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SILVER SENATORS BOLTED

The Republican Senatorial Caucus Today

NOT WITH THE PARTY

English Opinions of Grover's Message—Pall Mall Gazette Says it will Neither Please Spain or Insurgents.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Pall Mall Gazette says Cleveland's message contains nothing unsatisfactory to Great Britain. Regarding Cuba, it will neither please Spain or the insurgents.

The Globe says Monroism is thrusting itself forward in the usual menacing fashion.

The St. James Gazette contrasts the "polite, cautious tone" of the message with the "inflammatory message a year ago on a similar topic."

It says the conditions in Cuba give the United States the right to call upon Spain to enforce her authority speedily or acknowledge her inability to govern the island.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—There were three republican Senators only in the marble room at ten today, the hour at which the republican caucus was called. The most noticeable feature of the caucus as seen from the outside was the absence of men who bolted the nomination of McKinley because of the gold standard platform. They Dubois, Pettigrew, Mantic Cannon, Squire of Washington and Teller. All except Teller were in city and could have attended if disposed. Some of them were in their committee rooms at the Capitol while the caucus progressed. That their absence was intentional is indicated by a letter from Senator Dubois resigning the secretaryship of the caucus. The silver men who remained with the party were exceptionally prominent in the caucus.

AN ELECTION TODAY.

People of Jackson County Voting for a Member General Assembly.

Jackson county is in the midst of an election today. The people of the far Western county are voting for a candidate for the legislature.

At the general election held in November, the republican and Democratic candidates for the legislature received a tie vote and Governor Carr subsequently called another election, naming this as the date. The second campaign in Jackson has been a very quiet one—no speakers, other than local talent, have been imported to harass the people. Both candidates have stumped the county and the contest will no doubt be exceedingly close.

The conditions that exist in the county are somewhat peculiar. The republicans, populists and prohibitionists fisted on county officers, as against the Democrats.

Early, the republican candidate for the legislature is a red hot Pritchard man. It is said that republicans have excused themselves to secure Early's election.

Chairman Ayer stated today that he had not instructed the populists how to vote and had taken no part in the campaign with the exception of recommending Populist poll holders to the clerk.

Accidently shot while hunting.

Berry Moneyhan, a young man about nineteen years of age was accidentally shot near his home at Millburn Saturday while out rabbit hunting. The shot took effect in Mr. Moneyhan's foot and he has not been able to walk.

Young Mr. Moneyhan was with Tom Rogers, a companion. Rogers gun was accidentally discharged while in close range with Moneyhan.

The wounds of the injured boy are quite painful but are not thought to be at all serious.

Under Trial at Oxford.

There is a murder trial now on at Oxford which is attracting considerable attention. Two negro women and three negro men are on trial, charged with killing the father of the two women. After killing their father the body was buried in the front yard, where it remained for 18 months before it was found. The only eye witness to the terrible crime was a very small boy, but his evidence was very damaging to the defendants.

Jane Coombs and Jeffrys Lewis who were booked at the Academy for the eleventh have cancelled their date, but will visit here later in the season.

BISHOP HAID.

Defines Indulgences—The Church Has Never Sold Them—No Allegiance to the Pope in Things Temporal.

Bishop Haid arrived in the city Saturday evening and held interesting mission services at the Catholic church morning and night. In the afternoon at Metropolitan Hall he was greeted by a fairly large and unusually intelligent audience, who showed the deepest interest. His lectures are based on the broad principles underlying all Christianity and religion and that of Sunday was in particular upon religion and the intellect of man. The subject was "Religion and the Human Intellect." Last night, "Religion and the Human Heart." The Rt. Rev. Bishop is an able and powerful speaker, and in both discourses held his audience in rapt attention from beginning to end, making a profound impression.

He lectures at Metropolitan Hall again tonight and on Thursday and Friday nights, but on Wednesday night he will hold a necessary mission service and preach at the Catholic church. The hour for his lectures at Metropolitan Hall and for the service on Wednesday night at the church, is 8 o'clock.

TWO MORE JUDGES.

Judge Russell to Recommend the Abolition of the Criminal Circuits.

Not the least bit of interesting information in the policy that will be pursued by the incoming administration is the statement from a reliable republican source that the two criminal circuit courts, one in the east and the other in the west, will be abolished, and the number of superior court judges increased to fourteen.

The informant says that Judge Russell will, in his inaugural address recommend that this be done by the legislature. As is well known these circuit courts are the creation of the last legislature. It is claimed that the superior court judges are overworked and that the addition of judges will relieve the strain which the judges are now under going and permit the abolishment of the two circuit courts.

It is also very probable that the salary of the judges of the superior court will be increased. One of the present judges said sometime ago that the salary he received did not equal the actual expenses of himself and family.

