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WHAT THE SUN SAYS.

The New York Sun has been all avor strongly of the total abolition of the internal revenue sys-STAR has fought this We were pleased to notice in its issue of the 21st instant that the Sun had begun to view the matter practically and in connection with the support of the Government. The STAR has opposed abolishing because the support of the Government would thereby be thrown entirely upon the daties derived on foreign goods under the present high tariff, The Sun still favors the abolition of internal taxes, but opposes tinkering them. It says abolish or leave the tax as it is. Referring to the effort

"If it succeeds it will diminish the national revenue by nearly fifty millions of dollars a year, but it will none the less keep the entire odious machinery of the internal revenue system, with its four thousand officers and its five millions of dollars of annual expenses, in full force and operation. There will be just as much patronage for the Federal Executive to dispense, just as much spying into private business, just as much fraud and corruption as there s now, while the country will lose fifty millions of dollars a year of its present income. If the repeal or modification of the existing pension laws is not practicable at present, and if the paying off of the public debt under the operation of the sinking fund is to go on, the Treasury will need all the recenue it is now getting, if not more."

in Congress to reduce merely, it sa

The closing part of the extract is in full accord with what the STAR has arged so often. There is no prospect of a repeal or modification of the pension laws, and there is no certainty that the sum applied to the liquidation of the public debt will be reduced at present. There are besides many schemes on foot requiring much money, and among these to be noted specially is the construction of a navy. In view of this we have urged, just as the Sun admits, that "the Treasury will need all the revenue it is now getting, if not

The following concerning the most popular man in the State and the best stump speaker in the Union is too good to be omitted just now. It is from a pen-sketch of Senator Vance done by that literary artist, Mr. J. R. Randall, poet and editor, for his paper, the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle. We give only a part:

"His devotion to party is extreme, but the ultra Republican Senators have only kind feelings toward him. He is 'hail fellow well met' with all mankind and I think even the temperance ladies, who go about crusading, readily forgive him for frankly informing them that though his spirit is with their cause his rebellious stomach against it. He is racy of the soil of the Old North State and a pine tree is to him far more beautiful than the stateliest palm or queenliest magnolia. Like our Stephens. who would 'rather be be hanged in Craw fordville than be compelled to live in Paris, Vance would be willing to give up the ghost at once rather than be exited from his birthplace. Never did the South produce a character more sui generis more typically individual. The idol of the masses and the hero of the stump, nobody can surpass him in popular oratory when breathing his mountain air and face to face with his devoted constituents. But to face with his devoted constituents. But the chilling precedents of the Senate, allied with a certain traditional pomposity, repress his freedom of expression and damp en his frolicome pinions. While many people, North and South, may not agree with him wholly on the tariff problem, it cannot be denied under a fusilade of humorous illustrations lay hidden a deal of sound sense and truth. His voice is a melsound sense and truth. His voice is a mellow one, and trained to giving emphasis to enigrams, anecdotes and satire. He knows to perfection when to make a point, and where to stick it. He has the faculty, as Lincoln had, of illustrating argument with little stories, full of pith and pungency."

The Richmond & Danville Railroad performed this feat in one day this week: Its stock opened at 216. It fell to 130, and afterwards reacted and closed at 185. But a clear drop of 31 in one day will do. Too much watering, eh!

Four Southern Democratic Serra tors voted to give Grant \$12,750 each year, and he has nothing to do whatever but smoke.

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After all it is by no means certain

that Gambetta's defeat was disas-

trous or that he will not be in the as-

cendant again in France before very

many months. He is a most extra-

ordinary character as we attempted

to show once in a long editorial. He

went out of office because he chose a

policy that was unpopular among the

members of the Chamber of Depu-

ties. It does not follow, it seems,

from his overthrow, that the French

people are not with him. The pro-

vincial press is represented as being

almost unanimous in defence of Gam-

betta's policy and demands the very

measures of reform which caused his

overthrow. Over forty papers have

spoken out bravely in favor of Gam-

betta. So the Deputies do not seem

to be in accord with their constituen-cies in their war upon Gambetta. It

easily, but knowing the sentiments of

the people, and feeling assured that

he would be sustained by them, he

did not hesitate to bring the matter

to an issue with the Delegates. The

spirit of reform is rife in France and

soon or late Gambetta will be to the

Senator Hoar opened his batteries

with great earnestness and much per-

sonality upon Roscoe Conkling when

his name was sent to the Senate for

confirmation as Associate Justice of

the Supreme Court of the United

States. The Massachusetts Senator

even went se far as to say he did not

believe Conkling to be an honest man.

made the fur fly? Hoar says Conk-

ling's elevation to the highest Judi-

ciary would be a disgrace to the

ermine. It may be so; we will not

dispute or gain-say, but we will add

that we do not believe Conkling is

either a great lawyer or the great-

est intellectual force since Webster.

