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CHIEFLY OF RALEIGH.

Items of Interest From State Capital.

A Fine Bicycle Run. Electric Cars To Protect the Price of theS taple. Once More. State Bank Statements. Special Court Terms.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
Raleigh, N. C., May 22.

Gov. Russell today received a letter from Gov. Culberson of Texas, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Texas legislature empowering him to call a Cotton growers' Convention at Galveston August 2. He has issued a proclamation and asks the Governors of each of the cotton-growing States to appoint 2 delegates at large and one for each Congressional district. He asks that in view of the great importance of the convention the selection be of gentlemen sure to attend. Aside from the vast interest involved and the benefits occurring from the gathering, Gov. Culberson says delegates may be assured that they will be heartily welcomed and cordially entertained during their stay in Galveston—a city noted for its hospitality.

The resolution is a stirring one. It says over 65 per cent. of the world's cotton is grown in the South; that the industry is being depressed by speculators who control the product in their own interest by offering for sale fictitious cotton called futures at prices uniformly less than the current spot cotton market; cotton which they do not intend and are not compelled to deliver; they force the mill men to withdraw from the market and then do away with competition, leaving cotton at the mercy of dictated prices. Raw cotton which should sell for not less than 50 per cent. of the price of the manufactured article is sold at 400 to 1,400 per cent more. There is no over production. The purpose of the committee is to devise and regulate concurrent legislation in the cotton-growing States, to relieve cotton from speculation and gambling in futures and to suppress unlawful interference with the cotton trade.

The State Treasurer says the State convention of sheriffs will be held at the Atlantic hotel, Morehead City, about August.

At the State Museum there were received today from Beaufort fine specimens of the hammer-headed shark, bonnet-headed shark, several species of sting rays, the butterfly ray &c.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry evidently has a very poor opinion of the negro State normal schools. He says they belie their name

Some of the Republicans seek in various ways to make it appear that the penitentiary was not self-supporting last year, but they cannot disprove the fact.

Governor Russell expects to go to the Tennessee Exposition June 1st. In that case he will not attend the State University commencement.

The Women's Exposition of the Carolinas at Charlotte now in progress, is certainly in all respects admirable. Really it is the work mainly of the women of Charlotte. No other place in the State could have equaled. It has the merit and the dimensions of a State exposition.

Tomorrow the Reale memorial chapel at the Confederate soldier's home here will be dedicated.

The dispensaries at Rutherfordton and Lexington go into effect week after next.

The white marble grave stones to be placed at the graves of the North Carolina soldiers at Winchester, Va. are being cut and lettered here. They are nearly completed.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
RALEIGH, N. C., May 26.

Governor Russell has decided to leave on Sunday for Nashville so as to be there on Governor's Day. Mrs. Russell and a party of ladies and 12 of the Governor's staff will be in the party. They will spend two days in Nashville.

Mr. Willis Briggs, the local editor of the "busted" Tribune will do special work in the interest of the State Fair. An expert printer has looked into the property of the Tribune and says that $1,000 will more than cover the unencumbered property of the paper. Judgments for $639 more were taken out yesterday.

The Y. M. C. A. wheel club made its first run of the season yesterday. A banner was carried by the club and they made a long and pleasant run.

Two of the new electric cars arrived yesterday and men will be here before Sunday when they will be put on the track. On that day all the employees will don handsome grey uniforms.

The racing at the State Fair will be very fine this year. The Fair date has been so arranged that it is right in line with the grand circuit of Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, and the purses are so much bigger accounts for the outlook for fine racing.

Governor Russell has decided that unless the oyster patrol steamer Lily is in actual demand for patrol use, it can be used by the naval reserves at Wilmington thus saving the State much expense of keeping it. She was built for a rich gentleman north as a pleasure boat.

Some of the State banks are making returns to the State Treasury and are giving the par instead of the actual value of their shares.

Governor Russell orders a special term of Transylvania Court June 24, Judge Norwood to preside, and also one of Buncombe July 12, Judge Timberlake to preside. Both are for civil cases.

State Auditor Ayer says that although the Supreme court delayed its decision in the property and poll tax matter the blanks will get to the registrars and tax collectors in ample time. The poll and property tax is the same as in 1895.

