

TEXANS DIE FOR CUBA

Fifteen Sharpshooters Killed After Battling Heroically.

THEY FELL BREATHING DEFIANCE

Cut Short the Lives of Double Their Own Number Before Becoming Exhausted by Thirst and Loss of Blood, When They Ceased Firing and Were Cut to Pieces by the Spanish Forces.

KEY WEST, Dec. 30.—The Lone Star company of the patriot army of West Cuba, consisting of 15 Texas sharpshooters, perished to a man after heroically battling more than five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more.

A Cuban band was observed near Pinar del Rio city Thursday morning, and General Melquizo sent two squadrons of cavalry to attack it.

After a running fight of the band, which proved to be composed of 15 Texans, was chased into a "bottle," a bit of hammock having only one opening. The Texans, seeing that they were in a hole, retreated to the further end and fortified themselves hastily behind some big boulders. The Spanish troopers dismounted and surrounded them, pouring in a fire from all sides.

Fight Lasted Five Hours.

The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By that time six of the 15 had been killed and four were wounded, while 25 Spaniards had bitten the dust and ten or more were wounded.

A flag of truce was sent in by the Spanish and the Texans were called on to surrender, but the Americans refused to do so until they had laid down their arms, shouting:

"We remember Mexico!"

This infuriated the Spanish and they fought with renewed fierceness. Twice they charged, but the rapid firing of the brave little band drove them back.

By getting on a high ridge behind the Texans' position the Spaniards were enabled to pour in a fire that killed all but two of these left.

Those two gallantly continued to fight and held off the enemy an hour longer.

Cut to Pieces by Dons.

Then, overcome by thirst and enfeebled by loss of blood flowing from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spaniards, who finally dashed up as the Texans fell exhausted, feebly crying:

"Viva Cuba Libre!"

The bodies of the gallant Texans were left to the buzzards, while the dead Spaniards were buried on the field. Twenty wounded were carried to Pinar del Rio city.

The official report says that a Spanish column of 100 men cut to pieces a band of 400 insurgents, with only seven wounded.

General Rivera has ordered that the names of the valiant Texans be called in official for the next two months as a mark of honor.

Will Not Accept Our Good Offices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—From official sources a denial is made of the statement that the Spanish premier, Canovas, has sent Secretary Olney a communication accepting the mediation of the United States in carrying out a plan of autonomy for Cuba.

It is said that no such letter has been sent, nor has anything in that nature passed through the Spanish officials here. Negotiations toward home rule have proceeded for some months, and the last phase of these negotiations indicated an enlargement of the home rule laws adopted by the Spanish cortes last year, but not put into execution.

The recent engagements embrace the election of the entire Cuban congress, instead of a mixed congress of 15 elected members and 15 appointed by the queen regent, and a complete control by Cuba of her tariff. As yet, however, the negotiations with respect to enlarged reform are tentative. A draft of them has not been received in Washington thus far, and the information on them is of a general nature.

A Conspiracy Against Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Private advices received here from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, say that a conspiracy against the Spanish government has been discovered in the province of Bulacan. Many notables have been arrested and a quantity of arms have been seized. In an engagement between Spaniards and insurgents, north of Manila, the latter are said to have lost 148 men.

Ex-Minister Phelps' Opinion.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 30.—Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, gives his opinion upon the recognition of Cuba in the following language: "I have no doubt that the position of Secretary Olney, as recently published, is entirely correct."

Kate Field's Remains Cremated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Kate Field's ashes are speeding eastward in charge of Colonel Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The last remains of the celebrated woman literateur, editor and journalist are encased and locked in a small cylindrical jar of polished copper. There is no inscription on the shining surface of the improvised urn. Passing over the top of the plain cover and through three little clasps, one on the cover and one on each side, is a narrow lavender ribbon, to which is attached a card bearing the customary record from the crematory, together with the name and dates.

Postmaster General Issues Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The postmaster general has ordered all postmasters in Texas and Oklahoma and the Indian Territory to forward surplus serviceable mail bags and locks in good condition to St. Louis instead of Fort Worth. Those in Arizona are to be forwarded to St. Louis and those in Nevada to Chicago.

