NEWS IN GENERAL. ed from Our Nost Important Telegraphic Advices

esented in Pointed and Readable Paragraphs.

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pulist party held a mass t the Central Union hall at The proceedings comith a review of the situation. rengthening of the cause it ed to form an organization own as the Populist Party ub, with Follettas temporary A meeting will be called at ate to complete the organiz-elect officers.

estroyed \$100,000 worth of comprising three-quarters of esportion of McDonald, Pa., n twenty miles west of Pitts-he Panhandle railroad. The ated in the postoffice buildn overheated natural gas high wind drove the flames tides of the main street of nd they were checked in a only by a fortunate change

York dispatch says: Hon. damson, of Cedartown, Ga., general at Panama, has rea the emperor of China the star and insignia of the Or-Double Dragon. The decan, rendered valuable ser-

examination. Hence its decision to have the question discussed by experts of different views and callings with the object of raising and rendering stable the value of silver and securing a basis for practical measures.

The official returns from all but nine of the sixty-seven counties of Penn-sylvania send Grow's plurality up to the unprecedented figure of 180,233, a gain of 45,087 over the plurality given the republican candidate for state treasurer last fall, whose vote it was expected then would stand as the "high water mark" of republicanism in Pennsylvania for a long time to come. All of the official returns show republican gains over the election night estimates; therefore, it is fair to assume that the official figures from the nine missing counties will produce increases that will give Grow not less than 185,000 plurality.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Its Observance in Many Citles of the Country.

WASHINGTON .- All the executive de partments closed in honor of Washington's birthday, though congress remained in session. Patriotic services were held by the Oldest Inhabitants association and by the veteran fire companies. Meetings were held by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and there was a parade by the district militia. The convening of the third annual congress of the Daughters of the Revolution was the chief event of the day's celebration.

New Yonx .- The annual dinner of the Southern Society took place at the club rooms. The New York Sons of the Revolution held their banquet at Delmonico's at night.

PHILADELPHIA.-The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. held its annual banquet at the Aldine. TOPERA, KAN .- The Kansas society of the Sons of the Revolution cele-brated the day with a general convention. Addressess were delivered by distinguished speakers. Officers of the society for the ensning term were elected.

DETROIT .- The anaual banquet of the Michigan club was held. Among those invited this year were Thomas B. Reed, Henry Cabot Lodge, Senator Spooner, Honoro Mercier, Lorrin A. Thurston and ex-Minister Stevens.

BALTIMORE .- The spot in which the old congress met in 1776 was marked by the planting of a bronze tablet. The tablet's extreme dimensions are three and a half feet wide by four feet high. Its center is a flat plate, surrounded by an ornamental border. The plato is two feet and ten inches wide by three feet high, and contains in relief a picture of old "ongress hall

PERJURERS SENTENCED.

Howards's Witnesses go to the Penfor Three Years.

A Jackson, Tenn., special says: In the federal court Judge Hammond sen-tenced Smith, Gleason, Heatley and Brockway, the quartet of witnesses who perjured themselves on the instigation of G. F. B. Howard, in his fa-mous trial, to three years of hard labor in the United States prison at Columbus, Ohio.

Attorney-General Taylor made ap plication to the court to have Howard brought back from Columbus to answer the charge of suborning witnesses and to hold the sentenced witnesses at Jackson to testify against him. The jewel of the order is of the precious stones. The ing parchment is of Chi-damson, while consul-genin the penitentiary ; and ; ndly, be cause to bring him in court now in prison uniform would be but an unnecessary humiliation to his griofstricken family.

THE FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS

The House and Senate Called to Order in Regular Session.

Daily Summary of Routine Business in the Two Houses.

THE BOUSE.

