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## PUZZLED THE POLITICIANS.

### SENATOR CHANDLER'S RESOLUTIONS DID IT.

It is Evident the New Tariff Will Not Increase Qualities on Everything—Arbitration in the Air.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Chandler has puzzled the politicians by the introduction of a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard, and that the efforts of the Government in all its branches should be directed to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money, with the free coinage of both. Mr. Chandler calls his resolution another step towards bimetalism and has announced his intention to speak on it, in order to refute arguments made by Senator Vilas when he calls a gold monometallist, and Senator Pettigrew, whom he calls a silver monometallist, when these two Senators voted against the international monetary commission bill. There is an impression that Senator Chandler, who, while in no sense a leader of his party, is one of the sickest wire pullers now in politics, has some object in view which he hasn't mentioned and isn't likely to mention, but nobody seems to know just what it is. Although Mr. Chandler is a republican of the most pronounced stripe, the bitter personal attack he made on McKinley and Hanna just before the national convention met last year makes it reasonably certain that he will have little or no influence with the coming administration. If it wasn't for that he might be supposed to be active for McKinley. He usually acts for Chandler.

While the Senate was wrangling as to whether the Niagara Canal bill, the Bankruptcy bill, the conference report on the Immigration bill, or the Pacific Railroad resolutions should first be disposed of, Senator Allen very pertinently asked: "Does the Senate propose to do nothing? The Bankruptcy bill is in the last stages of consumption; the Niagara Canal bill is about to be nailed in its coffin, and Senators are putting off these Pacific Railroad resolutions." If the Senate intends doing anything beyond passing the appropriation bills at this session it will have to hurry up, as time is rapidly eating up the small remainder of the session.

It is already evident that the new tariff bill will not increase qualities upon everything. For instance, the majority of the Ways and Means committee have informally decided to cut the duty on steel rails nearly in half. The duty on steel rails under the present tariff is about equal to \$784 a ton, but it is not likely to exceed \$1 a ton in the new tariff bill. Improvements in methods and lessening the cost of rails by American manufacturers is given as the reason for this cut.

It may not make the treaty any stronger, but it certainly added something to the sentimental interest of the occasion that the Venezuela arbitration treaty, which was this week signed by representatives of Venezuela and Great Britain, in the presence of Secretary Olney, at the Department of State, should have been signed with a gold pen, owned by Senator Andrade, the Venezuela Minister, which was in a holder made of a quill from the wing of an American Eagle and was decorated with a gold heart surrounded by diamonds. Great Britain and Venezuela have been wrangling over that boundary line for nearly a hundred years and for some years past there has been no diplomatic intercourse between the two countries. All this is now happily settled by agreement to settle the dispute over the boundary line by arbitration, and the two countries will at once resume diplomatic relations. Secretary Olney is very proud of the part he took—really the leading part—in bringing about this treaty.

Arbitration seems to be in the air these days, even if the Senate isn't in any hurry about ratifying that Anglo-American arbitration treaty, which has been amended and favorably reported by the committee on Foreign Relations. The latest advocates of arbitration are the Carnegie and Bethlehem Steel Companies, both of which have been charged by the Secretary of the Navy and others with wanting to gouge Uncle Sam in the price charged for armor plates for naval vessels. They have proposed to the Senate Naval committee that the question of what would be a fair price for them to receive for armor plates shall be submitted to arbitration. Secretary Herbert recommended a ton as the price to be paid,

while Senator Chandler, who was once Secretary of the Navy, thinks \$330 a ton would be ample. The two companies claim that the armor cannot be profitably made for less than \$150 a ton, but say they are willing to abide by the decision of an arbitrator.

The populists in Congress do not take kindly to the suggestion that the party abandon silver as an issue and that a national conference be held to define their policy. They say that the platform adopted by their National convention last July is all the definition of policy they will need until the next National Convention assembles.

Written from Willie.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

WILLIE, Feb. 6.—James Elliott, of Delonage, Ga., and his brother, of E. Tennessee, have been prospecting for several days recently in our section for the precious metal in the interest of some capitalists of either Georgia or Tennessee, we didn't learn which. Mr. Elliott is a former resident of this section and contemplates again taking up his abode with us providing they can make a satisfactory deal with the owners of the property upon which they have been prospecting. We would be glad to welcome Mr. Elliott back into our fold.