CUBANS ATTACK A CONVOY.

Make a Desperate Attempt to Capture Spanish Supplies, but Fail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to The Herald from Havana, Cuba, says: A correspondent at Manzanillo details the march of a convoy under General Rey, for Bayamo. The convoy consisted of 165 carts and a company of pack mules. The convoy left Manzanillo on the thirteenth and arrived without hindrance at Vega, midway to Bayamo.

The Spanish column, escorting the convoy, consisted of 1,800 infantry, armed with Mausers, 200 guerrillas, 380 cavalry and a section with two pieces of artillery, a total of 2,450 men, among whom were 780 young recruits, just arrived from Spain.

General Rey obtained information that Calixto Garcia, with a large force, was encamped on the borders of the Mabayo river, to prevent the passage of the convoy, and, if possible, to capture it. With this view Garcia had dug trenches and built breastworks, lined with barb wire. He had also placed dynamite torpedoes at convenient distances. He knew the convoy was of such magnitude that it would form a line of more than 8 kilometers.

Hardly had the rear guard got half a league from Vega, the vanguard being at a place named Rivero, when the Spanish opened fire on the enemy. A fierce combat followed. In this action Captain Podio fell.

Scarcely an hour had elapsed, the convoy still slowly advancing, when the vanguard renewed the fire, but the rebels, entrenched in their splendid positions, repeated their attack and the encounter again became fierce. In order to dislodge them from their stronghold it was necessary to send a section of sharpshooters to the bushes to force the rebels to disperse. There Lieutenant Mayau was mortally wounded and Lieutenant Esteyra, who replaced him, was also mortally wounded and died later.

The convoy passed the river Bay, near Caiamo, always under a brisk fire, and arriving at Barrancas, they encamped. At sunrise on the seventeenth they started to march, when the enemy at once opened fire on both flanks, which continued for two hours.

The column then advanced and stopped at the heights of Barrancas. Passing those latter, at the junction of the Bayamo and Peralejo roads, another engagement occurred, in which Lieutenant Seal was mortally wounded.

After the column entered the plain of Culebra the rebels made a vigorous attack on the left flank and later on the rear guard. They were again repulsed.

The column, steadily advancing, reached the San Francisco gorge in bad condition. The ox teams, for lack of water and food, were exhausted in the painful march, but all arrived without the loss of a single subject. The convoy still remains at Bneycito awaiting reinforcements. The losses on both sides have already been officially stated.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL.

A Movement to Erect a Suitable Edifice for Relics and Archives.

COVINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—The movement of the United Confederate Veterans to erect a memorial institute edifice is to be pressed during the coming year for speedy consummation. General John C. Underwood, superintendent and secretary of the Confederate Memorial association, has located offices here, and all communications and remittances are to be sent to him. The executive committee consists of Chairman W. H. Jackson, Tennessee; Robert White, West Virginia; J. B. Briggs, Kentucky; L. S. Ross, Texas, and President W. D. Chipley, Florida.

The Fourth National bank of Nashville is treasurer, and the executive offices will be at Nashville. Charles B. Rouss of New York has pledged \$100,000 so soon as the association shall raise an equal amount. The trustees and officers want to duplicate the Rouss \$100,000 fund in 1897, and then erect the memorial institute edifice in which to preserve all confederate relics and archives.

It is now urged by an official circular upon all division, brigade, and camp commanders to provide for a money collection by every confederate camp Jan. 19, the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, and every effort will be made to have the Lee anniversary next month celebrated by a successful start in securing the duplicate of the Rouss fund.

New Steamship Line Opened.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Japan has now a larger steamer carrying trade on the broad Pacific than the United States, and Americans who are near enough to watch the shifting scenes of this new and rapidly developing contest for commercial supremacy, find little matter for pride in the present tendencies. This is the statement of United States Consul Bell, at Sydney, contained in a report to the state department upon the opening of the new Japanese steamship line between Yokohama and Australia. He describes the pioneer ship of the new line as she appeared in Sydney harbor and makes some interesting statements as to the splendid development of the Japanese people.

Shot and Killed by a Saloonkeeper.

BERMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—Fritz Carle, a saloonkeeper, shot and instantly killed James Roberts, a laundry wagon driver, in his saloon. The men had a quarrel during the day and Roberts is said to have attacked Carle with a knife. Later Roberts returned with a pistol and fired twice on Carle, when the latter secured a pistol and shot Roberts in the head. Carle surrendered himself at the sheriff's office. Roberts leaves a wife and child.

A French Statesman Ill.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—M. Clemenceau, the distinguished statesman, is seriously ill. He was born in 1841 and in 1888 ran against M. Melino for the presidency of the chamber of deputies, receiving 168 votes to 168 cast for the latter, who was declared elected on account of seniority.

The Steamer Volo Wrecked.

HULL, England, Dec. 30.—The Wilson line steamship Volo is a total loss at Wingan, off the coast of Sweden. The crew and passengers were saved. The Volo is a screw steamship built at Hull in 1890 and registering 841 tons net.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS

A Week's Happenings Gathered From All Parts of the State.

MANY ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Woman Looks Her Three Children In a House at Prosperity and Returns to Find Them Cremated—Freight Trains Collide Near Pacolet—Five Negro Prisoners Escape From the Jail at Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 29.—A tragedy of peculiar sadness is reported from Prosperity. It is the sequel of a desertion of his family, on Christmas day, by William Moore. The wife and three small children, absolutely destitute, were forced to leave the house in which they were living, and they would have perished in the cold had not a man, who has long lived by himself, and is known in the community as "Deaf George," offered to share his small house with them.

The old man went to Prosperity to procure additional provisions for his increased family. In his absence Mrs. Moore looked the children in the house and went out among neighbors in the thinly settled county to beg for something to eat for the little ones, who were literally starving. On her return, late in the day, a pile of smoking ashes marked the spot where the house had been, and the charred bodies of the three children, ranging in age from 1 to 6, were found among them.

It is not known that there was fire in the house, and whether the children caused their own cremation, or whether their father, to spite old George for giving his wife shelter and not knowing of the children's presence in the house, fired it, will probably never be known. He has disappeared from that community.

BULLET IN HIS ANKLE BONE.

X Rays Find a Minnie Ball In an Ex-Confederate Soldier's Leg.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 24.—Professor Sloan of the South Carolina college has just employed the Roentgen rays to satisfy an ex-confederate soldier that a wound received at the battle of Petersburg is incurable.

About 30 years ago W. H. Outz, who for ten years has been sheriff of Edgefield county, received a federal bullet in his left leg. The bone was fractured just above the ankle, and the bullet was split. Outz went on crutches, and has been using them ever since.

Numerous surgeons have attempted, but a big chunk of the minnie ball remained somewhere near the bone and could not be located. To satisfy himself as to his chances of recovery, the sheriff came here, and in the presence of a half dozen physicians, the x rays were turned on.

From a scientific standpoint, the examination was eminently successful, although extinguishing Sheriff Outz's last ray of hope of ever being on his feet again. The fragment of the bullet was located in the bones of the ankle, but its removal was not attempted, because the doctors agreed that the bone had been fractured in such a peculiar manner as to make its knitting together an impossibility.

OVERPOWERED THE JAILER.

Five Negro Prisoners Make Their Escape From the Jail at Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 25.—Five negro prisoners escaped from the county jail here by overpowering Jailer Coleman as he entered the door to the main corridor, the freedom of which the prisoners are allowed during the day.

The plan of escape was well laid and vigorously executed. One of the prisoners stood with a pan of hot ashes near the door, and when the jailer entered he suddenly threw them in his face. While thus blinded the leader made a dash for the door and got through.

The jailer drew his pistol and attempted to shoot the negro as he bounded down the steps, but the weapon would not fire. The four other negroes were cowed at the sight of the weapon, and stood huddled together until they saw it was useless.

They then rushed on the jailer, threw him to the floor and dashed through the door. The jailer was quickly up and in pursuit.

A posse was organized, and two of the negroes have been caught.

A Wreck In South Carolina.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 29.—Two freight trains on the Southern railway collided near Pacolet and made a bad wreck, but no one was hurt.

