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SOUTHERN STATE NEWS.

Southern Men And Measures Paragraphed.

Newsy Chit-Chat and Telegraphic Dispatches From Many Points In Our Own and Adjoining States.

VIRGINIA.

The Broomslaw brick works, at Alexandria, have been damaged to the extent of \$50,000.

Secretary of State James G. Blaine and a party of officials visited the Norfolk navy yard Thursday.

The farmers of Campbell county report a favorable outlook for crops and fruit.

The body of Robert Downs was found in the Rappahannock River near Fredricksburg.

The conference of Evangelical Lutherans adjourned at Alexandria after an interesting session.

The grand jury at Danville brought in forty-five indictments against moonshiners, after which the jury was discharged.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly at Morehead City begins June 15th, and ends on the 30th, of that month. Secretary Harrell says that 3,000 persons will attend.

The trustees of the Baptist Female University elected Rev. J. B. Boone, of Missouri, formerly of North Carolina, financial agent of that institution.

Blanks were sent out from the Department of Agriculture to 1,000 correspondents, in all parts of the State, to be returned with data for the first crop bulletin issued this year. These bulletins are monthly all through the season.

The Railroad Commissioners have been sending applications to all railroads of the State for copies of their tariff tables and time tables.

A terrific thunder storm prevailed at Raleigh Thursday evening for an hour or more, and lightning struck in at least a half-dozen places in the city.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

An Opera house to cost \$10,000 is to be built at Beaufort by the Knights of Pythias.

Prof. Hardin, chemist of Clemson college, has completed 156 analyses of fertilizers, only six of which fell below the test.

The third and last piece of granite for the Washington Light Infantry monument at Charleston has been shipped from the Rockton quarry.

If there is one thing more than another that Columbians pride themselves on it is their pet band—which is in constant practice preparing to furnish the music for the Columbia soldiery.

Another wreck occurred on the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad Wednesday night by a collision of a freight train from Asheville and a material train near Langdrum. The fireman and a negro on the material train were killed. Both of the engineers and eighteen of the hands were injured, many of them fatally.

TENNESSEE.

W. S. Smith, of Knoxville, grand master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee, visited King Lodge at Bristol Monday night.

The Tennessee legislature, which adjourned a few days ago, passed a law granting pensions to all disabled Confederate soldiers, ranging from \$8.33 1-3 to \$25 per month, according to the degree of the disability.

The Bristol postoffice has been advanced from a third to a second-class, and the salary of the postmaster increased to \$2,100 and the free delivery system will be established in June.

The first regular passenger train on the L. & N. (Big Stone Gap extension) left Cumberland Gap at 7:15 o'clock Thursday morning and reached Big Stone Gap at noon; returning, reached Cumberland Gap at 8 o'clock, p. m., in time to connect with the north-bound Louisville and Nashville train from Knoxville. This opens a new route between Atlanta, Knoxville and the east.

GEORGIA.

Savannah gets the negro agricultural college.

The Pittsburg and Cleveland base ball teams played exhibition games at Macon,

Thursday and Friday.

Robert Thomas Summers and Mrs. Mattie J. Huffman, of Thomasville, were married Wednesday. The groom has been blind since his birth, and consequently has never seen the lady who is now his wife.

Cardinal Gibbons and the Bishops of the province of Baltimore met at Savannah a few days ago in Conference. A new see will be created, including N. C., S. C., Ga. and Fla.

A letter from the Fruit Growers' Association at Griffin to the agricultural department says there will be a half crop of peaches, a fair crop of plums and a full crop of apples and grapes. But there will be few pears.

The people of southwest Georgia must have very fast horses, or the schedule of the Blakely extension must be a very slow and convenient one. This will illustrate the point: A citizen of Arlington arrived at the depot only to find that the train had gone. It was then four miles ahead of him, but, procuring a horse and buggy, the citizen gave chase, overtaking the train at Commissary Hill, a distance of nearly five miles. He then waved it down, got aboard and arrested a man who owed him \$1 and was trying to make his escape.

FLORIDA.

A survey is being made for a railroad from Melrose via Campbell to Micanopy.

Jacksonville parties incorporated the Railway Water Supply Co. with a capital stock of \$100,000 to manufacture patented articles.

A collector of relics at Tampa, has received a halberd head which was lately unearthed at Memphis. There can be no doubt of the origin of this interesting relic. The form, with the battle axe on one side, the hook opposite and the spike termination, mark it as a relic of the fifteenth century.

