WEATHER FORECAST:
Raleigh and Vicinity—Showers this morning, followed by fair, colder.

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COLLECTING INCOME TAXES

South Carolina About to Feel Its First Fxperience.

EFFECT OF THE NEW LAW

The Assessment Is Only Three Weeks Off. None Whose Income Tax Is Under $2,5000 Are Affected—Those Best Able to Make Opposition to the Collection, Etc.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 11.—The News and Courier of today contains the following special from its Columbia correspondent against the enforcement of the new law in this State affecting the taxing of incomes, which is of interest to all the States:

Although it is only twenty days before the first of the year there is only very little general interest in the important innovation that is then to go into effect in the tax department of the State. "From and after the first day of January, 1898, there shall be annually assessed, levied and collected," the Act reads, "a tax on income." Further down in the Act it is stated that the tax is to be levied upon incomes of $2,500 and above.

It can be readily seen how important a part this act will play in the economies of the State, and that it is likely to stir up another tempest of litigation. These income taxes, when started on such high schedules, are generally met with legal suits and for that matter any income tax is sure to have to encounter a fight in the courts before it can be enforced.

When Mr. Epton went into office he found a great deal of work on hand, as there is always plenty of work in the Comptroller General's office. He has not yet had time to get the papers ready for the assessment, which, according to the Act, is to begin on the first of the year. Mr. Epton will get copies of blanks used by the Federal Governments and with the assistance of these and the law work out a form that he will introduce in this State, and when the work begins the fun is also likely to start.

Some of those responsible for the passage of the Act at the last session of the General Assembly say that they are now in favor of its repeal, so there will likely be an effort to repeal the Act at the coming session, but as the Act now stands it does not reach the average citizen, and the chances are that it will be allowed to remain. There is a great deal more likelihood that the measure would have been killed had the figures been left at $1,200, as they stood at one time in the progress of the measure.

State Treasurer Timmerman, while talking today about the collection of taxes, said that the money was coming in very slowly. He had expected that it would be coming in much more rapidly. There is barely enough coming in now to meet ordinary expenses.

Of course there are a great many who expect the time for the payment of taxes to be extended. The only way this can be done is by a proclamation on the part of the Governor and Comptroller General, and there is the smallest chance in the world for that to be done.

THE ATLANTIC AND N. C. R. R.

To Be Hoodooed by the Atlantic Coast Line.

The rumor that the Atlantic Coast Line has completed a survey for a railroad from Newbern to Kinston, with the intention of an early construction of such line, is attracting much attention. Kinston is about half way between Goldsboro and Newbern. The Atlantic and North Carolina Railway extends from Goldsboro to Newbern, via. Kinston. The State has a two-thirds interest in this road. The Atlantic Coast Line recently purchased a line from Wilmington to Newbern, now in operation, and owns and operates a line from Kinston, connecting with the main line at Hamlet. The completion of the short line from Newbern to Kinston, as proposed, will give the Coast Line an additional line from Wilmington to Hamlet via Newbern.

It would have a very damaging effect on the Atlantic and North Carolina, the State's interest securing to the Coast Line the control of the entire country contiguous to the road. What Gov. Russell, President Hancock will do, if they do anything, has not developed. It is reported that the Governor is in favor of the leasing of the Atlantic and North Carolina, in accordance with a resolution approved by Gov. Carr, before his retirement of the latter from office. What will become of it now is a matter of moment to a large number of prominent stockholders as well as the State, as a two-third stockholder.

THREE-CENT CAR-FARE CASE.

The Indianapolis Ordinance Declared Invalid by the Supreme Court.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The United States Court of Appeals has dismissed the appeal in the Indianapolis three-cent car-fare case of the city of Indianapolis from the order enjoining the enforcement of the three-cent fare ordinance. The court held, in effect, that, as the Indianapolis Street Car Company was created under special laws in Indiana, the amendment providing for a three-cent fare could be effected only by a general law.

The "Etruria" Saves a Crew.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 11.—"Etruria" arrived here to-day, bringing Captain and crew of the British steamer "Millfield," from Baltimore for Belfast. Millfield's decks were swept, funnel washed away and her boats smashed in a terrific hurricane Wednesday. Abandoned in a sinking condition yesterday. The "Etruria" took all the crew safely off soon afterwards.

