

Free baths are advocated in St. Louis as a means of preventing the loss of about forty boys who are annually drowned in the Mississippi at that point.

The Detroit Free Press maintains that, "one trouble with the American farmer is that when the weather is dry he does not need better roads, and when the mud is too deep there is no chance to build better ones."

New Yorkers have formed a society, with branches in Philadelphia and other American cities, for the suppression of the "intolerable annoyance created by the frequent noisy clanging of inharmonious church bells."

The recent British elections have cost \$12,000,000. Every shilling has to be accounted for in sworn statements. According to the Chicago Herald, corruption of voters has been rendered almost impossible by the stringency of the reformed elections legislation.

It is estimated by a statistician in the American Farmer that the country loses over \$700,000,000 a year by adulterated food. This is more of a burden upon it than several of the great European armies are upon their countries.

Inspectors in the Adirondacks report that more deer die from starvation than from any other cause. They have been so well protected of late years by the New York State authorities that they have multiplied beyond the capacity of the woods to sustain them.

New York business men are greatly worried over the lack of warehouse facilities. The great bulk of the freight in New York has to be hauled on trucks from piers to warehouses in the city, and 85,000 trucks are kept busy at a cost of \$35,000,000. In consequence of this extra tax, business is going to Brooklyn, Jersey City and Staten Island.

A Sumatra newspaper tells of experiment made there last month to test the value of a local petroleum as compared with American and Russian oils, and says the experiment "proved conclusively that it is superior in brilliancy, in permanency, and in absence of smoke, to petroleum reported to have paid only \$25,000 for it."

London Public Opinion notes that the centenary of the discovery of coal gas has just passed. One hundred years ago William Murdoch, a Cornish miner, studying the coal which he handled daily, filled an iron kettle with it and set it on the fire, connecting an iron pipe with the nozzle; when the gas began to flow from the pipe he applied a light, and the first gas light sprang into existence. Wide as his useful invention has spread, and great as the blessings that have resulted from it, how many people ever heard the name of William Murdoch?

Some idea of the growth of the country may be gained incidentally from a study of the census bulletin on the operation of telephone companies. It appears that the total investment in enterprises of this kind increased from \$14,605,787 in 1880 to \$72,341,736 in 1890. The number of subscribers in 1890 was 48,814 and in 1890 there were 237,357, while the number of conversations over the wires in the latter year was 453,200,000. In 1880 the mileage of wire was 34,305, in 1890 it had increased to 240,412 miles. There were 467,356 telephones and transmitters in use in 1890, or more than double the number in 1880. A record of this kind shows a development which cannot be matched by any other country on the globe.

To the London Lancet is due the suggestion that prizes should be offered for the best cup of tea or coffee as much as for the best show of fruit and flowers. Here is an idea for county fairs, cooking school competitions and mission work. There is scarcely a hamlet in Switzerland, France, Austria or Italy where one cannot find a good cup of coffee. In this country it is as rare as in England. Yet there is nothing simpler or easier to make. Perfect coffee can be made with an old oyster can and a clean rag or a horn of druggist's filter paper. It should be unnecessary to plead such a reason, but the nerve-sustaining power of black coffee, particularly for people who lead sedentary lives, should make it at least as accessible as bars and soda fountains. In fact, as the Lancet says, in urging its use: "To many of the daily increasing number of total abstainers a cup of really good coffee is perhaps more wholesome, as well as more palatable, than a too free use of aerated waters; while many who are moderate drinkers would prefer coffee in the middle of the day, or at any other times when on duty."

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The Amazon River is 3600 miles long. The mean height of land above the sea level is 2250 feet. The English Derby was established in 1790 by the twelfth Earl of Derby. They have shot a leopard in Bengal credited with destroying 154 persons. The Aztecs of Copan used to wear jewels in their teeth; they had no dentists.

"The regulation distance for planting orange groves in Florida is twenty-five feet by twenty-five. This gives 2300 trees for each acre. If there was but one potato in the world a careful cultivator might produce 10,000,000 from it in ten years, and that would supply the world with seed again."

It is reported in Philadelphia that a bicycle was stolen to a speed of six miles an hour, but then from the pavements, compelling them to take out a license and to carry an alarm bell.

Taney County, in Missouri, the home of the turbulent Bald-Knobsers and the scene of a recent lynching, is named after Chief Justice Taney, and its name like his, is pronounced "Tanny."

