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Fair, continued cold.

# THE PRESS-VISITOR.

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## SPANIARDS REPULSED

### Spanish Forces Sustained Several Serious Setbacks.

## UNEASINESS IS FELT

### In Official Circles—The Insurgents, It is Believed, Intend to March Toward Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—It is reported that Gen. Valdez overtook the insurgent bands of Gomez and Maceo at Maria plantation. The latter was stationed at an advantageous position and repulsed Spaniards. The Spanish forces are believed to have sustained several serious setbacks lately. There are manifestations of grave uneasiness in official circles. It is believed that the insurgents intend another extensive incursion into the Matanzas and westward toward Havana.

## MOB AFTER MEDIUMS.

### Two Spiritualists Escape Their Assaults by the Back Door.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—At the City Hall last night two spiritualists barely escaped a mobbing. Emily E. Palmer, a spiritualistic trance medium, and her assistant, J. J. Mortimer, were giving a seance. Their work was regarded as fraudulent, and the people demanded their money back. Mortimer attempted to escape by the rear door, but lost his way and took refuge in the council chamber. Five hundred indignant people were surrounding the door ready to break it in when the police arrived. Mortimer was taken to the city prison. The police had difficulty in getting him safely through the crowd.

## The Gould Turf Contest.

### By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

### LAKWOOD, N. J., Dec. 31.—The cup offered by George J. Gould to the Lakewood Golf Club will be played for here tomorrow. It will be a handicap match open to members of all clubs belonging to the United States Golf Association.

## Minnesota Educational Association.

### By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

### ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31.—The Minnesota Educational Association commenced its forty-third annual session here today, in the house of representatives.

## Southern Educational Association.

### By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

### HOT SPRING, Ark., Dec. 31.—The Southern Educational Association began its annual session here today. A large number of teachers are present.

## Iowa Teacher's Association.

### By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

### DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 31.—The forty-first annual session of the State Teacher's Association commenced its exercises here today.

## Take Notice John Bull.

### By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

### BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Officials of the Charleston navy yard received a dispatch from Washington ordering them to place the Monitor Passaic in condition for immediate service.

## Duchess of Marlborough III with Fever.

### By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

### LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Duchess of Marlborough is quite ill with typhoid fever in Rome, contracted in Spain.

## As to That Lease.

### The Greensboro Record takes issue with the Press-Visitor and also the News and Observer about the publication of a rumor the other day that further improvement on the property of the North Carolina Railroad would be discontinued until the lease matter was settled. The information was printed by us upon authority sufficient to justify it. The publication was given as a rumor and not in the form of an officially ascertained fact. This paper is in the habit of printing the news as it gets it purely for the reason that it is the news. We are engaged in running a reputable newspaper and as such we endeavor to keep the public posted with the legitimate intelligence of the day, regardless of who it pleases or displeases.

### In the Record's article we note the following paragraph:

"We incline to the belief that there is a 'job' in view somewhere and that these Raleigh papers have been made a tool of. For instance, stocks of the North Carolina Railroad took a tumble when it was known that the Attorney General had allowed Butler and his crowd to bring their suit. If they can be forced down to a low point somebody can make a big profit."

### By far as the Press-Visitor is concerned we wish to say now and here that we have heard enough of this kind of talk and that whoever takes the liberty to indulge in it concerning this newspaper is a scoundrel.

## COTTON GOING UP.

### New York Market Shows Another Good Advance Today.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Liverpool opened 3 points up firm, because quiet, but advanced again, closing firm 6 1/2-6 3/4 better than yesterday. New York opened 4 to 5 points higher, and after a firm market closed steady 14 to 16 points above last night's rates.

Receipts are estimated at 39,000 bales, against 38,000 bales last year, but the indications are that we shall see much smaller receipts. There was a general buying today, and the general feeling is that we shall see higher prices.

Options closed as follows:  
January, 8.03 to 8.04; February, 8.13 to 8.15; March, 8.21 to 8.23; April, 8.30 to 8.37; May, 8.31 to 8.33; June, 8.39 to 8.37; July, 8.41 to 8.43; August, 8.43 to 8.45; September, 8.33 to 8.28; October, — to —; November, 7.98 to 8.00.

### Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.  
The strength of the market in Europe today is based upon reports from this side that the movement will fall off sharply next week, and as the movement this week has been disappointing, it is expected that the movement next week will be lighter than expected. This change in the sentiment, which we noticed yesterday, is a prominent feature in today's market, and has led to a covering demand on the part of the local trade, who are quick to discover the change in the sentiment, and to act accordingly. It is believed throughout the trade that we will have a sharp improvement after the first of January, and holders throughout the country have awaited this improvement in prices, upon which to realize upon their holdings. A further improvement here will lead to a buying movement on the part of the speculators in Manchester, where they are not thought to hold large stocks of cotton.

## Chicago Grain Market.

### CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Grain quotations closed today as follows:

Wheat—December, 57; May, 59 3/4. Corn—December, 25 1/2; May, 28 1/2 to 28 1/4.

## A Charming Entertainment.

Elegant and beautiful are the richly deserved descriptive words of a reception given by Miss Margaret Waddell, of Selma, on Saturday last at her handsome home, complimentary to Misses E. G. Buck, of Peace Institute, Raleigh; Miss Nannie King, Raleigh; and Miss Cecelia Crews, of Durham.

The residence had been metamorphosed into an ideal Christmas-time picture by a tasty and profuse arrangement of holly and other specimens of holiday flora, and those who were in attendance declared that the delightful evening they spent should be referred to in their happy reminiscences by the name of "Holly Hall."

Such pleasures as crooked the wit and happy repartee of the company were enjoyed, among which may be specially mentioned the "penny for your thoughts contest." Of the number of questions propounded by Dr. J. M. Ayer, Mr. Vernon Howell scored correct answers to most, and was awarded the first prize. Mr. Ed. Egerton bore off the honors of the "booby" award.

Among other very entertaining features was the singing of the accomplished young hostess, with musical accompaniment by Miss Dora Vick.

Among those who had the good fortune to be present were: Miss Claude Leach, Leasburg; Miss Dora Vick, Miss Daisy Vick, Miss Julia Tuck, Miss Mamie Tuck, Miss Cora Richardson, Miss Nannie Richardson, Miss Robena Atkinson, Miss Clara Orrell, Miss Annie Orrell, Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Miss Hazel Waddell, Mr. V. M. Graves, University; Dr. J. M. Ayer, Raleigh; Mr. E. V. Howell, Rocky Mount; Mr. George Vick Selma; Mr. Frank McKinnay, Princeton; Mr. Clairborne Tuck, Selma; Mr. Albert Atkinson, Selma; Mr. Mac Daniels, Selma; Mr. Fred Hood, Mr. J. A. Mitchell, Mr. Bob Leach, Mr. J. A. Atkinson, Mr. Oscar Fuller, Mr. G. B. Waddell.

## FIFTY MINERS KILLED.

### Many Others Injured by a Fire Damp Explosion in Prussia.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.  
BERLIN, Dec. 31.—A terrible disaster occurred at Waldenburg, in Prussia, Sunday, forty-three miles southwest from here as an explosion of fire damp this morning in Wraggle colliery.

Some known to have been killed and seventeen others are missing. Twenty-one bodies have been recovered and twice injured have been brought to the surface. There are the usual heartrending scenes at the mouth of the pit where the relatives of the miners are gathered.

## Wires All Down.

### By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Telegraph communication is almost entirely suspended in the east and west owing to a severe wind and rain storm this morning.

## MILLIONS IN BOND ISSUE

### That is What Foreign Authorities Say.

## SITUATION IS GRAVER

### Say the English—A Financier Says We Have Gone Mad—Sherman's Utterances are Distasteful.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Manager Burns, of Thomas, Morgan & Co., says "none of the new issue of bonds can be floated on London, owing to the strained relations between the United States and England. The situation looks graver than ever this morning from a commercial point of view. This partly accounts for Senator Sherman's position. The affair made a wonderful difference in business relations between London and New York and it will result in the withdrawal of most of American securities in England. We are sending home daily large quantities of these securities which were thrown upon the market. Some new bonds will probably be placed in Germany but it is not yet decided. My opinion is that our American compatriots have gone mad."

The Westminster Gazette suggests the appointment of commissioners of peace by England and the United States to adjust the Venezuela boundary.