MARSHAL CARROLL TALKS.

His Reasons for His Contemplated Resignation Given.

A MORNING POST reporter yesterday asked United States Marshal O. J. Carroll if the statement had not been made that he had sent in his resignation as marshal, to take effect December 31, 1897, and the reporter also inquired whether or not this statement was correct.

"It is a fact," replied the Marshal, "that during a conversation with my personal friend, Mr. H. C. Dockery, who, it is understood, will be my successor, I said to him that, in consideration of the fact that January 1st is the beginning of the last half of the fiscal year of 1898, and also the beginning of the third quarter of the same year, it would convenience him and myself too, and at the same time be best for the department, for the new marshal's term to begin January 1st. Therefore I told him that I thought I would send in my resignation in the near future, to take effect January 1st, '98, or as soon thereafter as my successor could be properly installed. You can readily see that it would be a great advantage to my successor to begin January 1st, with the fiscal half year, and first of the quarter, instead of waiting until January 15th, when my term expires. You can imagine the great trouble it would give me to get the accounts of my deputies adjusted for just 15 days. A large number of unexecuted papers would necessarily be left in their hands, which they could not properly execute in 15 days.

"In view of all these facts and my kind by feeling towards Mr. Dockery personally, I thought I would pursue the above course, although nothing definite has been done in this direction yet. I seriously contemplate resigning, but I shall first advise Mr. Dockery, in due time, if I decide to do so, and after doing this I would send my resignation to the Attorney General giving the above as my reasons for resigning.

SMALL POX IN GEORGIA.

About Thirty Counties Now Included in the Infected District.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 11.—Small pox prevails in thirty counties of Georgia. The epidemic in Atlanta will cost the commercial interest of the city over a million dollars during the holiday season alone. Compulsory vaccination has had the effect of frightening the country people away from Atlanta, many fearing they will be hunted down on the streets and vaccinated upon the highways. The towns adjacent to Atlanta believe the disease was imported from Atlanta, and have quaranted against this city. In LaGrange the citizens cannot visit Atlanta without getting a permit from the mayor.

WORK OF THE GERMAN REICHSTAG

PLAN FOR BREAKING UP STANDARD OIL MONOPOLY.

Stiring Up Strife—Posters and "Dodgers" Distributed to Announce Race Prejudice Scattered Broadcast in Vienna.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The Reichstag discussed the interpellation of the government of yesterday, regarding its plans for thwarting the Standard Oil Company from monopolizing the German market.

Herr Barth, the Freisinnige leader pointed out that any measures to strengthen competition against the Standard Oil Company would make petroleum dearer.

Baron von Heylzuhrenshim urged vigorous action against "American presumptions in the economic field."

The Minister of the Interior, Count Posadowsky, promised a special freight tariff shortly for Russian petroleum and an arrangement by which the import duty would be determined by weight. A system of differential duties, he explained, was not desired by the trade.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—A great sensation has been caused here by the posting broadcast last evening of red placards, even in the Inner Town and Hofburg, inscribed: "No Ausgleich!" "Abolish the language ordinances!" and "German is the national language!" The police tore the placards down.

The Ausgleich is the compact existing between Austria and Hungary, providing for a common head, the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, and for a common administration of foreign affairs, defense, financial affairs and commercial affairs, etc., although each country has its own Parliament and ministry.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The Fokal Anzeiger this afternoon says that owing to the illness of Emperor William's only daughter, Victoria, aged 5 years, a court fete which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed.

"ACCIDENTALLY" KILLED

By Another Prize Fighter—"Knocked Out" This World and Into Eternity—No Law.

By Cable to the Mprning Post.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The coroner's jury in the case of Walter Croot, the London "bantam weight," who died from the effects of a knockout blow with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, December 6th, returned a verdict today to the effect that Croot's death was "accidental." This exonerates Barry and the officers of the National Sporting Club.

Colored Masons to Meet.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of the colored race, of which James H. Young is Grand Master, will meet in annual conclave next Tuesday in Wilson.

There are 77 lodges of colored Masons in the State, with a membership of 1,600. There will be 200 delegates in attendance at the annual meeting.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Sessions Enthusiastic and Full of Interest.