In the war between France and Germany in 1871, France lost the greater part of Alsace-Lorraine. The number who fell in battle is estimated to have been 150,000, but many more died from sickness.

Sweeping of buildings used as mines are always very valuable, and a story comes from Berlin that gold dust to value of \$25 was recently found in the soot taken from the chimney of the royal mint in that city.

One of the features of the Fourth of July parade at Trinidad, Col., was a Chinese band, consisting of twenty-one Chinese residents of that town, attired in resplendent Oriental costumes and performing, hardly playing, perhaps, on fearful and wonderful instruments of sound.

The common school children of Athens are taught ancient and modern Greek, French and common English. Their "readers" are the classics of their own country, and while they are still children, they are familiar with Homer, Xenophon, Herodotus and the dramatists. Their nursery tales are the myths of Hellenic literature.

The famous "Three Graces" of Raphael, which most experts considered to be the gem of the Dudley collection, was privately sold some time ago to the Duc de Anhalt, for \$139,000, and it is now at Chantilly. The purchase of this masterpiece was reported to have paid only \$25,000 for it.

Might Explain Memory.

A maker of test plates named Webb many years ago made for the Army Medical Museum at Washington a specimen of microscopic writing on glass. This writing consists of the words of the Lord's prayer and occupies a rectangular space measuring 1-24x1-44 of an inch. The lines of this writing are about as broad as those on the test plates, which are 1-50,000 of an inch apart. They are, therefore, about as wide as average light waves. Now, then, to get some idea of the magnitude of minuteness of this writing: There are in the Lord's Prayer 227 letters, and if, as here, this number occupies the 1-129,654 of an inch, there would be 20,431,458 such letters similarly placed. Now, the entire Bible, Old and New Testaments, contains but 3,566,480 letters, and there would, therefore, be room enough to write the entire Bible eight times over on one square inch of glass, in the same manner as the words of the Lord's Prayer have been written on this specimen. Such statement, without doubt, staggers the imagination, but the figures are easily verified and are certainly correct, and the whole statement at least serves to bring home to us the limited nature of our mental capacities as compared with the facts of the universe. It also furnishes an interesting suggestion in a very different subject. It has been often stated that a physical basis of memory may exist in permanent structural modifications of the brain matter constituting the surface of the furrows. In a highly developed brain this surface amounts to 340 square inches, and it would therefore appear that the entire memories of a lifetime might be written out in the English language on such a surface in characters capable of mechanical execution, as those of the Webb plate at Washington. Lens.

VIRGINIA ALLIANCE.

Third Day's Session--Resolutions of Respect to Col. Polk. RICHMOND, VA.--The third day's session of the State Farmers' Alliance convention assembled at 9 o'clock. George Jackson offered a report for the good of the order. It was unanimously adopted. J. B. Beverly offered a resolution of respect to the late Col. Polk. It was unanimously adopted. The special committee on the lecturer system made its report. They recommended that the district lecturer be abolished; that one State and three assistant lecturers be elected by the State Alliance. This was also adopted. A business exchange system was adopted and placed under the control of the executive committee. The constitution was amended and that part which says an officer shall hold office only two terms was stricken out. Any officer is now eligible for an unlimited number of terms. The body then went into the election of officers and the following were the unanimous choices of the body: Maj. Mann Page was re-elected president. Dr. W. E. Quesenberry vice president and J. J. Silvey re-elected secretary and treasurer. T. Y. Allen, Robert Beverly and E. R. Cooke were elected members of the executive committee.

THREE STATES' BRIEFS.

Telegraphic Dispatches From Many Points of Interest.

The Fields of Virginia, North and South Carolina Carefully Gleaned For News.

VIRGINIA.

A Ladies' Bicycle Club has been organized in Salem. Rev. Sam Jones has begun a series of meetings in Harrisonburg.

Norfolk iron workers have a movement on foot looking to the reduction of the number of hours of a day's labor. The following appointments have been made to the West Point Military Academy: David B. Powers, Jr., Port Royal, with Willard N. Newhill, of Irvington, alternate.

The Salvation Army has lost their suit against the city of Salem. This case has caused considerable excitement, as on the verdict rest the future actions of the "Salvation Army" in Roanoke county.