Wm. Greenway and daughter, and Miss Emeline Reese, of Polk County, N. C., were visiting friends and relatives in this section last week. Some one whom we suppose run short of meat, one night last week entered G. W. Williams' smoke house and relieved him of two shoulders of meat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Vanpatton are now two of the happiest old souls in this world I reckon. They have a bouncing baby boy to console them in their old age. They now have a family of eight children consisting of two boys and six girls, the oldest one and the youngest one being boys. Mrs. Vanpatton is about fifty years of age.

We had much ice here on the 1st of February.

The la Grippe epidemic has about passed off in our section.

During the Christmas holidays there was so much sickness in this community that our young people did not celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Lord to a very great extent, but young folks will have their Christmas enjoyments even if they don't get them until—er—I came very near saying August, but that is the time they get their religion—February. They put in several nights last week in the enjoyment of music and dancing.

Our young friend, Clarence Bearden has gone to Georgia to attend a commercial college.

The towns of Landrum, S. C., and Tryon, N. C., have joined in publishing a newspaper, the title of which is The Landrum Mirror, on one side and The Tryon Bee, on the other side. We wish them success in their enterprise.

I passed through Columbus, N. C., the other day, and now let me tell you what I would do if I were the people of Polk county. I would either build a railroad from Gaffney to Columbus or move the court house and jail over to Tryon.

I will give my readers an account of my travels in my next letter.

JAIKUS.

Mercer Minutes.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

MERCER, Feb. 8.—We have had a great deal of snow and rain this winter but are having some lovely weather now.

Farmers are anxious to begin sowing oats but the ground is too wet at present.

Several of our neighbors have had "La Grippe" but we are glad to say they are all improving.

Mr. W. P. Davis who had the misfortune to have his leg broken a few weeks ago is getting along nicely. We hope to see him out again soon.

Miss Sallie Davis who has been visiting her uncle, Prof. A. G. Davis, for some time returned to her home last Thursday.

Miss Mattie Cooks, of your town, has charge of the Sardis School.

Rev. Mr. Deschamps preached an excellent sermon at Wilson Chapel last Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife on that occasion.

Rev. D. W. Thomason will preach at Ararat next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. F. H. Morton, formerly of Rutherfordton, N. C., who has been located in our midst for some time, left for Spartanburg a few weeks ago. The Dr. has made many warm friends since coming here who wish him success in his new home.

Mr. James Mullinax and Miss Mary Peterson were married one day last week by Rev. Mr. Giadinghagen. The bride is one of our most popular young ladies while the groom has a host of friends. They have the congratulations of.

EUREKA.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayre's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

## Buffalo Brieflets.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

BUFFALO, S. C., Feb. 9.—The heavy rain Friday and Saturday night caused a considerable freshet in our creeks. It has been several years since Buffalo creek has been so swollen.

The grip is still the topic of the times. But few have escaped its humiliating effects.

Jonathon Moore, one of our aged and highly respected citizens has been quite sick with the grip but is now better. Mrs. Melvina Moore, his better half, has also been sick with pneumonia.

Cabe Calton is making preparation to build a new dwelling house, so is Jno. D. Wilson.

R. W. Wyly is preparing to build a large barn. In fact, there are but few people around here who are not making more or less improvements around their premises.

Misses Addie Bridges and Charity Keller, of King's Mountain, are visiting Mrs. Serena Bridges.

There will probably be two candidates in the new county campaign this next summer—a one legged ex-confederate soldier and myself. One for an office and the other for matrimony. Cherokee township cheerfully responded to your request in helping get a new county, and we kindly ask the voters to remember our candidate, while I will kindly ask some young lady to remember me. I need a help meet as much as my poor mortal needs an office.

Flaw Picker, I see you have been travelling around doing missionary work for THE LEDGER. You might do some good around Buffalo. If you can eat a bachelor's home-cake I would be glad for you to come around and spend a night with me. Brother, I can bake some fine ones, but I am getting darned tired of the business.

BACHELOR.

Clifton Notes.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

CLIFTON, S. C., Feb. 8.—Several interesting society events have taken place here recently. Among them the marriage of Dr. J. R. Brown and Miss Florida Cantrell, of Spartanburg, and H. T. Pettit and Miss (Ola Stewart, of Gainesville, Ga. Dr. Brown is a very prominent physician of this place, and has a host of friends, while his bride is one of the most attractive young ladies of Spartanburg. Mr. Pettit holds an important position in the mercantile department of the Clifton Mfg. Co., and is deservedly popular. Miss Stewart is well known and admired here for her many noble traits of character. The congratulations of many friends are tendered both the young couples, and best wishes extended for long and happy lives.