After the realing of the journal in the house Wednesday, Mr. Reed aaked for a report from the sergennt-at-arms under the order to arrest absen-tees. That official reported all absentees either in Washington or en route hither, except those sick and excused, and seven others who had been sent for. Mr. Reed asked if any were un-der arrest. Sergeant-at Arms Snow responded that there were none. Mr. Bland moved to take up the seignior-

age hill and the years and mays were ordered without division. The vote resulted. Yeas, 159; nays, 10; which was 10 short of a quorum. The vote on the second roll-call was: Yeas, 157; nays, 10; twelve less than a quo rum. Mr. Reed made an effort to in-duce Mr. Mr. Bland to permit the house to proceed with the debate, but

house to proceed with the debute, but it was unavailing. In the house, Thursday, Mr. Cum-mings, of New York, rose to a question of the highest personal privilege. He said that while on the floor of the house, he had been approached by a deputy sergeant-at-arms, who told him that he was under arrest. He refused, he said, to recognize service, and warned the official or his bosses to touch him at their peril. The Record would show that he had been in at-

tendance day after day ever since con gress met last summer, and he de nounced the arrest as an outrage. He further stated that it was a disgrace, in his opinion, to hold a session of the house on Washington's birthlay, and, in honor of the memory of that patriot, he moved that the house adjourn. After some parleying, the mo-tion was put, and, on a division, the house voted: Yeas, 102; mays, 124. The announcement of the vote was received with applause on the democrat ic side. The yeas and navs were or-dered, however, before the question was decided. The motion to adjourn

was defeated-yeas 117, navs 140. This is regarded as indicating the practical strength of Mr. Bland's supporters. The vote against adjourn ment being 39 short of a quorum.

There was a lively time in the house Friday. Clerk Kerr called the house to order. He read a communication from Speaker Crisp, who was suffering from a severe sore throat and was con-fined to his hotel, appointing Mr. Richardson, of Tenn., speaker pro-tem. The peculiar circumstances under which the house adjourned Thurs day and the anticipation of a repitition of the disorderly scenes had at-tracted great crowds to the galleries. When the Adams case came up, upon a motion to discharge Mr. Adams,

a motion to discharge Mr. Adams, Mr. Bland spoke with greet intensity and bitterness, asserting that yesterday's proceedings con-stituted anarchy and revolution. He asked how members who open-ly declared that they would not obey the orders and rules of the house could expect the people of the coun-try suffering from want of food and try, suffering from want of food and shelter, to observe the laws of the land with greater respect. (Hisses.) He proceeded to lecture the democratic members for their failure to keep a

quorum in their seats. "The people will read the riot act to them in No-vember next," he said. (Republican cries of "They will.") Proceeding in this strain, Mr. Bland was called to

THE SENATE.

Mr. Allen (populist) presented a res olution in the senate, Wednesday morning, directing the attorney general to inform the senate whether he had, in an opinion to the secretary of the treasury, held that silver certificates legal money, and, if so, to are not transmit the opinion, with all the correspondence, to the senate. The res-olution after slight amonifiment, was adopted. A discussion started, which was brought about by Mr. Chandler, the ex-leader of the anti-Peckhan forces. In his usual sycophantic man-ner he asked Mr. Voorhees who composed the sub-committee preparing the tariff bill.

In the senate, Thursday, Mr. Hour had read a newspaper article alleging the circulation of lottery tickets in Florida. Mr. Paseo stated that the people of Florida were taking steps to put down the foreign lottery in Florids, and denied the existence of draw ings in the state. Mr. Washburn in quired how the senator from Massa chusetts (Mr. Hoar) intended to suppress this lottery ovil, when he had de nied, in the last congress, the power of the federal government, under the constitution, to suppress a mach worse form of gambling-dealing in options and futures on exchanges. Mr. Hoar replied that his proposition was to prevent the importation of lottery appliances, a power which congress possessed. On motion of Mr. Gorman the senate agreed, when it adjourned, that it be to meet Monday. Washing ton's farewell address was read by Mr

Martin, and the senate, at 1:35, ad-journed till Monday. In the senate, Monday, Mr. Mor-gan, chairman of committee on foreign relations, reported the opinion of the committee on the subject of Ha-waii. At 12:40 the senate proceeded to execute business, and at 1 p. m. adjourned to enable the democratic senators to resume their caucus meetings

GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

The Industrial Situation as Reported for the Past Week.

