WEATHER FORECAST:

For Raleigh and Vicinity—Fair today, becoming warmer.

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REPUBLICANS DEMORALIZED

Russell, Butler and Other Pops Ruined Party.

TOM SETTLE SO STATED

In Interview With Washington Paper—Declares Russell Has Formed Outside Alliances and Is Running Things on Pop. Lines Purely. Russell No Longer Classed As a Republican

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Ex-Congressman Settle of North Carolina, appears today in an interview in the Post which will be read with much interest by North Carolinians, largely on account of its striking truthfulness and generally accurate statements. The Post begins the interview as follows:

"The Republican Party is going through a crucial stage just now in our State," said ex-Representative Thomas Settle to a Post reporter at the Shoreham. "The situation is indeed critical, and calls for the wise action on the part of all who are interested in the future welfare of the party, the very existence of which is now threatened.

"In the first place our Governor, who was elected as a Republican, has formed an alliance with outside elements, and he is running things on purely Populistic lines,' using the patronage at his disposal, and all the prestige of his office to the detriment of the party that put him in power. He has gone so far that he can no longer be classed as a Republican, and all his efforts are now in the line of solidifying himself with his Populist supporters. The effect of the civil service law too, is prejudicial in the extreme to the Republicans. There are 2,000 deputy collectors of internal revenue in the State and they are all Democrats, protected by the statute. That they will use their places to promote the interests of their own party whenever the occasion arises is an assertion that demonstrates its own truth.

"Again, in the matter of dispensing Federal positions, the central part of the State, which contributed so largely to Republican success, has been ignored. The offices have gone to other localities for some reason or other, and considerable dissatisfaction has been the result. Great danger lies ahead in a probable change of the election laws. With Democratic return to power in the State, the present laws, insuring an honest ballot and fair count, will doubtless be overturned. Looking the whole situation over, the situation is not bright for us. We may manage to pull out, but there must be a radical change. At present the party is sadly demoralized, and to all but the ultra sanguine the future holds out but little hope."

THE SMITH ISLAND CASE DECREE.

Judge Purnell Followed the Well Established Rules of Property.

Judge Purnell filed his decree last night in the case of the United States versus Thomas Devereux and others, as to the validity of the title to Smith's Island, which was decided against the government. A copy of the decree was mailed to Washington.

Judge Purnell held, first, that the government when it goes into a Court of equity seeking relief, has no special privileges, except that the statute of limitation lies on the part of its officers and agents are not allowed to be pleaded against it, nor is any set off, or other counter claim allowed, except as provided by statute. Therefore, the rights of the government of the United States in this suit must be administered as in a suit brought by an individual.

Second that the deed from Smith & Wade to Blount, Smith being heavily involved at the time, 1816, absolute on its face, but intended as a mortgage, was fraudulent and void and possessed no title.

The court follows the well established rules of property in North Carolina, which has always regarded by and binding upon a Federal Court administering the law of property in the State.

Over 10,000,000 Bales.

We publish elsewhere in THE POST the interview of Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, whose statements as to the cotton crops, are regarded as the best standard authority in the United States and England. From this interview we learn that the crop just ginned and being marketed, will be 10,188,000 bales, the highest on record. It will also be seen that the price of cotton is about the same as it was in 1891, when the crop was the same number of bales according to this report. From the best estimates, an eight million crop will fully supply the world's consumption, and the northern crop would be in excess of Scents. From this there is an excess this year of more than 2,000,000 bales, to be carried over and be added to that of next year. The crop is not only necessarily smaller, in the nature of things, but is greatly affected until the plant is sufficiently advanced to indicate its probable yield. If so much land is taken out of cotton this year as this, and even as much as is realized, the price for next year will be about as it is today, for there will still be the 2,000,000 bales in excess of the requirements; unless an unusual and abnormal demand for cotton goods should spring up throughout the world, which is not within the realm of probability. This is the situation as it appears today, one not very encouraging to the Southern planters, we must confess.

Weather on the Outside.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Forecast for North Carolina and Georgia: Generally fair, warmer, Southerly winds.