Dr. J. E. Chalk, one of our popular citizens, has been quite ill. We are glad to see the Doctor out on the streets again.

Mr. Ballew, of Blacksburg, representing the New York Life Insurance Co., was here a day or two ago.

The new Methodist church at this place has been completed, and services are being held in it. Rev. J. L. Harley is the pastor.

Miss Shinn, of Morganton, N. C., is visiting the family of her brother, Rev. J. L. Shinn.

SEATON.

Resolutions of Regret.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 7.—The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by Providence church today:

"In accepting the resignation of Rev. B. P. Robertson as pastor of this church the church has received a blow that is hard to bear. We realize that we have given up one of the best, if not the best, sermonizer that ever had charge of this church. His soul is filled with running over, with a deep love for his people. This love is his inspiration, it commands the most universal love from his people of any pastor that ever had charge of this church. And his work is on a plane as exalted as his highest aspirations. No taint of gain ever touched his sermons, no surrender of principle ever marred the greatness of the cause which he espoused. Though in a passing moment he may have differed with others in minor matters, yet in all the great and burning questions which so vitally concern his people he is ahead of nearly all preceding pastors of this church. Then can it be well said, 'His plow is well aimed but his furrow is not finished.' Therefore be it

Resolved, that in the resignation of Bro. Robertson this church loses a splendid pastor and a model Christian.

Resolved further, that we deeply regret that the work so well begun will have to be finished by another.

THE CONGREGATION.

Death of Major Niles Nesbitt.

Major Niles Nesbitt died at the home of his son at Taylors on Monday February 1st, after a lingering illness, at an advanced age.

The remains of Major Nesbitt were interred at Woodruff Tuesday.

Deceased was a most worthy Christian gentleman and a valuable citizen. He was the father of Mrs. Dr. Crawley, of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Crawley were in attendance in the last hours.

## ETCHINGS FROM ETTA JANE.

### THE NEWS OF LOWER CHEROKEE.

The "Kernal" Relates in His Usual Interesting Style an Incident of His Trip to Boston.

Other News.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

ETTA JANE, S. C., Feb. 8.—Owing to the rain and high water only a few veterans met at Wilkinsville last Saturday. However, the following were enrolled and the organization of a camp of U. C. Veterans deferred:

5th S. C. Infantry, Co. H.—Private C. C. Davis.

15th S. C. Infantry, Co. F.—1st Sergeant, G. W. McKown; Privates, J. B. Peeler, D. M. Peeler, P. S. Webster, W. Morgan Millwood.

18th S. C. Infantry, Co. F.—Privates, J. J. Brown, A. J. Mullinax, Thomas Peterson.

Palmetto Sharpshooters, Co. G.—John Dixon.

1st S. C. Artillery, Co. B.—I. F. Wofford.

15th N. C. Infantry, Co. C.—Private, S. F. Blackwood.

50th N. C. Infantry, Co. I.—Private, Wm. Upchurch.

7th S. C. Cavalry, Co. C.—Corporal, J. L. Strain.

The rain last Friday and Friday night raised the water courses to a considerable height and left the roads in a terrible condition.

Our debating society last Saturday night discussed the following query: Resolved, that the use of commercial fertilizers is a disadvantage to the farming interest of this country. It was decided in favor of the negative. The subject for next Saturday night is: Resolved, that dispensing with the "blue back" spelling book has been a disadvantage to our common schools.

Mr. L. K. Brown is quite sick with lagrippe.

Mrs. Sibbie Donald died last Thursday and was buried at Salem Friday. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Frank Millwood is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mike Sellars.

Last Wednesday was a fair day, and if our weather profit is correct we will have an exceedingly rough winter yet. "The snow," he says, "will blow as far into the house before the winter ends as the sun shone that day."

Our horse swapper went to the Yorkville bone yard last Monday and came back frozen out, but no trades made.

I visited T. M. Littlejohn, of Star Farm, last week and had a conversation with him on many of the leading issues of the day.

In a private letter from a dear young girl (who was born in this county, but has for several years been living in the far West) the writer says: "I have not married yet. The boys out here drink whiskey, play cards and curse." If these vices on the part of young men were noticed more by the girls, and such grounds for rejecting them, there would be more happy homes in this country than there is. The girl who marries a boy to reform him runs a great risk of losing all the happiness this world or the world to come has in store for her. This same young lady says, "send me all the copies of THE LEDGER you can after you read them."

