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THE NEWS SUMMARY.

Forecast for Virginia and North Carolina, fair, slightly warmer.

The remains of Major J. H. Claiborne will be buried to-day.—Thank-offering services were held in the Seventh-Street Christian church.—The remains of Mr. Truman A. Parker will be buried to-day.—The Dixie and Randolph Literary Societies held a debate.—Typographical Union, No. 90, elected officers.—Lee Camp elected officers.

VIRGINIA.

A serious wreck occurred on the New River railroad Thursday.—Colonel R. E. Withers, of Wytheville, is painfully ill.—Mayor Collier, of Petersburg, has released from jail Thomas McCarthy, who was arrested, charged with having issued fraudulent checks, and ordered him to leave the city.—A fatal wreck occurred on the Shenandoah Valley road yesterday, in which two lives were lost.—A slight collision between steamers occurred near Alexandria yesterday.

NEW YORK.

Succi's fast ends to-day, and he will eat his first public meal to-morrow.—The work of laying the new cable of the Brooklyn bridge has been completed.—The offer of a piece of land adjoining the Broome-Street Tabernacle for a free public bath has been accepted.—A big supply of lymph is expected to reach New York in a day or two.—Secretary Blaine is in New York on a Christmas outing.—Seven New Jersey bookmakers were heavily fined.—Succi will break his forty-five days' fast to-day.—Official reports show that there will be a large cotton crop but a low quality.

WASHINGTON.

Republican Senators are in a quandary over financial legislation. They are afraid that a free coinage amendment will be offered and passed to any measure they may propose.—The Force bill is confessedly dead and no closure rule will be adopted.—Senator Stewart, of Nevada, yesterday delivered a careful legal argument against the Force bill.

FOREIGN.

Professor Koch refused to talk with the American physicians in Berlin yesterday.—Pope Leo's physicians report His Holiness to be in a marvelous state of good health.—A young student of theology attempted to murder a Good Mother, in Vienna, and then shot himself.—The Archbishop of Ascatain denies the statement that the clergy had resolved to abstain from taking any part in the Parnell-McCarthy fight.—Michael Davitt says that flour and mud were thrown in Parnell's face instead of lime.

GENERAL.

A murderer was hanged in Quebec yesterday, which caused the death of the aged executioner.—The hostile Indians are preparing for war. Old Red Cloud says his heart is broken.—The Southern Inter-state Immigration Convention closed its labors in Asheville yesterday after a very profitable session, in which much business was transacted.—The work on the new electric railway in Raleigh is progressing rapidly.—Governor Fowle pronounces the Immigration Convention a great success.—A fearful freight-train collision occurred in Bowling Green, Ky., Thursday, in which three people were killed.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Richard Jobin, of Rockton, N. Y., was waited upon three weeks ago by White Caps, who chastised him and requested that he leave the place at once. He deemed it wise at the time to comply with the request, but does not propose to let the matter drop there, and has just worn out warrants for the arrest of fifteen men for complicity in the White Caps' raid. Some of those whom he charge with being implicated in the assault are reputable citizens. The alleged cause of the raid was Jobin's failure to properly treat and provide for his family.

Lily W. Spencer Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough, has secured a further allowance of $60,000 out of the income of the estate of her first husband, Louis C. Homersley, from surrogate Rainom. The application was made by Robert Sewell on behalf of the Duchess. Her petition shows that there is $7,000,000 in the hands of the executors of accumulated income. Giving her this allowance will leave but $100,000 in their hands. This is by one of the numerous allowances the Duchess has received since her first husband's death.

A New York drummer, named Hartranft, at the risk of his life, rescued a college girl from a horrible death under an express train at East Liberty station, Reading, Pa., Monday. Just as the express train came thundering in one of a crowd of school girls slipped from the lay platform and fell on the track. In an instant the train would have been upon her, but Hartranft darted to the grips an i canes and dragged her from the track. She was too much frightened to even reward the drummer with a smile and refused to give her name.

Two hundred negroes who have not heretofore paid their poll-tax have come to the sheriff's office in Jackson, Mississippi, and set led. It is estimated this number will be more than doubled in this county alone. Reports from other portions of the State are to the same effect. The reason is that the new Constitution requires the production of the poll-tax receipt as a prerequisite to voting.

While Jesse and William Foster, aged respectively eighteen and twenty-one years, sons of William Foster, a well-known farmer, were gunning for ducks on the shore of the Elk river yesterday, a gun in the hands of Jesse was being handed to his brother, when it was accidentally discharged, the whole load penetrating the left breast of Jesse, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Victoria Dinler, an old woman who had lived alone for many years at Batavia, died yesterday from the effects of burns sustained the previous night. She had placed a lamp on the stove-hearth to fill it and the oil ran over the top and ignited. Her clothing was turned off and her face an tongue were burned to a crisp.