The weather during the week ending Monday, May 24th, was very favorable for farm work, but only fairly so for the growth of crops. The nights generally were too cool, retarding growth, especially of cotton; but the latter part of the week was warmer and improvement in crops resulted. There was an excess of sunshine and a deficiency in precipitation, though local showers occurred on 17th and 21st in many counties. Some hail was reported, without material damage. The general crop prospects are fair Insects are the chief enemies of the farmer at present.

Eastern District.—The past week was sunny and warm during the day, but the nights were quite cool, and, excepting scattered showers one or two days, the weather was quite dry. Crops of all kinds have made some improvement and are clear of grass. The week was very favorable for farm work, which is well up everywhere. Cotton chopping is progressing; cotton small, but fair stand; too cool for cotton, which does not look as well as it might Bud and cut worms are doing great damage to corn. Corn is irregular in stands and size, but growing fairly well; plowing it now. Tobacco transplanted; needs a warm rain to start it. Peanuts growing fairly well. Irish potatoes are inferior and very much damaged by potato bugs; new crop being shipped from south portion. Sweet potato sprouts being set out. Warm showers needed.

GEN. MILES ARRIVED.

He has an Audience With the Sultan

CONSTANTINOPLE.—United States Minister Terrell, escorted Major General Nelson A. Miles, of the United States Army, who was accompanied by his aide de camp, Captain Gauns and two secretaries of the embassy, to the ceremony of the Selamlik today, after which General Miles was received by the Sultan who gave him a special audience. General Miles will start for Thessaly in a day or so Captain Stiben, a United States Military attache at Rome, has been nominated military attache at the American embassy at Constantinople.

The Ambassadors are still waiting instructions from their respective governments as to the capacity in which they are to act when presenting the note which is understood will be presented, whether as advisors or as negotiators. It is understood the Powers will consent to the demand of the Turkish government that the gulfs of Volo and Arta be opened for the revictualing of the Turkish troops and that the peace negotiations will be conducted here.

SALEM FEMALE ACADEMY.

Commencement Exercises this Year of Great Interest.

Special Correspondence.

WINSTON, N. C., May 24.—Salem, N.C. is just now in the midst of her gala time this being commencement week at the Salem Female Academy which in its long history of close on one hundred years has turned out of its classic hall, fifteen thousand educated women, scattering them all over this great land of ours to brighten the homes and teach the people wherever they have made their dwelling place.

Many of our country's noted women have been educated here, prominent among these being the wife of President Polk and the wife and daughter of the famous Stonewall Jackson.

From Friday 21st to Wednesday 26th, we have been kept alive with visitors from all points of the compass, former pupils of the Academy who annually gather here. The Alumnal gatherings make an important feature of commencement as amid their conneils, such movements are suggested like the "Vance Memorial Window" the "Memorial Organ" in the chapel, and the "Granite Entrance" to the park, all being "memorials" by the several classes in the school.

The commencement exercises could once be given in the Chapel of the Academy, but for some time it has been necessary to use the large home church to accommodate the immense audiences that now gather to hear the exercises.

The weather has been very favorable, up to Monday when some clouds gathered and seem to threaten a little damper for the enthusiasm of the week.

Each program of the week has been marked by special success and the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Robt. E. Caldwell, the Presbyterian divine of the Winston congregation, is regarded as the most refined and appropriate effort we have had in a long time.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

May 26.

COTTON quiet and steady with no features, closing at 7 13.

J. E. LATHAM.

NEW YORK, May 21, 1897.

With the exception of one day the week, every day was recorded a decline. The direct cause of the decline was the sales by the speculative lookers of contracts. Purchases were made early in the month, on the assumption that Manchester business was good and that spinners, both in this country and abroad needed to buy liberally to carry them over to the new season. These premises may or may not have been correct, but certainly the evidence presented during the past week or ten days, has been quite to the contrary. When we consider the limited character of the speculative demand, the importance of the regular trade support cannot be over estimated. It was the partial withdrawal of this support which weakened the market, and the selling out by those holders disappointed by the trade reaction together with those whose margins were exhausted, has resulted in present decline which represents a loss of all the advance made since a month ago. The low range of values reached today should place the York stock within the reach of spinners everywhere. The hope of any improvement lies nearly altogether in this direction. Crop accounts are generally considered favorable.