Cards are out for the marriage, on the 10th inst., of Oliver Going, of Kelson, and Miss Ellen McPherson, of Greenville, S. C.

I have been reading "Mosby's Rangers," by James J. Williamson, of Company A., 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry. To those who are fond of reading thrilling war incidents, I can safely recommend this book. And for its correctness I refer the reader to the official dispatches and reports of both the federal and confederate authorities which are given in it. This gallant band did valiant service for the confederate cause which the future historians will be forced to recognize. In it there are many side splitting incidents related as well as hair breadth escapes and bloody incidents recorded. The book is published by Ralph B. Kenyon, Tribune Building, New York City, and is worth \$2.50.

I forgot to mention that I met one of Colonel Mosby's daughters in Boston last summer. She was chief clerk in the hotel where I stopped during my stay in that city, and I was introduced to her by the gentlemanly proprietor, who is the son of a gallant federal soldier who was killed during the war. He seemed to take great pride in making us acquainted. She is a young lady of perhaps some twenty odd summers, and in her features I could see a resemblance of her illustrious father. As an ex-Confederate soldier standing in the parlor of one of the fashionable hotels in the city of Boston, surrounded by the elite of the American nation as well

as Canada, and being made acquainted with a daughter of one of the South's greatest military chieftains, and that, too, by the son of a man who gave his life for the Union, I felt very much as Caesar did on the eventful morning he gave the orders to his Legions that changed the history of the world. The incident seemed to interest the bystanders and many of them—ex-Union soldiers principally—came forward and congratulated us and themselves that we could now meet under such favorable circumstances. It gave me a brighter conception and higher estimation of Sabbath school work, which was the means of bringing us together, than I had ever realized before.

One who has a chance to know says that rich yellow butter can be made by adulterating it with the yellow of an egg. Some people ought not to complain of chalk in flour, or sand in sugar.

John Estes says if a sheep's ears are sewed together at the tips, it can't jump, and if a block of wood about two inches thick be fastened to the points of a cow's horns it will prevent her from throwing down fences.

Mrs. Hettie Brown, of Asbury, visited her Uncle Lem Brown last week.

One of the good lady's of this section who, two years ago "declared" she would not cook Flaw Picker a bite to eat if he was starving, told me the other day to bring him to see her and she would give him the best meal she could get up. She's a good cook, too, and has got plenty to cook besides. So let us go and see her, Flaw.

What is the third and half-third of thirty-three and one-third?

One of my neighbors says it is a generally admitted fact that a negro has no bone in his nose except right between his eyes.

During the war Colonel Mosby sent a detail of his men through the Federal with instructions to visit a certain house and pour out all the liquor they could find. They were met at the door by an old lady who told them she was very poor and had no other means of gaining a living, and it was hard for her to lose her entire stock in trade. The boys relented, but the Colonel's orders were plain and imperative. At last one said:

"Old woman, have you got a big wash tub?"

"Yes," she answered.

"Bring it here then," said he.

It was accordingly brought and the liquor poured into it.

He said, "the Colonel said we must pour out the liquor, but he didn't tell us where we should pour it." Filling a canteen for themselves, they went on their way not only rejoicing themselves, but leaving the old lady rejoicing, too.

The sick heretofore reported are getting better and no new cases on hand that I have heard of.

We were greatly disappointed that Flaw Picker did not turn up last Saturday as we expected him to do. Flaw, we suppose the high water and deep mud cut you off.

Rev. R. W. Owing preached at Salem yesterday. His text was Gal. 2:20.

The Christian Endeavor society met at S. F. Estes last night.

Rev. Mr. Isom will preach at Mesopotamia next Sabbath at 2 p. m.

We are getting but little farm work done.

Kay Littlejohn, of Star Farm, has been appointed Notary Public by Governor Ellerbe.

Our road authorities will have much to do to repair the damages done by the rain of last Friday night.

J. L. S.

Robbed of \$20.