The latest theatrical invention is an electrical apparatus for the purpose of producing flash lights to imitate lightning on the stage. Flash lights are located among the flies, and are operated from a small resistance block not more than six inches square.

At a meeting of the Rio Grande Western Railroad Company's directors in New York the agreement entered into by the railroad presidents at J. Pierpont Morgan's house on Monday last was unanimously ratified, and Colonel Dodge was appointed to act on the advisory board.

C. E. Duche, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, shot himself with suicidal intent last night. He committed the act in the hotel parlor, and in trying to wrest the revolver from him, Mrs. Combs, his mother-in-law, and F. M. Baker, were both shot.

A collision occurred at Cardiff, on the Colorado Midland, yesterday by the eastbound passenger train running into the rear end of a freight train, demolishing the caboose and killing one man, who was asleep, and injuring three or four others.

A lady by the name of Mrs. Viola Leonard, of Wilmington, Del., claims to be a niece of Sitting Bull, and is very indignant over his death. She has a mulatto husband, and has every appearance of an Indian.

A Kewadin, Massachusetts, dispatch says the lumbering season just closed has been a most active one, and that 60,000,000 feet of lumber was cut by various companies.

It is reported that the negroes in Mandan, N. D., are affected with the Messiah craze and that they are holding nightly meetings in an empty Government building.

Joe Bolton, who has been in jail at Jaurez since last April for the killing of J. H. Cavett, escaped from confinement yesterday evening, and is now on American soil.

Stabs a Lady Teacher.

LONGMONT, COL., Dec. 19.—Miss Ida Laycock, the young lady teacher five miles north of Longmont, was stabbed four times yesterday afternoon by one of her pupils named Bert Myers. The cuts are on the collar-bone, breast, wrist, and abdomen. The wounds will probably prove fatal. The cause of the stabbing is said to be an objection to the proper discipline of the school and a desire to rule the teacher.

Five Men Victims of a Cave In.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—A terrible accident occurred on the Cunard's wharf this evening, by which five or six men were drowned. A number of men were unloading coke from the steamer Oakden, when suddenly a large portion of the wharf caved in, carrying a score of men into the water. So far as is known three of the men succeeded in getting out, but it is believed that all but five reached land in safety.

Over Eight Hundred People Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 19.—The steamship Belgic has arrived here with Chinese advices to November 20th, and Japanese advices to December 3d. The powder explosion at Taiping was more serious than at first reported, over 800 persons being killed. A Chinaman lighting a pipe while repairing the roof of the powder mill is said to have caused the catastrophe.

INFATUATED WITH A NUN.

A SENSATIONAL ATTEMPT AT MURDER AND SUICIDE.

The Devoted Attachment of a Young Student Affects His Mind—Pope Leo in Remarkable Good Health—The Irish Leadership—Foreign Notes.

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VIENNA, Dec. 19.—A curious case of attempted murder, followed by suicide, has just been reported from Bruck, near Glatz. It appears that a young man, named Franz Pfan, was once nursed through a sickness by a young nun belonging to a convent in that city, and he became devotedly attached to her. By some means he heard that she was lying ill in the convent, and accompanied by a friend, named Ranksat Moterburg, who had at one time been a student of theology, he went to the mother superior and asked to be allowed to see the girl of whom he was so fond.

Since the rules of the institution forbade her leaving it the mother refused to grant him this favor, and he thereupon drew a revolver and fired upon her. She fell immediately, and the unfortunate young fellow thinking that he had killed her, turned the revolver on himself, and before his friend could interpose, fired on himself and dropped mortally wounded.

THE PARNELL POW-WOW.

Report That the Clergy Will Abstain from Action Denied.

[Special to The Times by Dunlap Cable Co.]

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Pall Mall Gazette telegraphed to the Archbishop to ascertain the truth of the statement made in United Ireland, that at a meeting of the Chapter of the Diocese it was resolved that the clergy were to abstain from taking any part in the question of the hour—Parnell—as the laity is so divided. The Archbishop replied in these few words: "It is a shameful fabrication."

FLOUR AND MUD INSTEAD OF LIME.

Michael Davitt telegraphs from Ireland that the report of lime being thrown in Parnell's eyes is absolutely false. He asserts that some women and girls pelted him with flour and mud, but there was not a particle of lime with it.

MR. REDMOND REITERATES.