The late Matt. Carpenter was a far

better lawyer and an abler man, not

to mention others. But Conkling will

Governor Jarvis states that the State

Board of Education have no right to com-pel the use of books which they see fit to recommend. He says that no school com-mittee, county superintendent or teacher,

is bound by the recommendations of the Board, but are entirely at liberty to exer-

cise their best judgment in selecting proper books for the use of the schools under their charge.—Asheville Citizen.

We are pleased to see this state-

ment. It is important. The STAR,

for reasons satisfactory to itself, did

not approve of the action of the

State Board in selecting books for

the whole of North Carolina. The

STAR believed and insisted that the

proper way was to leave the selec-

tions to the County Boards. We

will not repeat our reasons. We are

glad that the Governor takes the

position assigned him in the above

paragraph, This decision of the

Governor leaves the matter practi-

eally in the hands of the County

Boards. If they may disregard the

selections made by the State Board

they can go farther and make their

own selections. This places the mat-

ter just where the STAR urged it

Massachusetts, a Republican State,

as we mentioned many months ago,

has repudiated a debt contracted

with the Troy & Greenfield Rail-

way Company. The repudiation is

certain and the depravity of the

transaction unmistakable. The St.

Paul Pioneer Press has this to say of

"The fact that the State reserted to the desperate expedient of pleading its sovereignty in bar of judicial process is a confession that it had no adequate defense upon the merits of the question. If it had not, then its confiscation of the property of individuals who had trusted to its good faith, and its refusal to provide any measure of relief or redress is rank dishonesty."

It is worth while to note these

things. No State is more prone to

throw stones at its neighbors than

Prof. Venable, of the University

of Virginia, has been lecturing be-

fore Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, on the Constitution of the

The following comprise the foreign ship-ments from this port yesterday: The Schr.

Florence L. Schepp, Capt. Crabbe, for Port

de Paix, Hayti, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming, with 87,484 feet humber, 50,000 shingles and 40,500 brick, valued at \$2,106.48;

and the Russian barque Aalto, Capt. Grape, for Harbourg, Germany, by Paterson, Downing & Co., with 3,578 barrels of rosin,

valued at \$8,160.75. Total value of foreign exports for the day, \$10,287.24.

United States liet mission salt-

the transaction:

should be placed at the beginning.

be confirmed in spite of Hoar.

front again.

is said he could have retained

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1882.

VIRGINIA.

Gazette says: "Some of our turpentine men are in great distress. Worms are appearing in the trees recently boxed, and decay soon follows. Of course the supply of gum is scanty, and it is filled with the dust of the bark and thereby injured. It is sup-posed that these worms get in the green timber from the dead trees prostrated by the storm, for the greatest havoc caused by them is in those parts adjacent to the old

The winter of 1849 was generally mild and open, and as spring approached it became evident that a bug had attacked the pine trees in all this section. The noise made by them in their depredations was perceptible to any one passing through the roods. The trees commenced to die rapidly, and but for a providential extremely cold snap in April of that year (on the 15th of which month it will be recollected there was a heavy fall of snow), in all probability the entire pine forests would have been more or less affected by them and possibly killed. As it proved, however, the cold shap put an end to the ravages of the bug. In succeeding years the effect of this bug attack was noticeable in the broad acres of dead timber which were to be found in many sections of our pine country.

farms where the storm logs are so abun-

This same bug has now made its appearance in Georgia and portions of South Carolina, and if not killed off by a similar cold snap as that which so opportunely intervened in 1849, as we now have reason to hope they will be, may do incalculable damage. Those familiar with and who recollect the visit of the bugs in 1849 say they were a very small, hard-shelled, black bug, that bored into and sapped the life of the tree, when it withered and died. A worm known as the sawyer then followed in the track of the bug, and it was this that made the noise referred to, which resembled some-If Roscoe could have got a reply what the sound of a small saw in use.

about that time wouldn't he have !

