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## WHERE IS HE GONE?

### THE CASHIER BUYS TICKET FOR BALTIMORE.

One of the Sensations Attending the Wilmington Bank Failure. The Cashier Tells His Friends He Needs Rest About \$6,000 Now Short.

Wednesday morning of last week the First National bank at Wilmington closed its doors. That night the Cashier, H. M. Bowden left, nor have his whereabouts yet been ascertained. He let some friends understand that he was going to Goldsboro to rest. He bought a ticket to Baltimore, but his friends express the belief that he has gone to some place where letters and telegrams cannot harass him. Ever since the bank began business Mr. Bowden has been an official; first teller, then cashier. Year after year he did two men's work. Worry told on him. Two weeks ago he told some friends that he must get away. Bank examiner Allen, who is in charge of the broken bank says that Bowden owes the bank only \$5000 or \$6000 and that this is all covered. His accounts, the examiner further states, are all right. Bowden's friends say he is mentally overstrained, and express much sympathy. Of course persons say harsh things and see nothing to commend in his action in running under fire. The city papers have made no mention of his flight, this silence being it is said, for reasons given by business men. But a plain statement of facts hurts nobody, and the LEADER has a way of printing the news.

The amount involved in the failure is said to be approximately \$350,000. Of course the depositors are the people who "get in on the ground floor," as the phrase is. Whatever it is to be had they get, and it is said they will get dollar for dollar. The bank examiner promises a statement Monday. The bank had long been in a bad condition. Too much kindness to borrowers was the prime cause of this, it is said. A new bank will be established and in the long run the city and section will gain. Wilmington is standing the failure well, only one failure has resulted. There have been many proffers of aid, but these have been declined, with thanks. Mr. Bowden loses his entire property in the failure.

LAURANCE.

## POST OFFICE SERVICE.

Canada's Chief Post-Office Inspector in New York.

Mr. M. Sweetnam, chief post-office inspector of Canada, is attending the conference of post-office inspectors now in session in this city. He has been nearly forty years in the Canadian postal service and speaks in strong terms of the many improvements which have been introduced into the United States Post-office during the past twenty years, and particularly within the last half dozen years—improvements introduced and worked out by the able and efficient officers in charge of the various branches.

Mr. Sweetnam regards with special interest the inspection and railway mail branches of the service, and says that every section of the postal work is conducted in an admirable manner, and that all through the service there seems to be a vigorous and united determination to make the United States Post-office meet all the reasonable and necessary requirements of the general public.

While he considers that the Canada post-office is well and carefully equipped and managed, he admits that several alterations in its working details have been prompted by methods adopted by the United States Department. He is evidently very much gratified with the attention and assistance extended to him by the officers of the Department in Washington and elsewhere. The inspectors, in his opinion, are well qualified for their duties, and have done excellent work in the direction of suppressing fraudulent concerns, which have been an unmixed evil not only to a large portion of the community, but also to a considerable number of persons employed in the post-office service.

From what has been gathered from the inspectors Mr. Sweetnam's visits to Washington have been mutually beneficial. The Canadian chief inspector regards the post-office in any country as a branch of the public service which should necessarily receive the careful and constant attention of its brightest and most capable officials.

Mr. Sweetnam was asked whether the Canadian people were anxious for

political union with the United States. He replied that the people of Canada strongly desired to maintain pleasant and neighborly relations with the United States, but annexation or any thing of that kind finds little favor among any considerable number of them. They entertain respect and esteem for their American neighbors, but they are unmistakably loyal to their mother country, Great Britain.

A good deal has been said and written concerning the McKinley bill, as affecting the trade relations between Canada and the United States. Whatever may be the effect of that measure, said Mr. Sweetnam, the Canadians are not dismayed; they realize the fact that Congress has a right to enact such laws as it thinks right and proper. If the United States markets are practically closed to Canadian surplus barley, horses, cattle, &c., the Canadian people understand that they must find other outlets. Disability in this connection simply sharpens invention, and gives rise to efforts in other directions. With regard to reciprocity, said the inspector, it goes without saying that the people of Canada desire to trade with the United States on fair and reasonable conditions.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

The strongest wind for years struck our town Monday morning. It was almost a cyclone. It did very little damage however. The southwest corner of the tin roofing of the new hotel was blown up a little displacing a few bricks, but no serious damage done. It also disturbed the tin roof of Miller Bros. & Winkler's new store a little.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. C. Taylor, a prominent and esteemed citizen of Whitakers has assigned for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities about \$20,000, assets, real and nominal, between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Preferences about \$10,000. Rocky Mount bank among the preferred creditors to the amount of \$1,500. Tight money and short crops cause of failure.—Argonaut.