YOU'RE BOUND TO COME SOUTH.

Better Do It Now, Instead of Reducing Wages of Operatives.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 8.—The Cotton Manufacturers' Association today unanimously agreed to make a reduction in the wages of the cotton mill operatives to allow them to better withstand the present depression. The amount of the reduction and the date of its effect were referred to a special committee. It is certain that the amount will be at least 10 per cent. and become effective by January. This action renders the situation confronting the business men the gravest of years. The reduction will directly affect 25,000 people, and the operatives in every department are in unions, most of which are in a sound financial condition. A strike is feared.

THE ELECTION AT NEW HAVEN.

The Gold Democrats Did Not Very Largely Participate.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 8.—A very light vote was polled here in the city and town election, which involved the choice of three Aldermen, Constables and Board of Selectmen, almost powerless under the new consolidation act. The silver Democrats made, however, some efforts to carry the election, possibly with a view to contesting the constitutionality of the consolidation law, and also to claim a victory as a sentimental rebuke of Republican city administration. The gold Democrats who had no ticket, with few exceptions, did not vote.

A Probably Gold-Lined Fake.

By Telegraph to the Morning Post.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 8.—A veritable Klondyke has been discovered at Washington Heights, near Clayton. Mr. B. M. Hill, the superintendent of the United States Fish Hatchery, first found an accumulation of "glistening granules" in the bottom of the fish tank, which, when tested, was found to be pure gold. Further investigation proved that sandy soil in the vicinity of near-by springs are rich in the same quality of gold, which assayed at $18 per ounce, $6 more than the Klondyke. Mr. Hill has filed a claim, covering land near the Heights, and will soon commence sluice mining.

Divorce Via Chicago Plea.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Charles R. Baker, employed by the Postal Telegraph Company, brought suit against his wife for divorce. She is a well-known pianist and possessor of many prizes. He names J. S. Templeton, a prominent Board of Trade man, as co-respondent.

A POTRAIT OF GENERAL MAHONE

PRESENTED FORMALLY TO LIBERTY HALL OF PETERSBURG.

With Appropriate Addresses—Portrait the Work of a Richmond Artist, Hankins, Petersburg Greys, A. I. Hill Rifles and Hill Camp Vets Escorts.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

PETETSBURG, Va., Dec. 8.—A most pleasant incident was the presentation of a large portrait of Gen. William Mahone to the A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans of this city. The portrait is the work of Cornelius Hankins, an artist of Richmond, and is to adorn the hall of the camp. A. P. Hill Camp was escorted to Library Hall by the A. P. Hill Rifles and the Petersburg Greys. There was present at the presentation a very large audience. The Daughters of the Confederacy and the Ladies' Memorial Association were present in a body. Mrs. Mahone and her daughter, Mrs. William McGill, who before her marriage was Miss Otelia Mahone, were present, as were also William Mahone and his wife.

Dr. John H. Claiborne presided, and introduced Hon. George S. Bernard, who presented the portrait to the camp. The portrait was received by ex-Gov. William E. Cameron in an appropriate address.

Death of Mrs. S. F. Hicks.

Mrs. S. F. Hicks died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Landis, on North Blount street. Mrs. Hicks came to Raleigh with her daughter when she moved here from Oxford several years ago. At the time of her death they were living in the Park Place on Blount street.

While Mrs. Hicks' health has not permitted her leaving home often since she came to Raleigh, yet those who knew her loved her. She has many friends and relatives in Oxford, her old home. She died in the 73rd year of her age. She was the grandmother of Miss Lillie Hicks, of this city.

Mrs. Hicks' son, Mr. T. C. Hicks, of Richmond, who is well known in Raleigh and has many friends here, was telegraphed for late Tuesday and he reached here yesterday. However, when he arrived his mother had passed away.

The body will this morning be carried to Oxford, by way of Durham, for interment.

A Danville Assignment.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 8—A. Summerfield, proprietor of the "Boston Shoe House," has made an assignment to M. I. Hessberg for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities, $15,000, about two-thirds of which amount is due Danville banks and secured by good indorsers. The balance is due to Northern shoe houses, mainly in Boston. Assets are believed to be nearly sufficient to pay out.

