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The Marion Record.

DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER. MARION, N. C. PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

By the will of the late C. D. Franke, of Charleston, S. C., about \$45,000 is left for building a Lutheran hospital and home there.

The colored I. M. C. A. has purchased site at Norfolk, Va., on which to erect a \$5,000 building.

J. E. Kavoy is going to manufacture shuttle blocks near the Pelham (S. C.) Cotton Mills, we learn.

It is probable that a new cotton mill will be built at Roanoke, Va., as James D. Lazell, of that city, is now obtaining estimates on a 2500-spindle plant.

F. H. Fries, receiver, will sell at auction on Jan. 16, the Hermitage Cotton Mills, Reidsville, N. C.

Roanoke Rapids, near Weldon, N. C., are to be developed this year. This property is owned by Maj. T. L. Emery and a Northern party and they are preparing to establish factories of various kinds at once.

Planters on the lower Indian River, Florida, are experimenting in the growth of the sisal hemp plant with excellent prospects. The fibre obtained is almost pure white, fine as silk and as strong as any of the fiber of commerce.

C. D. Farrier, one of the incorporators of the Chester & Greenville road, says that it is intended to extend from Chester to Greenville, S. C., by way of Lockhart Shoals. At Chester it would connect with the Seaboard Air Line. It would be 65 miles long.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided in the case of a Richmond, Va., bank vs. the Newton, (N. C.) Cotton Mills, which involved a question of the right of insolvent corporations to prefer creditors by confessed judgment, that the confessed judgments are valid, being considered a prior lien.

January will mark the commencement of work on the new cotton mill at Bath, S. C. Chas. Estes, of Augusta, Ga., is the leader in the new company, which is known as the Aiken Mfg. Co. This will be a 20,000 spindle mill, weaving all its yarn into fine white sheetings. They will also build a large bleaching, so the goods will not have to be sent North to be bleached.

One hundred and ten years ago eight bags of cotton shipped to England were seized, under the strict commercial laws of the day, on the ground that so much cotton could not have been produced in the United States. The next year—1785—14 bags were shipped, and by 1791 the export had risen to 842 bags. By 1832 the export had risen to 8,000,000 pounds. The cotton gin was invented by Eli Whitney in 1793.

A Japanese student, T. Sugishito, arrived at Raleigh, N. C., to attend the Normal and Industrial School.

Mrs. Hargett died in Union county, N. C., aged 99. She had never been seriously sick and had never taken any medicine.

Clarence W. Murphy, formerly of Salisbury, later of Asheville, has been appointed travelling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, with Savannah as his headquarters.

The Confederate silver half dollar is reckoned as one of the rarest of American coins. Only four such coins were struck. The Confederate silver half dollar bears the date of 1861, and was struck at the mint at New Orleans just before that institution was closed by the Federal troops. It has the Goddess of Liberty on one side, and a stalk of cane, one of cotton, and the stars and bars of the Confederacy in a coat of arms on the other side.

Chas. Yeager, a printer, aged 35, was found dead in a viaduct in Forest Park, St. Louis, Monday night. A letter on his body explained that he had killed himself because type-setting machines had driven him to want. He leaves a wife and three children. He was insured for \$2,000.

A Virginian Buncoed Out of \$5,000.

RICHMOND, VA.—A. W. Withers, of Gloucester county, was swindled out of \$5,000 in money here by two men, claiming to be John Williams, of Arizona, and Thomas H. Parker, an assayer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The men worked a bunco game upon Withers to get him to Richmond and the cash was paid to Williams by Withers upon a couple of bricks of "gold," which, after a test by a jeweler, proved to be brass. Both the men escaped and all they left behind them was a couple of valises containing a mask and a wig and a lot of circulars exposing a gold brick swindle. A part of the scheme was that Williams claimed to be in Virginia looking for an uncle named Alfred Withers, which appellation his victim bears.

Tobacco Stemmy Burned at Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA.—The large brick building used by E. T. Crump & Co. as a tobacco stemmy, and in which was stored all the manufactured stock of Hargrave & Co., tobacco manufacturer, was burned Thursday morning. Hargrave & Co. place their loss at \$14,000, fully covered by insurance. The loss on the building is estimated at \$4,900. Crump & Co.'s loss will hardly reach \$10,000, and is fully covered by insurance. Their force has already been transferred to another factory.