An effort will be made to get Governor McKinney to pardon the nineteen-year-old girl, Octavia Hodges, who was committed to the penitentiary last week for six years for the killing of a sewing-machine agent named Cunningham. She claims that the shooting was done in self-defense.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Creameries have been completed at Statesville and Charlotte and are in operation. The Wilmington alumni of the Keeley Institute have a "Keeley Bi-Chloride of Gold Club."

Thos. H. Hoke, of Lincolnton, a prominent merchant and chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, died Thursday.

The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a second dividend of 15 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., (insolvent), making in all 30 per cent, on claims proved amounting to \$519,025.10.

The Raleigh Phosphate works at Raleigh burned last week. The loss is \$27,000.

Fred Sherrill, the colored man shot at Winston Sunday night by Thomas Vinson, died, and the murder has escaped. The mayor of Winston offered a reward of \$100 for his arrest, and delivery to the city authorities.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

An anti-high lice municipal ticket has been elected in Mt. Pleasant. The R. & D. shops at Columbia are again running full time, and pay out \$14,000 monthly.

A car load of oranges from the Piedmont region to Baltimore, Md., last week.

The safe of Sullivan's store at Williamsburg was blown open by burglars Tuesday night and \$40 in money and valuable papers were stolen.

Dr. Babco, Supt. of the State Insane Asylum was privately married Wednesday to Miss Katherine Guion, one of the nurses of the institution. The vacant scholarships for the Citadel Academy this year are Abbeville 2, Beaufort 2, Colleton 1, Marion 1, Union 1, Charleston 1, Edgefield 1, Orangeburg 2, Sumter, 1, York 1.

The new queen of the Trotting Surf. TERRE HAUTE, IND.--Nancy Hanks, the daughter of the queen of the trotting turf at Chicago, going a mile 3:07 1/4, is a bay mare, six years old, 15 1/2 hands high. She was sired by Happy Medium out of a Dictator mare.

Abel Lincoln, the running horse who helped Nancy along to glory, is a bay horse with something of a history. He was formerly the property of Adam Forepaugh, Jr., who used him for many years about the circus, his good points being his perfect gentleness and a fondness for the society of elephants, of which horses in general is in mortal terror. Because of his level head, obedience and thorough reliability he was taken by Budd Doble, her trainer, as a peacemaker for Nancy Hanks in her trials against time.

Nancy Hanks is owned by J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, who purchased her last year for \$85,000. He is a man of great wealth and for that reason it is doubtful if Mr. Robert Bonner, the owner of Maud S. and Sunol, will be able to accomplish his well-known purpose of purchasing every trotter which beats his own.

"Love Laughs at Locksmiths," But Not at Scythe-Blades. SHELBY, N. C.--A young citizen of Gaston county received a serious wound in a peculiar manner recently. He was engaged to a girl in the neighborhood, whose parents were opposed to his visits. Love, however, is full of expedients and stratagems, and the young man continued to visit his sweetheart surreptitiously at night. The girl's father discovered that they were meeting and made his arrangements to stop it. When the young man paid his next visit and proceeded to twine in the window, he came in contact with a sharpened scythe blade which the old man had fixed in the window for him and received a serious cut in the abdomen. He had to walk four miles before he could receive medical attention. His condition was critical for some time but he has recovered.

Oliver Springs Troubles. NASHVILLE, TENN.--Scores of citizens and business men from here and Knoxville, armed with any sort of guns procurable, have rushed forward with armed militia from all over the State to Oliver Springs, where the coal miners, after their victory over the militia at Coal Creek, have been besieging the State Arsenal, under Gen. Anderson. The military is now in control.

Submarine Cable From Cape Charles. WASHINGTON, D. C.--The Western Electric Light Company, of New York, was awarded the contract to lay a submarine telegraph cable twelve miles in length for the life saving service between Cape Charles and the lower end of Assateague Island, on the Virginia coast. Price \$9-10 cents per foot.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

This Kind of News Is Very Interesting.

An Alabama woman is mentioned in "The Southern Stockman and Farmer" as having loaned her husband \$30 and \$40 a time (bank money) to pay labor to make cotton.