Morphine for Quinine. A gentleman from Columbus county informs us that a Mr. Pearce, of that county, sent to Whiteville a few days since for some quinine, being troubled with a light fever. He received what he supposed to be the medicine sent for and took a dose of t the same night, after which he went to a neighbor's house, where he soon complained of feeling sleepy, and was shown to a bed. About 12 o'clock the family were aroused by bursts of laughter apparently issuing from the visitor's room, and, upon entering to ascertain the cause of the unseemly and unseasonable mirth, Mr. Pearce was found in the agonies of death, and was soon afterwards a corpse. Upon investigation it was found that he had taken morphine instead of quinine-the result of a terrible mistake somewhere and

Foreign Shipments. The following comprise the foreign shipments from this port yesterday: The German barque Madura, Capt. Schultz, for Hamburg, Germany, by Messrs. DeRosset & Co., with 4,084 barrels of rosin, valued at \$9,280; and the British barque Echo. Capt. Dyer, for New Castle-on-Tyne, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 8,095 barrels of rosin, valued at \$8,500. Total value of foreign exports for the day \$17,780.

- Mr. Hazen, Signal Service Officer in charge of the station at this port furnishes the following information: "The Signal Corps Station at Life-saving Station No. 6 reports to the Chief Signal Office as follows: Schr. Pearl Nelson, of Massachusetts, Murdock Kemp master, from Wilmington, N. C., bound to Plymouth, Mass., with a crew of six men and a cargo of twelve hundred barrels of tar, came ashore abreast of Life-saving Station No. 5, Virginia, at 4 A. M. to-day (February 24th) owing to miscalculation, in a heavy north wind and heavy sea. The crew have all been saved. The captain will not come ashore. A wrecking company has been notified. The vessel lies in 7 feet of water, but does not leak. A heavy north wind is blowing and there is a heavy sea." [The Pearl Nelson was cleared at this port, as above, on the 18th inst., by Messrs. Robinson & King.]

Mutinous and Insubordinate Sailors. Three sailors belonging on board of the Norwegian barque Harmonie, who had been in jail here for some days, charged with desertion, were taken to Smithville on Wednesday last and placed in the jail there so as to be more convenient when the vessel got ready to sail. Friday evening Capt. Jensen came up to this port and endeavored to procure the services of Officers Carr and Strode, stating that his men were mu tinous and defiant in the extreme, and the jailor at Smithville was unable to deliver them into his custody. Capt. Jensen also states that the men sent him a note from Smithville jail on Thursday to the effect that they intended to take his life on the

first convenient opportunity. Officers Carr and Strode informed Capt, Jensen that it was impossible for them to act in the matter, as the prisoners were now in the custody of another county, the au-thority of which would have to be invoked in securing possession of the men, and advised him to apply for the assistance of the Revenue Cutter.

There are seven sailors in the county jail at Smithville, now; three belonging on the Harmonic and four on the British barque

- The receipts of cotton at this port up to date, for the present crop year, foot up 125,004 beles, as against 108,285 bales for the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 16,772 bales up to date in favor of the present crop year.

PETERSURE, Feb. 23.—Intelligence just received says the wind storm night before

RICHMOND, Feb. 23.—The General Assembly to-day proceeded to carry out the joint order for the election of auditor of public accounts, railroad commissioner, etc. In the Senate, Newberry, leader of the bolting Readjusters, made an effort to fillibuster by moving to adjourn, but failed. S. Brown Allen, Readjuster caucus nominee for the office of auditor, was nominated by Riddleberger, and Senator Smith nominated Franklin L. Brockett, of Alexandria. Newberry briefly addressed the Senate, denouncing caucus rule and one man-power. ouncing caucus rule and one man-power, and nominated Jno. E. Massey, the present cumbent, whom he warmly culogized and fended. A joint weter in both houses rellen was seclared Martin of Norfolk, Readjuster,

Lynchburg, Feb. 28.—Charles Jones sentenced to eighteen years in the State prison for murder, and Randolph Moffett awaiting trial for murder, escaped from Wythe county jail by digging through a wall. Pickett, Moffett's accomplice, was too fat to get through the hole and was obliged to stay behind.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Reading Railroad Company-Arrival of Jewish Refugees at Philadelphia - Decisions in Star Route