On Tuesday morning the trestle across Black creek was discovered to be on fire by Mr. Zack Wellons who lives near by. It is thought that it caught from a spark from the mail train that which passed that morning. It was beginning to burn rapidly when Mr. Wellons found it and he had just succeeded in extinguishing the fire when the north bound freight came along.—Smithfield Herald.

A heavy storm of wind and rain struck the town from the southwest about 8 o'clock Monday morning. The rain fell in such torrents for 10 or 15 minutes that one could not see across a street, and the force of the wind was such as to blow down the barn on Mr. A. A. Colvert's premises (the barn smashing a buggy as it fell) and Mr. Thos. Barkley's barn on Green street. The newspapers report the blow as having been pretty general over the State.—Landmark.

Rev. N. M. Jurney, who purchased the Jones Mill property on Newport River, has employed carpenters to erect a twenty-five hundred dollar club house. The sportsman can find more game of different kinds upon this property than upon any other tract of the same area in the State. The pond is one of the largest and contains a great variety of fish. Deer bear, wild turkeys and quail also abound in large quantities.

The Jones Mill tract has been considered among the most valuable property of this section for years.—Atlantic Seaside.

## THE BOND INTEREST.

"All taxes which shall be levied upon and collected from said railroad company by any county, city, town or township under the general revenue acts as from other citizens and property, upon any real or personal property belonging to said corporation and situated within said county, city, town or township, shall be set aside as a distinct fund and applied exclusively by the proper authorities thereof, if said county, city, town or township shall have subscribed to the capital stock of said company and issue bonds in payment thereof, to the liquidation and payment of the interest accruing on said bonds issued on account of such subscription so long as said bonds shall be outstanding and remaining unpaid."

Sec. 13. Charter, Brunswick, West-ern & Southern Railroad.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### WHO WILL BE THE NEXT SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

Farmers' Alliance Officials Call Upon President Harrison. Congressmen Beginning to Arrive. Free Trade With Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1891.—President Harrison may or may not have been greatly surprised when he was called on by President Polk and Messrs. J. F. Tillman and H. W. Ayer, of the National Farmers' Alliance, but in ten minutes from the time those gentlemen entered the portals of the White House there were a dozen political stories concerning their visit flying along newspaper row, none with a firmer foundation than the imagination of the relater. Your Correspondent saw the trio just after their interview with Mr. Harrison and in response to questions was smilingly informed that they had merely called as dutiful and patriotic citizens to pay their respects to the President. There is reason to believe however, that they took occasion while paying their respects to say something about the vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the desirability of the Alliance having a representative thereon.

Although this is the last week of the Speakership campaign there is just as much doubt as ever as to who is to be Speaker of the House. Each one of the five active candidates—there are a number of dark horses—will tell you that he is confident of being the man, and that confidence is reiterated by each and every one of the friends of each candidate. Four of them are dead wrong in their calculations, and may be all five are, as it would create no great surprise if, in case of a protracted fight in the caucus, all of them were dropped and some man like Wilson of West Virginia, nominated. Things are very lively around the several headquarters; members are coming in on every train and it is expected that they will all be here by Wednesday. Then it will become largely a question of management. The Senators are taking sides in the contest to a considerable extent, and Crisp is credited with having secured Gorman's active aid. If this be true it adds largely to Crisp's chances of winning, as there is no man in Congress who approaches Gorman as a manipulator of men. Springer is apparently developing more strength than anybody had given him credit for having; there is a big delegation from Illinois here working for him. Henry George is an interested spectator of the fight, and while he says he has no influence with any of the members he is nevertheless doing lots of talking for Mills. Jerry Simpson is seen everywhere and he says that the Alliance men will vote for a candidate of their own, but some of the Alliance members from the South have already announced their intention of going into the democratic caucus and it will not be surprising if they all do so. Candidates for minor House offices are multiplying and it is noticeable that many of them are ex-members of the House. Somebody said once that an ex-Congressman always became an office holder or a lobbyist, and he was pretty near right. With few exceptions they become one or the other and in some cases both.

The silver question is giving the democrats as much trouble as the Speakership. The free coinage democrats, under the lead of Bland, of silver dollar fame, are on the rampage, and it is said that fearing they may get left in the nomination of Speaker they will introduce the resolution in the caucus before the balloting commences pledging the House to pass a free coinage bill. This the Eastern members of the party do not want done. If such a resolution comes up in the caucus it will certainly be carried by a decisive majority. While there are lots of democrats who are perfectly willing to have the silver question let alone for awhile there are few who will dare to vote against such a resolution if it is brought up in caucus.

