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Edison says that gold is not as valuable nor as necessary as iron or lead.

A public library and literary resort exclusively for the blind has been opened in Chicago.

It is said there is no case on record in Massachusetts where a verdict having been set aside in a capital case and a second trial granted a conviction was secured.

The Chicago Herald has discovered that every crowned head of Europe, with the exception of that of Turkey, is descended from one or two sisters, the daughters of Duke Ludwig Rudolf of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel, who lived about one hundred and fifty years ago.

Do you have an idea that the United States is a great place, with its 60,000,000 people, observes the Detroit Free Press, but there are 800,000,000 people in Asia, and more than 200,000,000 in Africa. The scientific estimate is that there are 1,450,000,000 people on the earth, of whom not more than 500,000,000 wear clothing from neck to sole.

One of Boston's pleasantest small charities is the furnishing of street car tickets in summer to poor invalids for rides in the suburbs of that city, but it is now asserted by the conductors that very many of these tickets are misused, being tendered to them by persons who not only are not ill, but are, from their dress and appearance, abundantly able to pay their own fares.

The Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore publishes a list of 502 industrial concerns established in the South since the 1st of July, showing that business was affected very little by the panic below Mason and Dixon's line. The list is made up largely of cotton mills, canning factories, foundries and wood-working establishments. During the first half of the year some 1400 new enterprises of this kind were started in the South.

A convert to vegetarianism has written a letter to a Paris paper describing his experiences, in which he says that he is only a "moderate" vegetarian—that is, he eschews only meat and admits eggs, butter and cheese, milk and fish to his regimen. He finds that he is in much more vigorous health and in better working condition than before. The first week, he says, is rather hard to bear, but the benefit is soon felt thereafter.

The Chinese doctor's lot is not wholly a happy one, the Courier-Journal is convinced. Four members of the Imperial College of Physicians at Peking failed recently to make a proper diagnosis of the Emperor's indisposition, and were punished by being fined a year's salary.

The big liners New York and Paris, according to the New York Sun, burn about 330 tons of coal per day, or about 30,800 pounds per hour, in maintaining 18,000 indicated horse power, which is equivalent to a coal consumption of 1.71 pounds per hour per horse power. The average for all the fast ships with triple expansion engines, like the New York, Paris, Majestic, Teutonic and Fuerst Bismarck, is said to be about 1.75 pounds per horse power.

Umbria and Etruria and similar ships, which have only compound engines, the rate is higher. This is an evidence of the advance made in marine engineering by the introduction of the triple expansion system.

That the public domain still offers opportunities for home seekers is shown, thinks the Washington Star, in part by the figures which are found in the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office, recently made public. It is stated that during the year which closed on the 31st of July last nearly 12,000,000 acres of the public lands passed into the possession of settlers and citizens. Only a little over 1,000,000 acres were sold for cash, and as under the present land laws the public land is open mainly to homestead settlers it is evident that the era of the settler has not yet passed.

In spite of the heavy drafts which have been made in recent years the public domain still has respectable proportions, and while a good deal of the land is not considered valuable, still there is a surprising acreage available for settlement under the land laws. These facts show that as a Nation we have not yet outgrown our heritage.

## PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

The Waldensan colonists in Burke county, N. C., are expecting about 300 more of their countrymen to arrive this month.

Snap beans and green peas formed a part of the cargo of the steamer Neuse, which sailed from Newbern, N. C., Wednesday.

A little 17 month old child of G. W. Stockton, of Lattimore's, Cleveland county, N. C., fell into the fire and received burns from which it died.

It is estimated that 2,500 people from North Carolina attended the World's Fair.

Cut gems from McDowell county, N. C., obtained the prize at the World's Fair; the collection was made by Col. H. C. Demming, and he says \$100,000 was offered for a duplicate and it could not be found in the world.