The Industrial Situation as Reported for the Past Week. The review of the industrial situation in the South for the past week shows that to judging from reports received of new industries in pro-oess of formation, of entargements of plants inw in operation, and e-pecially by the im-creased inquiry for machinery of all kinds, the South is rarially recovering from the effects of the financial stringency. The week just ended shows a better record in these respects than for a year past. All branches of prolimitive indus-try scen to show the same favorable symptoms. Into producers are in stronger position, with any for producers are in stronger position, with the financial during the week, together with liken endargements of manufactories, and fi-teen important new buildings. Transment among the new industries of the week are the following: The Ohio-Tennessee Coal and Lumber Co, capital \$7,00,000, T. B. S. Mor-an and during the symptomese of an di-tumber Co, capital \$7,00,000, at Richmond, S. founder, expital \$200,000, at Richmond, S. founder, succeptorators, and the Laray Caverne conder and stoners incorporator.

Co., of Luray, Va., capital \$100,000, L. C. Condon and others, incorporators, The L. C. Condon and others, incorporators, The L. H. Hall Coffin Co., capital \$30,000, has been organized at Atlanta, Ga., by L. H. Hall and associates; the Georgia Sandard Ochre Co., at Cartesseille, Ga., capital \$50,000, by W. H. Howard and others; the Union Mining and Manufacturing Co., at Dincess, W. Va., capital \$50,000, by E lward Thomas and associates; the Carto Lumber and Manutacturing Co., capital \$50,000, at Carto, W. Va., by W. W. Rollins and associates; the Carto Lumber and Manutacturing Co., capital \$50,000, at Carto, W. Va., by W. W. Rollins and associates; the Carto Lumber and Manutacturing Co., capital \$50,000, at Carto, W. Va., by W. W. Rollins and associates; the Trans. B. H. Linga and others. A Luminum works are reported at New Orleans, L.; electric plants at Fort Smith and Luttle Root, Atk., hilox., Miss. Lynchburg, Ta, and Terra Alta, W. Va., and four and grint miles at Efred's Mils. N. C., Harms, Tom., and Danwille, Va. Gus works are to be built at Ocala, Fis., and Olive Springs, Tenn.; an ice factory at the Sorth, Tayaka and the Store, The Sorth, Tayaka are to be built at Ocala, Fis., and Olive Springs, Tenn.; an ice factory at the Sorth. Texas in the store factory at the store factory at the Sorth. Texas in the store factory at the store factory store factory at the Sorth. Texas in the store factory store factor at the store factory store factor at the store factory at the store factor at the store factory store factor at the store factory store factor at the store factor store factor at the store factory store factor at the store factory store

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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL | SOUTHERN NEWS ITEMS.

Affairs of Gevernment and News of The Drift of Her Progress and Prosthe Departments Discussel

Notes of Interest Concerning the People and Their General Welfare.

Attorney General Olney has appointed Samuel A. Putnam, of Bir-mingham, Ala., assistant attorney in the department of justice at \$2,000 per 870110

The Indian bureau has received a dispatch from Agent Powell, Leah Bay Indian agency, Washington, announce ing the total destruction of main agen cy building and contents by fire.

William T. Townes, United States consul-general at Rio de Janeiro, has arrived at Washington on a brief leave of absence. He left Rio on January 21, and is on his way home to his wife and children Danville, Va. He intends taking them back with him in a few days.

A cable message received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Bohan confirms the report of the arrival of commute report of the arrivat of the government dynamite cruiser, Nietheroy, in Rio harber, where she anchored. The admiral says, in his dispatch, that it was reported that the rest of the loyal fleet will arrive at Rio from Bohis February 22.