If President Harrison signs the treaty now in his possession and the Senate ratifies it, the United States will have absolute free trade with one country and that country will have the same with us. The country is Hawaii, which has had a representative here for some time engaged in the negotiation of this treaty. Probably this negotiation has been the foundation upon which the numerous stories

about the annexation of Hawaii have been built. The ratification of this treaty would, as far as commerce is concerned, put Hawaii on precisely the same footing as any State in the Union.

President Harrison has about completed his message to Congress, being now engaged in revising and polishing it up with the able editorial assistance of private Secretary Halford whose long experience as a managing editor makes him a valuable assistant. It has been some years since a President's message was prematurely made public, and so long as the present precautions are continued, it is impossible to be done without detection.

Rumors of a rumup between Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt are plentiful, and the reticence of all parties makes it look as though there were something it.

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

A Steady Progress of the Work in the Various Departments.

Hawaii, otherwise the Sandwich Islands, has decided to make an exhibit at the Exposition.

Mrs. Lucas, Lady Manager for Pennsylvania, has appointed Miss Florence Lewis, a young colored girl, upon her Auxiliary Committee. Miss Lewis is one of the press representatives of the Board of Lady Managers in Philadelphia.

The National Farmers' Congress, at its recent session at Sedalla, Mo., heartily endorsed the World's Columbian Exposition.

It is announced in the Berlin newspapers that the entire organization of the Imperial Opera Company of Berlin, Germany, will come to Chicago in 1893, to give operatic performances in the Music-Hall to be erected in the Exposition grounds.

The furniture manufacturers of Chicago have taken steps to make a collective exhibit in their line, and they promise that it will open the eyes of visitors.

The government of Russia has decided to haul exhibits for the Fair at half rates on all government railroads, and at the same time it has suggested to private companies that they make a like reduction. A like arrangement has been effected in Germany.

Hugh Price, one of the Wisconsin commissioners, has made arrangement for securing for the World's Fair a mammoth cork pine, a tree which is growing rare in his State. It is twenty-four feet in length, and will scale 2,500 feet. One plank is sixteen feet long, three inches thick, and forty-four inches wide, without a knot or blemish.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles will be grand marshal of the parades, civic and military, connected with the Exposition, including the parade on the occasion of the dedication of the Buildings, October 12, 1892. Miss Harriet Monroe, of Chicago, has been chosen to write a commemorative ode for the dedicatory ceremonies.

An additional appropriation of \$500,000 to \$600,000 is what the Board of Management of the Government Exhibit thinks will be necessary to insure the exhibit at the World's Fair on the scale intended by Congress. The members will try to have this included in the Treasury estimates.

Oxford University, England, has expressed its willingness to send an eight-oared crew to the World's Fair, provided a competition can be arranged with American college crews.

The Government Department of Agriculture is taking steps to make a very elaborate exhibit of every kind of wool clipped in this country. The Department will issue a small pamphlet upon each branch of the exhibits it will make, containing information not widely known, and of great practical value to agriculturists.

Professor Ives, of the Art Department, reports that the artists of Russia are deeply interested in the Exposition, and have promised him to send to it a fine collection of their best work.

Four hundred railway lines have already agreed to return exhibits to the Exposition free of charge.

The native flora of each State and Territory will be shown at the Exposition, under the direction of Chief Thorpe, who has enlisted the Lady Managers to undertake the collection of specimens.

THE SOUTHPORT LEADER \$1 a year.

## THE WORLD'S NEWS.

### A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S DOINGS.

Grain Blockade at Buffalo. E. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review. Rebellion in China. Gold Weather Up North. Suits Against the Lottery.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26. Typhoid fever is prevalent at Manchester, N. H., and several deaths have occurred.

The Dallas Dressed Beef & Packing Co's entire plant, at Dallas, Texas, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$200,000.

There is a great grain blockade at Buffalo, N. Y. It is estimated that there are 2,000,000 bushels of grain afloat there and the elevators are unable to handle it owing to a scarcity of cars.

G. Cassard & Co., the big provision and pork dealers of Baltimore, Md., have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Their liabilities will be about \$150,000.

Ten cars of a freight train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad plunged over a bridge at Cincinnati, Ohio, yesterday, causing a heavy loss to the railroad company.

FOREIGN.

The Courts of Justice in Belgrade, were badly damaged by fire yesterday. Many valuable documents were destroyed.

The Right Hon. Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton, Earl of Lytton, British Ambassador to France, died suddenly on Tuesday, from heart disease.