The afternoon papers all comment upon the utterances of Senator Sherman on the President's Congress and the Venezuelan question. They regard them as a plain warning of danger. Further trouble has not yet passed.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The Wolff News agency having the closest relations with the government says the details of the United States loan is not yet definitely determined upon. The conditions however are expected to be similar to those of the last issue. The loan will amount to a hundred millions, a portion of which will probably be taken by Germany. All American banks and trust companies are taking part in the operation.

## Venezuela With Your Coffee.

### Eight States are in the Union.

Population of Venezuela is 2,121,968. Venezuela contains 566,000 square miles.

Fifteen per cent of the population are pure blooded Indians. Venezuela's export trade with New York reaches \$5,000,000 a year.

British Guiana was acquired by England through the treaty in 1814. Slavery in the republic was abolished by the decree of March 26, 1854.

It is estimated that seventy-five revolutions have occurred since the establishment of the republic.

Previously to 1868 her public school system was very unimportant, only 1,313 pupils being in attendance at the public schools in the year mentioned. Now the attendance exceeds 100,000.

The constitution makes Presidents ineligible for re-election, and it is the earnest endeavor of Venezuelan statesmen to establish the politics of the country on a firm footing of peace and order.

Ex-United States Minister Pile, of Virginia, once ventured to present himself to the President minus a necktie. President Blanco very sharply reminded him of his forgetfulness of etiquette, and shortly afterward sent him about his business.

## Increase in Railway Earnings.

### In its last issue the Chicago Railway Age makes a statement of the earnings of one hundred and twenty railroads for the eleven months ended November 30, 1895.

These railroads aggregate 84,000 miles, or about 47 per cent of the total railroad mileage in the country. The figures show earnings amounting to \$400,413,913, an increase of more than \$19,328,000, or about 5 per cent, over the results for the corresponding period of 1894.

These figures, gratifying as they are, leave the railroad still far behind their earnings before the late panic set in. Their earnings fell off about \$50,000,000 in 1894, and the earnings for 1895 were considerably less than they were for 1893 notwithstanding the increase of mileage. Of the one hundred and twenty railroads reported eighty-three show an increase.

The general railroad outlook is decidedly encouraging and nowhere more so than in the South. Many railroads in the South were a year ago in the hands of receivers. Now they have nearly all passed into the hands of strong companies and are being thoroughly reorganized. Their equipment is being greatly improved.

## ISLANDS FOR SALE.

### Denmark Has Three She Will Give Up for Lacro.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Three small islands, Santhorpe, St. John and St. Thomas, of the West Indies, owned by Denmark, are for sale. The United States can obtain them at a low rate for coal landing stations. Agents from Denmark have interested several Senators in the scheme. Germany may want them, also.

## PREPARING THE PARSONAGE.

### Edenton Street Church Gets Ready to Welcome Rev. Norman—'Uncle Wags' Gift.

The ladies of Edenton Street Church are working now with zealous ardor to prepare the new parsonage of the church for occupancy by Rev. W. C. Norman, the new pastor. The parsonage, which is exceedingly handsome in appearance, must be furnished, and it is this work that the ladies are particularly interested in. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon and a collecting committee appointed.

Tomorrow there will be a committee of ladies at the parsonage to receive gifts of furniture or money. Rev. Norman will arrive in the city on next Thursday. In a week after his coming it is hoped that he and his wife may move into a well-furnished home.

Surely Rev. Cole's lot has fallen in pleasant places. The other day the ladies of the Durham Trinity church were engaged in planning the same undertaking that is now engaging the attention of the ladies of Edenton street church. While they were in session a message was received from Washington Duke, asking what would be the cost of properly furnishing the parsonage. The reply was \$375.

Those who have heard of "Uncle Wags" know the sequel; the ladies got a check for that amount.

## CHASED OUT BY FLAMES.

### A Colored Man's Narrow Escape From Cremation in a Caboose.

Seaboard people were telling today the story of the burning of a caboose at Monroe Saturday evening and the narrow escape of a colored employee from complete cremation as that happened by the car. The man was Willie Lawrence and he slept in the caboose. The fire devoured the car completely, leaving only the wheels, standing on a warped track. The flames made a dead end at Willie, also, but a quickness such as is only inspired by the fear of death, and a near by branch saved him the loss of his life. It did not save him however the loss of his clothes, his hair and a mustache, scorchingly scalded.