Stock Brokers.

Messrs. W. A. Poterfield & Co., stock brokers have opened a branch office in Raleigh, occupying the room vacated by Mr. J. A. Duncan, in the Lee & Latta building on Wilmington street. Mr. H. D. Watts, of Charlotte, is in charge of the office here, and is a most genial and affable gentleman.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE

Senator Allen Demands Independence of Cuba.

WIRED FROM WASHINGTON

Senator Allen's Speech the Main Feature of Today's Session of the Senate—Meeting of Banking and Currency Committees Yesterday Devoid of Interest—Brief Telegrams On Various Subjects.

By Telegraph to the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—In the Senate today Davis, the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations reported a bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals by citizens of the United States in the North Pacific Ocean, including Behring Strait and Sea of Okotsk, and asking immediate consideration.

On objection Hale (Rep., Maine), he said it was a matter of too great importance to pass over hastily. The bill went over.

Senator Allen offered a resolution declaring it the sense of the Senate that "Congress should, with all due convenient speed, acknowledge, by appropriate Act, the political independence of Cuba." He declared he would not be content with simple acknowledgment of belligerent rights, but demand absolute unconditional political liberty. He was confident the American people would not be content with the course advised by the administration, as they were not with the last administration. Cubans, he said, should have political recognition without further temporizing. He would like to have his views enforced by the presence of a fleet of American warships in Cuban waters. He believed the President a conscientious man, but the victim of circumstances over which he had no control, and which "robbed him in large measure of that freedom and enterprise which should characterize the Chief Executive of a mighty nation."

HOUSE.

Representative Walker moved, and the House agreed, that the Committeee on Banking and Currency be permitted to sit during the sessions of the House. This was in pursuance to an order adopted by the committee at its meeting this morning.

Representative W. A. Stone (Pa.) reported the Pension Appropriation Bill, and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration tomorrow. The report shows it is a bill which practically duplicates the estimates of the Commissioner of Pensions.

At 2:15 p. m. the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The meeting of the House Committee on Banking and Currency today was void of results, save in one particular: Chairman Walker said he had asked Secretary Gage to prepare and submit the bill embodying recommendations contained in his report. This was formally approved. Johnson (Ind.) suggested that the request be made of the Monetary Commission, acting under the authority of the Indianapolis Convention, to formulate its conclusions in the form of a bill, and present it to the committee, but this failed to secure a majority of the members. After a desultory discussion, Hill (Conn.) moved that the committee order the preparation of a bill embodying the propositions contained in the three measures previously reported from the committee, two of which passed the House. The bill increasing the National bank circulation to the par of bonds deposited to secure their payment, the bill abolishing the 10 per cent. tax on State banks of issues, and the bill authorizing establishment of national banks with the minimum capital of $25,000. Mr. Hill argued in favor of immediate action on these propositions, to meet the suggestions of the President's message.

Mr. Johnson deprecated hasty action, even at the President's request. He thought it best for the committee to proceed cautiously, first determining what it was possible to accomplish, then the best means of accomplishing it.

Without reaching a decision the committee was compelled to adjourn.

The chairman of the Pacific Railway Commission, Senator Gear, introduced a bill in the Senate authorizing the Government to bid on the Kansas Pacific road at an amount necessary to redeem.

The Hawaiian Annexation treaty was discussed in a desultory and informal manner in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today. No action was taken.

A resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Then, at 1 p. m., the death of Representative Wright, of Massachusetts, was announced and the Senate, as a mark of respect, adjourned.

"A Big Lynching Bee."

By Telegrap to The Morning Post.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 8.—The lynching of a white man in Arkansas is reported here this evening from unusual order, the body of James Murphy being found near Jenny Lind, Sebastian county. [Then follows a half-column of stuff of the "sensational, yellow journal order," which THE MORNING POST never has time to print.—Ed.