Frank Browning was in town several days last week. He reports a singular robbery at Blacksburg on Wednesday night, February 3d, of which he was the victim. Frank was in the waiting room at Blacksburg about 9:30 o'clock, so the story goes, and had with him a valise in which he had a time book and \$25 in greenbacks. Frank stepped into an adjoining room, leaving the valise and money in the waiting room—a rather strange thing to do. When he returned he found that \$20 of his money was gone, as was also a light colored stranger who wore a light suit of clothes, a light hat with a still lighter band. The strangest part of the story is that the light-fingered gent was so thoughtful and condescending as to leave Frank \$5 as a reminder of his generosity.

Your Present Need

Is pure, rich blood, and a strong and healthy body, because of the approach of spring and the beginning of warmer weather your physical system will undergo radical changes. All the impurities which have accumulated during colder weather must now be expelled or serious consequences will result. The one true blood purifier prominently in the public eye today is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Its record of cures is unequalled. Its sales are the largest in the world. A few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla will prepare you for spring by purifying and enriching your blood and toning and invigorating your whole system.

## TURNER-ROBBS.

### Marriage of a Popular Gaffneyite to a Spartanburg Lady.

Yesterday at noon at the home of the bride's parents in Spartanburg, Mr. W. A. Turner, of this city was united in marriage to Miss Robbs. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Robertson of this city in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. Turner is one of Gaffney's most popular young business men. He is the assistant of Mr. R. M. Gaffney at the depot and a member of the firm of A. C. Pridmore & Co. He is popular and genial.

The bride is one of Spartanburg's most attractive young ladies, well and favorably known in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner arrived on the afternoon train from Spartanburg yesterday and will make this city their future home. THE LEDGER joins in the hearty congratulation of their many friends.

## Camden Chronicles.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

CAMDEN, S. C., Feb. 8.—Camden has experienced the highest water here today for several years. The Catawba river, which is three miles from the city, has risen from the effect of Friday night's rain 3½ feet. The water is now backed on the streets of the lower end of town and is still rising, but think it is almost as high now as it will be unless more rain falls tonight. The bridge on the Camden and Darlington road, near the Camden Cotton Mill, is entirely covered and it will be several days before it will be safe to cross. The water is also backed on the Camden mill water wheel and would have caused the mill to close down had it not been for the engine, which has just been put in operation.

J. M. Young, one of the oldest and most popular men in Camden, died Sunday morning.

E. E. Sell had the misfortune to lose his house by fire a few days ago. Partially insured, being \$1,000 on furniture and \$3,000 on the building. The directors of the cotton mill met on the 6th inst. and report everything in the best of shape. Since the mill has been running on full time there is not a nicer or cleaner mill in the State. The operatives of the mill are all content and say they have more money at this place than any mill they have worked at.

The mill has arranged a very handsome house for R. W. Mitcham, their able superintendent. Also lumber is being placed for two houses for Overseers H. A. Bell and S. C. Thomas.

Mrs. S. C. Thomas will pay a short visit to her home in Spartanburg during the month of February.

John C. Man, one of the wealthiest men in Kershaw county, contemplates erecting an ice factory here, which will be a big advantage to Camden.

JOHN J. H.

## To Change a Star Route.

There is nothing slow about the citizens of upper Cherokee county and our Tar Heel neighbors this side of the river. The patrons of Grassy Pond, Dellinger, Byarsville, Waverly, and Algood postoffices are circulating a petition asking the postoffice department to change the Star Routes as now operated so as to give of these postoffices a daily service. As matters now stand some of these offices are served but twice a week, and even then the mails are often prevented from crossing the river on account of either high or low water. In case the request of the petitioners should be granted, and THE LEDGER sincerely trusts it will be, it will do away with the necessity of crossing the river and will give a daily mail service to one of the most flourishing sections of country in the South at the cost of the now imperfect and altogether unsatisfactory service. The people along this route are as progressive and active as any in the world and should be given what they now ask for.

What A Wreck.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

COWPENS, Feb. 8.—Last Monday, while the cold wind was turning everything to ice, old Gil went up to spend a while with R. C. A. ter talking over the farming matters, R. C. said, "Gil, let us have a short game of five-up for fun." After I had cut at his heels up to about the seventh game, R. C. made a five time beg on me. I tell you that was a wreck with me.

R. C. Thompson, Bill Daniel, Pink Thomas and your writer went to Spartanburg last Tuesday on important business.

Miss Lillian Phillips, of Dratonsville, was in our section last week visiting friends and relatives.

We are having some cold rainy weather now and people have colds from the sudden change.

Mrs. R. C. Thompson is very sick at present.

We hope to hear from Flaw and Bob again soon.

GIL FEICHEL.