KILKENNY, Dec. 19.—Mr. Parnell and several of his colleagues drove to Johnstown to-day and addressed a meeting there. Mr. Parnell kept his eyes bandaged. John Redmond, in his speech, declared that two doctors had staked their reputation on the assertion that they had found lime in Mr. Parnell's eyes, notwithstanding the claim of the Davitt faction that only mud was thrown.

POPE LEO'S VITALITY.

His Physicians Report Him in Marvelous Good Health.

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ROME, Dec. 19.—The physicians attending on the Pope have issued a statement claiming that Leo XIII. is in marvelous health in spite of his great age and frail appearance, and they express the opinion that he may occupy the chair of St. Peter for many years yet. His ripe old age is due to regular, simple habits. He is up at work before others in the Vatican are awake, and he is the last to retire. His only recreation consists of walks in the Vatican garden and he does not require the aid of a stick.

THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

A Severe Snow Storm Prevails and Many Shipwrecks Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A severe snow storm prevails in all parts of Great Britain. The fall is heavy and continuous, and traffic by rail is blocked. Street travel in many of the cities and towns is also difficult. Many minor shipwrecks are already reported, and fears are entertained that more serious disasters will occur.

Professor Koch Reticent.

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BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Professor Koch was visited this morning by Minister Phelps, who had just returned from America. The savant said that he would soon be able to do something for the American physicians. The reception-room was filled with American doctors at the time, but Professor Koch would not talk to anybody except Dr. Neuer, of Denver, who handed him an introduction from the Governor.

Imprisonment of a German Officer.

[Special to The Times by Dunlap Cable Co.]

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Herr Friedrich, a sub-lieutenant in the Reserves of the Forty-first Infantry, has been sentenced by a court-martial to a term of six years imprisonment on account of his being concerned in the issue of certain socialistic propaganda.

Argentine Paper and Sterling Loans.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The plan for the conversion of Argentine paper issues into a sterling loan is said to have been settled. It has been agreed by all the English nitrate companies to limit their output without increasing prices beyond figures which will yield a fair return on the capital invested.

Germany's New Prince.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The advent of another son to the Emperor William was a surprise. It was expected that the happy event would occur in the first part of the coming year. Berlin is decorated with bunting in honor of the occasion.

The Pope Against Parnell.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Pope, who has hitherto retrained from public utterance on the Irish situation, has approved the manifesto of the Irish bishops.

Foreign Notes of Interest.

It is expected that the India rice crop this season will be larger than the average, and that 10,000,000 hundred weight will be available for export.

The luggage van attached to the train in which Prince Bismarck traveled from Varzin to Berlin caught fire while the journey was being made. The van was promptly uncoupled and the flames were suppressed.

A Russophile demonstration occurred at a theatre in Toulon on Wednesday night. The opera "L'Etoile du Nord" was being performed and the Russian anthem was played. The audience demanded the repetition of the anthem, and shouted "Long live Russia!"

At Windsor Thursday a statue of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany was unveiled by the Queen. The Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family were present at the ceremony.

The trial in London of the persons charged with having in their possession and exposing indecent pictures, being the result of the seizure by the police at a gallery in Pall Mall of a number of paintings illustrating the works of Rabelais, ended to-day in a verdict of guilty. Pending an appeal, sentence was postponed until the next session.

The anti-Semitic members of the municipal government of Vienna have adopted a policy of obstruction to prevent the election of a Vice Burgomaster. They absent themselves from the meetings, and by thus preventing a quorum they prevent any action being taken.

The Empress Eugenie's wedding present to Miss Berkwith was a handsomely embossed silver bowl. The fair American bride was a great favorite of the French Empress during the closing days of the Empire, when she was one of the belles of Paris.

The American colony in Paris is interested in a rumor of the engagement of a California millionaire to the divorced wife of the Marquis de Talley and-Perigord, the gentleman now known as the Duc de Dino, and married to the lady who was formerly Mrs. Frederick Stevens, of New York.

The Russian Government has invited Professor Koch, Professor Pasteur, and Sir Joseph Lister, surgeon extraordinary to Queen Victoria, to hold a conference in St. Petersburg with the object of founding a bacteriological institute.

The Berlin Post maintains in the face of all denials that the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is undergoing treatment by Professor Koch for tuberculosis, and that he has received several injections of lymph.

Emperor William eats four meals a day—a substantial breakfast of eggs, meat, &c., at 7:30; second breakfast at noon, consisting of soup, meat, and vegetables; a regular dinner at 6 o'clock, and a light supper at about 9:30 P. M.

Princess Beatrice is preparing tableaux vivants on a scale to exceed all previous efforts for the Christmas festivities at Osborne.

A DOUBLE DEATH.

Execution of a Murderer Causes the Death of the Hangman.