Hill Hanged Today.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—Philip Hill was hanged in Pittsburg this morning. Application was made for a reprieve or for a commutation of the death sentence to the State Board of Pardons but Gov. Hastings and Attorney General McCormick are on a hunting trip down South and could not be found, so papers for the stay were not sent them and Hill died on the gallows.

PAUL DANA IS AFTER 'EM.

The "Sun" Files Suit for $225,900 Damages Against Associated Press.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Sun Printing Company today filed papers in the Federal Circuit Court in suit against the Associated Press for $225,900 damages. The complainant company alleges that the Associated Press is a monopolistic organization, which has "wickedly and unlawfully contrived to deprive the plaintiff of its right to sell news in the open market," in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. That many papers have been compelled to surrender their news service by the Associated Press' order. Full particulars are given in a voluminous bill of complaint.

The Sun also asks the court to declare null that by-law of the Associated Press which says "No member shall furnish to or receive news from any association which directions are antagonistic to the Associated Press, except by written consent." The Sun alleges that the sale of its news has nowise affected the income of the Associated Press. It also states that the boycott is pure spite, as all the other New York papers are permitted to sell news, even while some of them were in the old "United Press" organization.

DURANT'S LAST HOPE GONE.

Blanche Lamont's Murderer at the End of His Rope.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—The State Supreme Court today decided the two appeals of Theodore Durrant, the murderer of two girls in Emanual church here. The decision affirms the earlier sentence of Judge Bahrs and reverses the later one, on the ground that the mandate from the United States Supreme Court had not arrived. The court orders that remittur be sent to the Superior Court. This means the wiping out of the last difficulty in the matter of execution of the murderer. Judge Bahrs, as soon as he gets remitturers (which will be in a day or two,) can sentence Durrant to hang within a fortnight. All he is bound to do by the law is to give him ten days' time.

Our Pearson "Managing" the Anti-Civil Service "Movement."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A conference of the friends of the movement to modify the Civil Service Law is soon to be held, to determine upon the policy and organize its forces for the contest. Representative Pearson, (Rep. of N. C.) is managing the matter. They intend to make the conference non-political.

EMPLOY THE EFFECTIVE GERMAN WAY

AND SETTLE CLAIMS OF UNITED STATES EX-REL. M'CORD.

The Case which Provoked So Much Ill Feeling Between This Country and Peru Again Up for Adjustment—It's Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec 8.—Letters received by the attorney of Victor McCord, whose claim against Peru has been the source of considerable feeling between the United States and Peru, were presented at the State Department today. They say McCord, who is in Peru, has received threatening letters, one of which informs him that he will be assassinated if he does not leave the country before Christmas. McCord's claim was based on his arrest and imprisonment for cruel treatment by Peruivan authorities fourteen years ago, when he was a railroad engineer. Recently the Peruvian government, after remaining unrepresented in Washington for a long time, sent the Minister here with authority to settle the claim. His negotiations with the State Department resulted in a demand by Secretary Sherman for payment of indemnity, but Peru has not replied. Whether the United States will take a hint from Germany and proceed to collect indemnity by display of force, is the question being discussed now.

Foreign Immigrants "Scratch Each Others' Eyes Out."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

MONRTEAL, Dec. 8.—A serious riot prevails tonight between the French Canadian and Italian laborers employed on the Soulanges Canal twenty-five miles from Montreal. Alexce Grico, an Italian, has been killed, and several were badly injured. The Italians are in arms and threatening trouble. Police have been sent to the scene. Several arrests have been made.

The Wicket Basket Maker Leaves Us.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 8.—Roy Erickson, maker of wicket baskets, was found hacked to pieces with an axe, this morning, in an old shanty. In an adjoining room, calmly smoking pipes, were two men, who are now imprisoned charged with the murder. They are William West and James Garrahan. Garrahan has confessed to the police, implicating West.

Shelter for the "Bikes"—All Right.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Gage transmitted to the House today estimate of $2,000 from Secretary of State for the construction of fire-proof bicycle sheds in the courts of the State War and Navy building. This will particularly appeal to Chairman Cannon, of the Committee on Appropriations, who is an enthusiastic wheelman, and supposed to have the purse-strings of the Government sufficiently loosened to permit of this being done.