Hanna In Good Health.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Senator Wolcott of Colorado, who arrived in Cleveland Sunday morning and later held a conference with National Chairman Hanna, has departed for Canton to visit Major McKinley. The Colorado senator insisted that his call upon the chairman was of a strictly social nature and that he was going to Canton merely to pay his respects to the president-elect.

It is true that business disturbances have retarded our plans somewhat. The ball will probably not be given on the night once set, but we all hope that there will be a ball. At any rate those dependent will not be permitted to suffer.

The Steamer Three Friends Seized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The secretary of the treasury has received official notice of the seizure of the Three Friends. No action has yet been taken on the information.

Fix Enroute to New York.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—Bob Fitzsimmons and party have left for Omaha on their way to New York.

TAR BELLS STATE NOTES

Items Collected From All Parts of North Carolina.

INTERESTING, IMPORTANT NEWS

Cotton Mill to Cost One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars to Be Built at Charlotte—National Democratic Treasurer St. John at Southern Pines—Banquet to Drummers and Newspaper Men.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—Particulars have reached here of a shooting affair at Granite Hall, Iredell county. Henry Moore had been living with his father-in-law, a retired Methodist preacher. There had been bad feeling between them for some time. Moore started into the diningroom to get his breakfast. One of Davis' sons caught Moore and held him while the minister took a breachingload shotgun and fired at Moore, literally tearing his arm to pieces. Moore ran to the house of his sisters and fell in the yard unconscious. The arm was amputated and Moore is at the point of death.

NORTH STATE'S FINANCES.

The Treasurer Submits His Biennial Report to Governor Carr.

RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—The state treasurer has presented his biennial report to the governor. He reports \$103,740 to the credit of the sinking fund. He, according to the code, presents an estimate of the state's expenses for the following two years and the rate of taxation necessary to meet same.

He recommends only one increased appropriation. The state normal school for girls at C. e. sboro now has \$17,500, and he recommends it be increased to \$20,000.

The estimates for the next two years for state expenses are put at \$321,850 per annum. This is far below the expenses of the past two years. He says the banks seem to be in a sound and prosperous condition. Valuation of all taxable property has fallen off nearly \$5,500,000. The sheriff and tax collectors are complimented on their prompt settlements.

Grave Robbers Get In Their Work.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—Charlotte is greatly stirred up over the robbery of graves in Elmwood cemetery. The grave of the wife of Dr. W. T. Woodley, a prominent physician, was broken open, the casket smashed in and the body mutilated, two fingers of one hand being cut off. Ghouls also entered the potters' field and stole therefrom the body of a young white boy. The authorities have no clue to the perpetrators of the deed, but it is supposed they are persons in search of bodies for dissection. The cemetery has been put under guard.

True Bill Against Brady.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 25.—The grand jury of the present term of the criminal court returned a true bill of indictment for embezzlement against Archibald Brady, late cashier of the Loan and Savings bank. The amount involved is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The finding was made on the testimony of John E. Oates, president of the bank, who submitted the books in evidence.

Accidental Killing at Greensboro.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 28.—Allen Payne accidentally shot and instantly killed a negro named Will Banks. A party of negroes had just returned from a church festival, and were hilariously drunk, when they commenced fooling with pistols and one of the pistols accidentally went off.

Ex-Superintendent Finger Is Dead.

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction S. M. Finger died at his home in Newton telegram suddenly. Governor Carr sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. Finger.

Mr. St. John In North Carolina.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—W. P. St. John of the national Democratic executive committee will spend some time at the Southern Pines. He is suffering from some nervous trouble.

Banquet to the Drummers.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—The proprietor of the Piney Woods inn, Southern Pines, will, on Jan. 1, give the drummers an elegant banquet. The newspaper fraternity is also invited.

Moore May Succeed Patterson.

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—C. B. Moore of Asheville will probably succeed the late R. O. Patterson, clerk of the federal court of the western district. It is a good office.

New Cotton Mill For Charlotte.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—A new cotton mill for Charlotte will be built. The sum of \$120,000 was subscribed to be paid if McKinley was elected.

Mystic Shriners Give a Banquet.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., At Oasis temple, Charlotte, N. C., the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, gave an elegant banquet.