SHERBROOKE, QUE., Dec. 19.—Remie Lamontagne, the murderer of Napoleon Mitchell, his brother-in-law, was hanged in the jail yard at 9:27 this morning. This morning's tragedy was a double one, for it involved the death of Sheriff Webb as well. A few minutes before 9 o'clock the sheriff arrived at the jail and was admitted to Jailor Read's private apartments. Ten minutes later messengers were running for Dr. Austin, but when he arrived the aged sheriff was dead. Death was due to acute heart failure, induced by excitement.

Lamontagne walked erect, with a firm, pale face. He stepped on to the scaffold, knelt down, and was absolved. He arose, and looking vacantly before him repeated a formula that he soon hoped to be in Heaven and did not regret it. The noose was adjusted, the signal given; the weight fell, and the doomed man was jerked up into the air five feet. Sixteen minutes later he was pronounced dead from strangulation.

The murder for which Lamontagne was hanged was a brutal and cold blooded crime, and the story of the circumstances leading to it is most revolting. The murdered man had suspected that his wife was criminally and unnaturally intimate with Lamontagne, who was her own brother, and charged the latter with the crime. One evening in July, 1888, after Mitchel and wife had retired, Lamontague went to the house with a bottle of whisky. The couple arose and sat for a while with their visitor drinking the liquor. When Lamontagne left Mitchell accompanied him a short distance to light him on his way.

They had gone but a few yards when Lamontagne turned upon Mitchell and fired two shots at his head. Mitchell fell, and when he regained consciousness he found himself in his own kitchen, his throat cut, his wrist nearly detached from his arm, and all about him in flames. He crawled through a window, managed to reach the house of a neighbor, where he told his story and died in a few hours.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

Business Continues Large, But a Less Feeling of Confidence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The regular weekly review of trade will say: Business continues large for the season, but there is perceptibly less feeling of confidence. The causes appear to be: (1) prospect of important monetary legislation, the effects of which are not clearly foreseen; (2) frequent failures and greater difficulty in making collections; and (3) less satisfactory conditions in some large branches of industry.

Foreign influences are now disturbed. Exports of products for two weeks of December from New York show a gain of eight per cent. over last year, and the total last December was hardly ever surpassed. Though imports continue heavy, they are greatly exceeded by exports at present. Exports of cotton thus far this month exceed last year's, and also of provisions, but there is a heavy decrease of grain, caused by speculative prices here. Trade at the South is fair at most points reported, considered healthy at New Orleans, with larger cotton receipts, dull at Memphis, but more confident at Little Rock; slightly improved at Montgomery, and good at Nashville; less confident at Jacksonville, and at Atlanta. Accumulations of cotton are large.

The business failures occuring throughout the country during the last seven days are: For the United States 353, and for Canada 41; or a total of 404 as compared with 374 last week, and 312 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 342, representing 306 failures in the United States, and 36 in the Dominion of Canada.

Miners Ask for Higher Wages.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 19.—The Miners' Convention, at today's session, adopted a resolution demanding fifty cents per ton, the price now paid being fifty cents per gross ton. This is to go into effect January 1, and if the demand is not complied with by the operators the 16,000 miners represented by the convention are to be called out at once. The load-work scale, as adopted by the August convention, has been referred to the incoming executive board to enforce. They also demand that the checkweight mans and all other assessments be collected through the company offices. After the election of district officers the convention will adjourn.

Killed by an Elevator.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—Theodore Mau was instantly killed by the elevator in the Boston dock this afternoon. Mau who had been sent by his employer to the building on business, put his head through the frame work of the door to see where the elevator was, and as he did so the cage descended and caught his head, which it crushed almost to a jelly. Mau was married last Tuesday, and the bride and widow of a week is heart-broken.

North State Gleanings.

Quantities of fruit are now shipped North from Newberne and good prices received for it. The demand for canned goods is on the increase. The canning industry is being rapidly developed. There are now over fifty factories in the State, and the number is being constantly augmented; then there is a growing market both at home and for shipment, and it is well to enact legislation that will have a tendency to make the industry develop more rapidly.

The death of John P. Butler removes a landmark from Charlotte. He came there as a young man in 1850, and ever truly his sympathy with the sentiments of the people with whom he cast his lot was shown in his enlistment in the Confederate army at the beginning of the war, where he remained till the surrender at Appomattox.

A big land deal, involving several hundred thousand dollars, has just been closed in Murphy with wealthy Southern and Northern capitalists. The property purchased consists of several thousand acres of the finest bottom land on Valley river and is enormous y rich in marble, gold, iron, talc, &c., which will be fully developed at an early date.