The telephone is put to a new use in a hotel at Tampa. Instead of an electric press button, every room will have a telephone connected with the office. Guests will be able not only to communicate with the office, but with their friends in other rooms at will. The great orchestration, which was one of the marvels of the Paris Exposition, is to be placed in the music room of the hotel. It has been arranged that any guest in his room can, by merely telephoning to the office, be connected with the orchestration and have the music transmitted to him in full volume.

OTHER STATES.

The Farmers' Alliance of Hinds county, Miss., has endorsed the Hon. Ethel Barksdale for the United States Senate, to succeed Senator Walthall. Seventeen Sub-Alliances were represented in the Convention, which unanimously endorsed the Sub-treasury bill and the Ocala platform. This action is regarded as placing Mr. Barksdale squarely in the field for United States Senator. He was present and made a speech, but did not announce himself a candidate.

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

Phosphates and Senator Call's Successor The Exciting Topic of Discussion.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., [Special].—The Senate and House organized at noon by the election of the officers nominated in the Democratic caucus.

Governor Fleming's biennial message was submitted the next morning. It is an exhaustive document. He recommends radical changes in the jury laws, so as to make convictions for murder more speedy and sure, a liberal appropriation for the World's Fair, the assignment of property at its full market value, a liberal appropriation for inducing immigration, continued support of the State's policy for the prevention of infectious diseases and the creation of a State board of phosphate commissioners and of the new office of phosphate inspector to look after the State's interest in the phosphate deposits in the beds of navigable streams with the view of the collection of a royalty on all phosphate mines.

A Democratic caucus will probably be called in a few days on the Senatorial question. If the caucus is called the rules will require a two-third vote in making nominations. Senator Call's supporters are in a large majority, but the opposition claim that he cannot secure two-thirds vote in joint caucus. Some of Call's supporters prefer that no caucus be called, thus throwing the election into the Legislature direct, where a majority of both houses would elect.

Senator R. F. Rodgers, president of the State Farmers' Alliance, is working hard to get an Alliance caucus called for the purpose of passing an Anti-Call resolution. The Call men in the Alliance are opposing Rodgers vigorously.

Painted the Statue Red.

RALEIGH, N. C., [Special].—Hon. Kemp P. Battle, president of the State University, passed here on his way from Goldsboro, where he appeared in a remarkable case. Two years ago at the centennial commencement at the University, Kirby Smith, of Goldsboro, was arrested, charged with having painted red the monument to Dr. Caldwell, the first president of the University. The matter raised a great stir. Smith some months ago brought suit against President Battle and the trustees for \$10,000 for false arrest. The jury in the case of President Battle were unable to agree upon a verdict and were discharged.

OPENING THE CAMPAIGN.

The Alliance Announces Its Plans and Calls for Funds.

A National "Propaganda Committee" And an Army of "Lecturers" Are Ready for the Fray.

WASHINGTON, D. C., [Special].—The Farmers' Alliance is beginning early its campaign. A "campaign of education" it is called, and the National Campaign Committee goes by the name of the "Propaganda Fund Committee." The first appeal for campaign funds has just been issued and the work is to be prosecuted vigorously all along the line. The plan of campaign has been carefully and systematically laid out, and with the organization machinery at command it will undoubtedly make itself felt wherever the Alliance has members. That portion of the plan which is made public provides for the utilization of the great lecture system of the Alliance throughout the country, under control of the National Committee at Washington.

The Alliance has regularly appointed National, State, District and County lecturers, whose duty it is to preach Alliance doctrines to the members. More of these lecturers are to be appointed, and they will talk persistently from one end of the country to the other. They will talk to outsiders as well as members, and such missionary tours as that which Jerry Simpson is making will be made by other prominent leaders. The Alliance plan of political salvation will be preached in the cities as well as in the country, and every effort will be made to popularize the Alliance doctrines. To make sure that only the pure doctrine is taught skeleton lectures will be sent out periodically from Washington to all authorized speakers, and a register will be kept there of the army of talkers and the work they are doing. Thus the national organ of the Alliance, the *Economist*, says of it:

"Jay Gould, Mr. Brice, Mr. Quay, or any other capitalist or politician, will find the Propaganda Fund Committee ready to accept donations from them and use the money which it will do the most good in the cause of reform, and should Mr. Stanford desire to contribute some railroad money to assist the farmers he will have a splendid chance to do so. Some of the extremely wealthy may need a depository for 'conscience money,' and they will find this a good place."