The stockholders of the Eastern Carolina Piscatorial Association held their first annual meeting at Wilmington, N. C., recently and elected E. Potter, president; W. A. Richey, vice-president, and Isaac Bates, secretary and treasurer. This association owns 1,000 acres of the oyster ground, and has planted 59,829 bushels of oysters in the past year. It is proposed to plant many more next spring. Besides the oyster ground 885 acres of the upland are owned, and it is intended to start a small town there. All of the ground is sold for and the company has no debts.

Castor beans are being raised in some sections of the South, and they bring \$1.50 per bushel of 46 lbs. There is a market for all that is offered.

Southwest Georgia has grown so much tobacco this year that the people are anxious to secure a factory to work it up instead of shipping it away. The general opinion is that the leaf is of excellent quality, suitable for either cigars or smoking tobacco.

At Banyae, Fla., L. C. Oliver is clearing fifteen acres of land, and will plant 50,000 pineapples. J. T. Stewart is planting 15,000 common pines and an equal number of live oaks. Mr. J. D. Larus is planting 10,000, and P. M. Miller is just finishing setting 50,000 in the ground. There will be over 200,000 pineapple plants growing around that place by fall.

The Brunson (S. C.) Canning and Manufacturing Co., which was organized last March, began operations in June of this year, and has since been turning out about 2,000 cans per day. Tomatoes, peaches, berries, pears, apples, okra and pickles are the product, and they have met with quick and easy sale.

DARED DEATH FOR \$25.

A Young Man Blown Up With Dynamite to Test a Life-Saving Device. ANNISTON, ALA.--Capt. L. D. Blondell, who has been giving exhibitions at Oxford Lake for several days, offered \$25 to any one who would get into a boat and allow himself to be blown up with dynamite in order that Blondell might show his method of saving life in such emergencies.

Richard Neely, a young white man, accepted the offer and was blown forty or fifty feet into the air and fell back on some of the wreckage.

His leg was broken and he was otherwise severely injured, but he may recover.

Other Southern States Might Follow.

The Board of World's Fair Managers for Virginia propose to make the collection of works of Virginia authors as complete and representative as possible, covering a period of nearly three centuries, from the establishment of the colony to the present time. For this end they are seeking contributions from publishers, authors, learned societies and from all sources of the works of Virginia authors, books and pamphlets relating to Virginia and its citizens, and magazines, newspapers, etc., published in the State. The entire collection will be properly catalogued, and at the close of the exposition deposited in the Virginia State library.

TENNESSEE THIRD PARTY.

The Omaha Ticket and Buchanan's Candidacy Endorsed. NASHVILLE, TENN.--The adjourned meeting of the State's People's party convention met here. There were 400 or 500 delegates present, representing nearly every county in the State. The convention adopted a resolution endorsing Governor Buchanan as an independent candidate and pledging his support. The Omaha platform and nomination were endorsed, and after listening to several enthusiastic speeches, the convention adjourned.

Corsets Cause a Riot.

War between two rival dry goods stores at Zanesville, Ohio, Tuesday, led to a mob of women taking possession of each store, breaking down the counters and compelling the proprietors to close their doors. The rivalry has been going on for weeks, and finally corsets were advertised for Tuesday at five, and then at one cent. Nearly 1,000 women surrounded each store, and after the doors closed, one dealer threw out corsets from the second story window, and the women scrambled in the street, for them. Several in the crowd shouted, but none were seriously injured.

Five Children Burned to Death.

GRIFFIN, GA.--Five children, left at home locked up by their parents, were burned to death by Saturday night. Nathan Ellis and his wife, with his sister, had gone to church, leaving two children of a dead sister of Ellis' and three of the other sister's children locked up in the building. The house was discovered to be on fire about 8 o'clock and the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to rescue the children, although their cries for help were heard. It is said the house was set on fire by incendiaries.

A Good Work.

The State University (N. C.) has nearly completed the construction of its new chemical laboratory, for which Mrs. Mary S. Morehead, donated \$40,000. It will have ten separate rooms for different branches of chemical work and will cover in all 6,000 square feet of ground. During the past ten years the college has graduated a large number of young men in the chemical department, and some of them now hold responsible positions. Five students have already applied for a post-graduate course during the coming year.

Permanent Receivers For the E. & D.

RICHMOND, VA.--The United States Circuit Court appointed Messrs. Reuben Foster, and F. W. Huidekoper, the permanent receivers, permanent receivers of the Richmond & Danville Railroad. Senator Johnson's friends failed to control the appointment.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE.

