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EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

A South Carolina farmer has accomplished the feat of producing four bales of cotton from one acre. He did it by intensive farming.

The naval board estimates the cost of an armor plant at three and three quarter million dollars. No recommendation is made as to location.

Mr. Luetgert, Mr. Thorn and Mr. Marion Butler are running a close race for the position of the most distinguished Americans. Durham Sun.

The annual report of the State Labor Commissioner for this year will be, for the first time, illustrated, and will contain 45 views of mills and six of prominent mill men.

United States Senator Geo. L. Wellington, of Maryland, has instituted suit for \$100,000 damages for libel against Gen. Felix Agnits, publisher and editor of the Baltimore American.

Congressman Dingley expresses the opinion that the Presidential battle of 1900 will be fought on the issues of 1896. It doesn't require a very astute statesman to arrive at that conclusion.

Dr. Congosto, the Spanish consul at Philadelphia, who is now in Cuba on a mission for his Government, says the terms in which home rule is conceded have produced an effect which cannot be improved upon.

Horse flesh seems to be pretty cheap out West, not only for plugs, but for horses of high degree. The Louisville Courier-Journal notes the fact that at a sale at Lexington recently, thoroughbreds sold for \$5, \$10, \$25, and \$50, and some of them with aristocratic pedigrees, too.

Some Western capitalists propose to have an exhibition at the Paris Exposition a gold statue of President McKinley the value of the bullion in which will be \$1,050,000. As a compensation piece they ought to send along a statue of Mark Hanna in brass. Wilmington Star.

Government ownership of railroads has been a failure in Brazil, and the Government has offered to lease its entire system of 14,000 miles of track to any responsible company that will pay a bonus of \$70,000,000 as a rental of the tracks, rolling stock and other property for a term of fifty years, and guarantee to restore them in good order at the end of that period.

The return of a band of twenty-five miners from the Klondike region, bringing with them the snug sum of \$1,200,000, would seem to be an emphatic confirmation of the original reports concerning the richness of the new Northwestern gold fields. There will probably be a renewed rush of adventurers to that now frozen land as soon as the rigor of winter shall have ended.

The result of the trial of Martin Thorn for the murder of Guldenuppe was only what was to have been expected in view of the evidence in the case. It was clear that both Thorn and Mrs. Nack were guilty of deliberate and premeditated murder, and the efforts of each to throw the burden of guilt on the other only served to demonstrate that they were equal partners in the crime. Whether Thorn actually murdered the man while Mrs. Nack kept guard, or whether she actually assisted in the murder and the subsequent disposition of the body, there can be no doubt, from their confessions and from the testimony of other witnesses, that they conspired to kill Guldenuppe and were jointly associated in the commission of the crime. For this reason many will be inclined to question the justice of allowing Mrs. Nack to escape, as it is intimated she may, the punishment which Thorn is to suffer. Of the two she was probably the worse morally, suggesting the murder, in all likelihood, and tempting the weak and vicious Thorn to embark with her in the bloody enterprise. The case of Mrs. Nollies, in Georgia, is an illustration of the strength of sentiment against the hanging of a woman, but the law took a straight course with her, and it is the Governor who will say whether his sentence shall be executed or not.

The Japanese are catching on to American flour. In 1896 they took 1,562,882 bushels of our wheat. Last year they took 31,408,314 bushels.

In view of the New York World's frantic efforts to pull David B. Hill down from his roost, Hon. Dick Croker incidentally asks, who in thunder is David B. Hill, anyhow?

The Emperor of China is quoted as declaring that he will forfeit his crown rather than agree to the conditions demanded by Germany as redress for the murder of two German missionaries.

The President appointed Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, the best known negro Republican in the country, as register of the treasury yesterday. He held the position some years ago.

Dr. Parkhurst is very sad, "inexpressibly sad" because Tammany is back in the saddle. As he can't help it he might console himself by devoting less attention to politics and more to religion.

Baron von Bismarck, German minister for foreign affairs, has assured Ambassador White that out of respect for American susceptibility Germany has reduced her claim against Hayti to \$20,000.