Yours truly,
ROBERT MOORE & Co.

TO FREE CUBA.

The House Willing to Endorse the Belligerancy Resolution.

Time for this Country to Act. Quarrel in Madrid. A Dispute About Cuba. The Trouble Arose Over the Belligerency Resolution at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21—Pressure will be brought to bear upon Speaker Reed next Monday to allow the Senate resolution declaring the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, consideration by the House, but there seems to be little probability that the Speaker will yield, at least for the present.

The prevalent belief among Democrats that a number of Republicans would vote for the resolution, if given an opportunity, seems to be not without sufficient foundation.

The Republicans do favor the action taken yesterday by the Senate, and are anxious to put themselves upon record as supporting a similar proposition. Representative Pearce, who aided the Speaker yesterday in preventing a vote upon Mr. Baily's resolution has declared that he is tired of the timid policy pursued by the House members. He says the party should either take a decisive stand in favor of Cuban independence vote down the resolution, and proclaim its determination to take no action.

There can be no question that in the opinion of a majority of both houses of Congress, the time has passed when any excuse can be offered for further delay in determining just what the policy of the United States is to be.

They are firmly convinced that all that can be or need be learned, is already known. The reports of General Lee to the State Department are complete and accurate. Men who have travelled from one end of Cuba to the other, eluding the vigilance of the Spanish have presented their sworn statements to members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

MADRID, May 21.—In the Spanish Senate today there was a heated and tumultuous debate regarding the resolution passed by the United States Senate yesterday to recognize the Cuban belligerents. The debate here was followed by an excited discussion in the lobbies. This led to a dispute between the Duke of Tetuan, the minister for foreign affairs, and Senator Cornejo, a liberal, which resulted in the Duke leaving the Senator's seat. A great commotion ensued and the sitting of the Senate was suspended.

The Duke of Tetuan and Senator Cornejo have referred records as a preliminary to a duel. The seconds decided that as the aggrieved sides were in equal, a duel is not necessary.

The Duke of Tetuan resigned as a result of the incident.

Senor Canovas, the premier, said the government could only attach credit to such information as was sent by Captain General Weyler. He severely blamed the American newspapers for disseminating false news, and cited as a case in point recent statements attributed to Consul-General Lee.

REPORT ON CUBA.

Calhoun will Make One Verbally on His Return.

WASHINGTON. To set at rest the expectation that a more or less sensational report upon the situation in Cuba is looked for any day by the President, it may be stated that it is not part of the understanding under which Mr. Calhoun went to Havana that he is to make a report by mail or indeed at all until he returns to Washington, and then his observations may be communicated to the President verbally and not in an official form, for it is a fact that Mr. Calhoun's only official duty is an investigation of the Ruiz case.

GOVERNOR'S DAY.

Governor Russell and Party Will Attend Tennessee Exposition.

Special to Journal.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.—Governor Russell, Mrs. Russell, several other ladies and twelve staff officers, leave on special train over the Seaboard Road, next Sunday, for the Tennessee Exposition to be there on Governors' day.

They will remain at the Exposition two days.

Late News Items.

It is officially announced that the wheat area of France is 5,320,000 hectares, 1 hectare = 2.471 acres, below the area of 1896 and that the wheat crop will probably be 322,000,000 hectolitres, a loss of 60,000,000 hectolitres below that in 1896.

A special dispatch from Cape Town says that a party of Portuguese from Mozambique have arrived at Umtali, bearing letters from the Portuguese governor of Mozambique to the effect that the Portuguese have recently defeated the Gorongozas and that the Portuguese have taken possession of Beira to stay.

Dispatches received at Kansas City from points in Kansas report a great deal of damage to wheat by the recent storms in that State.

An order for a Fast Indian Rifle of the latest pattern has been placed in Birmingham by the Ordnance Department of the British War Office. The order is said to be the largest ever placed in Birmingham at one time.

The Ottawa, Ont. Citizen says it is stated Parliament will be asked to make special provision for the Bishop of Roman Catholics in Ottawa.

The strike of the garment workers in Phila., was practically ended in favor of the strikers. The contractors signed bonds that they would faithfully observe for one year the agreement for the advances demanded.