MEET IN GREENVILLE IN '98

Dr. E. W. Sikes Elected to Fill the Chair of History and Political Economy at Wake Forest College—The Students at Louisville Receive Aid—A Large Attendance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Post.

OXFORD, N. C., Dec. 11.—The Friday evning session of the Baptist State Convention was called to order at 7:30 by President Marsh. After music by the choir and prayer by Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, Rev. Dr. Boatright, President of Richmond College, was introduced to the Convention and expressed his pleasure at being present.

Church History.

Dr. E. W. Sikes spoke ably on the importance of Baptist History, maintaining that church history is of equal importance with political history. Rev. John E. White made a strong appeal for an increased interest in this work. Dr. J. D. Hufham and Mr. I. M. Pittman also spoke on the subject.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Maxton, with an eloquent and fluent address, opened the discussion on Foreign Missions. He was followed by Dr. Barton, of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a forcible and attractive address He presented valuable information on the work of this Board. Of the amount received by the Board, only 8 per cent. went to pay the expenses of the Board, 92 per cent going to to the missionaries. During the past year there were 660 baptisms into Baptist foreign mission churches. This number has never been exceeded by any year except one year, when there were 735 baptisms. There were more than 100 persons begging to go to the foreign mission fields, but their services could not be accepted for want of funds.

Dr. Barton said that foreign missions should be the goal of Christian activity. State and home missions are but the equipment and means to this end. No church can live without a missionary spirit. Dr. Barton's sermon was very eloquent.

Dr. Thomas Hume, of the University, pronounced the benediction.

Saturday Morning.

The convention was called to order by President R. H. Marsh.

Rev. H. A. Brown, of Winston, read a communication relating to certain property left to the Baptist State Convention by Lewis Carringer, over which there is a contest in the Superior Court of Yadkin county. Rev. J. E. White, W. N. Jones and J. D. Boushall were appointed a committee to take this matter in charge.

Rev. B. W. Spillman read a resolution looking to the preservation of the records of all the departments of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Hufham advocated the passage of the resolutions.

Prof. Poteat and Prof. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky., made a few pertinent remarks and wise suggestions. The resolutions were adopted.

The report of the committee on state missions was read by Rev. L. R. Pruett. The report showed that more than 1,344 souls were baptized into the church during the year.

The following recommendations were made:

First. That a cash collection of $350 be taken to meet the deficiency.

Second. That the Board operate on a basis of $16,000 per year, $1,000 increase over last year.

Third. That the local pastors do more work in their own localities in this sphere of missions.

Rev. Mr. Pruett presented in an attractive manner the importance of State missions.

Rev. H. A. Brown, in a humorous and unique way, outlined the qualifications necessary for a mission worker, and urged that more interest be taken in the work of the country missionary by the city and town pastors. More frequent and larger collections should be taken for the missionaries.

His talk was filled with helpful advice and practical suggestions, presented in a characteristically attractive manner.

D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, endorsed Rev. Mr. Brown's suggestions.

Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, of the "State of Wilkes," at the invitation of the president addressed the convention on the condition of the Baptist church in Wilkes. He stated that the county belonged to the Baptists, there being 81 Baptist churches in the county and only 15 Methodist, 2 Episcopalian and 3 Presbyterian churches. He was listened to with close attention.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard spoke along the same lines.

Baptist Leaders.

Among the distinguished visitors and delegates present are:

Rev. Dr. R. G. Seymour, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Bible Department of the American Baptist Publication Society; Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, of Atlanta, Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Professor A. L. Purinton, of Nashville, Tenn., representing the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. Dr. T. A. Barton, of Richmond, Va., Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. Dr. J. A. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C.; Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickenson, editor of the Religious Herald, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Thomas Needham, of Philadelphia, the Irish evangelist, Rev. Dr. A. T. Robertson, professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Professor F. W. Boatright, President of Richmond College, Richmond, Va.; Rev. C. S. Jones, President Roanoke College Danville, Va.; Maj. W. C. Petty, president of the Crathage Railroad; J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention; D. L. Gore, one of the leading merchants of Wilmington; Rev. Dr. Thos. Hume, of the University of North Carolina; N. B. Broughton, Recording Secretary of the Convention, Raleigh; Capt. W. B. Shaw, Henderson; J. H. Tucker, Esq., Asheville; Prof. E. McK. Goodwin, Morganton, Supt. of Institutions for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind; Rev. Dr. Thos. E. Skinner, Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter and Rev. Dr. A. M. Simons, of Raleigh; Rev. Dr. J. A. Munday, Reidsville; Rev. Dr. C. E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College; Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann, Scotland Neck; Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham, Henderson.