Sale of Eagle and Phoenix Mills.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 8.—United States District Judge Newman will sign tomorrow a decree authorizing the sale of the Eagle and Phœnix Mills to satisfy claims of eastern bondholders. The price of $500,000 has been fixed As some of the property is in Alabama, the decree of sale will also have to be passed by an Alabama court. The sale occurs in April.

LATHAM, ALEXANDER & CO'S

Estimate of the Cotton Crop of U. S. for 1897-98.

THE STATISTICAL POSITION

Of Cotton and Prices Up to the Present Time for the Past Four Years—Movement from Now Will Not Prove To Be In Excess of Normal Cotton Years.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of this city, who are regarded as the highest authority on the cotton situation, have given out their annual estimate of the crop of 1897-98. This firm is noted for the correctness of their figures, and their statements are given the greatest consideration. They say:

'Basing our conclusions upon an exhaustive correspondence with all the cotton-growing counties in the Southern States, reliable information secured from individuals and from travelers through the South, and upon the percentages of the crop marketed at numerous points, the following is our estimate of the total yield by States.

"This estimate we submit, with the confident belief that it will prove as nearly correct as any that could be made at this date, after a careful consideration of the cotton movement thus far this year.

	Bales.
Total crop of Alabama	1,109,000
Total crop of Arkansas	852,000
Total crop of Florida	66,000
Total crop of Georgia	1,430,000
Total crop of Louisiana	703,000
Total crop of Mississippi	1,379,000
Total crop of North Carolina	594,000
Total crop of South Carolina	875,000
Total crop of Tennessee, etc	395,000
Total crop of Texas and I. T.	2,785,000
	10,188,000

"During the month of July the crop generally promised well, and large estimates of the yield were made.

"In August and September, an excessive drought and other adverse conditions prevailed, and a marked deterioration occurred.

"During October and the greater part of November favorable weather was the rule, and the crop has been materially increased thereby.

"Although the crop was planted late, the drought forced cotton to early maturity, and our correspondents say up to this date the crop has been marketed rapidly.

"In our opinion, the movement henceforth will not prove to be in excess of the movement of a normal cotton year.

"For a time quarantine restrictions in a portion of the South retarded shipments, but to a much smaller extent than was generally supposed.

STATISTICAL POSITION FOR PAST FOUR YEARS

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Total visible supply in U. S., Europe and at sea	3,708,436	3,817,979	3,754,109	4,235,884
Cotton marketed to date	5,478,084	4,966,013	3,742,476	5,399,954
Total exports	2,701,635	2,443,247	1,626,252	2,557,684
Stock in United States ports	1,687,128	1,252,023	977,014	1,188,205
Stock in Liverpool (all kinds)	583,000	706,000	954,000	895,000
Afloat for Europe (American)	922,000	808,000	519,000	876,000
Middling Uplands in New York	5 13-16c	7 9-16c	8½c	5½c
Middling Uplands in Liverpool	3¼d	4 9-32d	4 9-16d	3 5-32d

LATHAM, ALEXANDER & CO.

REASON WHY FILIBUSTERING

Has not Been Stopped anent the Spanish-Cuban "Affair."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Gage has submitted to the State Department a report upon the action of the Treasury Department in suppressing filibustering to Cuba in violation of neutrality laws. The report is mainly a critical examination and elaborate brief of Calderon Carlisle, legal adviser of the Spanish Legation. At the outset Secretary Gage points out the significant fact that during two years only six American vessels of aggregate 1,331 registered tons are alleged to have successfully landed expeditions. "If Spanish patrol of 2,200 miles of Cuban coast had," he says, "frustrated one-half the number of expeditions frustrated by the United States along the coast line of 5,470 miles, not one man nor one cartridge would have been illegally landed in Cuba from the United States. Out of sixty alleged expeditions, only four have been broken up by Spain. Unless Spain is prepared to avow inability or indisposition to defend her interests in Cuba, Secretary Gage says the responsibility for success of the "Laruda" expedition may be fixed upon the officials in Cuba, who had been fully informed.