Saturday night at Monroe was cold, and down the open cut in which the car stood the wind whistled fiercely. On another track stood another caboose with several occupants; but in this particular car Willie Lawrence reined supreme. The fire blazed merrily in the stove, its sides glowing red. And before the fire the colored man dozed comfortably, snug as night in his satisfied warmth, for the wind or for rain or for work—for the morrow was Sunday.

When he dropped to sleep Lawrence does not know; but when the grey wool gown thick about his temples he will remember the awakening. Starting up, he looked around on a furnace of fire. Though the thick smoke he saw wicked yellow flames creeping along the sides of the car and on the floor. One end was wildly ablaze; and the wind, bowing in the burned hole in the roof, sent the hot flames whirling at his head and scorching his clothes and hair. The heat was unbearable; the smoke suffocating.

For one moment perhaps, or the fraction of a moment, the man took in this scene. Then those outside saw the door thrown widely open, saw the flames leap in response to the draught in a solid tongue of fire. Then from the midst of the flames bounded the body of a man, who fell with staring eyes and blazing clothes to the ground.

Those outside were quick to act. In a moment Lawrence was thrown and rolled down an embankment to a little stream below. And today there is nothing the matter with the man except the occasional starts he gives as he remembers that jump through the flames for life.

## AMPUTATED HIS TOE.

### Then John Laton of the S. A. L. Shops Fed it to a Cat.

Chas. Laton, an employee of the S. A. L. shops yesterday morning dropped a bar of iron on his foot crushing one of his toes terribly. Laton did not need the services of a surgeon. He took his knife out, as soon as he had removed his shoe from his foot and cut the injured member off. Afterwards a cat came along and Mr. Laton gave the feline his amputated toe, which the cat devoured with wild delight. Mr. Laton returned to work yesterday afternoon as usual. This is the story of an unusual and remarkable occurrence which comes to the Press-Visitor through a fellow employee. There are few such Latons in existence.

## Greet the Cruiser Committee.

### The Committee appointed to solicit funds for the Cruiser Raleigh territorial composed of Mr. J. R. Ferrall and Mr. J. E. Pogue were out among the citizens today.

The undertaking is a thankless one and all citizens should lend all their encouragement possible to the gentleman when they meet them. Raleigh's contribution to the fund should be far in excess of that of other towns. We should do the proper thing.

## QUICK VOTE ON TARIFF.

### Democrats do Not Intend Delay—They Love Reed to Knock Down.

Special to the Press-Visitor.  
Congress has by a joint resolution authorized the Secretary of the Navy to accept the ram Katahdin, which was rejected by the President for failure to make the speed required in the contract. At the contract price, it having been shown that the builders were not to blame they having constructed the vessel on government plans.

Representative Johnson of California is one of the republican members of the House who openly kicked against the bond and tariff bills froed upon the will and power of Speaker Reed. Mr. Johnson voted for the bill under protest, but he with forty-six other republicans refused to vote for the bond bill, which he declared gave the lie to every principle and precept of the republican party, and in doing so he said: "Against my will, against my protest, I voted for a bill (tariff) which in my judgment was unnecessary, which in my judgment was not a republican measure, which in my judgment did not meet the case, which in my judgment was not what we were sent here to do."

Let us be consistent with our record. Let us stand by the rule which we adopted many years ago; that we will not issue bonds in time of peace."

There is little doubt in the minds of many that a majority of the democrats in the House want Reed to get the republican nomination for President. Why, doesn't matter at this stage of the game. A prominent democratic member of the House says this feeling is so strong among the democrats of that body that he believes they would not hesitate to help Reed if it becomes probable that any of his opponents for the nomination were trying to put anything through the House for the purpose of handicapping Reed before the Republican National Convention, if such help is needed to beat the scheme. Needless to say it isn't love for Reed which actuates them.