"The propaganda fund is not established to collect money to be used for corrupt campaign methods. The money will be used to educate the masses in the principles of the Farmers' Alliance and to bring about a better understanding between the good, the true, and the honest citizens of this nation, to the end that all such may lay aside sectionalism and unite in a determined effort to abolish corruption and discrimination from the laws and usages of the country, and inaugurate a reign of justice that shall guarantee equal rights and equal chances to all worthy citizens. Political parties accept secretly large donations from men who expect to control the patronage of the party when in power. The propaganda fund collection is entirely different. Those who donate to it may well be proud to have the matter known, because it shows not necessarily liberality on their part, but it is substantial evidence of their devotion to the cause of humanity."

J. F. Tillman, the Secretary of the National Executive Board of the Alliance, is to have charge of the propaganda movement, and sympathizers are invited to send their checks to Secretary J. H. Turner of the Alliance.

It is said that in accordance with the desire to devote a few months to the shaping of public sentiment before committing the farmers to an open third party movement, the Alliance leaders are striving strenuously to offset the plans for the Cincinnati conference in May. The *Economist* declares that the Knights of Labor, the Farmers' Alliance, of the Northwest, the Colored Farmers' Alliance, and the national branch of the Citizens' Alliance will not be represented at Cincinnati. Discussing the call it adds:

"What organizations are behind it? What element of reform movement does it represent, and why is it demanded? Let every member of the K. of L., Farmers' Alliance white or colored, Citizens' Alliance, or any other true reformer, ask and answer for himself these questions before he goes into spasms over this proposed meeting. The time for hurrah conferences is at an end. They have cursed the people long enough. It is not agitation the people want. It is education on correct lines. What will be the result of this meeting? Of what will the substance consist when the froth and enthusiasm have blown off? Who will be there that represents organized labor?"

Mississippi is the only State in the South where the election this fall will be based on distinct Alliance issues. The struggle of the Alliance will be to elect a Legislature which will in the Senator George, who is outspoken in his opposi-

tion to the Sub-Treasury scheme. The best men the Alliance can muster will be sent to Mississippi to take part in the campaign.

Some recent Alliance propositions for legislative enactment are uniquely interesting. Thus the district union of the Ninth Kentucky Congress district recently resolved that all notes, mortgages or other written evidences of indebtedness should be presented to the Assessor for assessment and be annually stamped by him, and if not so presented and stamped to become invalid; that the last certified reports of banks to be taken by the Assessor as a basis of assessment; that the rolling stock of railroads be made personal property subject to execution for all stock killed or injured, and no appeal be granted beyond the circuit courts for sums of \$200 or less.

Col. Polk, at Criston, Iowa, last week said there are too many lawyers sent to Congress. That the only way to succeed is to send farmers there. The Alliance, he said, intended to go into politics, but not into partyism. Some bystander asked him how about North Carolina, and Senator Vance's remarks that on a cloudy day he could not tell the difference between an Allianceman and a Democrat. Col. Polk dodged by suggesting that the farmers would have a new party in the next presidential campaign.—North State.

The speech made by Ben Terrell here last Saturday was the best speech on living issues that we have listened to in a long time. No one, no matter of what profession or political belief could object to the doctrines he advocates for their principles are the principles of eternal justice. His speech was common-sense in every way, and he dealt with facts, not sentiment, and principles, not men. As long as such men as Ben Terrell shape public opinion we need not fear any serious harm being done, and for this reason we wish we had a thousand Terrells.—The Charlotte, N. C., Times.

Farmers do not realize what an advantageous field that lies before them in the direction of rearing horses that will match, or if not situated for this through not having brood mares, raising exactly alike and bred alike, the exchanging what the tailors call a "miss" for an animal or animals from other farms, thus getting together a double team which all buyers will want on sight. There are, in this direction, great opportunities lost to farmers and great gains made by dealers.

The February report of the Agricultural Bureau shows that the average value of milk cows is largest in New York, or \$34 each. This high average is probably due to two causes. First, the early establishment of cheese factories in this State, and second, the improvement in stock through the introduction of many fine heads by enterprising breeders.

Southern Wit In War.

As we are reminded by the author of "Four Years in Rebel Capitals," the South, as well as the North, says the Yonthers' Companion, needed to exercise its sense of humor, whenever that was possible, to carry it through the terrible strain of war. Some of the puns, burlesques and rapier-tongued of that dreadful time have become locally historic. Colonel Tom August, of the First Virginia, was the Charles Lamo of Confederate war wits, genial and very gay.

Early in secession days a bombastic friend approached him with the question, "Well, sir, I presume your voice is still for war?"

"Oh yes," replied the wit, "perfectly still!"

Always to be remembered is General Zebulon Vance's apostrophe to the rabbit, flying by him from a heavy rifle fire: "Go it, cotton-tail! If I hadn't a reputation, I'd be with you!"

