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INDEPENDENCE OR NOTHING.

Cuban Republic Serves its Ultimatum on Secretary Sherman. By Telegram to the Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Times in a position to state as a fact that the Cuban Republic has lodged an ultimatum with Secretary Sherman, declaring it will accept no intervention from the United States unless it contemplates the independence of Cuba. Cubans in Washington assert that they have received this information in an official capacity.

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What Occurred at the Convention Yesterday—Special Committee. By Telegram to the Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Railway pooling, artificial irrigation, penny postage, regulation of trusts and reorganization of Consular Service were principal subjects discussed by the National Board of Trade Convention today. A special committee of fifteen has been considering the question of railway pooling since yesterday, but informed the convention today that they had reached no agreement.

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATORS.

Both Tillman and McLaurin III at their Homes in Washington. Special Despatch to the Morning Post. COLUMBIA, Dec. 16.—Special advice received here from Washington are to the effect that both of the Senators from this State, who have been more or less unwell for some time, are now too ill to come to their homes to spend the Christmas holidays. Senator Tillman is suffering from an attack of his old complaint, stomach trouble, and while he is too unwell to travel, his condition is not regarded as dangerous at this time. Senator McLaurin has not yet fully recovered from the attack of typhoid fever which he suffered with some weeks ago, and is in delicate health generally, and he writes that he will not take the trip to South Carolina to spend the Christmas holidays.

WILL BE HANGED ON 27TH. Hatton Perry, Who Outraged Miss Smith, of Beaufort. By Telegram to the Morning Post. WASHINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.—Hatton Perry will hang on the 27th of this month at this place for the crime of rape, committed upon the person of Mrs. Annie Smith, of this (Beaufort) county. He was tried last spring, but took an appeal, and the Supreme Court granted a new trial. There was considerable interest manifested in the case, but at the end the verdict and sentence were the same, and his appeal and new trial only increased the cost to the county, and prolonged his life for a few months.

BLACKBURN'S DIE HUNGER Causes the Allegation Light to Move on to Special Despatch to the Morning Post. WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 16.—Spencer Blackburn, of Allegheny county, candidate for Assistant District Attorney of Western North Carolina District, left here tonight for Washington, in the interest of his candidacy. He claims to have the endorsement of Senator Pritchard, Governor Russell and District Attorney Holton, and says he doesn't believe the report sent out from Washington that Eugene Carter, of Asheville, stood a good chance of getting the appointment has any foundation.

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THE SUPERANNUATED CLERKS

Order of Sec'y Gage Retiring Them and Making AN HONOR ROLL WITH \$900 Salary Per Year—Such Clerks Now a Great Handicap to Government War-Plan Tried Before, But Secretary Gage Understands Why it Failed and Now Has One Which He Thinks Will Succeed—Why Try It. Special Cor. to the Morning Post. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post sends that paper the following account of the plan which Secretary of the Treasury Gage has in his order just issued by him, and which he intends to experiment with in his department, viz., that of largely getting rid of the old superannuated clerks in the departments at Washington, many of whom are 70 to 75 and 80 years of age, and physically incapacitated for doing the work they are supposed to do efficiently. The dispatch has been around in the rank and file of the departmental service here by the announcement that Secretary Gage has about decided to reduce all Treasury clerks who are more than 70 years old to an "honor roll," with a salary of \$900 a year. The theory of this change, as explained at the department, is that it is a great handicap to government work to carry superannuated clerks on the full pay-roll, and expect full duties of them, but that it seems also too harsh to dismiss them altogether. In response to the suggestion that there are clerks more than 70 years old who are still as efficient as ever, and some under that age who are actually superannuated, it is claimed that the instant any flexibility is given to a rule, "pressure" is brought to bear by those clerks who think they are the object of unjust discrimination.

WILL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. By Telegram to the Morning Post. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—The inauguration of Maj. J. H. Toler as Governor will not be marked by any formal display or celebration. This was decided tonight by the Governor-elect accepting an invitation from the General Assembly to take the oath of office in the presence of both branches of the General Assembly. The Legislature will adjourn for the holidays on Thursday, the 22nd, and will reconvene January 1st, at noon. Maj. Toler, who has about completed his arrangements for the occasion, and will leave for home tomorrow night, says he will make a short speech, in which he will outline needed legislation. He may send a special message later.

WHY SECRETARY VILAS' PLAN FAILED. "Mr. Vilas, when Postmaster-General, attempted to put such a plan as Secretary Gage's into operation in the Post-Office Department, but the moment he suggested a reduction, he was assailed by an army of the friends of the reduced clerk, and he finally gave up the idea of a general system, and simply made those changes which were not beset with so much difficulty and loss of time. One of the old men whom he reduced—a prominent figure in the department—refused to accept the change, went home with a broken heart, and died soon afterward. Throughout the service, the partisans and sportsmen made that man's name their battle cry, and other cabinet officers, who would have been glad to renovate their respective staffs by establishing a sort of honorary roll of superannuated clerks, with low salaries and easy duties, were deterred. It is to be hoped that Mr. Gage will be brave, and carry his present plan to such success that other department chiefs will imitate it."

PEACE BETWEEN SOUTHERN AND SEABOARD. By Telegram to the Morning Post. BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—It is announced that on December 20 the York River Line of steamers will return to the old route from Baltimore to Richmond, in force before the rate war between the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line began. At the same time the old Bay Line will withdraw its service to Richmond, established in competition with the York River Line. The York River line will also cease to compete for through business of the Southern Railway from that city. These changes are part of the peace arrangement between the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line.

MUSICIANS MEET. Last evening the Raleigh Musical Association held their regular meeting at St. Mary's School. There was a full attendance, and the evening was full of interest to the members. Prof. Mack, of St. Mary's, delivered a lecture on the history of notation. The address showed much research, and the fact that the speaker had a profound knowledge of his subject was apparent to all his hearers. After the lecture solos and other music were rendered by several of the ladies and gentlemen of the Association. A piano solo by Miss Bettie Dinwiddie was particularly fine. A violin solo by Miss Martin was also highly complimented. The meetings of this Association are highly instructive and intensely interesting to musicians. The time and place for the next meeting was left to the Executive Committee. Next Monday evening the choir class will meet in their hall for lessons.

\$70,000 For a North Carolina Lighthouse. By Telegram to the Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The bill appropriating \$70,000 for a lighthouse at Pith of Cape Fear River, in North Carolina, was today favorably reported by the Senate Commerce Committee.

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