GREAT SALES prove the great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Sarsaparilla sells because it accomplishes GREAT CURES.

TRIAL OF HAVEMEYER.

Sugar Magnate Before a Jury to Answer Charges of Contempt.

WASHINGTON. The trial of H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company for refusing to answer questions propounded by the Senate Sugar Investigating Committee in the spring of 1894, has begun before Judge Bradley. No trouble was experienced in securing a jury, only about peremptory challenges being made by defendant, and none by the prosecution. District Attorney Dickerson conducts the case for the Government, and Nathaniel Wilson, John G. Johnson, of Philadelphia, and John E. Parsons, of New York, appeared for the defense.

Elverton R. Chapman, the New York sugar broker, who is serving a thirty days' sentence in the District jail for the offence for which Havemeyer is being tried, was present as a witness, but did not testify. The witnesses were the file clerk of the Senate, the committee's stenographers, and Senators Gray, Lodge, Davis, and Lindsay, who were of the Investigating Committee. The line of defence, as disclosed is that the question asked, which looked to the production of data as to the political contributions of the sugar company, to State and local officials, was not pertinent to the inquiry.

This was shown by the repeated development of the fact that Mr. Havemeyer answered the question as to the national campaign, and as to the election of United States senators before the Legislature. The line of defence was anticipated somewhat by the District Attorney. Credentials showing were placed on the record of the defence to show that Senator Allen's question which Mr. Havemeyer declined to answer was an individual and not a committee question, but the testimony went to prove the query was propounded by the direction of the committee.

TRIBUNE CUTS.

The State Loses a Fearless Newspaper.

Shops May be Rebuilt. Five Home Insurance Companies. College Exercises. Sudden Death. Cotton Scarce and Wanted.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.

There seems to be very good chances for the rebuilding of the S. A. L. shops here, to replace those that were destroyed by fire some 15 months ago.

The dissatisfaction with the electric lights on the poles for lighting the streets has been so great that the order has been given for them to be swung in the middle of the streets as before.

Mr. Peter E. Pearsall, a native of this city, but for years a prominent insurance man of New Orleans is here visiting his relatives.

There are only five fire insurance companies and one life company in this State that are home enterprises. There are 166 companies doing business, 23 life and 70 accident, fire, guarantee and marine companies and 33 building and loan companies. The State this year has received revenue from all these amounting to $25,000. Twenty-seven of the building and loan companies are home corporations.

In the debate at the A. & M. college on Friday night as to whether "Man was degenerating" it was decided in the negative.

The large Edenton Street Methodist church yesterday celebrated its 10th anniversary since its dedication.

The session at the Blind Institution here closes tomorrow. A good many of the pupils have already gone home.

Two blood hounds were put out at the penitentiary last week to be used in case of convicts escaping. But the blood hounds have themselves escaped.

Mr. Willis Briggs, the city editor and Mr. Martin the assistant editor of the Raleigh Tribune both resigned their positions on Friday and this morning the sheriff closed the office. It has been rumored for something that it would not run after June 1st.

The baccalaureate sermon for Peace Institute was preached yesterday at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Parrish of Godsboro. The commencement exercises take place during the week. Next week the Agricultural and Mechanical college commencement and the University commencement will take place.

The "Beale Memorial Chapel" near the Soldiers' Home was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The different speakers in the city took part in the services.

Mr. B. Israel Pasnach who for years has been a jeweler in this city died suddenly yesterday afternoon of a diseased heart disease. He was a native of Switzerland but had lived here about 30 years, married. He was 57 years old.

It is said that information from the Washington Tribune received by Telegraph yesterday was what caused Hoke to leave the office. The bond of the Tribune is $2,500. It is still $700 which has been expended on the paper. Of course Governor Russell will not shed a tear over the Tribune as it has never ceased to be obnoxious to him since its first issue Jan 1891.

The convention of the Knights of Honor of North Carolina at its convention last week, gave $300 cash towards the $1,200 payment in St Mary's school.

Cotton is very scarce around here, buyers want it but it can't be had.

Wake Forest commencement begins to-night by an address from Judge Walter Clark to the law class.

It is said that Caulius Dockery chairman of the board of penitentiary directors thinks of resigning.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Reed and Mckinley will Hold Up Senate Resolution.