Senator Voorhees says he doesn't see the need for upsetting the business of the country by a prolonged debate on the tariff bill that has passed the House, and that he will endeavor to get the bill to a vote as soon as possible. The Senate committee on Finance will take up the bill at once, and of its action Senator Voorhees, who was chairman of the committee under the democratic organization of the Senate, said: "I think the bill will be reported back to the Senate almost immediately. But, then, you can't tell what will happen. There are some crumblers in after all he can get. There is no disposition on the part of democrats to delay action on the bill. If delay comes it will be from the other side." Senator Voorhees is, of course, strongly opposed to the bill.

Postmaster General Wilson has been giving the fraudulent advertisers a shaking-up and the result is that quite a number of them have been shut out of the mail. The Post-office people do their level best to keep the people from giving up their good money to these sharks, but so long as there are people who will be caught by promises of \$10 worth for a dime these frauds will continue to do business. As soon as they are shut out of the mails under one name they take another, and slightly changing their scheme they go right ahead again until caught by the Post-office officials.

It is generally believed that another bond issue will shortly be announced, but Secretary Carlisle will not discuss the matter for publication.

The reorganization of the Senate committee has been all arranged and this week the Republicans will take charge, but it is not certain whether they will elect the officers of the Senate until later. President Cleveland will, on January 4th, issue his proclamation declaring Utah a State, and the Republicans expect its legislature, which will convene on the 6th, to elect two Republican Senators at once. They may wait for the arrival of those two Senators before electing the officers of the Senate. They have made a deal with the Populists, but they are still afraid to trust too much to them.

## Special Term of Greens County Court.

### Judge Graham is holding a special term of Green county court for the trial of election contest cases of county officers.

The cases to be tried are Grimsley, contestant, Republican, against Blyden Democrat, for Clerk of Court office; and Faircloth Republican, against Edwards, Democrat, for Sheriff's office.

Judge Graham will also hold a special session of court at Kinston, beginning on Jan. 20th, to try the parties charged with arson, in which the towns was recently burned up.

## Prominent New Yorker Dying.

### By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—J. Sever Page, a prominent Republican and clubman, whose daughter christened the cruiser New York, is lying at the point of death.

## BOTH BRANCHES ADJOURN

### The House and Senate Take Recess Until Friday.

## SHERMAN'S RESOLUTION

### Wants to Maintain the Redemption Fund to Four Hundred Millions Aside From Other Funds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A movement has been inaugurated by Western congressmen favoring additional action by house on the tariff question. Speaker Reed how ever is opposed to this. Dingley says the president will veto any higher tariff bill and if the Venezuelan question does not delay it the House expects the adjourn sometime in June.

The Senate agreed to adjourn from today until Friday. Senator Sherman offered a resolution to maintain the redemption fund to a funded millions of gold apart from other funds. The House adjourned until Friday without doing any business.

## HOOP LA! HOOP LA!

### The Southern Railway Freighters are Passing Here to Norfolk.

The Southern Railway ran its first train to Norfolk yesterday. There were twenty-one cars attached to the first section, there being two sections which went through. The engine to the first section was a new one and perhaps the best the Southern ever ran over this road.

Today several other trains came over the new line which hereafter will be the direct freight route of the Southern.

It is stated that in ten days passengers and mail trains will be in operation on this route.

Mark a scoop for the Press-Visitor, for the younger member of this combination first told the public of the big move which took shape yesterday and which means so much for the territory over which it passes.

By the latter part of the week trains will be rolling through rapidly.

## The University Hazards.

### It is said that there is a strong probability of other students than those mentioned yesterday being dismissed from the University for hazing.

A student just from Chapel Hill says that when the spring term opens no less than twenty seven students will be tried by the faculty for hazing. All the hazing was done during the latter part of the examination term by students who had finished their examinations. They all considered that the pledge they had taken was then inoperative, as their connection with the institution was discontinued until the opening of the spring term.

The faculty looks on the offense as a serious one and there is a possibility of wholesale dismissals.

## A Railroad From Southport.

### The Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio Railway has bought all the effects of the defunct Brunswick, Western and Southern Railway, and have begun a survey of a route from Southport to Wilmington. This survey is formerly survey of the Brunswick, Western and Southern Railway, and these details are to be finished by January 20th and the line made ready for grading and laying of the rails by that date.

The distance between Southport and Wilmington is 29 miles and the roads to be completed, its general manager says, in nine months. Southport has deep water and is at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. Fort Caswell, which is at the entrance to its harbor, is now being fitted for torpedo defense. The United States is now building a quarantine station at Southport.