It is openly asserted that at the Halifax State farm convicts are allowed to go "possum and coon hunting" contrary to all precedent and to the rules and regulations of the penitentiary.

If you have any doubt about the industry of the hen family, we refer you to the statement of a German eggologist who has been figuring on it and estimates that the world annually consumes 600,000,000,000 eggs, and every one of them furnished by the hen.

The Supreme Court of Indiana has decided that a wife may at any time sue for and recover money lost by her husband gambling. This is in line with common sense and decency, and if it isn't a good law everywhere it ought to be.

A little New York girl made a capital catch a few nights ago. She heard some one trying to get in at a window and reached it in time to pull the sash down on a burglar's head and trap him. She yelled and held on till the police arrived and took him in.

The Savannah News notes the glut of money in banks and wants to see it employed in industries. A glut of money is not a sign of prosperity, the Augusta Chronicle says, but partial stagnation. Money will be invested on a rising market and not on a falling one. Free coinage would produce a rise.

The Atlanta Journal fears Mr. McKinley will make a great mistake if he allows those Western gold miners to make a gold statue of him and exhibit him as a gold dummy in Paris. The Journal thinks the silver men would utilize that incident as a club to knock the stuffing out of the gold party.

The population of the earth in 1893 is estimated to have been 1,485,763,000. In 1897, according to the Statesman's Year Book, 1,737,284,463, or four-fifths of the inhabitants of the earth, were under the sway of the following ten great powers, in the proportions indicated: China, 402,680,000; British empire, 383,488,469; Russian empire, 129,545,000; France, 70,467,775; United States, 62,929,706; German empire, 62,879,901; Austria-Hungary, 41,358,886; Japan, 41,813,215; Netherlands, 38,859,451; Ottoman empire, 39,212,000. Among these powers the United States holds the fifth place as respects population, and has about one-twenty-fifth of the population of the earth. The population of China is really unknown, some authorities placing it as low as 225,000,000. The population of the earth as a whole is thought to show a net increase of some ten or fifteen millions a year. Seven of the great powers just enumerated are European in origin and Christian in religion, while Japan is assimilating European culture. China and Turkey are supposed to be losing population and becoming relatively if not absolutely weaker, while the rest are growing stronger.

Roasted wheat, browned like coffee, is said to be just as good a substitute for coffee as any of the much advertised substitutes.

NOT THE RIGHT KIND OF SPIRIT.

The Concord Standard, under the head of "Old Buck a Democrat," says: "Capt. Buck Kitchen is back flat-footed in the Democratic party—no, he has not changed at all, no, no! the Democratic party has come back to him (?). Its all right for him to vote with the party that will undo as far as possible his late political meanness, but it's to be hoped he will not go about making speeches for the party that he so lately abused with all his might.

We'd like to keep our sight and never see him and our hearing and never hear him again unless he has made more change in principle than he claims to have made in politics."

Brother, of the Standard, that is not the kind of spirit to manifest, according to our opinion. Capt. Kitchen was for many years a staunch and strong advocate of the Democratic party and the principles it enunciated. His clarification, in defense of the party, was heard throughout the length and breadth of the State. He was honored, listened to and cheered to the echo. He erred in diverging from the party—there are others like him. Now, if he sees his mistake and would come back to his first love, don't drive him away by such over-enthusiastic language. Let him, if it pleases him, believe that the Democratic party has come to him; it is no matter. We need him and others who left the party—misguided as they were—if we would redeem the State.

There is no sacrificing of principle by receiving these men back into the fold. As stated above, it makes no difference if they do believe the Democratic party has come to them, so they are present to support the main lines and batteries of the party in the great battle of votes in '98, and thus aid it to victory. This same condition will apply to the two factions in the Democratic party. We desire harmony in the ranks of the party. We say to the minority of the party—the gold standard people—make concession, join us and help sweep the Republican party from the field in glorious defeat. We cannot expect them to come by language calculated to drive them away. They must be invited to come with us, and shown, if it be possible, that their interest and the interest of the country lies in their doing so. We must not be too stiff-necked in our views, but allow others rights to theirs. We do not differ enough to drift apart. We must unite. This is our supreme duty, if we are to accomplish success.