Virginia Midland's President.

RALEIGH, Dec. 25.—Colonel A. B. Andrews has been elected president of the Virginia Midland.

Chinese Counterfeiters Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—According to the latest advices from the Orient, Li Ka Chuch, the superintendent of the Canton police, on Nov. 23, seized a large number of counterfeit Chinese coins and materials for their manufacture. The chief maker, Chang Tung, and his confederates Chan Mui, Tso Sang and others, were arrested. An imperial decree from Peking commanded the immediate decapitation of the three above named offenders and enjoined the envoy to deal with the others as he thinks necessary, according to law, as a warning in the future to the people. The officials who affected the seizure were all promoted in rank.

ROAD'S REQUEST REFUSED.

Petition of the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis Turned Down.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 30.—The city council's committee sprung a surprise by adopting resolutions refusing the terms of entrance asked by the Mobile and Ohio for the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis railroad.

The committee's resolutions recommended instead of granting the entrance into the streets asked for, that the new road be required to negotiate with the Plant system for the privilege of laying a track along their roadbed and with the Louisville and Nashville for entrance into their proposed new passenger depot. The resolution provides that if an equitable contract cannot be made with these companies then the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis will receive from the board such an entrance privilege as will be acceptable.

Officials here of the Plant system give the assurance that the Plant system will be glad to meet the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis half way, and a meeting at Tampa, Fla., has been arranged for next week.

The officials of the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis accept the terms of the council gracefully. They were anxious to report to the meeting of the Mobile and Ohio stockholders Dec. 30 that all they had asked for here had been granted, for there is said to be considerable opposition among the stockholders to endorsing the bonds of the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis, but it is believed that the action of the council will not materialize after the situation with the stockholders.

LEFT HUBBY FIVE DOLLARS.

Strange Will of Mrs. S. C. Parsons, a Wealthy Woman of Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—When the temporary administrator of the estate of Mrs. S. C. Parsons, who left her husband \$5 out of about \$75,000, went to take charge of her property here, he was run off by the agent representing Dr. Parsons, who threatened to have him arrested if he interfered with the property. Afterwards both sides appeared before the court of ordinary and an order was granted giving the administrator control of the property, and a watchman was placed in charge.

In the testimony which came out at the hearing there was a story which gave some insight into the peculiar characteristics of the testatrix. This appears was her second marriage, she being formerly a Mrs. Alden of Boston. She had a son, Harold Alden, who, on account of his health, was sent west in charge of a tutor about ten years ago, and nothing more was ever heard from him. She spent thousands of dollars endeavoring to find him, but all trace of him was lost at Denver.

This is said to have embittered her whole life and she has worn black ever since. It is stated that her action toward her husband was due to the fact that they had some misunderstanding with regard to this matter.

A Woman Contest Will be Made Over the Will, and with it an effort, no doubt, to show that she was not in her right mind when it was made.

FAMILY OF TEN ENGULFED.

Loss of Life in Kerry County, Ireland, as a Result of a Big Bogslide.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—A family of ten persons and a number of cattle have been engulfed by the subsiding of a bog of 100 acres, near Castle island, county Kerry. It is stated that other persons were drowned at the same time and place.

The bogslide continues unchecked, a copious rainfall helping the movement. The mass of bog, a mile and a half wide, roars like the ocean, carries away bridges and roads, destroying houses and farms, sweeping through the Flesk valley and emptying peat, carcasses of cows, sheep and donkeys and debris of houses into the lake of Killarney.

The people living in the direction in which the bogslide is coming have fled and the police, searching for bodies, are arriving on all sides.

Lord Kenmore has caused a cordon of guards to be drawn around the slide to prevent further loss of life.

The greatest excitement prevails in the vicinity and the houses are open to receive the hundreds of people rendered homeless by the disaster.

A Boy's Sympathy.

A 14-year-old boy went into his mother's presence with one eye black, his lips swollen and a ragged scratch across his cheek, the blood from which he had wiped off with his shirt sleeve. "Niccemus," cried the parent as he crawled in, "have you been fighting again?"

