

NORFOLK NOT ALONE. No Navy-Yard to be Provided for as It Should Be.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES. The One from the Petersburg District Argued by Mr. McKenney, in His Own Behalf, and by Brady for Thorpe—Other Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5.—(Special.)—Neither the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate nor the Secretary of the Navy have the large delegation of business-men from the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Berkeley any encouragement towards securing the building of a new battleship for the Norfolk navy-yard. Both Secretary and committee are informed that the other navy-yards have no better in that respect than the one at Norfolk. That this is bad policy on the part of the government was clearly demonstrated in the arguments made by Mr. Sherwood and Captain James W. McCarrick, as published in to-day's Dispatch. They pointed out in an unmistakable manner the disadvantages under which navy-yards labored, as compared with private ship-yards, and in a businesslike way suggested the remedies the government should apply to bring its yards up to as high a state of efficiency as the best yards in the world. If this advice, given in the most friendly spirit, is not followed, then there is one other remedy left, and this is cleverly brought out during the hearing before the committee yesterday morning.

The Naval Committee yesterday morning at Norfolk men insisted that each and every yard belonging to the government should have at least one of the proposed battleships to build, so as to keep the vessels in constant motion and their machinery in good operation.

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Crew of the Texas Going to California via the S. A. L. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5.—A detachment of 160 men and six officers from the battleship Texas left Portsmouth, Va., at 9:30 A. M. this morning, en route for Mare Island, Cal., the route being by the way of the Seaboard Air-Line and the Southern Pacific railroad (Sunset route). They were carried by a special train, composed of two baggage-cars, five tourist sleeping-cars, and one Pullman car. The train will run through solid from Portsmouth to the Pacific coast. Every facility will be used to have this train carried through on the schedule which has been fixed.

SURVEY OF THE ST. PAUL. Ship and Line Officers Insist That She Is Injured. NEW YORK, February 5.—A board of survey was held aboard the American steamship St. Paul yesterday. Five crewmembers began the survey at 9 o'clock, and did not finish their labors until late this afternoon. The whole ship was late this afternoon. The whole ship was late this afternoon. The whole ship was late this afternoon.

GREAT FRESHET IN ALABAMA. It Is Thought It May Eclipse the One of March, '89. MONTGOMERY, ALA., February 5.—A special to the Advertiser from Irwinton, Ala., says: "It has been raining steadily for four hours. It is estimated that the rainfall is 19 inches. The creeks and rivers are rising rapidly, and the low part of the region is submerged, and all the mills located on streams have been forced to close down. No trains have arrived since daylight, and the Louisville and Nashville road is washed out in many places. If the rise continues a few hours longer the main line here will be under water. Much timber ready to be sent to market is scattered through the swamps. It is thought that the freshet will eclipse the one of March, 1889. No lives have been lost, so far as information extends."

Elk Ridge Hunt Still. BALTIMORE, February 5.—The Elk Ridge Hunting Club held a banquet at the Hotel Hamilton last evening. The banquet was a success. The Elk Ridge Hunting Club held a banquet at the Hotel Hamilton last evening. The banquet was a success.

An Engagement in Cuba. (From a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.) HABANA, February 5.—An official report received here says an encounter has taken place at Manzanilla, a town near Matanzas, between a detachment of Spanish troops and a detachment of Cuban rebels, commanded by the insurgent chiefs Cayo, Alvarez, Roque, Amieva, and others. The engagement lasted forty minutes, and resulted in the capture of several hundred prisoners. The Spanish loss was two wounded.

Lumberman Found Murdered. LUNSTON, N. C., February 5.—News reached here this afternoon that the body of a murdered man was found in a public place yesterday near Cat Laurel Gap, Ashe county. Papers on his person showed his name to be James Moorefield, and that he represented a large Tennessee lumber company. He was on his way to purchase lumber. He was robbed of his money and watch. Four men have been arrested on suspicion of being guilty of the crime.

Sullivan Starts for Texas. SPRINGFIELD, ILL., February 5.—John Sullivan, with his wife and Manager Glickauf, left this evening for Fort Worth, Tex., where the ex-champion will join his company, and the fight will go to Texas. Sullivan is expected to fight several hundred people gathered at the depot to catch a sight of the once-invincible Sullivan. He still has his head swathed in bandages, but otherwise he seems to be in a fair condition.