CONGRESS.

The first regular Congress under Mr. McKinley convened Monday. Whether or not it will do anything for the relief of the country remains to be seen. The extra-ordinary session which was called to revise the tariff, after about four months, finally promulgated and enacted into law, a new tariff. This tariff has so far been a failure as to producing adequate revenue to meet the expenses of the government. A part of the salaries of the government officers are now being paid out of the money secured by the much abused Cleveland bond issue. This is proven the failure of the new tariff. It has, in fact, hardly met the expectation of its most ardent friends.

The things that will probably demand the attention of Congress will be the annexation of Hawaii, the adjustment of the Cuban affairs and a reform of the currency. These are all likely to end in talk. The people, however, will have something to converse about while Congress is in session.

Lovers are not necessarily alike because they correspond.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY.

Albanians are in full revolt against Turkey.

Snow fell yesterday at Buffalo, Cleveland and Marquette.

The First National Bank of Oklahoma City went out of business yesterday.

The German government has abandoned its intention of sending a war ship to Hayti.

There will be a flag-raising over Washington's tomb, at Mount Vernon, Va., Saturday.

Presbyterians are holding a conference in Birmingham to form an independent negro church.

Seven men are dead and 17 more not expected to live from the results of drinking wood alcohol at Maplesville, La.

Senator Hanna is still suffering with the grip, and will not be in Washington at the opening of Congress next Monday.

Fire at Escanaba, Mich., destroyed an ore dock and a steamer. Two lives were lost. Total property loss about \$200,000.

Owing to the friendly relations between the United States and Spain, American warships will winter in the West Indies.

Emperor William opened the Reichstag in person. In his speech from the throne he advocated an increase in the German navy.

A committee of the Georgia Legislature was held up and robbed yesterday, while traveling by rail through the Okefinochee swamp.

A fire-damp explosion occurred yesterday in the Frankerholz Coal Mine, near Hamburg, Bavaria. Thirty men were killed and forty injured.

Bismarck and Huron report minimum temperatures of 14 to 16 degrees below zero respectively. The zero line extends as far south as Omaha.

A desperate fight occurred yesterday between illicit distillers and revenue officers near Greenville, S. C. Two officers were severely wounded.

Members of Congress are unusually slow in putting in an appearance at Washington for the regular session which will begin next Monday.

Near Evergreen, Ala., William Ellis, a white farmer, killed Cook King, colored, by slowly shooting him to death as punishment for improper conduct with Ellis' daughter.

George Shulewzewski fell into the cellar of his new home, in Baltimore yesterday and was killed. He was preparing the house for his wife and children, who had just arrived from Germany.

Eugene Moore, ex-Auditor of the State of Nebraska, was sentenced by Judge Cornish yesterday to eight years in the penitentiary, for the embezzlement of insurance fees amounting to \$25,000.

During the riots at Prague Monday, when the disorders were so furious that the rioters were charged by the military and dispersed at the point of the bayonet, a hundred persons were wounded and fifty arrested.

The Norwegian bark Adele and Sabine, from Brunswick, Ga., for Rotterdam, went ashore at Cape Sur-Mer. It is reported that the vessel is breaking up, that her cargo is washing out and that the bodies of four of the crew have been picked up. Part of the crew are thought to have reached shore in safety.

Philip Hodge, who, while a fugitive from justice in Oklahoma, saved many lives in the flood there, is now on trial at Valdosta, Ga., on the charge of murdering his uncle, Samuel Hodge.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President McKinley, was stricken with paralysis yesterday and it is feared her death is only a question of a short time. Mrs. McKinley is 89 years of age.

Mr. Frederick Hord, a well-known resident of Richmond, Va., made a desperate effort at suicide yesterday. He cut his throat through to the larynx and almost severed his tongue. Financial worry is said to have caused the desperate deed. He may recover.

