

NORTH CAROLINA FAIR A SUCCESS

Pay a Dividend of Six Per Cent. for a Year and a Half.

KNITTING MILL INCORPORATED

Increase of Moonshining in Eastern Part of the State—Democratic Campaign Will be Opened With the New Year.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—Special.—The executive committee of the State Fair Association met last evening to wind up the business and accounts of the Association. A dividend on the \$35,500 indebtedness of the Association was declared, and for a year and a half. This requires \$2,285. It is the largest dividend ever yet paid, and it does not draw on the resources for the next fair. By the first of 1900 the new president, Mr. McNamee, of Baltimore, will take charge and appoint his own executive committee, etc.

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SENATE ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAYS. Want Report of Spanish War Investigation Committee.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. Mr. Butler Proposed an Amendment Providing for Popular Election of Chief Justice and Other U. S. Judges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In the final session of the Senate to-day before the holiday recess, Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, in a characteristic speech deklared to know whether it was to be the policy of the representatives of the Administration to suppress proper facts and those when called for by a senator. He said he believed an effort was being made to prevent the testimony taken by the War Investigation Committee from being sent to the Senate at his request, and he said he would be submitting to the Senate a resolution of information of which the people, in his opinion, were entitled. Taking Major General Brooke's farewell proclamation to the people of Cuba, as a text, Mr. Hale, of Maine, briefly congratulated the General upon his departure from the country, and said he had accomplished his mission, and said he could now see the dawn of the time when the Cuban people would be independent.

Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, offered an amendment to Mr. Bacon's resolutions guaranteeing to the people of Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines a Republican government, and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, introduced a resolution declaring how the people of the island possessions of the United States should be governed.

Mr. Harris, of Kansas, announced his withdrawal from the Committee on Agriculture. Thereupon Mr. Cockrell, of Missouri, presented a resolution filling the vacancies on the committees on Agriculture, Claims, Forest Reservations, Interstate Commerce, Philippines and Insular Affairs, by the appointment of Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, and the Committee on the Judiciary.

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One command of two thousand consists chiefly of rebel Dutch. LONDON, Dec. 20.—General Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London this morning, having travelled from Dublin with Mr. Chamberlain. Their departure from Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the General made a quiet entry into London. After going to a private hotel he spent about an hour at the War Office in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdown, the Secretary of State for War. Then General Roberts remained to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers selected for his staff.

When "Little Boats" departed, the "Tommy Atkins" received a representative of the Associated Press, he was dressed in the deepest black, in vivid contrast with his snow-white hair and moustache. His dapper little figure was as straight as an ever. He had a face that has so often seen scenes of danger that have slightly dimmed by the great personal sorrow that has befallen him. But in spite of this and the multitude of details that claimed his attention, General Roberts willingly assented to send through the Associated Press a parting message to the American people, and gave the following statement:

CONFIDENCE IN TOMMY. "Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier, and that I believe the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa. "For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans, I am most deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this. Though we may have to undergo hardships and no acts of humanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race. "The reports which indicate that disorderly exists in the Irish Regiments are absolutely untrue. The men of our own countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their Queen and the country, and whether it be against the Boers or men of any other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found loyal to his Queen and his country. "The representative learned that General Roberts entertains a great friendship for General Kitchener, though they have never served together, and that generation of generalship creates the greatest satisfaction in the world.

ANTI-BRITISH ORGANIZATION. LONDON, Dec. 20.—A Cape Town dispatch, dated Saturday, December 16th, says: "Five hundred colonists of the Victoria West District have perfected an anti-British organization, and, as individuals, have openly expressed disloyalty and have threatened to attack the railroad station, which is on the direct line between Cape Town and De Aar. The Afrikaner Bundles, at a meeting here, passed a resolution to compel the troops in the vicinity irritate the farmers dangerously. The meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but declared that the conduct of the troops forced the people to use expressions and commit acts which were capable of being interpreted as disloyalty.

ENLISTMENT ENTHUSIASTIC. The appeals for Yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolsey proposes that the force being raised by the Lord Mayor of London be called the "City of London Imperial Volunteers."

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Thursday! Friday!! Saturday!!! 3 Days in Which to Accomplish All.

O-DAY is by far the best time to complete your gift purchasing. Friday we will endeavor to make everything as easy as possible, but there's no telling how severe the rush will be. Saturday offers the last opportunity to the late purchaser. Just how full assortments shall be on that day is beyond all calculation, but we have taken every precaution against running out of stocks or causing delays. To insure against such a condition big orders of almost every line have been sent to the manufacturers. We're ready now with an excellent stock, and, as every one realizes, unequalled prices.



Fit for the place of Nero, one of these beautiful Mahogany-finish Roman Seats, finished either in tapestry or velvet coverings, \$1.45.

Morris Chairs. Do you want a good suggestion for a thoroughly appreciable gift? MORRIS CHAIRS a surety. To show you for how little we sell the best, restful Morris Chair, soft, velvet covered cushions, and well constructed, an absolute \$7.50 value. The handsomest Morris Chair \$10 can buy anywhere. Oak and mahogany finished, best made, and large and comfortable \$7.50.

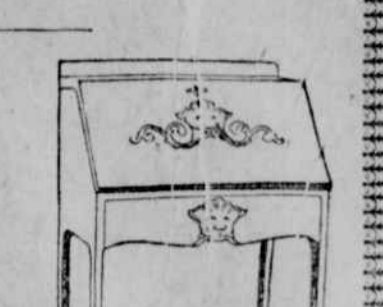
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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. The Call Provides for the Usual Number of Delegates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Chairman Hanna to-day issued a call for the next Republican National convention to be held in Philadelphia June 19, 1900, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice-President. The call provides for the usual representation of delegates, the Senatorial and Congressional delegations from each State, and of two delegates each from the territories, Alaska and the District of Columbia. The territories are advised, however, to elect six delegates and Alaska four, and the admission of such additional delegates to the convention is recommended.

OBITUARY. W. E. Rawles.

EMPORIA, Va., Dec. 20.—Special.—Mr. W. E. Rawles died at an early hour yesterday morning at "Cedar Lawn," his home on his father-in-law, Hon. John Chaplin, of consumption. He had very lately returned from Alabama, where for the past two years he had been engaged in business. He leaves a young wife and two small children. His remains were taken to Suffolk to-day for interment.

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