Switchmen on the Lehigh Valley Road Go Out.

Fires, Follow the Strike and Cars Burned By the Dozen. BUFFALO, N. Y.--The switchmen's strike here has assumed alarming proportions. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the Lehigh Valley yards, in East Buffalo, were the scene of a series of incendiary fires, and the striking switchmen are suspected of being the incendiaries.

Three fires were discovered at various points half a mile apart. Eighteen freight cars loaded with cotton, wool, merchandise, and hay, two passenger coaches, and two watchmen's houses, were burned.

A train of ten coal cars, which were standing on the trestles, were turned loose and started down the track. They crashed into the water tank, smashing it and wrecking an engine which was taking water.

Monday morning an Erie train consisting of 42 cars lying on the main tracks, was set on fire at midnight and in an hour there were 15 or 20 cars burned. It is estimated that the loss will be \$30,000. At 1 o'clock the fire had broken out at the yards and indications were that serious damage would be done as the fire was burning fiercely. Nothing could be done by the engines attached to the train, as the crews were driven from their engines and then were made if the men attempted to move them. The fire department was unable to do anything on account of the hydrants in the neighborhood. The Erie had two stock trains already to leave for the east at 6 o'clock but they were not moved, as the strikers threatened to kill the crew if they left the yards.

A general call was made upon the city and county by the Lehigh Valley for protection and the Erie followed.

The strikers are applying the torch in all directions. Both the Sixty-fifth and Seventy-fourth regiments national guards, were ordered to go to the scene.

GLADSTONE'S CABINET.

The "Grand Old Man" Selects His Advisors and Lieutenants. London Cablegram: Following is an official list of Mr. Gladstone's cabinet: Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Earl Rosebery; Lord Chancellor, Baron Herschell; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir William Vernon Harcourt; Home Secretary, Herbert Henry Asquith; Secretary of State for India, Earl of Kimberley; Secretary of State for the Colonies, Marquis of Ripon; Secretary of State for War, Right Hon. H. Campbell; Secretary of State for the Admiralty, Right Hon. John Morley; Secretary of State for Scotland, Right Hon. Sir George Otto Trevelyan; President of the Board of Trade, Right Hon. H. H. Fowler; Postmaster General, Arnold Morley; President of the Council of Education, Arthur Herbert Dyke Acland; Lord (Herbert) is Vice of for Ireland, Mr. Gladstone is Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

CAUGHT THE DETECTIVE'S EYE.

He Saw a Peculiar Chest and Found In It a Counterfeiting Outfit. WALHALLA, S. C.--Secret Service Agent Forsyth noticed a suspicious-looking chest at Anderson, S. C. several days ago. The chest weighed 190 pounds, was made of iron and had the initials "Walhalla, S. C.", consigned by J. H. S. of McCormick. The secret service agent opened the box, and after removing carpenter and blacksmith tools, found in the bottom of the chest a walnut cabinet. In this were found six sets of moulds, over one hundred coils, finished and unfinished, and a stick of "half and half," a metal used by counterfeiters. There were two moulds for standard dollars, one for Mexican dollars, two for quarters and one for five cent nickels. Baughman is highly connected. His wife is the only daughter of a highly respected citizen, and his brother-in-law is a Government official.

Too Many Convicts for Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, TENN.--The 350 convicts released at Tracy City Saturday night were brought here under guard on a special train and were marched to the penitentiary. Some of the convicts attempted to escape. Matt Wilson was killed and John Smith was fatally wounded; the other three were recaptured. The convicts released at Tracy this morning are now on their way to Nashville and will arrive to night. The penitentiary is crowded with 1,400 convicts now and the governor says there is no place to put them.

The Three C's Railroad.

[Bristol, Tenn., News.] Three C's road, say the attorneys for McDonald, Shea & Co., will be completed very soon. McDonald, Shea & Co. have the contract for the entire completion of the road in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas, a four million dollar job.

Supreme Sitting Iron Hall Sui-J.

RICHMOND, VA.--Suit was instituted in the Circuit Court against the Supreme Sitting Iron Hall for \$975 by J. L. Bloomberg. Bloomberg's policy for \$1000 in the institution fell due, and he has taken above steps in order to protect himself.