The artesian well sunk by Aiken, S. C., has proven a success, water being found at 175 feet to 200 feet below the surface. Arrangements will now be made immediately for the entire equipment of a water-works plant.

A. French and John M. Parterson, both of Pittsburg, Pa., were in Charlotte last week. They are visiting the State prospecting with a view to the erection of a large iron working machine plant.

A bank has been organized at Summerville, S. C., to be called the Bank of Summerville. Its capital is to be \$25,000.

At Winston, N. C., Ollie Jennings, a woman of questionable character, was stabbed by a brick mason named Joe Lewis. She will probably die. Lewis skipped, but the sheriff has gone in pursuit.

In the United States Circuit Court at Norfolk, Va., Judge Hughes dismissed the case of the American Drier Company, of Lewisville, Ky., against J. C. Emerson for an alleged infringement on a patent for a lumber drying kiln.

J. C. Blank is lodged in the Richmond, Va., station house, charged with forgery and passing checks of small denominations, purporting to be drawn by G. D. Pearman, Wm. H. Briggs Bros., and others of that city.

D. A. Goodwin, a practical tanner of Salisbury, N. C., now running a tannery there, it is learned, has procured a patent on an ingenious process of tanning leather. He was offered \$10,000 for a half interest in his patent by a Baltimore merchant.

The Confederate monument question has been decided in Raleigh, N. C. It will be built of North Carolina granite, and will stand at the west gate of the Capitol.

Lizzie Smitty, a white girl 17 years old, who claimed to be from the Brushy mountains, Wilkes county, was placed in jail at Sparta, Alleghany county, N. C., last week for stealing a horse from from James Landreth.

The Lyceum Theatre of Memphis, Tenn., was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, with three adjoining buildings. A fireman was fatally injured. The total loss is estimated at \$869,000.

The bar of Danville, Va., has endorsed Judge Berryman Green, of that place, for United States Circuit judge.

W. M. Smith, a lawyer of Concord, N. C., is in receipt of some letters which indicate the development of North Carolina. One letter is from parties who want to locate an English colony, and to negotiate for the purchase of a large tract of land for their use. Another letter is from a Northern syndicate, which wants to purchase 15,000 acres of hard timber land and 10,000 acres of short leaf pine land. Still another is from parties who want to buy 10,000 acres of land for grazing purposes, their plan being to raise industry.

Governor Tillman has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who shot J. D. Hairstone at his home in Goldville, S. C., a few nights ago.

One of the large turkey gobblers at the Columbia, S. C., Fair, it is said, deliberately committed suicide by fastening his head in the wire netting. He had not yet been judged.

The best native cow adjudged to be at the Columbia, S. C., Fair was one exhibited by J. H. Whorton of Leipers. This cow also won the milk test prize of \$25.00, making a record of 37 1/2 pounds.

The rice planters of Georgetown county, S. C., have formed the Rice Planters' Association for the purpose of advancing the culture of rice and the interests of the planters. Capt. S. M. Ward has been elected president.

A Savannah dispatch states that the young business men of that city have decided to organize a commercial club for the purpose of promoting commercial interests and developing the city. The success of similar bodies elsewhere shows that such an organization can effect untold benefit if the members work together with energy and harmony.

The Augusta Glass Works at Augusta, Ga., has been placed in the hands of receivers.

At Bedford City, Va., a board of trade has been organized by the business men. The Carolina Central R. R. depot at Rutherfordton, N. C., burned down Monday night with all the freight therein. A passenger train standing by was badly damaged.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Mundy, pastor of the Baptist church of Greenville, S. C., has resigned, and in such terms as leaves his congregation no alternative but to accept his resignation. He is to accept a call at Wilson, N. C.

The total product of coal—all bituminous—in North Carolina for 1892 was 6,679 short tons which was all loaded at the mines for shipment. The total value was \$9,599. Number of employees 90; average number of active days 160. The product has varied for several years. In 1889, it was only 222 tons; in 1890, 10,262; 1891, 20,355. The area of the coal fields is 2,700 acres.