Brazil's new president has summoned Congress to meet December 18, to resume its functions. The dictatorial policy of Fonseca has been abandoned, much to the satisfaction of the people.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

The Mexican demand for American corn is expected to reach millions of bushels owing to the failure of the Mexican crop.

The great Yale-Princeton football game took place yesterday in New York. Yale won by a score of 19 to 0. Over 40,000 persons witnessed the game.

The most disastrous fire which has occurred in St. Albans, Vt., for many years, took place yesterday morning. The total loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

The funeral of the late Gov. Hovey of Indiana, took place yesterday morning at Mount Vernon, the services were taken in charge of by the G. A. R. The funeral sermon was preached by acting Gov. Ira J. Chase.

Ten of the men accused of violating the anti-lottery postal law, at Sioux Falls, N. D., put in an appearance at the New Orleans court yesterday and gave bail for their reappearance in March next at the South Dakota court.

FOREIGN.

Seville, Spain, has been flooded by the overflow of the Guadalquivir, and railway communication with Madrid has been stopped.

A circular has been issued by the Russian government to the governors of the various provinces of the empire notifying them to forbid Jews to buy corn.

There were large accessions to the ranks of the striking French coal miners yesterday. The strikers reject the mining companies' terms for arbitration.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

A. J. Branch, a former railroad president, has been arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., charged with forgery of checks to the amount of \$300,000.

The immense cigarette factory of Goodwin & Co., New York, was burned yesterday. Three hundred girls employed in the factory escaped safely.

John A. Pizzini, who died last night in Richmond, Va., was an old journalist and was at one time resident vice-consul of Italy, and served in the First Virginia Confederate regiment.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: A week broken by a holiday, has shown the usual characteristics; weak speculation, active retail trade and moderate wholesale business. But the great factors which go to make material prosperity are unaltered. Money is in ample supply, industries are fairly employed, crops moving with freedom and receipts are remarkably heavy. Failures for the past week 295, against 255 last week.

FOREIGN.

The Archbishop of Anney has written a letter similar to the one which caused the prosecution of the Archbishop of Aix. It is expected that the government will take notice of the letter and cause its author to be prosecuted.

A Berlin cable says: The Secretary of the Treasury said it was expected that there would be a deficit of 8,000,000 marks during the present fiscal year. The yield derived from customs showed the defeat of commercial treaties in restricting exports.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Two persons were killed and thirteen others wounded in a collision

which took place yesterday near Toledo between a Flint & Pere Marquette locomotive and a Lake Shore passenger train.

Exports of specie from New York for the past week amount to \$931,155 and imports for the same time amount to \$595,668.

Reports from fifty Minnesota points show that the weather for the past day or two has been very cold and is growing colder. At Duluth it is zero and at Moorhead it is 18 below. At Winnipeg, Man., it is twenty below and growing colder. At Boone, Iowa, it is fifteen below.

Examination of the securities held by the firm of Field, Lindley & Co., New York, which failed Friday, shows that the firm had rehypothecated stocks to the amount of one million dollars. Young Field's mental condition is said to be very serious and arrangements are now being made to send him to a private insane asylum.

FOREIGN.

Richard Power, Parnellite member of Parliament for Waterford, died today. He had been married only one week.

Advices received in London from Shanghai state that the rebel forces in Manchuria have defeated the imperial troops sent to suppress the uprising in that region. Six thousand men have been sent to oppose the rebels who are marching on Peking.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

W. W. Butler, son of Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, died yesterday at the Arlington Hotel in Augusta, Ga. He was stricken Saturday morning with paralysis of the brain.

In addition to the two persons killed in Saturday's accident on the Lake Shore railroad at Toledo, Ohio, five others have since died and several others cannot survive their injuries.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis alleges that the Belford Company have not lived up to their agreement in publishing her husband's memoirs and has sued them to recover royalties on the sale of the book.

St. Paul has raised a guarantee fund of \$50,000 and will construct a wigwam to hold twenty thousand people, if the Democrats will hold their national convention in that city.

FOREIGN.

King Christian of Denmark, was given a cordial greeting by Emperor William at Potsdam yesterday.

The steamer Circassia, from Montreal, had her stern damaged by a collision in the Mersey, on Saturday, with the bark Ulster.

The striking miners at Rivo de Gier, France, captured the Aguerande mine yesterday, renamed it the Berthelot mine, and intend to resist any attempt made to dislodge them.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Tacoma, Port Townsend and Olympia, Wash., report distinct shocks of earthquake felt on Sunday.

The Mississippi river at Galena, Ill. is frozen solid from shore to shore. The weather is the coldest there ever known in November. Last night the thermometer fell to 10 degrees below zero.