The Jewish Tidings predicts that with-

in ten years Sunday services will be held in the American synagogue. It says that the Jewish people of this country want to keep Sunday as a religious day, and that "the delay in its universal adoption is due almost entirely to the rabbin--all of whom are not as progressive and up-to-the-times as they might be."

POLITICAL PILLS.

Swallow and Assimilate Them Quickly.

The Republicans of Delaware nominated for Governor Rev. Jonathan Willis. OKLAHOMA CITY.--N. A. Ward was nominated to Congress by the People's party in this city.

ATLANTA, GA.--The Fifth district Democratic Convention nominated L. F. Livingston for Congress. MACON, GA.--Congressman James H. Blount having declined renomination, the Sixth district Democratic Convention nominated Thomas B. Cabisas his successor.

The Wisconsin Republicans met at Milwaukee Wednesday in State Convention. John C. Spooner was nominated for Governor and John C. Koch of Milwaukee for Lieut. Governor.

The Third party has nominated A. C. Shuford, of Newton, N. C., for Congress 7th District, and Dr. J. A. Wilcox, of Jefferson, N. C., for Congress 8th District, North Carolina.

BUZZARD'S BAY, MASS.--Grover Cleveland, Joseph Jefferson, William H. Crane and Richard Watson Gilder are fishing in the waters of Wakeley and contiguous points down in the Indian settlement of Mashpee. They are having fine sport. Black bass, perch, and pike are biting well.

Gov. Hogg was renominated at Houston, Texas, by the Democratic Convention by an overwhelming majority. Their platform advocates free and unlimited coinage of silver; opposes issue of fictitious stocks and bonds; favors an income tax and endorses the railway commission law.

The Democrats of the seventh Kansas district nominated for Congress, Mr. Henry Simpson for Congress. A platform adopted at the Democratic State convention commending Simpson's congressional career was adopted without a dissenting vote.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.--While White-Kleid, Mrs. Reid, and D. O. Mills, Mr. Reid's father-in-law, were on a train from Ophir farm to catch the 7:45 train for New York the carriage collided with an ice wagon. Those in the carriage narrowly escaped being thrown out. They had a good shaking up and were much excited over the accident. After the ice wagon and carriage were disentangled the party drove to the station in safety and caught the train for New York.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.--The Republican League has elected Andrew Hero, Captain of the Louisiana militia, its candidate to place no Republican candidate in the field in the First, Fourth, and Fifth districts, but to support the candidate of the People's party. It will support T. J. Grace in the Fourth and any other member in the First.

The Hon. J. Yoise will be nominated as a straight Republican candidate in the Sixth and supported by both factions of the Republicans, Judge Taylor Beattie in the Third, and Andrew Hero in the Second.

President Weine, of the Amalgamated Association of Pittsburg, will oppose Datzell for Congress. Hugh O'Donell will run for the Legislature as a Democrat.

NASHVILLE, TENN.--Gov. Buchanan has at last announced himself an independent candidate for Governor. Monday afternoon he inscribed a long card in the papers placing himself before the people free from all classes. He says he loves the Democracy but the citizens have called on him to run and he will do so.

New Southern Enterprises.

In the list of new Southern enterprises for the past week mentioned in the Manufacturers' Record of August 19, are the following important items: A \$300,000 lumber manufacturing company at Philadelphia, W. Va.; a \$500,000 water works and improvement company at Grayton, W. Va.; a \$20,000 publishing company at San Antonio, Texas; a \$100,000 water, light and power company at Oak Cliff, Texas; a \$200,000 brick works company at Waterloo, Va.; a \$800,000 quarry company at Vicksburg, Miss.; a \$200,000 shoe manufacturing company at Mountville, W. Va.; a \$75,000 ice, light and water company at Marble Falls, Texas; a \$40,000 manufacturing company at Weatherford, Texas; a \$30,000 cotton oil company at Whitewright, Texas; a \$200,000 electrical manufacturing company at Birmingham, Ala.; a \$25,000 publishing company at Louisville, Ky.; and a \$10,000 lumber mill company at Dayton, Ky.