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] READING, February 23.—Judge Hogeman to day rendered a decision to the effect that the Reading Railroad Company's issue of deferred bonds is legal, and that it is within the power of the said company to issue bonds without naming a time for their

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—The steamshi linois, with the 325 Russian Jews, refu gees, on board, arrived in the river to-day They bear marks of hardship and tell di

The Relief committee met them at New Castle and informed them of plans for their benefit. They are profoundly impressed with what they have heard, particularly of the offers of homes in the South. Most of nem are tradesmen; only a few farmers.
Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—In the U. S. District Court this morning, Judge Butle ave a decision for the government in five Christian Price, sureties on bonds of Benj. I. Wiley, a Star Route mail contractor. Three judgments against Ensign amount to \$18,700 and costs, and two against Price o \$10,000 and costs,

MISSOURI.

The Iron Mountain Railroad Open Again-Terrific Boiler Explosion at St. Louis-A Number of Workmen Injured-Beath of a Prominent Ma

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] Sr. Louis, Pebruary 28.—The obstruc-Cave Cliff, has been cleared, and a train left for Texas last night. Passengers from the South, numbering two or three hundred, were brought here on the steamer Jno B. Meade. The mails from Texas were also brought up in the same way.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 23.—One of the boilers in the blooming mill of the Vulcan Steel Works, South St. Louis, exploded with terrific force to-day. About one hundred men were working in the mill at the time, of whom Michael Cockley, John Dolan, Frank Chambers and Oliver Aude, were fatally injured; being terribly scalded, be-sides having limbs broken. Robert Cotton has three ribs broken and was sever burned. Mike Crowin has a combin racture of the leg and several scalds Frank Loftus and Thos. Brannon were als badly scalded, and three others seriously hurt. The smoke-stack was blown down and the mill otherwise seriously damaged. Samuel H. Owens, Past Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of this State, and present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Treasurer of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Missouri, died in this city last night after a brief illness.

VIRGINIA.

Readjuster Nominations for Circuit and Supreme Court Judges-A Mu derer Sentenced to be Hung. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

RICHMOND, Feb. 24.—The Readjus in caucus last night nominated county Judge Henry M. Ford, of Henry county to be Circuit Judge of the Danville Circuit and the following of the Supreme Court Robert A. Richardsen, of Smyth county vice Judge Staples; T. T. Fountelroy late Secretary of the Commonwealth, vice

late Secretary of the Commonwealth, vice Judge Anderson; Drury A. Hinton, of Petersburg, vice Judge Burks.

The Readjuster caucus continued in session last night until one o'clock and completed the nominations far Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals. L. L. Lewis, of this city, was unanimously nominated, and Judge B. W. Lacy, of New Kent, received the nomination over two opponents. Lewis is Republican and U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Lewis is Republican and U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. He is also half brother of Lt. Gov. Lewis. Danville, February 24.—The Hustings Court of Pittsylvania county yesterday sentenced Dock Wright to be hung on the 31st of March, all efforts to procure a comnutation of the sentence having failed

FINANCIAL.

New York Stock Market-Prices Ir

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) New York, February 25, 11 A. M.— The stock market opened firm and 4@2 per cent, higher for the general list than yesterday's closing prices, the latter for Houston & Texas, while Richmond & Danville was 4, and Boston Air Line preferred 3 per cent, higher, Hannibal & St. Joseph preferred, however, was 1 per cent, lower. In the early dealings there was a general decline of 1@4 per cent., the latter for Wabash preferred, while Richmond & Danville fell off 4 per cent. Louisville & Nashville, however, advanced 31. Nashville & Chattanooga 2, St. Louis & San Francisco 3. and Atlantic & Terrehaute 14 per cent. At 11 o'clock the market increased 1@1 per cent. Eric preferred leading therein, while Louisville & Nashville fell of 12 per cent.

The contract for ounding a gap of fifty miles in the Vicksburg. Shreveport & Texas R. R., belonging to the Erlanger system, extending from Arcadia to Shreveport, La., was vesterday signed by the contractors.