## Prof. Laska, an Expert Mind Reader.

### Prof. B. Laska, palmist and mind reader, gave a very pleasing entertainment to a number of citizens at the Press-Visitor office last evening.

Prof. Laska performed some wonderful feats which are worthy of Herman. Every attempt at mind reading was highly successful. The Professor says he can read the past and the future and if your future is not read as it is, he says you can judge as to whether he is faking. Professor Laska will be here several days. He is stopping at the Branson House.

## A One-eyed Alligator.

### Mr. John Y. MacRae received today from Florida, a real live alligator. The old fellow was pretty cold when he got here, but he is being thawed out today and tomorrow will be exhibited at the Junior drugstore.

The alligator is 27 inches long and is a healthy specimen. He has been named Ben Tillman, because he has only one eye. The other was destroyed by being pierced by a nail.

Revenue officers in this district during the present year made 398 seizures of illicit distilleries and destroyed nearly all the latter. They made 90 seizures of whiskey.

## TWO HOLIDAY SEIZURES.

### Moonshiners Thomas and "Pans" Come to Sad Griet.

Two moonshiners came to grief yesterday at the hands of those ever vigilant deputy collectors. Neither one of the operators was landed, but where once the white smoke of the still sailed through the soughing pines, there is silence and solitude unbroken.

Up in Alamance county "Bud" Thomas piled his trade. Put then came Deputy Davis, tripping through the pines; and at his back were they who were more than a match for "Bud." So when the deputies came, he skipped to shelter. And soon the still was a mass of rain; the whiskey trickled over the pine straw. But while the glad deputies worked away, a shaggy head peeped from behind some distant tree; and once bright eyes saw the work, and were dimmed with revengeful tears.

Nobody knows his name, but they call him "Pans." The still he worked 'till yesterday was situated near the small postoffice of Allison. But down came the deputies of the law. "Pans," like Thomas, thundered with brogued tread to safety. But for him there will be a sad, sad death of New Year eggnog.

## A SEVERE WIND STORM.

### Damage Done Property—Pavillion at Brookside Park Blown Over.

The storm last evening was the most terrible of the season. The wind blew at a terrific rate and the man who was not in some great stone building thought himself unsafe and at the mercy of the storm. Fayetteville street was barren at 10 p. m., with the exception of one lone, solitary being, struggling across the street near the Law building in the hard-blowing wind and blinding, beating rain. The figure could be outlined, rocking to and fro in the effort to cross the pavement. It was none other than Mr. John Collins, of the Press-Visitor force. He had two heavy iron chains on either side of his body, which he was using as slingers, and had it not been for that ballast, Mr. Collins might have been elsewhere than in the P. V. office today sticking type.

The damage of the storm was have been considerable. A number of trees were blown down in several parts of the city. The large pavillion at Brookside park is no more. It toppled with the wind and went over nearly to the pond.

Small objects, such as pillows and pieces of clothing were picked up on the street today.

## What Our Representatives Are Doing.

### Senator Fritchard and Representative Settle introduced a bill appropriating \$35,000 for the erection of a monument on the battle ground of Guilford courthouse to General Nathaniel Greene.

It provides that \$5,000 of this amount shall be devoted to the preparation and adornment of the park grounds, that the monument shall be dedicated to the United States, and that the work shall be done under the direction of the Secretary of War or of such army officer as he shall designate.

Representative Strowd introduced several war claim bills, among them one for the estate of Vashit Smith, deceased, Wake county, \$1,180 and one for Thomas K. Debanam, Raleigh, for \$10,000.

## Can Point to National Fusion, Now.

### Now that the national Republicans and Populists have joined forces, fusion in North Carolina can be justified by those who have sought to shun the responsibility.

The announcements of the Senate committee as agreed upon by the Republican plurality in that body discloses fully what every one knew in advance, the bargain made with the populists. The Republicans have paid a big price for the support necessary to carry through their State. They have given every Populist Senator a chairmanship. There is no question they would have given them money if the Populist had demanded it, and perhaps, the latter are to be commended for their forbearance. The Democrats, who outnumber the Populists six to one, are given eleven of the minor chairmanships.