Wake Forest College.

The annual report of Wake Forest College was submitted to the Convention by Rev. J. B. Boone and showed that the past year was the most prosperous in its history, 261 students being enrolled during the session of '96-'97.

Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Union county, was yesterday elected professor of history and economics, a chair which has just been established for Wake Forest.

President Chas. E. Taylor, Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner and Dr. E. W. Sikes spoke words of force and power and ably presented the claims and advantages of Wake Forest.

Afternoon Session.

The convention was called to order this afternoon by Vice President R. T. Vann, who presided during the session in the absence of President Marsh.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, of the Theological Seminary, portrayed the struggles of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary while it was located at Greenville, S. C. He told of the causes which brought about its removal to Louisville, Ky., and described its growth and expansion there under the management of Dr. Boise and Dr. Broadus. Twenty-seven students from North Carolina are there this year. The Convention then subscribed $640 for the support of these students:

Greenville, N.C., was unanimously selected as the place for meeting next year, and Rev. W. S. Penick, of Elizabeth City, was selected to deliver the introductory sermon and Rev. J. Q. Adams as alternate.

The delegates to the convention and the visitors were the guests of the Oxford Female Seminary at 4:30 this afternoon, and all were delightfully entertained by a concert given by the young ladies of the Seminary. Tonight the Baptist Female Seminary engaged the entire attention of the convention.

THE SOUTHERN HISTORY SCANDAL

OF RICHMOND—NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BRIBERY CASE.

The Investigating Committee Recommend the Expulsion of Stubbs from Office as Chairman Grand Camp History Committee.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 11—The committee which are investigating the matter of the Virginia History scandal today recommended that J. N. Stubbs be expelled from the office of Chairman of the Grand Camp History Committee, and that he be requested to resign the position of Grand Commander of the United Confederate Veterans of Virginia.

Stubbs declines to do either, and says: "I am now thoroughly convinced that this is the outcome of a deeply-laid and well-executed scheme to blast my reputation and character."

"Instead of proceeding in accordance with the principles of brotherly love, my accusers have, in violation of the laws of decency and morality, secured by means of thieft or robbery the supposed evidence of guilt in the shape of the two checks adduced in evidence; and, without notice to me of the nature of the evidence, they called upon me at the trial to explain these transactions which occurred more than three years ago."

DECEMBER WHEAT A SKYSCRAPER

Armour Predicts $1.52 For It—Chicago Shorts Are Nervous.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The wheat market has been nervous today, with a considerable drop in prices toward noon. But short operators are still very anxious.

The situation here is the inevitable one. As far back as July there were indications of it.

The men interested in the December deal chiefly are the elevators and Wall Street. The question is where to get the wheat for them.

—Duluth alone has sent to Chicago this season 3,714,000 bushels of wheat, but it has made scarcely any impression, and now Duluth receipts are dwindling to nothing and navigation is about closed. Minneapolis is getting hold of everything it can, and yet the estimate is made there that 75 to 80 per cent. of the Northwest crop has already been sold. From every point wheat has been rushed here, but country elevators are empty, and Chicago has passed along its wheat as fast as it has come in.

The short crowd is practically at the mercy of the bulls in December, and unless other settlements are made the price may be put to any figure. Armour today predicted that the price of December wheat would go to $1.25 before Christmas.

"They say Dumley's wife rules him with a rod of iron." "Oh, no; that's an exaggeration. Why, she can make him jump by merely crooking her little finger at him."

THE BIG "BIKE" RACE ENDED

All Six-Days Records Broken. A Fortune Made.

CHARLES MILLER WINNER.