Trent river at Newberne, N. C., was frozen clear across last Monday.

In an article on drinking water in malarial disease the secretary of the North Carolina board of health cites numerous cases where neighborhoods almost uninhabitable on account of malaria became healthy when artesian water was substituted for that from streams or surface wells. Most well informed physicians are now convinced that drinking water is the chief agent of infection in malarial and many other diseases.

TEN NEW AND TWO RE-ELECTED GOVERNORS.



1. W. H. Upham, of Wisconsin. 2. Silas A. Holcomb, of Nebraska. 3. Charles A. Busiel, of New Hampshire. 4. O. Vincent Coffin, of Connecticut. 5. General D. H. Hastings, of Pennsylvania. 6. James H. Buid, of California. 7. John T. Rich, of Michigan (re-elected). 8. John Gary Evans, of South Carolina. 9. J. H. Marshall, of Delaware. 10. A. W. Mellette, of Colorado. 11. Edmund N. Morrill, of Kansas. 12. Knute Nelson, of Minnesota (re-elected).

Politicians in Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C.—It was quite lively in the lobbies of the principal hotels Sunday evening. "Our friends, the enemy," were present in force. There was some feeling on the part of the Populists by reason of the fact that the Republicans evinced a disposition to "dock by themselves," by their decision to hold a separate caucus. Monday the ranks of the members in town were heavily recruited and the new-comers were wild to learn the news.

It was decided that there should not be a caucus, but an informal gathering of the fusionists, Populists and Republicans, at Commons Hall; a sort of a love-feast or experience-meeting, where the evening should be spent in jest and the narration of campaign experiences. It was intimated that at this meeting there might be arrangements for separate caucuses. Some of the Populists appeared to think that it would be best to have separate caucuses. But the leaders wanted joint caucuses, and intimated that these would be agreed on, though there might be some haggling.

The truth is the Populists want to take a hand in selecting the Speaker. Mr. Walsor does not want joint caucuses evidently, for his friends say that if there is a separate caucus, the Republicans, who are a trifle in the majority, will elect him and they are pledged to do so. But they also admit that if there is a joint caucus the odds are in Lusk's favor. Such was the situation Monday afternoon. Arrangements were then completed for the "love-feast," but for some unknown reason it failed to materialize.

At the Yarbrough House are: Hon. Oliver H. Dockery, Dr. Mott, Holton, Pritchard and Ewart, all working. Ewart the quietest of all. He does not yield any of his confidence of success. Pritchard's friends now say openly that it was understood all during the campaign that he and Butler were to be the mates. They intimate that the effort on the part of the other candidates is to set aside this general understanding of Populists and Republicans all over the State. It requires 75 votes to make a choice, and they say they have them in sight if the pledges are kept.

Dr. Mott's friends are claiming that he has much strength in the east. Holton's friends say that he has developed unexpected strength in that section. They figure that he will go into the caucus with more votes than anyone else. They are on the lookout for possible combinations. In fact, combinations are the things feared by all the Republican aspirants. The quietest people of all are the Democrats, who hold the balance of power.

The list of the strength of the parties as now made up is: House, 32 Populists, 42 Republicans, 46 Democrats; Senate, 25 Populists, 17 Republicans, 8 Democrats; on joint ballot, 57 Populists, 59 Republicans, 54 Democrats. As there are not less than 18 contests, it is impossible to say what the final result will be. Some of the contestants are now here.

A Populist Senator, who used to be a devoted Democrat, was asked if he would not fall queer in his new political faith. "Oh, no," said he, "I am a Democrat, a Jeffersonian Democrat. Those who are commonly called Democrats have gone far astray. We hope to get both them and the Republicans into the right path."

Thomas Settle is here, and is no doubt doing all he can to further the interests of his favorite for the Senate. If Otho Wilson wants to be railroad commissioner his friends say he can have the place. Or he can have the place of superintendent of the penitentiary, if he desires it. He did a great work for fusion and it is the purpose to reward him well.

The most outwardly serene man seen in all the turmoil is Marion Butler. He is a fine manager and is looked up to by Republicans as well as Populists. The Republicans realize, at least most of them do, that he is "Butler, Imperator."

Amulets now born by noble families in India are believed to have been handed down 2000 years.

