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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Prof. John V. Crowell, of New York, says: \$16,000,000,000 are invested in farmlands. That may be true, but it is on record that the income from the investment barely pays the interest on mortgages.

While England is seizing American flour, supposed to be intended for the Boers, American ordinance factories are working overtime in manufacturing machine guns for the British.

The administration forces in the Soudan have refused to permit an explanation of the mysterious voyage of the United States man-of-war Montgomery to the coast of Africa.

An impartial administration stands ready, not only to consummate secret alliances with foreign powers, but to suppress all information tending to show the nature of that alliance and the price America may have to pay.

It is seriously announced by cable that England proposes to send Oom Paul Kruger to Napoleon's prison at St. Helena. From present indications Great Britain will have a long enough time to wait before she catches the wily Boer, but since she is bound to maintain to the end her reputation for barbarism already so well established in this war, she might send him when caught to Dreyfus' cage on Devil's Island.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor raised the rents on all of his New York property the other day on the plea that it was made inevitable by the increased assessments. What part his recent generosity in equipping a full rapid-fire battery for the campaign against the Boers may have had in compelling this levy upon his American tenants he don't explain. — or perhaps an increase in the income tax he has to pay in England but helped to beat in the United States may be involved.

Over one thousand Republicans armed with Winchester rifles assembled at the State House at Frankfort, Ky. on Thursday last and swore that Taylor, the Republican Governor, should not be elected. The legislature is trying to elect the Democratic candidate. The mob was disbursed after a time, but they left indignantly and fired shots promiscuously as they went when terrorized the citizens as they took to their houses. This is the class of men who intimidated the voters at the polls and who kept many others away from the polls on election day, who wanted to vote. Every man who took part in this mob ought to be disfranchised.

The end has been reached in the Binham H. Roberts case. He is the member elected to the congress from Utah who had three wives. A committee was appointed to investigate his case. During this investigation he was given a seat but was not allowed to take the oath of office. He claimed he could not be legally married until he had been sworn to and this was the contention of those who voted against the resolution. The committee reported to reject him and the vote was on Thursday last and the report was adopted and his seat was declared vacant by a vote of 268 to 60. Those voting against the report claim they were against Roberts but that they were opposed to the method of the proceedings.

STATE NEWS.

Some of the people of Henderson are agitating in favor of a certain law.

The Scotland Neck Baptists have contributed \$1,075 for the Baptist Female University at Raleigh.

The Charlotte Presbyterians have raised \$30,000 for the Presbyterian Female Seminary in that city.

New Bern Journal: The saw mill belonging to C. H. Foy at Maysville caught fire and was entirely destroyed.

Greenville Reflector: E. B. Shepherd, of Greenville, the man who shot at District Attorney Bernard and afterward entered suit against him, took non-suit in this case.

A 3,000 spindle cotton mill is to be built at Lowell, in Gaston county, and another at Bessemer City, close by. Citizens of Clayton have organized a company with a capital of \$75,000 to build a cotton mill.

Superintendent W. C. Stronach of the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh says there are 60 applicants for admission who cannot be received, owing to the failure of the legislature to provide for their maintenance. It is a shame.

At the Populist State executive committee meeting held in Raleigh last Thursday night it was decided to fight the constitutional amendment. Butler controlled the meeting. It was decided to call a State convention to meet at Raleigh April 18.

The Raleigh & Gaston railroad company has filed a big mortgage at Raleigh, the amount involved being \$5,000,000. The Revenue stamps of it amounts to \$2,500, and the registration fee was \$27.

At Durham Judge Moore rendered a decision that saw mill men are not liable to tax as lumber dealers. He held that a lumber dealer under the law was one who bought and sold lumber and not saw mill men who are manufacturers.

Charlotte News: Gastonia is taking strides forward which will soon put her in the list of cities and out of the list of towns besides her industrial progress in the shape of several new cotton mills, it is to have water-works, electric lights and sewerage.

Senator Pritchard has introduced a resolution that the president be authorized to appoint as an additional cadet at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., David Bagley, brother of Bascom Water Bagley, U. S. navy, killed in battle at Cardenas, Cuba, May 11th, 1898.

The State has chartered the Austrial Mfg. Co. of Fayetteville, capital \$150,000. The company will make and refine spirits turpentine, rosin, tar, acids, etc., and will own and operate tank cars and pipe lines. The incorporators are all of Cleveland, O.

Smilted Herald: Mr. M. V. Barefoot was here last week and sold two bales of cotton which he raised on one acre. He sold a 7-12-cent per pound, the two bales amounting to \$39.12. The seed of the two bales, if sold, would bring \$10 or \$11, making about \$50 worth raised on one acre.

The Baptist Female University at Raleigh is now in debt \$35,000 and a strenuous effort is being made to raise the money to pay off the indebtedness. Rev. O. L. Springfield, the financial agent, is working all the time to this end.

Senator Butler speaking of the national park proposed to be established in Western North Carolina said the movement might easily be considered a success; that the first step—securing the appointment of a commission from congress authorized to report on the matter—was assured, and the only question is whether the report of the commission will be favorable or not.

Raleigh Post: The Populist committee who returned to their homes from the meeting held here were promptly patted and praised by Republicans, who have never been so generous about their own allies as at present. The Populist party was practically dispersed in 1893, and the efforts of the ex-office holders who compose the remnant, to make it appear that the united Populist party is against the suffrage amendment is rather weak. With a few exceptions, the members of the committee present at the meeting on Thursday are full of ideas Republicans.

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Annual Statement.

The following is a list of all the claims audited by the Board of Commissioners of Beaufort county for year ending November 30th 1899.

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