SATURDAY.

Secretary Sherman is confined to his home with a cold.

Cotton sold yesterday in St. Louis at 54 cents.

Between six and eight inches of snow fell yesterday in Nebraska.

Fierce storms are again raging over England, causing much damage.

Active fighting is reported between the Spanish forces and insurgents in Cuba.

A company to manufacture sugar from beets has been chartered in Richmond, Va.

The exports from Newport News for November, aggregate in value at least \$2,500,000.

Fire at St. Louis, Mo., caused an estimated loss of \$200,000.

A bill to abolish football was introduced in the Virginia Legislature yesterday.

The United States has renewed its demand on Turkey for the pillage of American missions in Armenia.

Mrs. Francis Hoover, of Shandoah county, Va., committed suicide yesterday by cutting her throat.

Tennessee's new State penitentiary has just been completed at a cost of \$400,000 and is ready for occupancy.

The Kentucky Distillers' Association decided to restrict the production of liquor in that State for three years.

Plans have been approved for the erection of a public library building in New York, to cost \$2,500,000.

Baron Pasetti, of Vienna, shot himself outside the residence of an American widow to whom he had been making love.

Insurgents attacked the town of Guisa, in the province of Santiago and killed and wounded fifty of the Spanish garrison.

Justice Field's retirement from the United States Supreme Court took effect yesterday. Justice Harlan becomes the senior associate.

Wm. H. Scott, of Baltimore, was yesterday sued for \$75,000 damages for the death of Mrs. Maxon, who lost her life in the recent fire at Scott's store.

The sum of \$20,000 was collected at the Salvation Army Congress in New York yesterday, to aid in establishing a colony of poor families in the southwest.

A volunteer lifeboat belonging at Margate, England, was capsized yesterday morning off Noyland Rock. Ten of the crew were drowned, and four were rescued.

Mrs. Nack, the accomplice of Thorn in the murder of Guldenuppe, will be arraigned next week. It is expected she will enter a plea of manslaughter in the first degree.

The Carroll County (Md.) Milling Company, of Westminster, is preparing 500 barrels of flour for the orthodox Hebrews of Baltimore, to be made into Passover bread.

In Norfolk Va., Mrs. Lillian Bain Cannon has entered suit for divorce from her husband, Joseph Cannon, recently convicted of conspiring with two other men against her chastity.

Germany has sent two additional cruisers to China, bringing the force up to ten ships, with 4,000 men and 140 guns. Russia is inclined with France to oppose the German action.

Johns Hopkins University has an enrollment of 570 students, being 56 more than last year.

A special from Canton, O., says Mrs. McKinley is still living, but growing steadily weaker.

Three men, all connected with insurance companies, committed suicide in New York yesterday.

Troops are being drafted into Prague from Vienna, and today there will be at least 12,000 in the city.

President McKinley's message to Congress will be devoted mainly to currency reform and foreign relations.

Frank Genin, who had lost a fortune of \$100,000 by bad investments, committed suicide in New York yesterday.

A determined effort will be made in the Virginia Legislature to cut down the expenses of the State government.

Miss Virginia MacTavish, of Baltimore, will bear to Queen Margherita, of Italy, copies of Cardinal Gibbons' works.

Rev. James Battle Avirett has raised all the money needed for the shaft to the memory of the North Carolina Confederate dead at Winchester, Va.

Bishop Capers, of South Carolina, has fixed December 19th as a lay upon which the Protestant Episcopal clergy of that State are to preach against the crime of murder.

The boiler in the engine room at the Glenwood coal mine, Des Moines, Iowa, exploded yesterday. Twenty men were in the room and not one escaped injury. Two men were killed and eleven others were severely burned and scalded. The boiler was blown 100 yards.

A terrific explosion occurred in a candy manufactory in New York yesterday. Twenty-four men were scalded and otherwise injured. Six candy makers were blinded by boiling syrup, and five of them will never see again. One hundred men engaged in making Christmas candy had narrow escapes.