The president has sent to congress another bulky batch of Hawaiian correspondence. It includes President Dole's letter to Willis, already pub-lished, and Willis' reply with several other communications. Willis, in his other communications. Willis, in his letter transmitted to Secretary Gres-ham, says: "This letter will, on my part, end the correspondence upon the subject."

The secretary of war has received from Second Comptroller Mansur his decision in the case of General Sickles, which, while setting forth strong con-stitutional arguments against the qual-ifications of any retired army officer to enter congress, finds that General Sickles cannot be divested of his retired pay, amounting to \$5,625 annually, and continues to hold his military office.

Representative Holman, chairman of the democratic caucus of the house, will call a caucus for an early day fo consider a change in the house rule by which members may be compelled to vote to make a quorum. The call is in response to a written request signed by 104 democratic members. The request is the direct result of the uproarious demonstration in the house last Thursday.

Mr. Harter, democrat, has offered in the house a bill for the free coinage of silver and gold upon the same term, as existed prior to 1873. It provides that the bullion heretofore coined for the account of owners is not to be legal tender, and instead of being stamped "one dollar," "five dollars," etc., it is to be stamped "one globe," "five globe," etc., according to the denomi-nation of the coin and is to bear the words "not a legal tender."

Secretary Herbert has received a cablegram from Admiral Benham, at Rio, announcing that the Aquidiban had gone out of the harbor, where she joined the Republica, and that both vessels stood away to the south. This is taken to indicate that the rebel ships were not on their way to do battle with Peixoto's new fleet, which is daily expected at Rio from the north, but were on their way to Mello's stronghold at the island of Desterro, probably to secure reinforcements.

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Rappenings of Interest Portrayed in Pithy Paragraphs.

The international regatta recently announced to be given in Anstin, Texas, next June, has been declared off. The eitigen refused to subscribe.

J. A. Wardlaw & Co., leading gro-cers of south Chattanooga, Tenn., have lost their entire stock of goods by fire. The building, a two-story briek, was gutted by the flames. The loss is about \$10,000 and the insurance \$11,000.

A Raleigh, N. C., Special says: The A manager, et est are receiving ne-tices by the score of the closing of reg-istered distilleries, owing to the threegallon law. In one county (Yadkin) all save six out of forty registered dis-tillerios have closed.

The attorney general of Mississippi has advised the secretary of state that on account of the doubtful read-ing of the new law permitting trust companies to make official bonds in the state that he should decline to grant license and let the matter be judicially determined by mandamus.

A Nashville dispatch says; Judge George R. Sage has refused to reduce the sentence of Frank Porterfield, cashier of the Commercial national bank, who was convicted in connection with the wrecking of said bank and sentenced to ten years in the peniten-tiary at Kings county, New York.

A San Autonio special mays: The drought and cold weather are causing the death of thousands of cattle in lower Rio Grande counties. During the past few weeks there has been shipped from Alice station, on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad, 15,000 hides of eattle which died of starvation and exposure.

After a cancus held at New Orleans between the governor and his advisers between the governor and his advisers and leading representatives of the sugar interests, it was stated by a closes friend of the governor that the ap-pointment of a successor to Senator White would be given to north Lonisi-ana, and lay between ex-Governor Me-Enery and Representative Blanchard

The industrial revival in the Birmingham, Ala., district continues. The Clifton Iron Company has just blown Chitton Iron Company has just blown in its two big furnaces after an idle-ness of two years. The Tennessee Conl, iron and Railroad Company's immense ore converter by which ordinary iron ore can be converted into Bessemer ore can be converted into Bessemer ore for steel making, is nearly com-plete. Its success, which is now as-sured, means the early election of a big steel mill.

The North Carolina state geologist gives information that the coal now being mined in Moore county is by far the best ever discovered in the state. It is almost hard coal. The geologist has put in press a report on the water powers of North Carolina, with a spe-cial view to their utilization in the transmission of power by electricity. He says that all the knolin deposits to the state are to be analyzed and tested during this year. Interest in gold mining in the state is greater than us thirty-five years.