The First Presbyterian church at Columbus, Ga., was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon just after the congregation had been dismissed. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$15,000.

The main building, library and several small buildings belonging to the Straight University for colored people, was destroyed by fire at New Orleans yesterday morning. The buildings were owned by the American Missionary Association of New York.

The president, secretary and eight other employees of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, appeared yesterday at New Orleans, before U. S. Commissioner Wright, to answer an indictment found against them at San Antonio, Texas, on a charge of violating the anti-lottery law. They gave bail in the sum of \$10,000 each for their reappearance at the next term of the U. S. Court at San Antonio, Texas.

FOREIGN.

Small-pox is again epidemic in Honduras and Guatemala.

It is reported that the Russian authorities have decided to purchase all grain held in distressed districts and then give everybody enough grain to support life.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

A fire at Palatka, Fla., yesterday destroyed the ice factory belonging to L. C. and L. J. Carova. Loss \$18,000; insurance, \$12,000.

The man McDougald, on trial for the murder of his uncle, at Fayetteville, N. C., was acquitted by the jury yesterday.

Indian Agent Bennat began the payment to the Delaware Indians of \$457,000 yesterday. Every man, woman and child in the tribe is to receive \$540.

A special dispatch from Wilcox, Arizona, says: The Apaches are on the warpath and have committed several depredations. One man has been killed and another wounded, the settlers are arming to protect themselves.

Train robbers secured \$15,000 from the Adams Express car on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad yesterday. The robbery took place near St. Louis, Mo.

## RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

### A CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS ON RALEIGH AFFAIRS.

Northern Editors at the Exposition. Two Boys Frozen to Death. Presentation to Messrs. Chilton and Patrick. Death of Two Centenarians.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 1.—The Exposition after two months of fairly sustained interest was formally closed on Saturday.

The young ladies who have been employed as clerks and stenographers made presentation of gold pens to General Manager Chilton and Secretary Patrick. There was the usual speech making and this pleasant episode formally closed the Exposition. It may be said to have been a success though not on so large a scale as was anticipated. The attendance was quite large and kept up to the very last. On Saturday there were fifty editors here from New York and Pennsylvania. From first to last there have been as many as 200 Northern editors in attendance and they have been evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. I have talked with many of them. The Republicans almost to a man say that if they lived in the South they would join the Democratic party. It is significant to me that out of perhaps 25 New York Democratic editors with whom I talked every one is in favor of the nomination of Governor Hill for President. They believe in his star and say that his power to carry New York is unquestioned, if he wants the New York delegation they say he can get it. As to Cleveland, they say he may carry the State if nominated but that it would be doubtful, and that in no event can he carry the State for the nomination if Hill wants it. None of them think that Flower will be in the field and that Cleveland and Hill will be the only two names considered.

There is no statement made public yet as to whether the Exposition paid or not, but I take it that it must have paid very well, better than at first expected, with \$10,000 to start with, running it upon an economical basis I do not see how it could fail to pay. There is talk now that the Exposition will be brought to this city and made permanent though this is extremely doubtful. The city has been asked to give the use of one of its public squares for ten years where the Exposition can be held. Permanent Expositions as a rule are failures and there is no assurance that this one would not share the common fate of others.

President Polk, of the National Alliance, is here. He looks quite well and talks hopefully of the Alliance. He denies that the organization was committed to the Third party at the Indianapolis meeting and says that the question of parties was not discussed in the Alliance, and that many false reports were sent out from the meeting. He denies that he said he would stump North Carolina against Cleveland if he is re-nominated but says he could not vote for him. A meeting of the big lights of North Carolina will be held here to-day and it will be attended by the State President and Lecturer and every district lecturer in the State. I have talked with some of the lecturers and I do believe they will go out of the Democratic party.

Two negro boys were found frozen in the snow near Henderson Sunday morning. They were about eighteen years old; and getting drunk on Saturday night they went to sleep near a man's house who refused to take them in and were found dead in the snow Sunday morning.

A white woman died here yesterday, aged 104 years and on the same day near Winston a white woman aged 106 years old. She was the mother of fourteen children and had descendants down to great-grand-children.

Interest centers here this week in the question as to whether the Board of Agriculture will make an appropriation to have an exhibit at the World's Fair. It is held on one hand that the Board has no legal right to make the appropriation and on the other that it has. The World's Fair Commissioners meet here to-day, and tomorrow the Board of Agriculture meets.

Rev. J. M. Ashby preached his farewell sermon before Conference, Sunday night. We hope however this will not in fact be his farewell sermon. Mr. Ashby has done a good work here, and we hope he will be returned to finish it.—Clinton Department.—Mt. Olive Telegram.