"No," he solemnly granted. "Then what on earth ails your face?" "Jim Green's ma's dead," he replied. "Well, suppose she is. What's that to do with your disfigured face?"

"I seed Jim just now," answered the boy, "and he looked awful sad and lonesome."

"Well?" "I didn't know what ter do ter make him bright and happy like, and feelin' sorry for him, I jest went up and let him hit me a few licks."

"Did it help him?" asked the mother. "Help him?" echoed the boy in a surprised tone. "Of course it did. Don't you think it'd make you feel good to bust a fellow that way that had licked you every week for a year?"—Pearson's Weekly.

Major Shirts, of Course.

Famous old Governor Henry A. Wise of Virginia was directly or indirectly the source of many a good story. Here is one that I do not think has found its way into print: One day at a political gathering he was approached by a well dressed individual, who shook hands warmly with him. The governor was a bit bothered and confessed he could not recall the hand shaker's name.

"Why, you must remember me, governor," said the latter. "I'm from Richmond. I made your shirts."

"Why, of course," said the governor with all a politician's tact. "Gentlemen, this is my very excellent neighbor, Major Shirts."—Washington Post.

South Carolinian In Trouble.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Some weeks ago the police and sheriff received notice to look out for J. P. Faulk, the son of a prominent South Carolina farmer, who is wanted in Abilena, Tex., for alleged forgery. The police have arrested him at North Pomona and lodged him in jail here.

Reward Offered For Lynchers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 30.—Governor Bradley has issued a proclamation offering \$250 for the arrest and conviction of each, any and all the Owensboro men that lynched the negro Holt.

THREE BANK FAILURES

One at Batavia, One at Roanoke and One at Minneapolis.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS NOTIFIED

Suspension at the First Named City Followed by the Assignment of the Northwick Brothers of Their Vast Property Interests, Aggregating Over Two Million Dollars.

BATAVIA, Ill., Dec. 30.—The liquidation of the Atlas National bank of Chicago has precipitated the suspension of the Van Nortwick bank of Batavia and the assignment by William M. and John S. Van Nortwick of all their vast property interests, aggregating \$2,500,000, to the Equitable Trust company of Chicago. Articles of assignment were filed in the Kane county court, at Geneva, and were three in number, W. M. and John S. Van Nortwick each assigning as individuals and the two assignments as a firm.

The schedule of indebtedness was not filed with the articles of assignment, but the liabilities are said to aggregate \$2,000,000. Van Nortwick interests, aside from the Batavia property, are largely in paper mills and manufacturing industries. Their last statement of assets, prepared a year ago, placed their wealth at \$2,500,000.

Their own business blocks, residences and two farms in Batavia township, the whole valued at \$150,000; also the Western Paper Bag factories of Batavia and Kaukauna, the largest concerns of the kind in the world, with a daily output of 2,600,000 bags; also a straw board mill at Batavia, unused.

The paper mills at Appleton, Wis., are valued at \$800,000; they own valuable lands in Wisconsin and have stock in the old Second National bank of Aurora, the Aurora Cigar works and the Kaukauna and Appleton banks. They are the principal owners of the Appleton Manufacturing company of Geneva, Ill.

The brothers own 464 shares in the Atlas National bank of Chicago.

Columbia National Bank Fails.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—The Columbia National bank, a small institution of comparatively recent establishment and \$200,000 capital, has closed its doors and is now in the hands of the bank examiner. According to its last statement they made Dec. 17, it had loans and discounts of \$384,145; United States bonds to secure circulation, \$00,000; real estate and mortgages, \$18,738; from other banks, \$42,807; cash on hand, \$24,672; other cash items, \$11,852; national bank notes outstanding, \$45,000; due other banks, \$136,570; deposits subject to check, \$101,507; certificates of deposit, \$63,504; certified cashier's checks, \$3,213; bills payable, \$15,000.

Virginia Bank Closes Its Doors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels has received telegraphic notice that the Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., has closed its doors and suspended payment. Bank Examiner Sands was sent to take charge of the institution. Mr. Eckels does not regard the failure as a serious one. The last report to him, made Nov. 21, showed assets of the bank to be \$263,704, including its bonds for circulation, stock, \$24,000; surplus,