Miller's Record, Now the World's, 2,093 Miles, While Rice Covered 2,026—Leading Men Went on Strike Just Before Closing Hour Because of Enormous Gate Receipts.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Miller won the six-day bicycle race with a score of 2,093 miles and 4 laps; Rice second, 2,028 miles; Schinner third, 2,000; Hale fourth, 1,920 miles; Waller fifth, 1,883 miles.

The great six-days bicycle race in the Madison Square Garden ended at 10:15 o'clock tonight, when Charles Miller, the phenomenal rider from Chicago, won, making a world's record of 2,093 miles and four laps, thus beating the former best world's record, made by Hale last year, by 182 miles and one lap.

Rice of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was second, with 2,026 miles and five laps; Schinneer, of Chicago, third, and Hale, the winner of last year's race, was fourth, with 1,920 miles and two laps. Waller, Pierce and nine others also finished. Gray was the last man going, with 1,229 miles to his credit.

Nearly or fully 100,000 people have visited the Garden during the week each night, the place being packed by wildly enthusiastic mobs, who yelled themselves hoarse as the jaded men (rendered half insane by terrific pace, fatigue and loss of sleep) rode around the track. Ten thousand saw the finish tonight. Miller finished his journey as if he had only been traveling for a few hours. He showed practically no signs of the terrible ordeal he has gone through. Since he first mounted his wheel, last Sunday night, he has enjoyed only eight hours of sleep, and had been off the track a total of nine hours and forty-five minutes.

Trouble Between the Management and the Winners.

The three leaders went on a strike tonight, and refused to return to the track, declaring that with the vast sums the management was making, prizes of $1,300 winner, $800 and $500 each to the next two, were too poor rewards for their hard work. They stayed in their dressing-rooms two hours and then withdrew demands, coming out and riding to a finish amid a cyclone of applause.

Hale and Miller, the winners of last and this year's races, locked arms and walked around the track while the band played "Hail to the Chief." Rice also came out and the crowd (now almost mad with joy) sought to get at the riders to pat them on their backs.

All those who rode will be given extra money. The management has made a fortune. Rivierre, the Frenchman who it was thought went insane yesterday, recovered today. Most of those who finished were in a terrible condition, and public opinion probably would not tolerate an exhibition another year. The riders were subjected to all sorts of unnatural stimulants to keep them on their wheels. Many had hallucinations during the riding, and physicians who examined them declared that not one was mentally clear after the fifth day.

MRS. McKINLEY'S TENACITY.

Is Something Remarkable, Especially for So Aged a Lady, Still Living.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Today was the tenth day since Mother McKinley was striken, but she is still alive at a late hour tonight. Though she has taken liquid food in smallest quantities but twice since stricken, she shows no signs of emaciation, and the muscles of her arms and face are as full and well rounded as before she was stricken. The physician noticed the decided change for the worse tonight and said he did not think it possible she could survive more than a few hours longer. The President has not relaxed, however, his vigil at her bedside, and only once stepped out on the porch for a few minutes today for a breath of fresh air. At midnight she was in the condition described above.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

CANTON, O., Dec. 12.—Midnight—The doctor announced a short time ago that Mrs. McKinley was alive, and that he expects her death to occur at an early hour this morning.

THERE WILL BE THREE.

Yellow Fever Commissions Studying the Disease This Winter.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 11.—If the Congress authorizes the President to send a yellow fever commission to Cuba to study the disease, as recommended by the American Health Association, there will be three separate American Commissions in Cuba this winter, all carrying on the same investigation. The Marine Hospital service has already arranged to send a Commission that will include Dr. Ward, and others who have studied the disease in Mobile and New Orleans during its recent outbreak. The State of Mississippi will also send a Commission, Gov. McLaurin having named its members yesterday:

The State's Farms.

Supt. John R. Smith, of the penitentiary, has returned from a trip to the farms. He says there is an immense amount of cotton unpicked remaining in the fields. The superintendent does not think that he will be able to gather his crop by January 1st. One thousand acres of wheat have been sown.

Mr. Smith says he will not take possession of the Grimes farm, near this city, until January 1st.

PROGRESSIVE HENDERSON.

A Chapel For the County Home—Fight For Postmaster.

Special Cor. of The Morning Post.