Georgia Wants to Get a Look at Seagirt "Trophy."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 8.—The trophy won by the Georgia team at Seagirt has not yet put in appearance, although several months overdue. The trophy was won by the District of Columbia team; (1896), which still is holding it. Today a letter was received from Gen. Harris, of the District team, in which he promises to send the trophy soon.

NOTHING STRONGER THAN BEER.

House Rule As to Sale of Liquors Now In Effect.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The rule of the Senate concerning the sale of intoxicants in the restaurant which has been adopted on the House side and went into effect yesterday afternoon, when it was possible to obtain only spirituous liquors, which includes wine and beer. The authorities of the house side found the rule against the sale of intoxicants that was enforced during the summer very satisfactory. There was less disorder, and the employes of the House performed their duties more satisfactorily.

Chairman Mercer, of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, had a conference yesterday afternoon with members of the Senate Committee on Rules, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman, concerning the rooms formerly occupied by the Congressional Library. There has been some effort on the part of the House to have these rooms used for a joint restaurant. The result of the conference was only to agree to an equal division of the space there, and a joint resolution will be introduced in both houses to that effect.

Some members have advocated the use of the old Library room for a consulting library of books that will be most called for, thus avoiding the too frequent use of the conveyance from the new Library and the consequent delay. If that is decided upon the tunnel, which now ends near Statuary Hall, will be extended farther along to the former Library rooms.

GOV. GRIGG'S SUCCESSOR.

Senator Voorhees to Become Acting Governor of New Jersey.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 8.—It was settled at an informal conference of the majority of Republican State Senators at the State House that Senator Foster M. Voorhees should be elected President of the Senate when the Legislature convenes. This will make Senator Voorhees Acting Governor when Governor Griggs resigns to take the position of Attorney-General in President McKinley's Cabinet.

Senator Skirm, the only State Senator who had been spoken of as a candidate against Senator Voorhees as President of the Senate, was in conference, and announced that he was not a candidate, but would support Senator Voorhees. It is agreed on all sides now that Senator Voorhees will be elected without opposition.

BLINDFOLDED AROUND THE WORLD

THE TRIP WHICH MIND-READER JOHNSTONE WILL TAKE.

His Plan Is to Have the President Start a Packet of Letters Around World, He to Follow Three Weeks Later—Says He Can Do the Trick Successfully.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 8—Paul Alexander Johnstone, the well-known mind-reader, has informed his friends that he is going to take a trip aroung the world blindfolded. At the same time he is going to try to beat the record for globe-trotters.

"I have about made arrangements for the trip," said Johnstone at his hotel.

"A great many of my friends have tried to persuade me to give up the idea, but I do not think I shall. Of course, it will be a great strain on me both mentally and physically.

So far my plan is to have the President or some high official in Washington start a packet of letters around the world, and, after it has been gone about three weeks, I will be blindfolded and will start to follow the packet.

"The blindfold will not be removed from eyes during the entire trip, and I will follow the packet and try to overtake it. I positively think I can do this."

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Dr. D. T. Rowland, of Prince George, Probably Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NORFOLK, Dec. 8.—Dr. T. D. Rowland, one of the most prominent physicians of Prince George county; accidently shot himself, and his wound will, in all likelihood, prove fatal. He was driving along the road in his buggy with his gun by his side, when by some means the reins got entangled in the trigger of the gun and caused its discharge. The load entered under the armpit of the left arm. Some of the shot entered his lungs.

Funeral of Mrs. Wm. Hicks.

The funeral sevvices over the remains of the late Mrs. W. B. Hicks were conducted in the Edenton Street Methodist Church yesterday shortly after noon. The attendance was very large. Mrs. Hicks had scores of loving friends in Raleigh, and many of her relations came from neighboring towns.

The funeral services were read by Rev. Dr. Norman, pastor of the Edenton Street Church; and Rev. Mr. Culbreth, who had known Mrs. Hicks from her girlhood, and had been her pastor for several years, made a few very touching remarks.