Martin Thorn was before Justice Maddox, at Long Island City yesterday, and without a tremor of a muscle, he listened to his sentence to die the week beginning January 10th. It was one of the most remarkable exhibitions of nerve ever exhibited by a condemned murderer.

In a street duel at Horatio, Ark., one man was killed outright and another fatally wounded. The dead man is Dr. Smith, a prominent physician of that place, and the man fatally wounded is J. J. Smith, a brother of the dead doctor. The killing was done by W. W. Milwee, one of the wealthiest men in the town.

STATE NEWS.

Gov. Russell has appointed Mr. J. P. Sossamon to represent the farmers of Mecklenburg county at the Cotton Grower's Association which meets in conference in Atlanta this month.

Thomas Crawford, who went from Davie county to Texas 25 years ago, has just returned. He tells the Times that he was 90 days on the way back, traveling in a one-horse wagon, and that he repaired stoves en route.

Ex-Senator J. J. Goodwyn appears to have solved the problem of having watermelons all the year round. He continues to bring them to market and some very fine ones. He informs us that he expects to have them until Christmas. He is the only farmer in the county who has the seed that will produce melons as late as this.—Weldon News.

Mr. Summit of King's Mountain, who was born in 1800, was in Charlotte yesterday, going about making purchases. He was accompanied by a neighbor aged 76 years, and they were as lively as boys. Mr. Summit does not look anything like a 97-year-old man. One would judge him to be about 60, and he says he feels about that age.—Charlotte Observer.

Near Traphill, a few days ago, Monroe Waddell was standing with his gun resting on the ground, his foot resting on the hammer, and very foolishly blew into the muzzle. It was his last blow, however, as the gun went off and came very near taking Waddell's head off, too. He received the full load in his mouth and never failed to tell how to blow into a loaded gun with his foot on the hammer.

Two sons of Henry Blas, who live on Swannanoa, yesterday morning treed three black bears near Gudger's bridge, seven miles east of the city. As they were fighting the cubs the old bear appeared on the scene and was killed while in the defence of her young. Her body was brought to the city and is on exhibition at the store of Johnston & McDowell, on South Main street. The two cubs made their escape.—Asheville Gazette.

A desire to mind one's own business is a fact that is often hard to acquire.

REMARKABLE CASE.

A Burglar Attempts To Cremate a Miss Higgins, of Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 2.—A very remarkable case was yesterday called to the attention of the police. The night before about 10:30 a burglar entered the residence of Mr. John M. Higgins, at 219 Grenover street, and attempted to cremate his daughter, Miss Marie Higgins. The father is a prominent business man here and for years a member of the city council. A short time before this very remarkable attack Mr. Higgins and all of the members of his family, except the young lady referred to and a grown brother, were away from home. At 10:30 they returned home and after spending a short time in the sitting room retired. The young lady and her brother went to the dining room for a lunch. When they reached that room Miss Higgins found that she had left the keys to the pantry on the table in the front parlor, and went back alone to get them. Just as she reached the table she was seized from behind, a hand was pressed over her mouth and a piece of cloth tied around her eyes. Her unknown assailant dragged her toward the rear windows of the room. Here is the singular part of the case. After getting her in the back part of the room the burglar is said to have snatched off her bracelets and tied around her wrists a cloth saturated with turpentine, which he set fire to, still holding his hand over her mouth to keep her from alarming the house and also keeping her arms secured. At this juncture the young lady broke away from the dexterous burglar and ran screaming down the hall. The family, alarmed, rushed to her side, and her brother tore from her wrists the burning bandages and she was carried upstairs in a fainting condition. The case was reported to the police yesterday and two negro men have been arrested. There is, however, no evidence against them. This is the fourth attempt made to burglarize the Higgins house.

Acquitted of Stealing Kisses.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., Dec. 2.—J. R. Quade, the traveling soap vendor, who is arrested on four writs for hugging and kissing East Cambridge young ladies last week, was today acquitted by Justice Barrett. Three of the cases were abandoned by the State's attorney and an alibi was proved in the fourth. Quade is indignant over his arrest and has made application for the arrest of the young ladies. Justice Barrett is holding the matter under consideration.