Insane--Cured--Acquitted--Insane Again. ASHEVILLE, N. C.--Two years ago, in Madison county, Robert L. McPeters and Zeb W. Cady quarrelled and McPeters shot Cady, killing him instantly. A court of inquiry examined McPeters with the result that he was sent to the asylum for the insane at Morganton. He remained there until Monday of last week when he was discharged as cured and sent back to Marshall for trial for murder. The trial began at once and closed Saturday. McPeters made two pleas: self-defense and insanity. The jury returned a verdict "not guilty" and the man was released. Within two hours, however, of the time the verdict was rendered, McPeters became raving mad and had to be confined in jail, where he now awaits re-commitment to the asylum.

Gen. Field and a Third Party Paper.

NASHVILLE, TENN.--It has been learned here that the Third parties have decided to start a morning newspaper in Memphis on or before the first of September. It is said that John H. McDowell will be editor-in-chief. It is understood that Gen. Jas. G. Field, People's party candidate for Vice-President, is now in Memphis looking over the field and aiding his followers in making the necessary arrangements to start the paper. Gov. Buchanan announced himself as independent candidate for Governor. Buchanan will be endorsed by the Third parties and the Memphis organ will support him. It is said that the new paper will be called the Gazette.

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

Reading Matter For the Order Carefully Prepared.

The Great Money Question Discussed by the National Economist. Wheel (Arkansas) says. Keep it before the people that it requires more than twice as much labor to get a dollar today as it did 25 years ago, but that dollar, when you get it, will pay no more debt or taxes than it would pay in 1867.

Bertie County, North Carolina, declares that as the rights and liberties of the people are being constantly abridged by the election of the money of plutocrats, and Senators by the money of plutocrats, that they demand of their representatives in Congress the repeal of present laws and direct election by the people.

IS MONEY A PRODUCT OF NATURE? The argument that government can't make (that is, create) money, since the veriest simpleton in the land knows that the individual who attempts to do so will be railroaded to the penitentiary for counterfeiting, carries with it the implication that money is a product of nature. Outside of man, in his individual or collective capacity, the only generative force capable of assuming the material things of earth into factors necessary for the continued advancement of civilization is nature. Then, taking the position that money is not created by law, compels the belief that nature, instead of always being the same staid, solemn, eternal, unchangeable force that men have always believed her to be, is in fact a creature of the human mind, and is capable of assuming the material things of earth into factors necessary for the continued advancement of civilization is nature. Then, taking the position that money is not created by law, compels the belief that nature, instead of always being the same staid, solemn, eternal, unchangeable force that men have always believed her to be, is in fact a creature of the human mind, and is capable of assuming the material things of earth into factors necessary for the continued advancement of civilization is nature.

But the fact that the governments proper material from which to make money is gold or silver, no more constitutes those metals "natural money" than does the fact that Cain slew Abel with a club constitute the manner of Abel's death the "natural" way to die. Upon the theory that "gold and silver justify the use of silver and gold, as money, can be justified the existence of crime, human slavery, corruption and skull-duggery of every kind, because these things are, all of them, older even than the use of money of any kind. And yet, one of the strongest arguments, or, at least, one of the strongest points always lingeringly and lovingly dwelt upon by our "wise men" in their advocacy of the use of silver and gold, as money, is the fact that their use has been sanctioned by custom and made venerable by age. To a mind capable of consecutive, analytical thinking it would seem that the very fact the bar-leeged barbarians of thousands of years ago used those metals for money materials is of itself sufficient to cast a deep, dense shade of suspicion over their utility in the present day. The incontrovertible truth is that money, lawful money, the tender of which cannot be refused without prejudice to one's claim, is a creature of man in his aggregate or governmental capacity, and the only milk in the financial coconut is involved in the question as to how the wealth-producers of the nation will profitably avail themselves of this governmental function.

N. C. THIRD PARTY CONVENTION.

They Nominate For Governor Dr. Exum, of Wayne.

RALEIGH, N. C.--At 12:30 W. R. Lindsay, chairman of the Third Party State committee, called the convention to order in Metropolitan Hall. He called Marion Butler to the chair. The committee on permanent organization was then raised, composed of one member of each district. The following were named: B. F. Scarborough, W. M. Smith, Y. B. Smith, R. A. Cobb, B. Stillee, A. J. Gordon, S. B. Swain, J. W. Parks, G. E. Boggs.

The following were placed on the committee on platform: W. P. Exum, A. J. Doby, Marion Butler, J. M. Bate-man, D. H. Hip, H. B. Collier, J. E. Kinnel, W. H. Malone, R. A. Cobb.

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