HENDERSON, N. C., Dec. 11.—The metropolis of Vance begins to assume an air of considerable business activity incident to the approach of the holiday season. As a market for the principal money crops for which this county is famous—tobacco and cotton—Henderson will compare favorably with any town of less or greater proportions within the borders of the State. The acreage in cotton was larger this year than usual. The lint of fine quality.

Mr. L. L. Albright, of Winston, has instituted a lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics here. It is a fraternal order, embracing the insurance feature and has a sick and funeral benefit.

Several new buildings are going up in town. The handsome residence of Mr. J. B. Owen, on Main street, president of the Citizens' Bank, is nearly completed. Mr. J. L. Currin has recently moved into his pretty new home on West Main street. Mr. O. O. Young is laying the foundation for a grist mill of 500 bushels capacity.

The County Commissioners at their last meeting made an appropriation of $275 for the erection of a chapel for religious services at the County Home for the Aged and Infirm. The action of the Commissioners is commended by the people.

Mr. Stephen A. Burroughs, a well-known citizen of this county, died last night at 11 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. E. Kimball, in Mecklenburg county, Virginia. Mr. Burroughs was 67 years of age and a good citizen. He was the father of Mrs. W. M. Young, of Henderson. The interment will be at Harris' Chapel, Vance county, tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

There are six candidates for the office of postmaster in Henderson, five Republicans and one Populist, Mr. Z. T. Garrett. The Republicans claim that Senator Pritchard is strongly in favor of the latter, and it is said that Garrett has been expecting his appointment for some time. Postmaster Cheatham's term expires in April. There seems to be no doubt that Garrett will be the next postmaster.

THE POST'S representative was in town yesterday in the interest of his paper and secured a handsome list of subscribers.

North Carolina Weather—Slightly Cooler.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Forecast: For North Carolina, local showers, partly cloudy, slightly cooler, Southerly shifting to Westerly winds.

Georgia generally fair, cooler, North portion, winds shifting to Northerly.

ABOUT SOUTHERN CONVICT LABOR

DIFFICULTIES MET WITH IN WAY OF UTILISING THEM.

In Tennessee Where They Are Empolyed in the Mines the Latter are the Property of the State—Comments by J. S. Hill, of Chattanooga.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"About one-third of the convicts of Tennessee are employed in mining coal," said Mr. J. S. Hill, of Chattanooga, to a Post reporter at the Raleigh. "The mines are the property of the State, and the employment of the convicts was brought about by the fierce riots in the Coal Creek region a year or so ago, when the free miners sought by violence to compel the operators, who at that time were working the felons under a lease from the State, to abandon the system. The matter almost reached the stage of civil war, but since the new method of direct employment by the State government there has been no more trouble with the miners. The lease system has never failed to produce trouble in those States that have resorted to it, and there is no question of the superiority of the other policy, whereby the State itself takes charge.

"The difficulty has been in the South to devise a way to utilize the labor of the men. It is inhuman as well as costly to shut up a lot of convicts in a prison where they exist day in and day out without ever striking a lick of work. The recent experience of New York in attempting this demonstrates its folly. Convicts are human after all, and require work and the interest that comes in doing alloted tasks just as much as free men. If they fail to get this they deteriorate rapidly, and the State and society are responsible."

MARK TWAIN'S BROTHER DEAD

A Reputable Man of Letters Like the Better Known Brother.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Mark Twain's brother and favorite companion, Orion Clemmens, died suddenly this morning at an advanced age. His wife found him dead, seated at his writing table.

Like his brother, Orion Clemmens was a literary man and picturesque character. He was also a member of the bar, but of late had devoted all his time to literature. As "forty-niners" he and Samuel L. Clemmons went to California together, and Orion saved the famous humorist's life by careful nursing. Both brothers were born in Missouri, near Hannibal. Mark Twain is now in Vienna, and has been notified by cable of his brother's death.

The "Record" on Horseflesh Is "Broken."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 11.—"Hamburg," the king of 2-year-olds, was bought today by "Billy" Lakeland, from John E. Madden. He says that he paid $60,000. The purchaser is W. L. Powers, of New York, who is said to be the agent for some New York turf men. This is the biggest price ever paid for a horse in many years.

ASHEVILLE BANK MATTERS

Latest Developments Concerning Them.