Miser's Pct of Gold.

Winston Journal.

A few days since Peter Price, of Greensboro, and Joe Vaughn bartered on a piece of land at Madison, which they owned in co-partnership. Mr. Price proposed to Mr. Vaughn to buy or sell at Mr. Vaughn's figures. Mr. Vaughn set the price at \$2,500. Mr. Price made the purchase. A day or two later, while having an old cabin removed a rich find was made. An old half-gallon pot was found containing five thousand dollars in gold. The gold is supposed to have been stored there by an old man the name of Black, who had led a miserly or reclusive life.

Poisoned 250 Patients.

GALLINOLIS, O., Dec. 1.—Two hundred and fifty patients at the epileptic hospital were poisoned today.

Dr. Ratter and his corps of physicians succeeded only after a desperate fight in checking the outbreak without a fatality. As it is, some of the patients are still in a critical condition. The presumption among the hospital physicians is that the infection came from some article of food eaten by the patients and the bacteriological department is making a rigid analysis of the food cooked during the past few days. Some think a deleterious drug was placed in some of the vitals and, that with the disruption extant at the institution over the wholesale discharge of employes, has put the institution in the throes of great excitement.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions passed by the State Democratic Executive Committee at their meeting in Raleigh Tuesday night, November 30th, and given out as an address to the Democrats of North Carolina, has the true ring of Democracy. The length of the resolutions precludes us from copying them, but suffice it to say that the committee had the right conception as to the duty of the Democratic party, and if the white people of the State will be guided by the ideas promulgated, victory will perch upon the Democratic banner next year.

As noted Wednesday the committee said in the resolutions: "We reaffirm our belief in the principles of the Chicago and State platforms of the Democratic party, as adopted in 1896, in their entirety; and we will still support those principles until they are written in our laws."

The depressed condition of trade and the low price of all products raised by our people was viewed with alarm, and attention was called to those who heard Republican orators in 1896 predict dire disaster if the Democrats were elected, to the fact that McKinley is President of these United States and that both branches of Congress are Republican. The resolutions point out that ignorant and impure men are now in charge of the government.

Further, that the restoration of the Democratic party guarantees every man his rights and will demand that virtue and intelligence shall rule the State. The resolutions close with an appeal to every patriotic citizen to rally to the white man's party.

STRONG ENOUGH.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says in this morning's paper:

"It is the talk among some of the Republicans that they will put up next year Congressional candidates in every district; that they are strong enough to walk alone, without leaning on the Populists. Some of them distrust the Populists greatly. The party leaders showed that, however, last winter when they took away the authority of the State supervisors of election."

That is the way to talk, but when it comes to the test, they will fuse with the Populists and vote for them, too. The Republicans are a kind of people that believe that "half a loaf is better than none," even if it is seasoned with bad "risin."

Let them walk alone. They ought to do it; why don't they. They claim to have a majority of the voters in the State. If they are honest in their opinion in making that statement they will put out a straight ticket next year.

Advertising Scheme Killed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Postoffice Department is taking a firm stand against the so-called "missing letter" and "missing word" contests which are being conducted by a number of publishers to increase the subscriptions to their papers. All newspapers and periodicals containing advertisement of this character are forbidden transmission in the mails under the anti-lottery regulations.

From an official document recently issued in Berlin it appears that there is an annual consumption of 17,750,000,000 quarts of beer throughout the world. Of this Germany consumes 5,000,000,000; Great Britain and Ireland, 4,700,000,000; the United States, 3,200,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 1,350,000,000; Belgium, 1,050,000,000; France, 840,000,000 and Russia only 400,000,000.

Maggie Falser, a Chicago girl, stood on a hot stove while polishing the stove pipe with turpentine. She dropped the bottle of turpentine on the stove. Maggie will not polish stove pipes any more.

A man would rather win \$1 on a wager than earn \$5 at honest labor.