THE SOUTHERN'S SUIT:

Suing the Richmond Terminal Company for an oil rate.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 8.—A suit involving nearly \$18,000,000 has been instituted in the United States Circuit Court here here. It is brought by Ohayes H. Carter, James H. Sherman and Anthony Thomas, citizens and residents of the State of New York, who sue for the benefit of the Southern Railway Company, plaintiffs, against the Richmond & West Point Terminal Railway and Warehouse Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Virginia. The action is based upon a plea of debt amounting to \$16,049,000, with interest from July 13, 1893, amounting to \$481,470 and, in addition, the sum of \$1,283,354 interest due on principal and costs, taxed, in all \$17,818,843.

The plaintiffs contend that they recovered judgment against the defendants in the New York Supreme Court on January 13, 1894, and that the defendants "owe and unjustly detain" the amount from the plaintiffs, and that the claim "remains in full force and effect, in no wise settled, satisfied, reversed, annulled, paid off, or discharged."

Car Record Office.

The car record and mileage bureau on the Southern railway has been placed under the direct control of George S. Hobbs, the general auditor, with headquarters at Washington. All matters pertaining to car distribution or car service will be in the hands of the superintendent of car service as heretofore. The reports were formerly sent to the superintendent of car service, but in the future will go direct to Auditor Hobbs, who reports to Vice-President Finley.

This will let out fifteen clerks at Washington who were employed in the car service bureau, and fifteen more at Knoxville will be dropped. A Wild Hog Killed in Wake.

A genuine wild hog, that has been a source of annoyance to many of Wake's farmers was killed last week on Mr. Chas. Hinton's farm. The hog has for two years past played havoc with cornfields and the farmers of that section have spent much time in chasing him.

The animal was tracked during the snow by at least a dozen farmers who composed the party. It required seven shots to kill the hog, who fought his assailants ferociously. It weighed 260 pounds and had tusks 2½ inches long.

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ALL BONDS ACCEPTED

The New Officers Administered the Oath.

SHERIFF JONES IS IN.

Sheriff Page Will Hold This Year's Tax List and Make all Collections. The Sheriff Caned.

The board of county commissioners met this morning at 10:30. The board proceeded to the examination of the bonds offered by Mr. Ham T. Jones, the new sheriff, and they were duly accepted. Mr. Jones' bond was for \$115,000. The county bonds were for \$80,000.

Clerk of the Court Young's bond was taken into consideration and accepted.

Sheriff Jones and Register of Deeds Rogers were then administered the oath of office by Justice Roberts in the presence of the board of commissioners.

A great amount of minor business consumed the time of the board for the remainder of the morning session. School matters and others of less interest were disposed of.

At 4 o'clock this evening Sheriff Page will finally turn over the official office of sheriff to his successor.

Sheriff Jones will take possession of the jail and the county's affairs with the exception of the tax list, which still remains in possession of Sheriff Page, who will continue to receive all taxes for the year in an adjoining office.

Chief Clerk Rivers performed his first official duties this afternoon.

Sheriff Page, who retires from the office today has made one of the very best officials Wake county has ever had and he carries with him in retiring the high respect and esteem of all who know him. Last night he was made the recipient of a handsome gold headed cane from his deputies, as a token of their esteem and good will. The presentation of the cane was made in a graceful and appropriate speech by Mayor Russ.

Sheriff Page, who was taken by surprise made a fitting acknowledgement and expressed his gratitude in a feeling manner.

The cane is of highly polished black walnut, with a heavy gold head, inscribed with the name of the recipient, the date and the names of those presenting it—C M Walters, R H Brooks and J T Rowland.

Sheriff Jones is well known over the county and his many friends predict for him a successful administration.

Treasurer Knight took possession of his office yesterday. Mr. Knight will conduct the affairs of the Treasurer's office without any assistance.

A NOVEL MEETING.

The Wanderer's Return—A Holiday Reunion.

A novel and interesting meeting is to take place at the winter health resort, Southern Pines, N. C., on December 22nd and 23rd. It is called the "Reunion of the Wanderer's from Virginia and the Carolinas."

The rates of transportation over the railroads have been obtained from Texas and other far off Southern and Western states, so that at a small cost the people from the three states named, who have emigrated to other points may return and not be at the Southern Pines gathering,

but visit their old homes and stay for one month. The indications are that a large number of people will attend the reunion and to enable the near by citizens to attend at a small cost the Seaboard Air Line has made a rate from all along the line in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, at the very low price of one cent per mile and no doubt many old as well as the young people will make a Christmas trip to the reunion and see the novel city in the woods, that has its magnificent hotels, electric lights and electric car line, all built inside of two years.