THE CAROLINAS LEAD.

In Southern Mill Building They Are Very Energetic.

BOSTON, MASS.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter in its semi-annual review of mill construction throughout the country gives some interesting data.

During the past six months the improvement in the general business situation had been reflected in no uncertain manner in the undertaking of the construction of a large number of textile plants. In the first six months of the year 1894 the number of new mills was 116, a wonderful showing considering the condition of the business world. Since the middle of the year, the construction of no less than 147 textile plants has been undertaken, an increase of 31 as compared with the previous six months. The record for the year is 263 mills as against 279 in 1893 and 35 for 1892. The new mills commenced during the first and second halves of the year 1894 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: ARTICLES, FIRST SECOND. Rows include Woolen, Cotton, Knitting, Silk, Fall, Miscellaneous, and Total.

The Southern States make a very good showing in the number of new mills undertaken during the latter portion of the year. However, New York and Pennsylvania lead with 21 each to their credit. Next come North Carolina with 16, then South Carolina with 14.

The record by States for the whole year is as follows: New York 38, Pennsylvania 36, North Carolina 26, South Carolina 23, Georgia 19, Massachusetts 15, Maine 11, Virginia and Rhode Island 8 each, Texas and Connecticut 7 each, the remainder being divided among the other States.

Foreign Investors in Monazite.

The importance of the monazite deposits in North Carolina has already attracted the attention of foreign capitalists. Dr. G. P. Drosebach and Carl Mulhbery, of Germany, are now examining the beds near Shelby with an idea of securing a supply for export, where it will be used in the manufacture of burners. The Welsbach light, which owes its intense brilliancy to the use of monazite, is now being used as a substitute for electric lamps in many of the large cities of the country. Thus far but very little monazite has been found, and the indications are that the North Carolina beds will become exceedingly valuable to their owners.

Revenue Collections.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Cashier Brenizer, of Collector Carter's office, reports the revenue collections for the fifth district of North Carolina during the month of December:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Tobacco, Spirits, Cigars and cigarettes, Special tax, Miscellaneous, Total, and various offices.

Mr. St. John Takes Charge of the S. A. L.

RICHMOND, VA.—Mr. E. St. John, the recently elected vice president of the Seaboard Air Line, has formally taken charge of that road, and issued a circular to the officers, agents and employees, all of whom will be retained, urging them to put forth their best efforts in the company's behalf. The vice president, accompanied by President Hoffman, and nearly all the heads of the departments, left on a special train this evening for a two weeks' tour of inspection of the railroad properties.

The German house builders always contrive to leave a small, flat place on the roof of each house for the storks to rest and build on.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Ex-Congressman Sidney Clark, now a citizen of Oklahoma, has joined Gov. Renfrow and his lively assistants and will lend his aid to booming the bill for Statehood for Oklahoma. The Statehood boomers would prefer that the bill be passed as it stands, including a part of Indian Territory in the proposed State, but if Congress prefers they are willing to accept Statehood for the Territory as it now stands.

Hon. J. C. Manning, of Ala., who is in Washington as a member of the special committee appointed by the National committee of the People's party, to submit evidence to Congress in substantiation of election frauds in the Southern States, says he has received so many letters bearing on this subject that he proposes to issue a call for representatives of all the Southern States to meet at New Orleans, January 18 and 19, for the purpose of considering the feasibility of organizing ballot-right leagues throughout the South.

Congress is again in session, although there are many empty seats in both House and Senate. The debate on the currency bill has been resumed in the House, but the majority do not seem to regard it with any more enthusiasm than they did before the recess. All sorts of propositions for changes in the bill and entirely new bills are being privately discussed, but nothing has been decided upon and there is little in sight to indicate when anything will be decided upon.

The most important of the proposed changes is one for a new bill which is being engineered by a few administration men and tacitly, if not openly, endorsed by many Republicans. It provides for the issue of \$500,000,000 in 2 1/2 per cent. bonds, to be used for the retirement of the treasury notes and greenbacks; also, that these bonds may be used as a basis for currency to be issued by both National and State banks. It is claimed by those who are behind this idea President Cleveland stands ready to approve it, if it can be passed. Needless to say that the ultra silver men will fight this idea to the last ditch. They regard it as a scheme to give the National banks a new lease of life.