The Electric Motor Company, of Winston, in boring their artesian well Saturday evening go the drill hitched, and in attempting to pull it out the ropes broke, leaving it eighteen feet below the surface. In order to get it out a hole five feet in diameter will have to be dug around it.

Mrs. Susan McLean, relic of the late Rev. Hector McLean, died at her home in upper Robeson on Wednesday, December 10th. Mrs. McLean has been a sufferer for many months, and having passed her threescore and ten, quietly passed away.

It is estimated, and upon very good authority, that Robeson county yields annually about 17,000 bales of cotton; Sampson, 12,000; Harnett, 8,000; Moore, 10,000; Johnston, 17,000; with about 15,000 for Cumberland—a grand total of 62,000 bales.

Charlotte's real land sale took place Wednesday, according to advertisement, and was a decided success in every respect. The sale only lasted about an hour and a half. The amounts foot up $15,052.60.

A thief or thieves broke into the store of Mr. W. T. Woodard, of Raleigh, on Saturday night and stole about a wagon load of stuff, including four boxes of cocoanuts, weighing about 600 pounds, and three boxes of oranges.

The prize of a gold headed cane, suitably inscribed, offered by Mr. Thomas McIlvaine to the Confederate soldier who participated in the greatest number of battles, was awarded to Mr. J. L. Coley, of Richmond county.

R. W. Thornton, who has been engaged in merchandising at Rosebro, on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway between Fayetteville and Wilmington, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, seriously affecting one side and the organ of speech.

Mr. Lemuel Hart, a dealer of stock in Fayetteville, was found dead in bed on Tuesday morning last. He had attended the Clinton Fair, and on returning he complained of being unwell.

Ben Henderson, a very intelligent young colored man of Fayetteville, after graduating at Howard University and taking the special medical course, has just satisfactorily passed his civil service examination.

The schools in Tarboro have been closed on account of scarlet fever, and the homes of C. I. Austin and Judge Phillips have been quarantined.

Rev. Dr. H. T. Hudson has become associate editor and Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver corresponding editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. Its circulation is over 5,000.

There are eighty-three pensioners in Forsyth county, and the amount due each have about been paid. The amounts paid to the soldiers range from $17 to $53, while the widows receive $17 75.

The Empress of Russia is now forty three years old. Russians say that she has not the capacity of the Princess of Wales to look considerably younger than her years. The chin begins to double and the cheeks have long since taken a comfortable expression. Her figure also grows matronly, though still she is an indefatigable dancer.

SOUTHERN IMMIGRATION.

INTER-STATE CONVENTION END THEIR LABORS.

Appointment of General Manager Urged—Report of the Fish and Oyster Committee—Steps to Make a Full Exhibit at the World's Fair—Thanks.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—The Southern International Immigration Convention met at 10 o'clock. A great deal of routine business was promptly disposed of.

The following resolution was introduced by Delegate W. S. Franklin, of Norfolk, Va.: "The Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention, assembled at Asheville N. C., does hereby resolve to accept the invitation now earnestly extended by the city of Norfolk, through its delegation in this body, to visit that city at some time during the next session of the Convention, if held in Richmond, or immediately after the adjournment of the same, to the end that the delegates from the various States and sections may become the better acquainted with the wonderful advantages, natural and acquired, of that great Southern seaport and railroad centre; the hospitality, energy and enterprise of its citizens; the commanding position it possesses for the location of industrial plants; its superior facilities as a distributing and competitive point; its proximity and accessibility to the consuming marts of the country; the splendid resources of the adjacent section; the immense fertility of its soil, and the solid advantages it offers for those seeking a favorable location for a home or for safe and profitable investment."

The Convention unanimously resolved to leave the question of the time and place of the next session to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Virginia delegation was composed of forty representatives from all sections of that State. Their delegation was the largest, numerically, in the Convention, except that from North Carolina, and the Virginia delegates took an active and prominent part in all the proceedings. Delegate T. C. Morton, from Shendun, was elected chairman of the Virginia delegation, and discharged his duties with acceptable and admirable promptness and efficiency, until he had to leave Asheville, when Delegate W. F. Franklin, from Norfolk city, was chosen chairman to succeed Mr. Morton, and proved a worthy successor in discharging the duties of that position. Delegate James Lyons, from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, was chosen to respond in behalf of the Convention to the address of welcome so cordially and eloquently delivered by Governor Fowle, of North Carolina. W. M. McAllister, of Warm Springs, chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following report from that committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

"We recognize the necessity of unity of action by the Southern States, here represented, and that it can best be accomplished by a concerted system of legislation, therefore you are requested to provide by law for the appointment and maintenance of a Commissioner of Immigration, whose duty it shall be to form a Board of Southern Immigration to co-operate with the Southern immigration Bureau in uniting in promoting the great cause of Southern Immigration and upbuilding our common southland; that the Executive Committee present to the Legislatures suitable bills to carry this recommendation into effect, and urge the passage of such measure that the general manager, aided by the Executive Committee, be requested to draft a constitution and by-laws for the permanent government of this body, and they report at the next convention; that the general manager and committee issue a periodical as the general official organ of the Bureau, to be under their control, but the character and expediency of same and frequency of publication be discretionary with said manager and committee."