WASHINGTON. preme Court Judge and A. A. Sargent for Minister to Germany—The Utah Contested Election Case.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) Washington, February 24.—The President to day sent to the Senate the following nominations: Roscoe Conkling, to be Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and A. A. Sargents, to be Minister to Ger-

Washington, February 24.—The Senate o-day confirmed Henry F. Heriot as Colector of Customs at Georgetown, S. C. Mr. Conkling's nomination for the Supreme Bench was a surprise to every one at the Capitol to-day, except a very few Sena-tors, who had recently received an intima-tion of it from the President, but who kept the secret inviolably. It was this afternoon an absorbing topic of comment, There seems to be no difference of opinion among Senators as to Mr. Conkling's eminent fitness for the position; but in view of his declination of the Chief Justiceship, when offered to him by President Grant some doubt is expressed by several of his intimate friends as to whether he will accept the present appointment. The general belief is, however, that he has accepted it,

belief is, however, that he has accepted it, in advance of his nomination.

The nomination of ex-Senator Sargent to the German Mission was also unexpected at the Capitol. His friends were taken by surprise, as he had not sought it or expected any other office than Secretaryship of the Interior. It is understood that Mr. Sargenr will accept the place tendered him, and is rather gratified to escape from the storm which has been raging about the Interior Department and the hard work attendant upon the position, for which his nomination was expected.

When the nomination of Senator Conk-

When the nomination of Senator Conk

ling as an Associate Justice of the Suprem Court was read in Executive session of the Senate this afternoon, a motion was made to take it up for immediate confirmation. Senator Hoar thereupon took the floor and warmly said, that while he conceded Mr. Conkling's great abilities, and that no man since Webster had surpassed him in intel-lectual force, he believed that Mr. Conkling had used his powers for bad purposes, and he did not believe him to be honest. His elevation to the Supreme Bench, said Mr. Hoar, with great excitement of manner and pounding his desk by way of emphasis, would be a disgrace to the judicial ermine; and he, therefore, interposed an objection to the present consideration of the nomination, and insisted that it should take the regular course of reference to the Judiciar Committee. A single objection being sufficient to prevent immediate consideration, the nomination was accordingly referred to

that committee, under the rules, without an opportunity for debate or any reply to Mr. Hoar's remarks.

The nomination of Ex-Senator Sargent as Minister to Germany was then referred to the committee on Foreign Relations un-der an objection to its immediate consideration, which was interposed by Mr. Cameron, of Pa., who is understood to be friendly both to him and to Mr. Conkling, but who desired to prevent the appearance of any invidious distinction between the cases

Prominent members of both political par-ties in the Senate predict that the two nom-inations will be confirmed by overwhelming majorities whenever they are reache

for final action.

Amendments allowed by the committee to audit the expenses of the sickness and burial of President Garfield to the attending surgeons, is stated by a member of the Committee to be as follows: To Dr. Bliss, Committee to be as follows: To Dr. Bliss, \$25,000; to Drs. Agnew and Hamilton, \$15,000 each; to Drs. Reyburn and Boynton, \$10,000; to Mrs. Dr. Edson, \$5,000; to Mr. Enniss, steward, \$3,000; and the other employes of the Executive Mansion two months' extra pay. The committee recommends the appointment of Surgeon recommend the appointment of Surgeon General Barnes to the rank of Major General, and his retirement at that grade, and the promotion of Dr. Woodward to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The committee has also agreed to grant to Mrs. Garfield the remainder of her husband's salary for the current year. The report will not be unanimous. Messrs. Springer and Blackburn will submit a minority re port, opposing most of the items allowed.

The House Committee on Elections spent nearly the entire day on the Utah contest, and late in the evening decided to report to the House that neither Cannon nor Camp bell is entitled to the seat, and declaring the seat vacant.

KENTUCKY.

Execution of a Murderer at Covington -The Murderers of the Gibbons Chil-CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—John Major

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—John Major Hicks, colored, was hanged at Covington, Ky., to-day. The execution was the second one ever had in Kenton county, and was the first quasi private execution in the State of Kentucky. Father Lambert came to the front and addressing the three hundred spectatiors admitted, said: "Mr. Hicks will say nothing. I speak for him. He takes his death as a punishment for his sins." The black can was then adjusted. sins." The black cap was then adjusted sins." The black cap was then adjusted, Hicks all the while weeping profusely and exclaiming, "God is good. Oh, my Lord, have mercy." The trap dropped at 10.15 o'clock and the body was cut down at 10.44. There was no struggle. He was hung for the murder of Henry Murray Williams, at Ludlow, Ky., December 15th, 1880. There were no first here seems of Fethers Lambert on the comme. ance of Father Lambert on the scaffold was his only confession.