Jerry Simpson says life in Washington broke him. He couldn't keep up style on \$5,000 a year, and had to mortgage his Kansas ranch to pull through.

HONORED SENATOR RANSOM.

In the absence of the Vice President, Pro. Tem., Harris, He is Elected President Pro. Tem.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the absence of Vice President Stevenson, and of Senator Harris, President pro tem. of the Senate, the Secretary called the Senate to order and asked what its further pleasure was. Thereupon Mr. Gorman offered a resolution declaring that "in the absence of the Vice President and the President pro tempore, Hon. M. W. Ransom, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, be and hereby is chosen President pro tempore of the Senate."

This resolution was agreed to and Mr. Ransom, escorted by Mr. Blackburn, walked to the Secretary's desk where the oath of office was administered to him by Mr. Morrill, the oldest member of the Senate. In taking the chair Mr. Ransom said: "Senators, I thank you sincerely for this expression of your confidence. But it is due to myself to say that immediately on the return of the distinguished Senator from Tennessee, who has been elected President pro tempore of the Senate, I shall ask to be relieved from this position, and that that Senator, who has discharged his duties as presiding officer with so much ability and with so much satisfaction in the Senate and the country, shall be returned to the place."

Mr. Ransom left the chair in a few minutes and called Mr. Manderson to it. Mr. Peffer, Populist, of Kansas, having been recognized in virtue of the notice given by him last week of his intention to address the Senate on his bill for "service pensions" was asked by Mr. Lodge to yield for a motion to take up the resolution in reference to the removal of vessels of war from the Hawaiian Islands.

After some debate Mr. Peffer proceeded to read to the Senate an elaborate argument in advocacy of his bill for "service pensions."

Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, spoke in advocacy of the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Asheville Street Railway Sold.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—A sensation was created here by the selling of the Asheville Street Railway to satisfy an old judgment of \$900. The road was purchased by Charles A. Moore, who was at once put in possession of the property by the sheriff, and J. D. Martin was appointed superintendent. The road is in full running order, embracing between six and seven miles of track and operates about ten cars and covers every part of the city. The road was owned by New York capitalists and hot legal fights are anticipated.

The Green Goods Thief Arrested.

RICHMOND, VA.—Thomas H. Parker, the man arrested in Petersburg as one of the men who swindled A. W. Withers, of Gloucester county, out of \$5,000 by passing off blocks of copper for gold bricks, has been brought here. Parker is thought to be the alleged assayer of the Philadelphia mint who acted as the confederate of John Williams. When the deal was made Parker wore a long steel gray beard, but when taken up in Petersburg his beard had been removed. A telegram from Lynchburg, Va., says Williams and another man interested in the swindle have been arrested in that city.

Natural Gas at 1,000 lb. to the Square Inch.

At Martinsville, Va., while Captain James Clegg, foreman of a pipe line gang for the New Martinsville Natural Gas Company, was making a pipe under a thousand pounds direct pressure, the pipe burst, throwing Captain Clegg nearly 100 feet into the air and killing him instantly, his neck being broken. Half a dozen other workmen about him were knocked down and severely injured.

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Electric Motors for Cotton Mills. We learn that the Pelzer Manufacturing Company, of Pelzer, S. C., has contracted with the General Electric Company for a three-phase electric transmission plant that will be exceptionally large and interesting. At the generating station, three miles from the cotton mills owned by the company, there will be three slow-speed generators of 750 kilowatts each directly coupled to water wheels. These dynamos will generate current at a potential of 3,300 volts, and the current will be fed directly to the transmission wires at this pressure. The transmission line will consist of eighteen No. 00 wires, this size having been selected in preference to larger wire to reduce the line induction as much as possible under the existing conditions. At one mill will be located a 700 horse power synchronous motor, receiving current directly from the wires. There will be, in addition, more than twenty induction motors in various rooms. Of these, fourteen will be 110 horse power motors, and the others will be of various sizes, from 5 to 75 horse power. In a substation will be located nine 160 kilowatt transformers for the motors and for 1,200 incandescent lights for the mills. Two electrically operated blowers of three horse power each will be used for cooling the transformers.

Sophie Plunkett's Mellow Old Age. MOBILE, ALA.—The board of health issued a certificate for burial of Sophie Plunkett, colored, aged 125 years.

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