Samuel Spencer, C. M. McGhee and Henry Fink, receivers of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, have issued a circular to the employee of the entire system, announcing a general reduction in wages, effective April 1st, of engine and trainmen. switchmen and shopmen whose wages were restored February 1st. The reduction is 10 per cent. Of employes whose wages were not reduced under former orders there is a reduction of 5 per cent. Of employes whose wages were reduced under former orders 5 per cent, an additional 5 per cent, cut will be made, or 10 per cent. in all.

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cable dispatch says: Acthe Scotch-unionist press ative, unionist and liberal onts have been warned that on of parliament will, withtions have been given to rations for a new election. id that Mr. Gladatone will ot stand for re-election, in Sir James Carmichael will the liberal candidate for ian seat, occupied by Mr.

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SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Which Are Agitating Political Circles in Birmingham, Ala.

Political circles at Birmingham ar agitated over a sensation sprung by Ben Delmos, secretary of the state republican campaign committee, who has published a card in several newspapers, in which he declares that he has in his possession vouchers which

show that money was paid through him by Chris Magee, who was sent down to Alabama two years ago by the republicans to try to carry this state for Harrison, for certain leaders of the Kolbites and people's party, who did not keep faith with the republicans after the trade was made. Delmos has threatened to produce these vouchers if the Kolbito newspapers keep up the war which he says they seem to have inaugurated against him and other leading republicans.

THREATENING LETTERS

Written by Anarchists to Parisian Officials.

The police court officials of Paris are receiving violent letters, threaten ing in the name of anarchism to avenge the death of Auguste Vaillant and the persecution of Emil Henry. M. Ron-iller has been informed by letter that he has been marked over since he he had been harrow over the guillotine, and that his fate has been finally sealed by his conduct in the case of Henry. "You will be the first to go," was the last sentence of the letter.

Liberals Divided.

A London cable dispatch says: Many liberals favor the immediate dissolution of parliament in case the lords adher to the amendments to the parish councils bill. The Daily News deprecates such a course as virtually giving the victory to the peers. The Daily Chronfele enthusiastically clamors for this line of action. It says: "Gladstone, n silver and considered let us go on, lead us if you can, but et demanded exhaustive suyhow let us advance."

order by Dun, who said that the gen-tleman from Missouri had not been constituted the lecturer of the democratic party, to which Mr. Bland responded that if it were a lecture the party would repeat it to Dun and his associates in a way that they would respect it. Mr. Bynum, of In diana, and Mr. Combs, of New York, also called him to order on the ground that he was discussing the general financial question. Mr, Bland moved the previous question and declined to withdraw it to enable other gentlemen to speak in their own right, but offered to yield to anyone who wanted to

speak. Messra. Reed and Bynum, who were called on by their associates, de clined to accept Mr. Bland's offer.

The house was unable to do anything again Saturday, though Speaker Crist was well enough to go to the capitol and preside over the house. A quorum could not be mustered and nothing was done other than long and tedions roll calls in an effort to get a quorum.

By a vote of yeas 167, nays 53, the house, Monday, agreed to discharge the committee on ways and means from further consideration of Mr. Hatch's

anti option bill and send it to the committee on agriculture for report. Boutelle offered a resolution reciting that the United States would not per mit the representative of any govern-ment to remain in the capital who had intrigued with its, enemies for the overthrow of its government; and that the same rights should be conceded to other governments, even the weakest; therefore he it resolved, that Minister Willis he recalled and a minister sent to Honolulu who will represent the sentiments and wishes of the United States. The speaker ruled that it was a question of privilege, and sent the resolu

tion to the committee on foreign af-fairs. Mr. Bland moved to take up and discuss his seigniorage bill until 4 o'clock. A vote was taken and re-sulted as follows: Ayes, 168; nays, 5; which was 6 less than a quorum. At 1:50 Mr. Bland withdrew his motion and offered ove to take up the bill for consideration, removing all limitations of debate. This was agreed to by a vote of 119 to nothing.

