when the papers covering the Goldman, Sachs & Co. shipment of $1,550,000 were filed.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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