The music was especially sweet and appropriate. A solo by Mrs. Bryant could not have been more appropriate had it been written for this sad occasion.

After the service in the church the remains were carried to the family burying ground in Oakwood Cemetery for interment. Many friends sent most beautiful floral tributes.

The pallbearers were W. H. Hughes, George Thompson, J. G. Brown, Thomas Partin, J. D. Briggs and Edward Holloman.

Silver for Europe.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The steamship St. Paul, sailing from Europe today took out 600,000 ounces of silver.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS

Various Items from Centre of Thought and Action.

COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS

Holds Meetings, Some of Them—Omnibus Bill Being Prepared—Hard Fight Over Hawaiian Treaty Evident—Senator Corbett and His Seat—Other Stories.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Committee on Banking and Currency held its first meeting at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and outlined the general programme on such branches of financial legislation as comes under it. It is expected that arrangements will be made to hear Secretary Gage on his plan and currency reform, also ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, chairman of the Monetary Commission, and any officials who desire to be heard on the changes particularly suggested by the President's message, later on.

Preparation of an Omnibus Bill.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8,—The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Claims appointed at the extra session to prepare an omnibus claims bill held a preliminary meeting today and decided upon a basis for a bill for presentation to the full committee. The plan adopted includes bills which have passed either house of Congress, or which have been favorably passed upon by the Court of Claims under the Bowman act. The claims of this character before the committee amount to about $10,000,000.

Is It "Senator" Corbett?

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Chandler, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, states that he will call a meeting of the committee for some day either this week or next for the consideration of the claim of Hon. H. W. Corbett to a seat in the Senate from the State of Oregon, by virtue of the appointment of the Governor of that State. He expressed the opinion that a majority of the committee would be found favorable to Mr. Corbett's claim.

Looks Blue for Hawaiian Annexation.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—No action was taken on the "Hawaiian annexation" matter today at the meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee. The treaty itself, it is not believed, is before the committee, being on the executive calendar of the Senate. But the Morgan bill, providing for annexation by legislative enactment, is on the committee files, coming over from last session. There is little hope of getting the necessary two-thirds vote to ratify the treaty, but they will not give up the fight until they are certain they cannot succeed. Senator Davis, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has abandoned his purpose of calling up the treaty in the Senate. Before the next meeting of the committee he will endeavor to ascertain positively just how the Republican side of the Senate stands on the question. It will be soon demonstrated that they are unable to ratify the treaty, and it will be formally abandoned for the Morgan Annexation bill.

THE BOARD FAILED TO ELECT.

No Road Supervisor Chosen---Dr. Ellis Resigns as Coroner.

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned last evening without electing a Road Supervisor, County Attorney or Superintendent of the County Home. Messrs. Chamblee and Barbee were fully determined to elect Mr. Ray to the position of Road Supervisor, as successor to Mr. W C. McMackin, but Chairman Hill was not favorably inclined to take action now.

Dr. R. H. Lewis appeared before the Board and asked that the road leading from the western part of Raleigh, known as the Beaver Dam Road, be worked as early as possible. The request of Dr. Lewis was looked upon with favor and taken into consideration.

The committees appointed to look into the books and offices of the county officials reported that they were all in order and books neatly kept. The system of keeping books in Sheriff Jone's office was especially complimented.

The insurance policy for $1,500, in North Carolina Home, on the County Home, was deposited with the County Treasurer.

The Superintendent of the County Workhouse and Poorhouse submitted his report. The expenses last month were $848.96.

The matter of a cartway via Panther Branch, over the lands of Mr. J. W. Jones, was taken up. Armistead Jones appeared for the defendant, Mr. Jones and Col. Argo appeared for Blalock and others, the plaintiffs. The Commissioners sustained the action of the Board of Road Supervisors, which gives them the cartway. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

On motion of Commissioner Barbee the election of all officers coming up at this time was postponed.

Dr. R. B. Ellis resigned as Coroner, his resignation to take effect when his successor is appointed and qualifies. The Board did not elect at this meeting.

Final adjournment was taken late in the afternoon. The Board may meet again in special session during the present month for the purpose of electing officers.