Senator's Promise that Farm Bill will not be Prolonged. Two Men who Looked out for their Constituents. Succession to Senator Earle. The Pooling Bill Objected to.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.

Speaker Reed is the man whose attitude on the Senate resolution declaring for the recognition of Cuban belligerency, and there is no reason to longer doubt entertaining any doubt as to his attitude towards that resolution. It is plain at McKinley should consider that a recognition of belligerency would be preferable to the policy he has mapped out for himself and should desire to have that resolution adopted by the House. He has only to say so and neither Reed nor prompt to put the resolution through, for so long as the President remains of the opinion that a recognition of belligerency will not satisfactorily meet the situation in the case, that resolution will remain just where it is—on the Speaker's table. There is much talk about a revolt on the part of the House, and the adoption of that resolution in spite of the Speaker, but it is only talk. Enough Republicans in the House will stand by the Speaker and the President to control that body, and that too, in the face of the fact that probably seven tenths of them are in favor of the belligerency resolution. No such thing as a "revolt or mutiny" is known in American legislative proceedings, but President McKinley in saying that the adoption of that resolution at this time would unnecessarily hamper him in his Cuban policy, has practically asked his party in the House for a vote of confidence, and although there is no politics in this question, his party is likely to do as he wishes, at least long enough for him to have the chance to make his policy known.

If the Republican and Democratic Senators live up to their caucus agreements, the country will be spared long-winded speeches in the tariff debate which was opened today by Senator Aldrich. The Republicans did not attempt to have their caucus endorse the amendments to the tariff bill, because it would have been useless, owing to the outspoken opposition to some of the schedules on the part of Republican Senators. The Democrats decided to start in by making an attempt to strike out all the internal revenue taxes imposed by the bill, leaving their future actions to be determined by the dissensions they expect to see developed among the Republicans. The Populist Senators are not talking much about their intentions, but it is safe to say that they will treat the preliminary voting, that for or against those items in the bill which they think are for or against the interests of their States, reserving the right to vote for or against the entire bill when it is put upon its final passage. It is now thought that the bill will be passed by the Senate inside of four weeks unless it shall be delayed by some complications now unexpected.

Senator Gorman, and Representative Richardson of Tennessee have always enjoyed the reputation of being hustlers in getting places for their constituents, but it fairly made the eyes of some of their colleagues bulge when it was stated in the Senate civil service committee that when Mr. Gorman was chairman of the Senate Printing Committee, and Mr. Richardson of the House Printing committee they had to the credit two hundred, and seventy-five employes respectively in the Government Printing Office. A great many of those employes are still there, enjoying whatever protection the may be in Mr. Cleveland's extensions of the civil service rules, against which such a fight is being made by Republicans.

The politicians are much interested in the successor of the late Senator Earle, of S. C., who died last week. The Legislature of the State will not meet until next January, so the naming of the Senator who will serve until that time, belongs to Gov. Ellerbe, who is himself credited with Senatorial aspirations. It is thought that Senator Tillman would like very much to have his friend, Ex-Gov. Evans, appointed to the vacancy, but, according to South Carolinians in Washington, Gov. Ellerbe is not on still friendly good terms with Mr. Tillman to care about obliging him.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, has apparently given up the habit of carrying his official dynamite around in his pocket. He has investigated the complaints made against the management of the Navy Yard and has reported that he found very little basis for them as a rule.

The Interstate Commerce Commission doesn't like the Railroad Pooling Bill pending in the Senate, and has so advised Congress in writing. The Commission tells Congress plainly that if it intends to take away the authority of the Commission, it should do so in a straightforward manner, in order that people in the way may know just what is being done.

Congressmen Leave for Nashville.

WASHINGTON.—More than fifty members of the House of Representatives, many of them accompanied by their wives and other members of their families, left Tuesday in a special train over the Southern Railway for Nashville, Tenn., to visit the Centennial Exposition.

Albert M. King, the Boylston National Bank messenger, who disappeared last week with $19,000 of the bank's money, and who was arrested at Farmington, Me., last Saturday, was arraigned in the municipal court here. He pleaded "not guilty."

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

[illegible] Spanish Minister [illegible] Cuban Insurgents [illegible] Spanish Senate [illegible] Spanish Premier [illegible] Cuban Question