CINCINNATI, February 24.—The Enquirer has a report from Lexington, Kentucky, to the effect that its reporter, having been confined a week in jail with George Ellis, obtained from hima statement that his former confession, charging the murder of Fanny Gibbon on Wm. Neal and Ellis Oraft, was Gibbon on Wm. Neal and Ellis Craft, was untrue, and that it was made under duress and under the belief that Craft had confessed, be being so informed by the person to whom his first confession was made. The other Cincinnati papers have no confirmation of this matter, and the Enquirer's report says the indications are that Ellis has still further revelations to make.

MISSISSIPPI.

Favorable Reports Relative to the SKIRWITH, MISS., Feb. 25.—W. T. Anderson, who has been working for the last few days, repairing the worst places in the levees, reports that he can stand all the water that is coming. Reports of high water and the condition of the levees in this part of the Mississippi bottom are partly unfounded. The Ben Lomond Levee, so often reported broken, is still intact.

The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows the following changes: Loans decrease \$3,624,400; specie decrease \$3,725,200; legal tenders decrease \$804,300; deposits decrease \$8,006,600; circulation decrease \$21,700; reserve decrease \$2,505,800. The banks now hold \$1,483,075 less than legal requirements.

FOREIGN, miland) di The Trial of the Bussian Nihillists Important Disclosures Made by the Accused—A Lancashire Cotton Mill Burned—British Parliament Proceedings Hussian State Trials Los of a Russian Steamer-Cotton Spin-ners' Short Time Movement, Etc. [By Cable to the Morning Star.]

London, Feb. 25. -A St. Petersbur dispatch says that in the trial, vesterday, Isneff declared that he prepared the dynamite used in the mine at the Winter Palace, but did not knew for what purpose it was intended. Emilionoff declared that the statements of the deceased Goldenburg vere untrue, and that Gen. Melikoff, when were untrue, and that Gen. Melikoff, when at the head of affairs, was in direct communication with the Nihilists through a lady. Hereupon the Minister of Justice ordered a protocol drawn upon this important point.

London, Feb. 25.—E. Hargrave's catton mill, at Partireoft, Lancashire, has been estroyed by fire. Loss £65,000:

The secretary of the Blackburn Cetton Spinners and Manufacturers' Association, which includes Blackburn, Accrington, Darwin, Hastingden and several smaller towns, has received twenty-nine replies to a circular proposing short time. Of these twenty-three are favorable to the move-A dispatch from Constantinople says that the Russian steamer Vesta has been sunk in a collision in the Black Sea. It is said

that all on board perished.

In the House of Lords, last evening, Lord.
Salisbury stated that the objects of the committee appointed to inquire as to the workings of the Land act had been misrepresented. He said it would neither try the Land Commission or seek to repeal the Land act. Any change must be in the direction of diminishing the wrongs of land-lords rather than diminishing anything which tenants may have acquired by the

The Daily News points to the significance of certain remarks of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who is no votary of the Land act. He pointed out that a committee formed mainly of landlords was not likely to be re garded as a very impartial tribunal to investigate the working of an act devised in

the interest of tenants.

The Times says that the House of Lords committee cannot possibly arrive at any useful conclusion. It is already hopelessly discredited by the fact that it does not represent the House of Lords, but only a sec

The House committees went into comwhen the Irish members seized the oppor tunity to attack Mr. Forster's administra the vote for Irish constabulary, which was altimately carried by a vote of 183 to 18. The sitting was prolonged until 4.30 o'clock this morning.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—The Herald says that precautions have been taken to prevent henceforth high Russian public servants from taking the liberty of discussing matters of State policy on their own account. It is hoped that this announcement will induce the foreign press, especially the press of the neighboring Empire, to cease using hostile and offensive lan-

guage toward Russia.
The London Reconomist says: The speech of Gen. Skobeloff has counteracted the good effect of the reduction of rates of discount by leading European banks. A feeling of uneasiness has increased, both in Jermany and in Austria.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg by way of Berlin says: During Thursday's proceed-ings at the trial of the Nihilists, several of the prisoners made very full statements and in consequence of their admissions many of the witnesses were excused from further attendance. It appears that Trigoni had only a very slight connection with the pro-ceedings of the Nihilists, being merely aware of their designs, Suchanow, during his examination, drew such a vivid picture of the abnormal social conditions that had career of crime, that even the Judges were deeply affected. Jakinno acknowledged the truth of the charges brought against her. Jenecker, who is uneducated, admitted being a terrorist, but was unable to define the aims of that party.