The monthly bulletin issued by the State bureau of agriculture gives the following as the prospective yield of crops in Florida as indicated by reports from the several counties: Upland cotton 82, Sea Island cotton 100, sugar-cane 100, rice 98, sweet potato 89, field peas 98, p.anuts 108, hay 111, ornges 98, lemons 92, limes 89, grape fruit 92, bananas 108, guavas 93.

## TOBACCO MEN COMFORTABLE.

They Think the Tobacco Tax not Likely to be Raised.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A committee from Winston, N. C., representing the tobacco interests have visited the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. They have also had a hearing before the ways and means committee. As a result of the various interviews they say they are sanguine that the tax on manufactured tobacco will not be increased, and that the provision of the McKinley law as to leaf tobacco will not be re enacted. The Secretary has made no recommendation of the kind and both he and the Commissioner are opposed to troubling tobacco. These gentlemen understand that the committee is not likely to increase the tax of six cents on the pound, but they have a subcommittee to look after things if it is proposed to disturb the situation.

A distinguished member of the ways and means committee said that the committee has some backbone, but it is conservative and its action will be conservative.

## Importations in South Carolina.

The report of secretary of state of South Carolina gives a condensed statement of the number of charters and certificates issued during the year ending October 31 as follows: Seventy-two certificates of charters have been issued and fifty-five commissions of incorporations, to which returns have not been made, which are classified as follows: Eight building and loan associations, one fibra company, two phosphate companies, one fur company, twenty-two mercantile companies, three social clubs, one shingle company, fourteen manufacturing companies, one boat company, four lumber companies, two hedge fence companies, three telephone companies, one water company, five banking companies, nine real estate companies, twelve cotton mills, one wheelman's track association, one business college, two insurance companies, four oil companies, one park association, one engraving company, one distiller's association, one joint stock company, two hotel companies, one castle hall company, three canning companies, two educational companies, one hospital company, two stevedoring companies, one campground association, one breeding and trotting association, two coal companies, three machine companies, one brick and tile company, one incubating company, eight publishing companies. Seventeen companies have reported an increase in capital stock.

## An Industrious Grand Jury.

NORFOLK, VA.—In the United States District Court the grand jury returned the following true bills: Pension Violations—Rosetta James, Sennie Thomas, Eliza Burford, W. H. Drury, Eugenia F. Etheridge, Jerome B. Etheridge, and Eliza Ward. The petit jury called and heard nine cases against B. A. Richardson, Jr., charged with fals certificates as a notary public in pension cases, he pleading guilty in each case, and a verdict of guilty was returned and the papers handed to the judge who is to determine upon the punishment. R. P. Handy, colored, also pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving an excessive fee in a pension case, and his papers also were handed to the judge who suspended sentence until December 21st.

The court thanked the grand jury for their industrious services (they found sixty-two indictments) and discharged them for the term. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of W. R. Drury and Jerome Etheridge.

## AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

A Former Merchant of Charleston, It is Supposed, with Suicidal Intent.

ATLANTA, GA.—Jack Phillips, a well known merchant, was found near East Lake with his throat cut. Phillips was at one time one of the best known merchants in the city, but some time since he went out of regular business. Thursday he was drinking and in the afternoon went to East Lake. He was not heard from until the next morning, when a note was sent to his brother, J. W. Phillips & Co., commission merchants. The note said that his throat was cut, and asking his brother to come at once and bring him to Dr. J. S. Tidd. Mr. Phillips came at once and took with him the body to the morgue. When he found the body in the woods near East Lake he was evidently been there some time. The time was in the afternoon. A number of friends of Phillips were supposed to be cut his throat with suicidal intent.

## THE WORK OF ARCHISTS.

They Throw Dynamite Bombs Into the Midst of the Spectators.