The report was adopted.

FISH AND OYSTER COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. B. Fitzhugh, editor, of Cape Charles City, Va., was secretary of the Committee on Fish and Oysters, which reported: "1st. That no resolutions have been referred for the consideration of the committee, and with the limited time at their disposal have canvassed and discussed the subject as much as possible. We find that the fish and oyster industry with its possibilities in a number of our States is a subject of great importance. It is yet in its infancy, or comparatively, and is an inviting field for capital and labor. We find that ten of the fourteen States represented here are directly interested in fish and oysters, and all of them in fish. This industry is more developed in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina than in any of the other states. Vast sums of money are invested, and handsome profits are realized. You will bear in mind that fish is one of the great staples of commerce. It is the cheap food of a large number of people, and the luxury of a smaller number. That capital combined into labor places them at every man's door. The mighty waters that cover three-fourths of the globe and the wealth contained therein certainly invites earnest attention and consideration. There are large fisheries off the coast of Scotland, Newfoundland, Norway and other places that give employment to millions of capital and an army of laborers. It is an immense source of wealth to these countries, and is considered so valuable that it is jealously guarded, and is an important subject in diplomacy: our possibilities are equal to the best, and are to a large extent lying dormant, only awaiting those giant forces, capital and labor, to unlock the storehouse and gather the treasures. Your committee would recommend that all the members of this Convention urge in every possible way their Legislatures to enact wise and salutary laws to guard and forward this interest.

A telegram from Governor Buckner, of Kentucky, stating his regret at not being able to be present was read.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The following resolutions were offered by Robert B. Vance and W. C. Wilson:

"1st. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, representing fifteen States, that a proper observance of the Sabbath requires the closing of the Columbian Exposition on Sundays.

"2d. That the chairman of the Committee on Columbian Exposition from this Convention be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the commissioners of the Columbian Exposition."

This called forth considerable argument, and, on a motion to have the rules suspended and the resolution adopted, the vote by States was called for. It was moved that those introducing the resolution be allowed to withdraw it, but this was lost. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Columbian Exposition.

The resolution of John Robinson, of North Carolina, that a bureau of health, climatology, and vital statistics be established wherever there is a central office of the Association, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. H. A. Gudger, of Asheville, offered a resolution of sympathy for W. C. Thomas, of Florida, who was forced to leave the city because of a sprained wrist, and it was adopted. A resolution was offered by the Kentucky delegation, through E. Polk Johnson, to hold the next meeting of the Convention in Louisville, and was referred. The resolution to have a list of the delegates to the Convention with their addresses made and published in order to facilitate communication between the members of the association, was adopted. The resolution to recommend the Governors of each State to appoint a committee of five from their States to act in conjunction with another committee, and to be known as the Promotion Committee of the World's Fair, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. It recommended that the Executive Committeemen appoint a delegation to request the Governors of the States to call on the Legislatures of the States for financial aid, and that an appropriation of $25,000 from each State be asked for the purpose of making full exhibits at the Columbian Exposition; that Bureaus of Mining, Manufacturing, Agriculture and Immigration be asked to lend financial aid; that where there are no such bureaus the Executive Committeemen call a convention to organize State Immigration Bureaus, and that this Bureau shall raise funds and make such an appropriation as they deem best; that the general manager of the Association be made a paid official by the railroads of the South, and that his salary as general manager of the Association be $5,000 a year; that the Bureau, if it deems it best, to publish the resources of the States, with illustrations, with space for each, according to contribution.

SECRETARY PATRICK EXONERATED.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported they had investigated the charges made by the Manufacturers' Record, and against Secretary John T. Patrick, and had found them unfounded. The report was adopted unanimously. The Committee on Manufactures recommended that all persons contemplating the beginning of manufacturing interests be invited to correspond with officials of the Bureau. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Importing and Exporting reported that the exports of the country had far exceeded the imports for several years, and that the shipment of Southern products was greatly increasing. The committee's report spoke of the products that were imported which should be produced or manufactured in the South. The committee commended the act of Congress in appropriating money for the purpose of opening South Atlantic and Gulf ports. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Exhibits by Train of Cars submitted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we believe that advertising our resources by a train of cars filled with exhibits of our agricultural and mineral and manufactured products to be sent through all of the North, East, and West, would result in inducing large immigration to the South and prove one of the most useful means of advertising that could be adopted, and that we commend it to the special attention of the Executive Committee."