WIMAN OUT ON BAIL.

His Son's Father-in-Law Furnishes the Required Amount of Funds.

Erastus Wiman has been released from the Toombs prison at New York on \$\$5,000 bail. Charles H. Deere, of Moline, Ill., deposited twenty-five \$1,000 bills in the office of the city chamberlain Saturday morning. Re corder Smyth signed the bail bond Deere is the father-in-law of Wiman's son, William, now lying in a precarious condition at his home on States Island.

Probably Joined the Insurgents.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres conerning business says affairs : President Peixoto has stopped all telegraphic communication between Rio and Babia. It is reported from Montevideo and the whole government fleet, excepting dynamite cruiser Nietheroy, has gone over to the insurgents and has sailed for Rio Janeiro. The insurgent army of the south advances unchecked. Th government troops sent to oppose it have accomplished nothing and ap-parently fear to join battle with the insurgents. Business men at Rio are panie stricken.

Prohibition in Iowa.

A prominent man, living near Omahs, Neb., has just received a letter from Governor Frank D. Johnson, of Iows, in which he states that if the Towa legislature does not repeal or modify the prohibitory law so as to af-ford relief for the river counties, he will call the legislature in extra session for that purpose. This is the first decisration made by the governor on the an lett.

Hawailan Reports

A volume of nearly eight hundred pages, exclusive of maps, has been laid before the senate representing the testimony taken by the senate mittee on foreign relations, and their findings of the facts thereon, under the resolution directing them to inquire whether any, and if so, what irregularities have occurred in the diplomatic intercourse between the United States and Hawaii in relation to the recent revolution. The report of the majority of the committee was prepared by Chairman Morgan, of Alabama. It exhaustively reviews the facts, laws and precedents, protectorate, and finds nothing irregu lar in the appointment of Blount, but in effect says that the ovidence taken by the committee under more favora-ble circumstances leads the committee to different conclusions than those which he formed. This report is concurred in as to all its essential findings by the republican members of the committee-Sherman, Frye, Dolph and Davis. They characterize it as an ex-ceedingly able document, but they dissent on five points.

WYMAN IN COURT.

He Pleads "Not Guilty" to Two Indictments for Forgery.

Eraatus Wiman, indicted far forgery in the second degree, on two indict-ments, pleaded "Not guilty" before Judge Martin, in the court of general sessions at New York. The defendant did not utter a word when arraigned at the bar of the court. General Benjamin F. Tracy, his counsel, who stood beside Wiman, pleaded "Not guilty" for him.

At the first regular meeting of the London Court of Aldermen, after the installation of the new Lord Mayor, the court, in accordance with a quaint usage which had its origin as far back as 1877, resolved to send what is called "livery cloth" to certain high officers of the state-

NEWS FROM RIO.

An Insurgent Vessel Destroyed With Considerable Loss of Life.

Advices from Rio de Janeiro state that the destruction of the insurgent transport Mercurio, by the fire of the gun rom the government battery at Ponta Madame, is said to have resulted in considerable loss of life to the rebels. The shot which caused the vast de-struction penetrated her boilers, which burst and killed a number of insur gents. The ship then caught fire and many of the injured are said to have been burned to death as the transport was burning fiercely when she sank. A number were drowned while attempting to swim ashore, and other-were captured by the government forces.

Hard and Soft Wood.

One who knocks about among Maine men often hears interesting points brought up in queer ways. One of these presented itself recently in a transaction which involved the question : "Where is the legal line to be drawn between 'hard' and 'soft' wood?" A very sharp Penobscot County man made a contract to d= liver to the other party some hundreds of cords of "hard" wood, and then proceeded to deliver white biren and poplar wood to the required amount. To this the purchaser, who expected to receive either maple, beech or yellow birch, demurred, claiming it was not according to con-tract. A high judicial authority is quoted as ruling that white birth and such as the Lord Chancellor, Lord Chief Justice, and Master of the Rolls-four and one-half yards of the best black cloth to each.