BARCELONA, Sp.—During the second act of the new William Tell, Wednesday night at the Lyceum Opera House, two bombs, probably loaded with dynamite, were thrown from the galleries into the audience below. One struck on the back of a man in one of the seats and fell to the floor harmless. The other exploded in the crowd of spectators, killing a woman and a large number of people, and making a wreck of the fixtures of the building. Fifteen persons were outright. Others have since died, making the total to twenty-five.

## Sunflower Seed a Farm Product.

The North Carolina State Experiment Station has tried experiments with various kinds of cultivated sunflower. B. W. Kilgore reports (S. 90 b) that the average yield per acre has been about sixty-five bushels. The larger striped Mammoth Russian weighed nearly seven pounds to the bushel, yielding 22 per cent., or five and three-eighths pounds of oil. The black Giant weighed nearly thirty-two pounds to the bushel, yielding nearly 21 per cent., and two-thirds of all other vegetable oils in many parts of Russia. The large striped-seeded sort is used largely as a dainty food by the common people. The average yield is about forty-five bushels or 1350 pounds per acre. Sunflower-seed oil is extracted in the same manner as cottonseed oil, by separating the hulls from the kernels and expressing the oil from the latter. Sunflower-seed cake is a highly nutritious cattle food, and is largely used in Germany and England for that purpose. The hulls or shells are more than half of the seed and are used for fuel, and the stalks and seed cups are fed to sheep. Chemical analyses show that the hulls of both varieties of sunflower seed contain more protein, fats and crude fibre, and less nitrogen free extract than cottonseed hulls, which are just half the seed. This indicates that they are at least equal, if not superior, to cottonseed hulls as a cattle food. Whole cottonseed weighs thirty pounds to the bushel, yielding nearly 20 per cent., or five and four-fifths pounds of oil. Thus, sunflower-seed kernels contain the most oil, and the other nutrients show that, after the oil is expressed, the sunflower cake is rather more nutritious than the cottonseed cake, which is now largely used in the South.

## Sir Walter Raleigh's Fort Purchased.

NEWBERN, N. C.—The company of whom are residing in Baltimore, that was formed in the early part of the present year for the purpose of purchasing the site of Sir Walter Raleigh's fort on Roanoke Island and a good sized tract of the surrounding land, have now a sound, fee-simple title to the fort and six acres of the surrounding land free of encumbrance. Maj. Graham Daves, of this city, concluded the purchase on his recent trip here. The intention is to take the entire tract, fix it up suitably and preserve it in proper shape as a memorial of the first white settlement in America, the birthplace of the first white child and the place where first the Christian rite of baptism was administered on this continent. The location of the property is a most beautiful one. It is on the end of that fertile island, three and a half miles from Manteo and overlooks both Croatan and Roanoke sounds.

## Princeton Hazers in Trouble.

TRENTON, N. J.—The Princeton students who recently hazed Robert T. Leopold, of Washington, were indicted and they will have to stand trial here. The hazers, who were all members of the sophomore class, were David F. Edwards, of Jersey City; Wm. H. Fulper, of Flemington, N. J.; Ansel M. E. Schaff, of New York City; Micajah W. Hope, of Annapolis, Md.; Harry M. Anderson, of Charleston, S. C.; Gordon Johnson, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Herbert M. Fitzgerald. They are indicted for assault and battery. Prosecutor Stockton will communicate with them by mail and if they fail to respond bench warrants will be issued.

## Uses of Silver.

Silver for other purposes than coin has a very extended use. The uses for it in tableware are well known, and in all other of the industrial arts. It is also used in dentistry, photography and on mirrors. It is the foundation of indelible inks, is found in surgery and forms a nitrate in medicine. In mineral water machines it forms the interior of condensers and the lining of the block tin pipe. It is used in galvanometers, and in electricity where the best conductor is essential for the most delicate tests. About \$9,000,000 annually is used in the arts in the United States, \$2,500,000 going into solid spoons and forks.—Hardware.