Murkuleff continued her endeavors to incriminate her associates. All of the acand were willing to carry on a peaceful propaganda, but that they had been driven to illegal acts by the government's cruelties. It is believed that judgment will be delivered Monday, and that fifteen of the prisoners

will be condemned to death.

Bolton, Feb. 25. A ballet of cotton operatives as to the advisability of striking. form increase of 5 per cent. in wages, resulted in 327 votes for and 1,103, against strike. Notices for an advance in wages were therefore at once withdrawn. A Rio de Jeneiro dispatch says that bad weather, both there and at Santos, has damaged the roads, causing a considerable reduction in the arrivals of coffee from the

VIRGINIA.

Election of Judges of the Supreme Court by the General Assembly-Protest from Democratic Members,

RICHMOND, February 25.—The General Assembly to day elected five Judges of the Supreme Court. Night before last the Democrats nominated and voted for their andidates in each case except in the case of Mr. Hinton, who was elected to succeed Judge E. C. Burks. The Democrats claimed that the term of service of Judge Burks would not expire until January 1st 1888, as did the terms of the other four Judges, and that he had nearly six years yet to serve. They therefore refrained from voting, and a considerable amount of skirmishing around for absentees had to be done before a quorum of each House could be secured. In the Senate the Democratic members submitted a protest against the election of a successor to Judge Burks, because they did not consider that the time had arrived for so doing, and they were sustained in this belief by the Supreme Court itself. They asked to have the protest spread upon the journal, but it was ruled out of order by the President pro tem., and an appeal from his ruling was taken, which was dis-cussed until adjournment without action.

CONKLING.

The Ex-Scuator Bepresented to be Averse to the Recent Appointment. Utica, February 25.—Conkling will not be interviewed. His friends can only say that the nomination by the President was a surprise to him, and he appeared, so far as there was any averse to its acceptance. as there was any appearance et all, to be way to a pospil

COTTO Nueva adt die .

The Visible Supply for the World. NEW YORK, February 25.—The total visi-le supply of cotton for the world is 8,124,-05 bales, of which 2,457,919 bales are American against 2,926,450 and 2,491,000 respectively last year.

- Mr. John Dawkins, of Covingainfully hurt on the evening of the 14th, being thrown out of the buggy, one heel of which ran over a stump, as he was turning to his home from Rockingham.

Craven, daughter of Dr. B. Graven, was severely burned in Greenshore, N. C. several menths ago. She is yet confined to her bed, but we are glad to learn that she is improving and that she will receive no permanent injury. Though still quite feeble from the effects of the burn, her - Wilson Advance: There will be

an important meeting to night in the court house, which every citizen should attend. The Vice President, Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the Seaboard & Raleigh Railroad, which is to be built from Williamston to Raleigh, will be present, as they desire to meet the people of Wilson and receive their suggestions and views as to running the road through our town.

— Durham Plant: A colored man had his leg broken while digging out the basement to Walker & Rowland's prizery, week before last, — Alvis Snipes, colored, an employe of A. J. Kivett, had an arm broken Wednesdo, word painter fell from the second story of Capt. Parrish's residence, sustaining severe injuries. His right upper jawbane was broken and his face badly bruised. The shock was very severe and he came near dying before reaction set in.

- Warren Neros: Mr. Jas. A. Regerton has made his report to the Board of Directors of the survey recently made by him of the distance from Macon via Warrenton to Ridgeway, and according to his survey it is about one mile further than by Warren Plains as the road now runs. But the attorney for the board has written to Major Winder, sending him the map or not of the proposed road and making a not of the proposed road and making a proposition to build the road and donate it the R. & G. Railroad. The board now nxiously awaits Major Winder's reply

— Statesville Citizen: Murrill, of Hickory, tells the following on one of his trother lawyers: "A young lawyer not a thousand miles away asked a witness if he was not unfriendly with the defendant, his lient. The witness said not and that he had loaned him a dollar and a quarter to pay his lawyer." —Branch roads striking off from main stems to profitable points ractically bring railroads into every neigh-orhood. In the total absence of a dirt bad system, these supplemental railroads admirably supply the defect, especially if ne cheap narrow gauge plan is adopted

- The colored man, Adcock, who as supposed to have been murdered in ance county, has turned up in Danville.