Equally forcible was the protest of the Western recruit, ordered on picket at Munson's Hill.

"Go yander ter keep em off!" W'y, we-uns kem hyar ter fight th' Yanks, an' ef you-uns skeer 'em off, how'n thunder ez thar goan' ter be a scrimmage now?"

City Point, on the James River, was the landing for transports, with soldiers released from Northern prisons on parole. One day a most woebegone and emaciated "Johnny" sat swinging his shoeless feet from a barrel, awaiting his turn, when a pompous Federal major remarked, to no one in particular: "It isn't far to Richmond."

"Reck'n et's near onto three thousin' mile," drawled Johnny, weakly.

"Nonsense! You must be crazy!" retorted the officer, staring.

"Wal, I ent a-reck'nin' edzact," was the slow reply. "Jest thought so, kinder."

"Oh, you did? And why, pray?"

"Cause it's took'n you-uns high, onto four year to git thar from Wash'n'ton," was the settling retort.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURER.

Mr. Huston's Resignation Accepted and Mr. Nebecker of Indiana Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., [Special].—The following correspondence explains itself:

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the President:
Sir: I would respectfully tender my resignation as Treasurer of the United States, to take effect when it may be convenient to name my successor. Acknowledging my deep sense of gratitude to you for the kindness received at your hands, I remain truly yours,

J. N. HUSTON,
Treasurer of the United States.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

Hon. J. N. Huston:

Sir: I have delayed action upon your letter of Feb. 24th, tendering your resignation of the office of Treasurer of the United States, for reasons known to you. I now yield to your request to be relieved from the duties of your office, and accept your resignation, to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of your successor. I regret that your personal affairs compel you to this step, and beg to assure you of my sincere and continued regard and best wishes. Very sincerely yours,

BENJ. HARRISON.

The President has appointed Mr. Nebecker, of Indiana, Treasurer, to succeed Mr. Huston. Mr. Nebecker called on the President, and left for his home in Covington, Ind. He may not assume charge of the office for some time yet.

POLK'S PECULIAR WILL

In Which He Attempts to Keep the Property in the Family.

NASHVILLE, TENN., [Special].—The home of ex-President James K. Polk, in which his aged widow now resides, is advertised to be sold for city taxes, amounting to \$1,900. Mrs. Polk is amply able to pay the taxes, having a pension of \$5,000, and receiving nearly \$2,000 interest on her State bonds, and, perhaps, does not know that she is in danger.

It is said that President Polk attempted to keep the house, it, upon family forever, by bequeathing it, to his death, to the State of Tennessee, or, if he held in trust by the Governor, he should decline to assume the trust, then such a person as the Legislature may select, who shall permit the house to be occupied and used by such of his blood relations as have the name of Polk, preferring the nearest of kin, but if there be none named Polk then the house is to be used by such other blood relations as may be designated. It is provided that whoever occupies the house shall keep it in repair and pay the taxes. The relatives with whom Mrs. Polk is now living are not blood relatives. It is contended that should the property be sold to some outside party for taxes, and a deed be made, this would defeat the terms of the will, and the State could not carry out the trust imposed on it. The property is very valuable, being two acres in extent, and being in the heart of the city, on the corner of Vine and Union streets.

INGALLS AS A FARMER.

"He That by the Plough Would Thrive, Must Either Hold or Drive."

ATCHISON, KAN.—Since his retirement from office Mr. Ingalls has developed into a full-fledged farmer. He owns a thirty-acre tract south of his residence, which he is transforming into a pasture and truck farm, and he is at present engaged in planting potatoes. Of course he does not shovel dirt or carry weeds, or do the other disagreeable things that must be done about a truck patch. He just supervises. Mr. Ingalls spends several hours each day on his tract and seems to be greatly interested in it. He talks about it a great deal. He walks around the farm attired in a light suit of clothes, and wears that long gray overcoat which he has worn from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. He also wears a blood-red necktie and carries a cane. Mr. Ingalls will not talk politics. "The burning question of the day," he says, "is potatoes." If he cares anything about the efforts of the ring Republicans in trying to read him out of the party, he does not show it.

Attained a Ripe Old Age.

LINCOLN, N. C.—Mrs. Sally Weaver, who was born in this county 1786, died four miles west of Lincoln last Saturday at the age of 105 years. She was a remarkably stout woman and was possessed of a good mind and memory until the last. She was kindly attended during her last illness by her oldest daughter, Eva, the wife of Numa Alexander, who was a vigorous woman at the ripe old age of 79 years.