The reunion meeting will be one of social pleasure and amusement. Business will be laid aside and all the fun and merry making that can be crowded into two days will be enjoyed on this occasion. Those who want to learn the exact cost of a trip from off points, so as to inform friends and relatives in distant states can write to Mr. J. N. Wisner, Houston, Texas, or T. J. Anderson, general passenger agent, Portsmouth, Va.

GOING IN GRANVILLE.

Mr. T. C. Harris Tells Something About the New Eldorado.

Talking of the story in the Press-Visitor of Saturday concerning the reported rich gold finds in Granville and Vance, Mr. T. C. Harris of this city said in an interview to day:

"Your article in Saturday's Press-Visitor on the recent discovery of gold in Granville and Vance counties was specially interesting to me. Being an old Granvillian myself I happen to know something about the gold-bearing localities in the county, and they are numerous.

The best known locality is the Lewis Mountain land, in the extreme northwestern part of Granville, near the Blue Wing Copper Mines. Some time before the late war the owner worked it with his slaves, using the primitive quartz mill, called the 'arasta.' This contrivance is about the poorest excuse for grinding rock in the world and consists of a big stone dragged around, by mule power, in a circular trough, lined with rock. The gold ore, so pulverized, was afterwards treated with quicksilver to extract the free gold.

Notwithstanding his crude methods he is reported to have taken out something over twenty thousand dollars worth and, on his death, the mine fell to certain heirs of the estate.

Since the war, or about 1870, a Northern company, through their agent, a Mr. Evans, did considerable prospecting on the place and sunk a number of shafts. They found good ore, in paying quantity, but failed to complete the lease—owing to the fact of certain ones of the legatees refusing to sign the contract.

Another locality is called the Venable mine, situated near the station of Stovall, on the Oxford and Jacksonville railroad. No work has ever been done on the mine.

Very near to Dabney, a station on the Henderson and Oxford railroad, is a well known locality, where some prospecting work was done, many years ago. Good ore is reported at that place, but no systematic work has been done there.

A few miles southeast of Oxford, on Tabbs Creek and Ruin Creek, is a section of country with considerable gold-bearing quartz scattered over the surface. This is probably the very section of which you write. It lies between Oxford and Kirttells and is crossed by two railroads, the O. and H. and the D. and N.

As early as 1840-'50 Mr. Willis Harris, my grandfather, prospected the neighborhood, picking up here and there surface specimens which attracted his notice. These he pounded in a small, family spice mortar and extracted some twenty dollars worth of the precious metal.

When we consider how very slow and tedious the operation, and how small a quantity of hard quartz could be so pulverized, it must have been rich indeed to give such a result.

There is no business on earth more uncertain and deceptive than gold mining, nor one more infested with sharks and speculators, with "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," and our good Granville people should keep their eyes open."

N C R R STOCK DECLINES

In view of the Recent Agitation of the Annulment of the Southern's Lease.

That those persons desiring the lease of the North Carolina Railway to the Southern Railway revoked have a strong following in the newly elected legislature is apparent to every one. There is no unanimity of opinion among those opposing the lease as to what course will be pursued. Comparatively few people believe that the courts will allow the lease to be interfered with after the Southern has expended such a large sum in making permanent improvements in the property. Several hundred thousand dollars are said to have been expended by the Southern in improvements.

The Supreme Court of the United States will have the final say if an attempt is made to annul the existing contract.

The recent agitation of the annulment of the lease, in addition to Judge Russell's outspoken view in condemnation of it, has had the effect of depreciating the stock of the North Carolina road. This fact is evidenced by the decline in stock to 115. Since the lease was effected the stock has sold as high as 135.

The populists, so it is stated, will act as a unit in an effort to have the lease revoked at the coming session of the legislature.

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TOBACCO SYNDICATE

To be Organized in Opposition to the American Tobacco Company.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—There have been rumors for some days of a new opposition to American Tobacco Co. A special from Philadelphia says:

"A new tobacco manufacturing enterprise is being formulated to be known as the Drummond Tobacco company. The company is to be controlled, it is said, by a syndicate of tobacco men. Ground has been purchased at Pavonia, N. J., and architects are now at work on a factory to cost \$50,000. The company will manufacture chewing and smoking tobacco. There is said to be an excellent field for a company manufacturing a full line of tobaccos as their is much complaint made against the methods of the American Tobacco company, and none of the firms composing the trusts are in a position to fill all kinds of orders.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS. OPEN- HIGH- LOW- CLOS-
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January,	7.30	7.31	7.15	7.18
February,	7.33	7.39	7.25	7.26
March,	7.45	7.46	7.33	7.34
April,</				