COMMITTEE ON MINERALS.

The Committee on Minerals reported their regret that the want of time prevented their making statistical data desired to be used by the Bureau for publication. The Foreign and Domestic Immigration Committee reported favorably on the resolution of Major Malone, to the effect that the consuls of the United States be empowered to inquire into the moral and physical condition of immigrants, with an amendment providing for Government official examination of all immigrants at the port of entry, and another amendment to send a copy to all United States Senators and Congressmen. The report was adopted.

The committee reported favorably on the resolution of W. M. Pickett, to invite the better class of immigrants from New England, and the report was adopted. A motion was made to have appointed a delegate from each state to co-operate with the Committee on Railroad Rates. The motion was accepted with the amendment that the committee be appointed by the Executive Committee and the general manager.

PLACE OF MEETING.

It was moved and seconded that the Convention select the place of its next meeting. A point of order was moved that the regular order of business at that time was the reception of reports, and it was then moved that the rules be suspended. This was done by a large rising vote. An amendment was made to have the matter of time and place referred to the Executive Committee, and the vote by States was called for. The vote resulted in 921½ in favor of the amendment and 321½ against it. The matter was, in accordance with this vote, referred to the Executive Committee, and this action was then made unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Johnson, of Texas, as follows: "Resolved, That the delegates of this Convention tender their thanks to the Governor of North Carolina, the Mayor and citizens, the Press, railroads, and hotels of Asheville for their hospitable entertainment during our stay in this picturesque city of Asheville, and particularly to the Hon. M. T. Bryan, who has so ably presided, and the secretary, Mr. D. H. Elliott, who has so ably conducted his trying branch of this Convention." This was adopted.

A resolution was introduced by W. H. Brooker, of Texas, that at the future conventions the delegates shall go prepared to stay during the entire session. This was referred. The Committee on Organization and Work reported they had examined in detail the methods in the department of organization of the Association and the development bureau, and had found meanwhile adopted; had accomplished satisfactorily the work undertaken. The report commended the adoption of these methods, and urged the active co-operation of all the States in the South. The committee also endorsed the resolution of G. P. Cannon, of Tennessee, looking to the location of central headquarters at Washington, D. C., and the securing of a place in that city for the purpose of exhibiting the resources of the South. They recommended the appointment of a committee of one from each State to devise ways and means to accomplish this as early as possible. The report was accepted.

OFFICIAL STATE ORGANIZATION.

The Committee on Official State Organization reported that as but four or five of the States represented had official State organizations, they recommended that the delegates formulate and publish a call for a convention to be held in their States for the purpose of organizing a bureau of immigration in each State. The report was adopted. Adjourned till 3:30 P. M.

THANKS TO THE PRESS.

The Convention reassembled at 3:30 P. M. A large amount of routine business was rapidly dispatched. On motion of Mr. J. M. Leach, Jr., Senatorial delegate for North Carolina, the Convention

"Resolved, That whereas the press of the country has liberally and effectually aided the Southern Inter-State Immigration Bureau, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention, assembled in Asheville, North Carolina, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered to the press; and be it further

"Resolved, That this Convention invoke the potent aid of the press in more fully explaining the object and scope of the work of the Southern Inter-State Immigration Bureau, and the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Associated Press."

After adopting reports of several committees the Convention directed the standing committees to dispose of the unfinished business, and at 4:30 P. M. adjourned sine die, to meet at such time and place as the Executive Committee should determine.

FLORIDA'S DISPLAY.

An interesting display was made by the State of Florida, on a large table in front of the platform, exhibiting the following products of that State: Egg-plant, tomato, radishes, cucumber, snap beans, etc., oranges, lemons, limes, grape fruit, pineapples, pomegranates, guaw, Jamaica apple, soursop, sugar apple, melon, pawpaw, saponillas, tamarinds, almonds, cocoanuts, banyan tree, sugar cane stalk twenty-five feet long, sixteen feet of matured stalk, and forty-four matured joints.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The New Electric Railway—Governor Fowle's Return.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Dr. S. W. Jacobs, representing a syndicate which proposes to build the Raleigh system of electric street railway, returned here to-day from New York, where he has been for several days purchasing the necessary equipments. He announces that he has purchased cars, rails and all necessary apparatus, and that the work of construction will begin next week.

GOVERNOR FOWLE'S RETURN.

Governor Fowle returned to-day from Asheville where he has been attending the Immigration Convention. He pronounced the occasion great success in every respect.