Gov. Waite's New Home.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Dec. 8.—Gov. Waite has left Colorado, and will locate in Decatur county, Iowa. He will work there on his colonization scheme.

MERRIMON-SMALL MARRIAGE.

The Groom Well-Known in Raleigh, and the Ceremony Performed Last Night.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec 8.—Miss Lillian Small and Mr. William Baird Merrimon, the latter, formerly a resident of Raleigh, were married at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride this evening. The house was decorated with cut-flowers and palms. Only the friends of the family were present. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Weaver, of the First Methodist Church. The bride wore white satin duchesse, pearl possementerie, duchesse lace, chiffon and long tulle veil; she carried lilies of the valley. The bride entered on the arm of her sister, Miss Alice Small, the groom with his best man, Mr. F. P. Haywood, of Raleigh. The bridal party was tendered a reception at "The Cedars," the fine surburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Branch H. Merrimon, which was magnificently decorated, and a large number of the friends of the popular couple were present. The bride is a petite, piquant brunette: The groom is a son of the late Chief Justice Merrimon. The pair left on the northbound vestibule for a wedding tour. They will reside in Charlotte.

"RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM."

Twenty-Two Employes of the Philadelphia Mint Discharged Yesterday.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 8.—Supt. Kretz has notified 42 employes of the United States Mint that their services would not be required after December 15th. The men dismissed were employed in the coining, refining and melting departments.

The dismissals were the result of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip's recent investigation here, and the desire of the Treasury Department to save about $40,000 annually in the expense of the Philadelphia mint.

The Queer Women There Are in This World!

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The warden of the prison here, where Thorn, the chief figure in the recent murder trial in New York is awaiting execution by electricity, according to the laws of the State of New York states that the prisoner's mail is delivered to the warden with letters from all over the country addressed to Martin Thorn. These letters never reach the prisoner. Most of them are from women who tender their sympathy and assure him that they think Mrs. Nack is as guilty as he. Thorn knows nothing about the interest cranks are taking in him.

NEWSY NEWS NOTES FROM NEWBERN

BUT IT IS MIGHTY BAD NEWS WE HAVE TO TELL YOU.

The Good Old Town Under Political Domination of Pops and Reps and the Officials Are Largely Negroes of An Odoriferous Character.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Republicans took charge of the city administration last night and elected six policemen, a city treasurer and other officers.

The Republicans took possession under the agreement of the two contesting Boards, made last Thursday, by which the Democrats were to surrender peacefully, in consideration of which they were to have their salaries secure up to the date of agreement.

The new Mayor is Maj. A. R. Dennison, a man well spoken of in the community. The new Board of Councilmen are eleven in number, six elected in the city wards and five appointed by the Governor under the law passed by the last Legislature. Three only of the councilmen are colored.

The new city attorney, R. W. Williamson, is a colored lawyer, and four out of the six policemen elected are colored, and one of the two sergeants is colored. The chief of police is a white man.

John B. Seymour, a son of the late Judge A. S. Seymour, and a promising young man, was elected Councilman and City Treasurer.

It is understood generally that the City Hall is now under the fostering care of Robert Hancock, President of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, and a strong supporter of Governor Russell. He was prominent at the meeting last night at the City Hall. He has a strong hold on the negroes at present and does his best to prevent friction between the contending parties.

The City Hall last night was crowded with the colored people, only a limited number of white people caring to be present. As is the habit of the race, they openly rejoiced in being in power and make it disagreeable for decent people by their offiensive behavior.

The retiring Democratic Mayor, Wm. Ellis, has been one of the best mayors the city has ever had, and under his care the city has seen a very great improvement.

Senator McLaurin's Illess.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, who has been confined to his bed, with a not violent attack of typhoid fever, is no better tonight. The disease, however, is not of a violent nature, and his friends hope to see him out soon. His health has been precarious for some months.

President's Mother Still Lives.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 8.—According to the physicians' report of Mother McKinley, she will likely outlive the night. The President is almost constantly by her bedside, and will watch at her side throughout the night.