They are starting the political ball quite early in Franklin county. Mr. N. H. Madon has announced himself an independent candidate for Register of Deeds. ---- It s useless to attempt to conceal the fact that much destitution exists among the poorer classes of the county, also that this destitu-tion will be increased during the next few months. The condition of affairs is engaging the serious consideration of some of dur best citizens, who are personally cogni-zant of the suffering and want, and who which relief may be extended in worthy cases. Oxford Free Lance.

- Kinston Journal: A party of gentlemen from Chatham were in Jones ounty last week buying corn, paying 70 cents per bushel. - There will be a meeting at Bell's Ferry next Saturday for the purpose of petitioning Congress for an appropriation to continue the work on Contentue Creek. — Dr. W. A. J. Pollock cites, as a proof that his plantation in Jones county is in a healthy condition, the fact that Mr. James Hawkins, who lives near by, has three sons that weigh 600 lbs.

Mr. S. B. Noble, of Sand Hill township, who was attacked at his home one night about six weeks ago and left for dead, was in town Monday. He has several ugly sears on his head and neck, made by the bush-hooks used by the assassins, who have not yet been arrested.

- The Kinston Journal copies what the STAR said of Cook's brigade, and then says the 15th, McRae's old regiment, and 27th, Cook's old regiment, were the two hest drilled regiments in Hill's Corps, or perhaps in Lee's army. They once drilled against each other. Col. R. C. Hill, f the 48th, an old army officer, was to decide the contest. The 27th was handled by Col. Whitfield, the 15th by Col. McRae. Col. Hill's decision was just what the most of us expected: "The 27th the best on the manual, the 15th the best on the revoluions." In 1865 a South Carolina regiment challenged the two regiments for a drill. On the day selected General Cook took the 15th and 27th regiments out, and, in the presence of Gen. Lee and several Corps and Division commanders actually made the outh Carolinians ashamed of themselves. Goldsboro Messenger: Mr. B. S.

Barwick, of Indian Springs township, recently killed a hog weighing 710 pounds the day after being killed. The pork was two years and eight months old. —The welling house of Mrs. C. A. G. Herring. a worthy widow lady residing in Indian Springs, in this county, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The fire was caused by sparks. No insurance — The friends of Dr. John R. Thompson, of this county, will regret to learn of his affliction in the death of his beloved wife, which sad event occurred at their residence in Fork township on the 13th instant, aged 45 years,

The carriage house of Mr. Wm. B. Thompson, near this city, was destroyed by fire Monday night, together with a fine carriage, a buggy, about 100 bushels wheat and a quantity of rice. Total loss about \$500. The fire is supposed to be the work

- Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic: Strange to say, we for the first time yester-day learned that Judge Thomas S. Ashe, of the Supreme Court, was once elected as Senator from North Carolina. It was in 1864. He was nominated without his knowledge and elected by a considerable majority over Edwin G. Reade, Before the time for him to take his seat arrived, the Confederate Congress took down its het Confederate Congress took down its hat, and silently scattered across the Appomattox into the domain of History. ——Bishop Northrop is visiting (and preaching at) New Berne, which was his first parish in North Carolina, just after the war. It was a number of old New Berne friends, in Baltimore, (members of Judge Manly's family in parhim the heautiful jewelled cross and chain worn by the Bishop on the occasion of his consecration. The cross is composed of North Carolina gold, richly set with gems from our State mines; and was much admired for its beauty and appropriateness.

North Carolina is likely to be the great vintage State of the Atlantic coast. The vine flourishes everywhere through its length and breadth, growing with especial luxuriance in every forest of the State. Since the war, hundreds of vineyards have been planted; these are mostly small, but there are six, each of a hundred acres or more, where wine making is carried on, aided by the best experience and skill that could be found in Europe. The products of some of these vineyards made an interesting feature of the State exhibit at the great Athauta Exposition.—Farmer, York, Par S. P. Hunt & Co. are certified and the control of the state of the state of the great Athauta Exposition.—Farmer, York, Par S. P. Hunt & Co. are certified and the control of the state of the great Athauta Exposition.—Farmer, York, Par S. P. Hunt & Co. are certified and the control of the state of the great Athauta Exposition.—Farmer, York, Par S. P. Hunt & Co. are certified and the control of the control Pa. S. R. Hunt & Co. are getting orders for 1,000 gallons per week. portant at Associate Justine