The Vessey Not a Filibuster. NORFOLK, Va., February 5.—The steamer Vessey has not yet sailed, but lies at her dock in Berkeley. John B. Finney has been commissioned postmaster at Eastlake, N. C. Changes in star schedules have been made as follows: In North Carolina—Route 177, Jonathan to Tarboro, leave Jonathan daily, except Sunday, at 8 A. M.; arrive Tarboro by 12 M.; leave Tarboro, daily, except Sunday, 1 P. M.; arrive Jonathan by 5 P. M. In Virginia—Route 175, Chatham to Sandy, leave Chatham daily, except Sunday, 8 A. M.; arrive Sandy by 1 P. M.; leave Sandy, daily, except Sunday, 2 P. M.; arrive Chatham by 7 P. M.

Stoneware Prices to Go Up. MASSILLON, O., February 5.—The manufacturers of stoneware held a secret meeting Tuesday and selected a committee to procure signatures to an agreement to advance prices to a uniform level. The business is now reported unprofitable. Two noteworthy cosmological statements of recent utterance are attributed to those distinguished scientists, Prof. Dewar and Sir Robert Ball. According to the former, oxygen is highly phosphorescent, and under certain conditions will give off a steady light, this being a suggestion as to the origin and nature of light, the proportion of oxygen increasing nearer the earth's surface, and so does the increase of light. As we ascend in the atmosphere, light and the proportion of oxygen to the other gases decrease in nearly the same ratio; the force which radiates from the sun in straight lines comes in contact with the earth's surface, and the atmosphere, and it is argued that this combined action ignites the carbon gases, producing light. Of opinion expressed by Sir Robert Ball is that the atmosphere is uniformly heated to such an extent that its effluence is perceived far and wide—a heated condition, however, which is exceptional, for though it doubtless lasts millions of years, the temperature must still sink to that of space, where it will remain permanent, unless again kindled by some accident into temporary luminosity; a primary fact to be kept in view is that the normal and ordinary state of the atmosphere is not luminous and non-luminous, and therefore invisible to us.

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DECIDED SENSATION. STIRRED UP AT ROANOKE RAPIDS, NORTH CAROLINA. A Richmond Man Arrested for His Wife—No. 1 Pounces Down Upon Him—Another Richmonder Disappears Mysteriously.

WELDON, N. C., February 5.—(Special.)—Roanoke Rapids, six miles above here, has a big sensation, and the parties are all from Richmond, Va. A Richmonder yesterday's train from here, which he created a little commotion here, Mr. Mark Davis, in it. She claimed the husband. She found the search of the husband for at Roanoke man she was looking for with Davis, and he was quietly living with Davis. Davis, who is a lawyer, was out with a warrant before Justice T. L. Emory for the arrest. The papers were promptly served, and Mr. Davis was taken before Major Emory, where he had a hearing. Mr. Davis No. 1 said that he was married to Davis some years ago, and that recently she learned that he was living at Roanoke Rapids with another woman, and she came out to investigate. Wife No. 2 said she was married to Davis about twelve months ago, and that the ceremony was performed in a carriage in Richmond by a Rev. Mr. Wright, of Petersburg. She said she was in the household of Manchester, Va., before marriage.

WERE POPULAR. Major Davis came out here to work at the big cotton-mill, now being erected at the Rapids, some time last year, bringing with him wife No. 1, whom he introduced into society, and after hearing of her, he boarded with Mr. — and were quite popular. When taken before Major Emory yesterday, and confronted by wife No. 1, he admitted that he was legally married to her, but denied that a legal ceremony had taken place in case of No. 2. The latter, however, insisted that a marriage ceremony had taken place, and that she had taken a bond of \$300 for his appearance at the Criminal Court. Davis failed to give the required bond, and was committed to the county jail. The wife of No. 1, who is a lawyer, was out with a warrant before Justice T. L. Emory for the arrest. The papers were promptly served, and Mr. Davis was taken before Major Emory, where he had a hearing. Mr. Davis No. 1 said that he was married to Davis some years ago, and that recently she learned that he was living at Roanoke Rapids with another woman, and she came out to investigate. Wife No. 2 said she was married to Davis about twelve months ago, and that the ceremony was performed in a carriage in Richmond by a Rev. Mr. Wright, of Petersburg. She said she was in the household of Manchester, Va., before marriage.