NATIONAL BANK ASHEVILLE

Goes Into Voluntary Liquidation—The Stockholders So Decided Yesterday—Facts Anent the Deposits in the "Western Carolina Day Before the Failure.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 11.—The shareholders of the National Bank, of Asheville, at a meeting held this afternoon, decided to go into voluntary liquidation at once. The money has been secured and depositors will be paid in full.

As to the question whether the deposits made in tha Western Carolina Bank on the day before the failure, amounting to about $4 500, should be returned to the depositors, the Gazette says was argued before Judge Norwoood at the opening of court this morniing. At the previous hearing, about five weeks ago, Judge Ewart sustained the view that sufficient information was not before the court to enable him to pass on the question, and without passing on the law, appointed Julius C. Martin, Esq., special master to examine and report. Formal exceptions have been filed to Mr. Martin's report by Donald Gillis. The depositors of October 11 are anxious to get back their deposits, while the general depositors are vigorously opposed to the refund.

Mr. Donald Gillis presented in open court a license from the Supreme Court, took the oath of office and was admitted to practic e in all of the courts of the State.

SOLID OLD SALISBURY.

Five Thousand Acres Already Secured for the Immigrants to Settle Near There.

From the Salisbury Sun.

The representative of L. D. Risley, of Philadelphia, viz.: S. J. Newman, returned yesterday morning from Gold Hill, where he has been for several days on business. Mr. Newman, represents D. L. Risley, of Philadelphia, and his business at Gold Hill, was to secure land for a colony which Mr. Risley proposes to establish there. He states that 5,000 acres are to be secured for the colony. Of this he has secured 3,000 acres, and he will, no doubt, have no trouble in securing the other soon.

The land already secured lies immediately surrounding the station of the Yadkin railroad. The people who are to settle here will be from the North—industrious people—and will, no doubt, make good citizens of this community.

The land, as in all Mr. Risley's colonies, will be divided up into small tracts.

The Sun tells about a number of letters of inquiry about Salisbury and her growth, which are being received here now. Some came from the far West where people have gone to better their condition, and hearing of our growth have decided to come here. Others are from places not so distant. The Sun is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman in Nebraska, making inquiry of Salisbury and her growth. He says: "I am looking for a good business location in your State and would like to know something of your town." Another letter has been received from a man who wants to establish a cigar manufacturing business here. He will go into business here if he can get a partner.

Wheat is being sowed in earnest in Rowan county now. A gentleman passing Mr. A. L. Hall's place yesterday tells us that he had five 2-horse plows at work in a field, followed by a roller which in turn was followed by a wheat drill.

Winston, Charlotte and other cities in the State are going to have fireworks during Christmas and New Year. The commissioners of those places have so decided. Spencer is also to have fireworks; but Salisbury will be without them. That is, if the aldermen do not have a called meeting and reconsider the action taken some time since, refusing to suspend the ordinance.

This Deserves a "Scare Head," But It's Not Necessary.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 11.—Advices received this evening from Longview, Texas, state that it is believed that an attempt will be made to rescue from jail J. W. Knight, who is charged with robbing the Longview bank and the killing of one of the officials thereof. The local military company is now guarding the jail, and large numbers of suspicious characters are in town, who are believed to be friends of the prisoner.

ARM IN ARM TO THE PEN THEY GO.

Ending of the Awful Crime Full Facts of Which We've Printed Heretofore.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WAVERLY, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Judge Clyde today sentenced Delilah Fails and Will Kern, aged 20 and 17, respectively, to twenty and twelve years in the penitentiary. Young Kern and the Fails girl were lovers, but the father of the boy objected to the match. The girl planned to murder her lover's father and persuaded the son to assist her. She wrote the elder Kern a note to meet her in the dense woods about five miles from Cedar Falls. When he arrived at the appointed place she shot him three times, and with the help of his own son covered his body with brush and burned it. Young Kern confessed his part in the murder, declaring that the girl committed the deed. Later she confessed also.

We regret to note the death of Police Officer Bob Conrad's baby: which occurred last night about 11:30 o'clock.