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## DIDN'T WANT PULPIT CRITICISM.

The Members of Sadie Means's Church Talk Back in Meeting.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The services in the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday terminated in a row. This is the church from which Miss Sadie Means, the telephone girl, was expelled for working on Sunday. At Clinton last Friday the synod reversed the action of this church and ordered the young women's name restored to the roll. During the absence of Pastor Blackburn the Rev. Dr. Law, formerly of St. Louis, occupied the pulpit. After preaching Dr. Law made a statement to the congregation in which he said he had only last night ascertained that the members of this church were violating the Sabbath openly and that the session acquiesced in it. He intimated that had he known this sooner he would have refused the invitation to preach there. At this juncture Mrs. Luber jumped up, and with outstretched arms, shot this at the minister:

"Stop right there. That is not true. Don't you go any farther. This church knows its business, and you are not stating facts." Dr. Law was not a bit abashed, and went on to say that he spoke to the congregation as a whole, and while he wished to hurt no one, he must say it. After a sharp colloquy there was confusion. Scores of persons left the building, and the elders crowded around the pulpit. They sang out that the preacher had heard only the enemy's side.

Dr. Law warmed up and declared that he would rather see the church closed than go on sinning in this way. The affair ended in confusion. While some were trying to pour oil on the troubled waters Dr. Law's wife caught hold of him and hurried him out. The end is not yet. The congregation characterized Dr. Law's action as impudent and unbecoming.

A Big Southern Canal Scheme. A report comes from Atlanta, Ga., that a company in which New York people are principally interested is being formed in the metropolis to construct a series of canals to connect the navigable waterways in Georgia and Alabama. It is argued that by cutting 150 miles of canal in the States mentioned that boat transportation can be established on the Alabama, Coosa, Chattahoochee, Altamaha and Savannah, affording water communication between Atlanta, Montgomery, Birmingham, Savannah, Mobile and Selma, Ala. One of the projects thence south to Birmingham, and westward to the Coosa river, and down that stream to Montgomery, Selma and Mobile. Another section is planned to extend from Montgomery east to Columbus, Ga., and north on the Chattahoochee to Atlanta. The plan also includes a waterway from Columbus to the Ocmulgee river, down this to the Altamaha, and via that river to Brunswick, thence east to Savannah.

It is estimated that the canals can be cut at an average expense of \$5,000 per mile, owing to the swampy region through which they would pass. The plan is to build steel barges with stern wheel for use on the system, although the idea of electric propulsion by means of the trolley system has been thought of. The correspondent further writes that if the vessels are built a boat-building plant is to be erected for turning them out at Birmingham, and a shipyard with a Simpson dry-dock at Mobile. The company, it is said, is to have \$5,000,000 capital.

The proposed system of waterways, if completed, would be about 375 miles long in Alabama and 400 miles in Georgia.

Nuggets of Gold in North Carolina. Another surface gold mine has been discovered in North Carolina. Several weeks ago gold was located in Stanley county on the property of W. S. Ingraham, who at once gave parties permission to prospect for gold. As a result an extraordinary rich find is reported, and a nugget weighing over 100 pennyweights was picked up. A large number of others weighing from one half pennyweight to sixty pennyweights were also discovered. The property could have been bought for \$1500 before the discovery, and the owner has since refused \$15,000 for it. The old-fashioned "rocker" is the only means so far used in working the mine, and the gold is generally easily detected without the use of the rocker. The mining of monazite is also a new industry in the gold belt of Rutherford and McDowell counties, and the ore brings \$100 a ton at the railroad station.

The Texas State Fair, which recently closed, was notable for the fine exhibit of Texas grain, fruits, and other products. A remarkable feature was the very large attendance, in which, it is said, nearly every county in the state was represented. Such exhibitions, if conducted on a broad basis, are of the utmost benefit to city as well as country people, since a fair is really a great object-lesson from which all can profit.