DISAPPEARED. Mr. Frank Gill, of Richmond, who has also been working at the mill, has mysteriously disappeared. He left the mill about ten days ago, and said he was going out to attend to the cutting of lumber, but expected to return the next day. He left his valise, overcoat, and other property at his boarding-house. He also had an engagement to meet a company to receive some money due him. Some anxiety is now expressed as to his safety, and it is feared that he has been foully dealt with. He was a splendid shot, and a good water-power, he said, was much greater than he expected to find it. He was, in fact, most enthusiastic, and looks upon the place as one destined to a great future.

CATCH AT RALEIGH. A Full Confession—Russell's Campaign—General Notes. RALEIGH, N. C., February 5.—(Special.)—At the penitentiary to-day there arrived 2 convicts from Granville, 5 from Nance, 7 from Rockingham, 3 from Franklin, and 5 from Beaufort. Among the latter were the two brothers Bell, and Brantley, all three to serve thirty years, and Credle, to serve fifteen years, for the murder of J. B. Tompkins, in the case of which a full confession to E. S. Simmons, Esq., one of his counsel, and that the confession will be printed. It tells about what Credle, the State's witness, has made in a public court after the murder. It does not implicate Brantley's wife. Credle said yesterday while on the way here that Brantley had begged him before the trial to tell a story, which would not incriminate Mrs. Brantley. Governor Carr is at Rocky Mount, and at his farm for a day or two. It is suggested that Editor Robinson, of the Asheville Citizen, would be a proper candidate for the institution by the Attorney-General to test Judge H. G. Ewart's right to hold office.

RUSSELL'S CAMPAIGN. There was quite a gathering here to-day of the friends of ex-Judge Russell in the latter's campaign for Governor. James H. Young, Sheriff John R. Smith, and J. C. L. Harris were among those present. Mr. Smith was asked what was the Republican impression of Russell's campaign. He answered on the silver-men to get together and stick together. He replied: "I think the Populists and Republicans are for fusion. They are all against the Democrats. They will do anything to beat them. Butler and other leaders cannot prevent their fusion." THE ALLIANCE. It is held by some well-informed people that the State Alliance has far exceeded the powers conferred by its charter in employing attorneys to bring suit to vacate the charter of the North Carolina railway, and if any person files a bond to indemnify the State, it will be the duty of the Attorney-General to bring suit to annul the charter of the Alliance. One cotton-mill in this State will make 300,000 yards of cloth this year. Work begins here this year on three costly churches in this city—the Catholic and Episcopal cathedrals, and the First Presbyterian church. The aggregate cost will exceed \$150,000.

SCOTLAND NECK. Marriages—The Tobacco and Cotton Acreage—Personal. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., February 5.—(Special.)—Mr. W. P. Butterworth, formerly of Virginia, but for some years a prosperous farmer of this community, was this morning married, his bride being Mrs. Lena Perry. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride, Rev. W. J. Smith officiating. The bride and groom left on the 9 o'clock train for Dinwiddie county, Va., where they go to visit the groom's brother. Both are well, and have a host of friends here and elsewhere. The acreage of tobacco will be greatly increased in this section this year. Extensive preparations have already been made for the crop. The cotton acreage will be increased. The acreage in peanuts will probably be increased some.

UNCLE SAM'S CAMELS. WERE IMPORTED AT GREAT EXPENSE IN THE EARLY FIFTIES. Want to Be Used by the Army—It Was Found That They Were Practically Worthless, and Were Freely Given to the Army.

(Los Angeles (Cal.) Letter.) A few lines in the telegraphic news of the day press the other day concerning the killing of a camel on the Colorado desert, in Western Arizona, by a Southern Pacific train, was the first intimation millions of Americans had that a herd of genuine "ships of the desert" were running wild anywhere within the domain of Uncle Sam. Indeed, there are thousands of people who have made their homes for years in California, who have never heard that camels from Arabia and Egypt have for years been wandering over the sandy wastes of the extreme southern part of their own State.

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THIS IS APPARENTLY AN ABSURD CONSUMPTION. BUT IS IT, AFTER ALL, SO VERY ABSURD UPON CONSIDERATION? There May Be Two Sides, Even to a Fool Question.

At a recent meeting of medical experts, the apparently absurd question was proposed: "Which has the better chance of life, a sick or a well person?" At first it looked ridiculous, but after earnest discussion it was unanimously decided that an ordinary sick man had a better chance to live than the well man.