COTTON A "LOW DOWN THING,"

For a Fact, and Wheat Will Soon "Refuse to Associate" With It All.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The statement of the principal articles of domestic exports, about 98 per cent. of the whole of the month of November, was issued by the Bureau of Statistics today, and shows the total to be $82,326,699, which is an increase over October of more than $5,000,000.

Exports of cotton for eleven months, ending with November, are 100,000,000 pounds in excess of exports for the corresponding period of 1896, but notwithstanding this increase in quantity, the low price of cotton resulted in a decrease, as compared with the same period last year, of over $17,000,000 in value. Export price per pound for three months ending November, 1896, 7.6c, and for same period this year, 6.1c.

COMPROMISED FOR $6,000.

United States Express Company Wins a Victory in Virginia.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—The suit of F. M. Threadgill vs. the United States Express Company, involving about $55,000, was compromised out of court today, the defendant company agreeing to pay the plaintiff $6,000 without costs. This is a victory for the express company as in the previous trial of the case. Threadgill obtained a judgment for $56,000.

WHY THIS GOVERNOR HESITATED

To Honor Requisition Papers—Afraid 'Twas a Scheme to Kidnap the Negro.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

HELENA, Mont. Dec. 11.—The Governor this afternoon honored the requisition of Governor Stephens, of Missouri, for Johnson, a negro, who is wanted for kidnapping the young daughter of Dr. Neil, a prominent citizen of Saline County, Mississippi. The Governor received numerous letters and telegrams from Missourians, urging him not to grant a requisition as the object was to get Johnson in Missouri and lynch him. The Governor would not grant the requisition till assured that Johnson, the prisoner, should be protected.

Spanish-Cuban Collision---Usual Result.

By Cable to The Morning Post.

HAVANA, Dec. 11.—It is officially reported that the Spanish General Valderrama, at the head of a strong column, captured a Cuban camp in the Province of Havana. The rebels, numbering 200, made a desperate resistance. A Spanish Lieutenant Colonel and three soldiers were killed, and one officer and 16 soldiers were wounded. The rebels are said to have had nine men killed.

ANTI-CIVIL SERVICE CONGRESSMEN

FIFTY-SIX OF THEM ATTEND A MEETING AT WASHINGTON.

"Our" Pearson Acted As Chief Spokesman—A Committee of Seven Appointed—Most Favored Modification of the Law.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Fifty-six of the Congressmen who signed the call for a conference to discuss the policy to be pursued in securing the repeal or modification of the Civil Service law, met tonight and had a two hours' talk. The upshot of the matter was that, on motion of Mr. Pearson (N. C.) the originator of the movement looking to conference, committee, seven were appointed to examine several bills pending before the Committee on Reform in the civil service, and, report to a future meeting a Conference, by bill or otherwise. This committee is headed by Gen. Grosvenor and includes Mr. Pearson. Hepburn presided at the meeting. Nearly every one present spoke, the principal speeches being those of Door (W. Va) and Grosvenor. The former, with great vehemence, urged the repeal of the law outright, declaring his belief that if that was done by the present House, the Repubiicans would sweep the country in 1900. Unless it is done, he warned his hearers, that the party would not pole enough votes to pay for counting them.

Gen. Grosvenor urged the modification of the present law, to restrict its operations within the scope originally intended for it by its authors, to the clerical force in the departments at Washington and the postal service. He scored Cleveland's alleged double dealing with a law to keep Democrats in office and Republicans out.

A greet majority of the Republicans present favored the modification of the law, and not its repeal, and after the conference adjourned they expressed great confinence in the abflity to secure the end sought. Pearson, said to Post correspondent, had 79 signers to the call, which represented 22 States, 57 standing committees of the House, 14 of them being chairmen. The States of California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia were represented.

What an Original Package of Cigarettes Is.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

CHATTANOOGA, Ten. Dec. 11.—Judge Clark, of the Federal Court, gave a decision to-day in the case of J. Bansfield, tobacco dealer of Knoxville, in which he defined what is an original package of cigarettes. The suit was brought to test by the Tennessee anti-cigarette law. The Court holds that boxes of ten cigarettes each, shipped loose in baskets into the State from the factory are original packages, and can be sold in spite of the law. When boxes are shipped from the factory, in wooden cases, each case is an original package. Judge Lurton concurred.