MORE LIGHT FOR RALEIGH.

The apparatus were received here to-day for putting in seventy-five additional gas lights to illuminate the streets of the city. They will be used in the suburbs to supplement the electric system already in use.

A Fatal Freight Collision.

BOWLING GREEN, KY., Dec. 19.—A fearful freight collision occurred here yesterday, in which three men were killed. A special and regular freight crashed into each other, through a misunderstanding of orders. The special was going at such a rapid rate that it and the engine with which it collided dashed a mile up the track before they stopped. John West, a fireman, was instantly killed, and Will. Coleman, an engineer, was so badly crushed that he died. Nat. Potter, a brakeman, was also killed, and four box-cars loaded with freight were dashed to atoms.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

HORRIBLE WRECK REPORTED ON THE S. V. ROAD.

Fireman Atwood and Brakeman Houston Instantly Crushed to Death—Colonel R. E. Withers' Condition—Further Reports of the Storm—Virginia Events.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Another terrible railroad wreck is reported here to-night.

A north-bound freight train dashed into a slide on a heavy down grade, two miles east of Buchanan, on the Shenandoah Valley, and C. H. Atwood, of Milnes, Shenandoah county, the fireman, and Edward Houston, of Troutville, Botetourt county, the front brakeman, were killed. J. R. Yates, of this city, was the engineer. He reversed his engine as he saw an immense boulder drop from the mountain side on the track just ahead and attempted to jump, the engine, striking the rock, reared up, and he was thrown through the roof of the cab a distance of thirty feet, landing in James river. He was bruised and badly shaken up, but waded out and joined in the search for the missing men. Houston, the front brakeman, was found dead beneath the tender. His skull was crushed and his flesh horribly scalded by water from the boiler. Atwood had not been found at last accounts, as he was buried beneath the wreck of five cars loaded with coal.

PETERSBURG.

McCarthy Released and Ordered From Town—General Mention.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Mayor Collier this morning released Thomas McCarthy from jail and ordered him to leave the city. McCarthy is the white man who was arrested here some days ago for drunkenness, and on being searched, two checks drawn on the Citizens' Bank of Richmond were found on his person. These checks were supposed to be fraudulant, but as far as could be ascertained no attempt was made by McCarthy to pass them on any one.

The argument in the County Court of Greensville on a motion for a new trial in the case of Carlton H. Marks, convicted of murder and his punishment fixed at ten years and eight months in the penitentiary, was concluded some time after midnight last night. After hearing the argument, Judge Barham stated that he would take the matter under consideration, and would render his decision on Tuesday next.

The receipts of tobacco for the past week have been quite liberal, and the market has ruled steady with a good demand for all desirable grades of shipping leaf and dark brown wrappers. For such sorts prices continue very satisfactory, the market closing firm.

The receipts of Virginia peanuts liberal, with free sales: Prime, 3½c. to 4c.; extra prime, 3¾c. to 4c.; fancy, 3½c. to 4c. Receipts of Spanish very light; demand good at $1.08 to $1.10.

WYTHEVILLE.

Continuation of the Storm—Colonel Withers' Condition—Briefs.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Snow fell steadily here from Tuesday morning till late last night, and during a greater part of the time the wind blew furiously. This morning the sky is clear, but the snow is about a foot deep, and badly drifted. To-day is the day appointed and advertised for the second sale of the Development Company's lots, and in spite of the unpropitious weather the real estate agents are abroad; their "turnouts" on runners, and with sleigh bells.

Socially Wytheville has been very dull this winter, and I have not the usual number of receptions, club meetings, &c., to chronicle. Deaths and sickness in several families have thrown a partial gloom over the community.

Mrs. Waller S. Poage, who has been critically ill for several days, is somewhat better.

Colonel R. E. Withers, who returned from his visit to Richmond, where he was under Dr. McGuire's care, some days since much improved in health, has been again confined to his home by a return of his ailment.

The tightness in the money market has caused a slight lull in real estate speculation throughout the Southwest, but with the beginning of the new year our banks, which have plenty of money in the vaults, will resume discounting, and a bigger boom than ever before is anticipated. Our merchants are doing a big holiday trade, and the market is plentifully supplied with fresh fowls, eggs, butter, pork at very reasonable prices.

Mrs. Charles Dodson, of Richmond, who is sojourning here for her health, is rapidly convalescing.

AMELIA COUNTY.

Marriage of Miss Jennie Galvin and Mr. Blake Maims—The Weather.

AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—We are having beautiful weather here now, and have had none of the snow and wind, that we read in THE TIMES the mountain people are having. This morning opened clear and bright, just cool enough to be bracing and not enough for overcoats