Why? Few people are dangerously sick; the majority of sick people are those who are slightly out of health, run down, or who are exhausted after a severe and protracted illness. For every dangerous case, there are ninety-nine who can be easily and readily cured.

The ninety-nine who are slightly sick, who have some weakness or are out of order, know their weakness and inability, and have the sense to take care of themselves, and seek an immediate cure.

Of 100 well persons, the majority are careless, depending too much upon the good health, until by exposure, overwork, or dissipation, some weakness or nervousness is developed, which may stop them off quickly.

So it is that the ninety-nine early sick people have a better chance of life than the 100 careless well persons.

The first thing a sick person desires is to get well. Naturally, also, such a person desires the best and quickest means of cure, and common sense dictates the use of such a valuable and reliable medicine as Dr. Greene's Nervura.

From the experience of thousands of thousands of others, whose testimonies of cure are continually appearing in the paper, that this well-known and reliable restorative is the surest and most effective nervous tonic, and that it is the best medicine for the cure of all the ailments of the system, such as indigestion, loss of sleep, and when I lay down my limbs would twitch, and I had an awful pain in the back of my head, so that I was obliged to get up in the night and put mustard on my feet, and so on.

Understand that Dr. Greene's Nervura is a physician's prescription, the discovery of that successful specialist in curing nervous and chronic diseases, Dr. Greene, of 36 West Fourteenth street, New York City, who can be consulted in cases of chronic nervousness or by letter.

STORM AT MOBILE. Freight-Ship Unroofed—Chimneys Blown Down. MOBILE, ALA., February 5.—A severe wind-storm from the north struck the upper part of the city this morning about 10 o'clock, unroofing a part of the Mobile and Gulf railroad freight shed, and the elevated railway of the same company's goods warehouse. The chimneys of the saw and shingle-mills were blown down. The damage being several hundred dollars in each case. The wind was a cold one, and a time in danger, several vessels dragging their anchors, but the blow was over in less than ten minutes, and no harm resulted. The rainfall was two inches, and accompanied by a cold and slightly injured by flying lumber.

A WRECK. MOBILE, ALA., February 5.—A special to the Register from Fort Morgan says that the Russian schooner Albatross, of 200 tons, was wrecked on the beach at Mobile, Ala., on the night of the 2nd inst. The schooner was on a voyage to Cape Cod, and was carrying a cargo of lumber. The vessel was driven ashore by a heavy sea, and was wrecked on the beach. The crew was rescued, and the cargo was saved.

FUNERAL OF PRINCE HENRY. It Takes Place in Whippingham Church, Osborne. COWES, February 5.—The funeral of Prince Henry of Battenberg, who died on board the British cruiser Blücher en route from Cape Coast Castle for Madeira, took place in Whippingham church, Osborne, to-day. There was a thick fog prevailing at sunrise, but by 9 o'clock it cleared away, showing a fine day. The town flying flags at half-mast, and displaying other marks of respect for the dead.

THE ROYAL YACHT ALBERTA, which brought the body from Portsmouth yesterday, and which on the 4th returned to the city, was covered with an awning. A military guard watched the remains throughout the night. The body was not opened, as the body had not been embalmed.

PRINCESS BEATRICE, with her children, arrived at the wharf at 9 o'clock, and was followed by the Duke of Cornwall and the Duchess of Devonshire. A few Cabinet ministers were also present. Among the officers who escorted the body to the church was the Duke of Devonshire, in a full military uniform, and the Duke of York.

DEATHS. HARPER.—Died, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. F. W. HARPER, February 5, 1896, at 83 years of age. He was a native of the State of New York. Funeral from his home, 68 Spring street, at 10 A. M., THURSDAY.

NORMENT.—Died, of pneumonia, at his residence, in Smithville, Va., January 27, 1896, at 83 years of age. He was a native of the State of Virginia. Funeral from his home, 68 Spring street, at 10 A. M., THURSDAY.

THRETT.—Died, at the residence of his parents, No. 212 Wood street, Chesapeake, Va., February 5, 1896, at 84 years of age. He was a native of the State of Virginia. Funeral from his home, 68 Spring street, at 10 A. M., THURSDAY.

THE FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE FROM THE ABOVE RESIDENCE TO-DAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1896, AT 10 O'CLOCK. PETERBURG AND SUFFOLK PAPERS PLEASE COPY.