

WEATHER FORECAST:  
Raleigh and vicinity—Fair;  
colder; threatening weather  
this evening.

Prints all the telegraphic news  
of the world, by the Laffan  
News Bureau of New York.

### THE GAGE BILL DOOMED

#### How House Members of Currency Committee Stand.

### ATTITUDE ADMINISTRATION

#### Plan of Secretary of the Treasury Would Not Find Favor with Voters, It is Claimed by Right Affect Results

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The plan of Secretary of the Treasury Gage for the currency bill, as it is now framed, is not likely to find favor with voters, it is claimed by right. It is asserted that the bill, as it is now framed, is not likely to find favor with voters, it is claimed by right. It is asserted that the bill, as it is now framed, is not likely to find favor with voters, it is claimed by right.

### PRITCHARD'S SMILING FACE.

#### From It is Surmised that he Got What he Wanted from the President.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Senator Pritchard paid a visit to the President today, along with a great crowd of politicians, Congressmen and office-hunters generally. When he emerged from the White House he was the only man who wore a smiling countenance, and it is said he was the only one who obtained what he wanted. It is surmised that he was the only one of the Senators or Congressmen who called that did not return again in the afternoon to renew their requests for the appointments of favorites to office.

### CURRENCY PLANS GALORE

#### Position of Speaker Reed and Committeeman Wolcott.

#### PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE

It is Thought Will Prove More Popular Than Secretary Gage's—Rather Than Lose His Self Respect Under Certain Conditions, Bimetallist Committeeman Wolcott Would Resign His Seat in the Senate.

By Telegram to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It is evident the purpose of Speaker Reed and the members of the House to give the Banking and Currency Committee, of which Mr. Walker is chairman, a chance to grapple with the financial legislative problem.

### CABINET TALKS CIVIL SERVICE.

#### It Was the Principal Topic of Discussion With President's Advisers Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Civil Service reform was the principal subject discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet today. Talk was occasioned by a resolution which passed the Senate last week, requesting each member of the Cabinet to indicate whether there was any appointive places in his department which should be included in the classified service, and whether he would recommend any modifications, on this account, in the civil service regulations.

### THE DEMOCRATIC ROOSTER

#### Is the Cock of the Walk in Massachusetts' Capital.

#### A BIG DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

Quincy Carries Every Democratic Ward and Makes a Strong Run in the Balance of the Republican Annex "Silverite" Candidate Received Only 2,000 Votes, Thereby Making Himself "Ridiculous"

### ASHEVILLE VANCE MONUMENT.

#### Masonic Ceremonies for Laying Cornerstone Today All Completed, Etc.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 21.—The program for the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Masons anent the laying of the Vance monument cornerstones tomorrow, were all completed today. The occasion will be an exceedingly interesting one. The procession will begin to move at 10:45 a. m., and the exercises will be opened by Walter E. Moore, who will make announcement. A feature will be the singing by the school children, with a chorus of 1,000 voices. In case of bad weather the services will be held in the court house. The proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, a Bible and numerous coins, etc., will be deposited in the corner-stone.

### THE DESIGNS UPON CHINA

#### Activity of the British Eastern Squadron.

#### ATTITUDE OF LONDON PRESS

The Co-operation of Germany and Russia—A Warship's Visit of Inquiry to Port Arthur—Republican Annex "Silverite" Candidate Received Only 2,000 Votes.

### A MURDER NEAR GARNER.

#### Perry Smith Brained Alex Stuart With an Axe Yesterday.

There was a murder in Wake county yesterday. Perry Smith brained Alex Stuart with an axe in St. Mary's township, one mile East of Garner about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Both are colored.

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### BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY AT COLUMBIA

#### IT OCCURRED SUNDAY NIGHT BUT OFFICIALS KEPT MUM

For Good Reasons of Their Own—Detectives and Express Superintendent Now on the Ground and State that Employee is the Thief Who Is Suspected.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21.—The police today were informed that the office of the Southern Express Company here was robbed of \$10,000 in cash Sunday night. It was kept a secret by the company, who hoped to catch the thief and recover the money without making a fuss.

### DEATH OF LEWIS LELAND.

#### One of the Famous Family of Hotel Prospects.

New York, Dec. 21.—Lewis Leland, a member of the Leland family, noted in this and other cities as managers and proprietors of large hotels, lies dead in the New York Hospital of pneumonia.

### SENATOR GORMAN AND TAMMANY

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### THE MURDERED ENGLISH ART BURIED.

#### LONDON, Dec. 21.—William Terriss, the actor, was buried in Brompton cemetery today. There were numerous floral contributions, some from Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Devonshire, and Miss Devereux. Many well-known actors and actresses were in line. Fifty thousand persons assembled at the cemetery.

### HEAVY LOSSES IN CALIFORNIA BY FROST.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The heaviest frosts for over twenty years are reported from all parts of the State. Experts estimate that 10,000 car loads of oranges, aggregating 300,000 boxes, are exposed to the frost. This is a loss of \$80,000, not counting the damage to citrus, lemons, limes and other fruits.

### ENTITLED TO RECOVER \$15,000.

#### Supreme Court Reverses Ruling in Case of Engineer James.

### A SAD SUICIDE.

#### Daughter of Ex-Secretary of the Navy the Unfortunate Victim.

### THE OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM MADE AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

#### The Oxford Orphan Asylum made an excellent showing in the completion and occupancy of five new cottages at a cost of \$21,000. The boys make \$5,000. The average cost per capita is only \$4.65. The colored orphan asylum at Oxford reported 106 children cared for. There was raised last year 25,300 pounds of pork.

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