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The disgrace of Captain Hopkins of the Navy, for deserting his post at Pensacola on account of the yellow fever, is no doubt well deserved. A man who enters the army or navy knows that he is embarking upon a life of peril, and like the Roman sentinel at Pompeii be should stand at his post however great and appalling the danger. The Roman was found walking his rounds with his face turned to the fearful Vesuvius belching out its fiery flood-tide of lava and ashes. He never thought once of fleeing, for his life. He was at his post of duty and there he meant to remain. What a lesson! So an American officer may not flee from an awful scourge any more than he would desert his sentinel-post because of unpleasant proximity to the enemy.

It is the spirit of self-sacrifice that has given the Roman Catholic Church such a hold on many persons and has won the admiration of many Protestants. Its priests and sisters of charity are like the soldiers of the Centurion in the Scriptures. They go at the call of duty, and they remain as long as the call lasts and life with it.

The Protestants have not been without noble heroes in the days of calamity and death. In this city, and in every Southern city and town that has been scourged with the terrible epidemic, there have been found heroes of the exalted type, who knew no danger however thick, and had no fear at the heart however heavy the sky and awful the scenes through which they were called upon to pass. It is a noble sight for men and angels. The man who goes right on in the path of duty disregardful of all consequences is indeed a hero and meets the admiration of all men. Some one has said that "every signal act of duty is altogether an act of faith." And so it is. God rules and he will order all things right. If men die in the line of duty they die in the line of promotion. They do not lose their reward. The man who enters the ministry or the medical profession should beforehand count the cost. He devotes himself to a profession that must take him into scenes of sorrow and suffering and sometimes when the pestilence is doing its terrible work. But he may not flee without a base surrender of manhood and devotion to a noble profession, and without a shameful desertion of the post of duty. "Heaven is above all yet," said Queen Katherine to the

All honor to those brave, self-sacrificing, consecrated men who stand amid the sick, the dying and the dead, doing whatever they may to mitigate human suffering, to stay the destroyer, and to console the dying!

The only two Districts in the State that did well were the Fifth and Sixth, where there were gains. The gain in the former was nearly one thousand; in the latter over two hundred. There was loss elsewhere. The vote was small and the Democrats had no organization. But for the speeches of Vance and Ransom the last three weeks of the campaign several thousand. The STAR urged in dozens of editorials that there should be organization—thorough and complete. This was neglected and chin music and documents were relied upon.

There is a very dark spot now visible on the surface of the sun.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1882.

Further About the Improvements a the Wilmington & Welden and W.,

Warehouse, Machine Shops, &c. The activity at the depot of the Wilmington & Weldon and Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroads still continues We mean by this to refer particularly to the improvements going on, and not to the vast amount of freighting business being done

by the two roads. The immense warehouse or freight depot of the W., C. & A. R. R., which has been under process of construction for some months past, is about completed, and it was being occupied yesterday. It is a tremendous structure, being 420 feet long and 50 feet wide; built of brick, with slated roof, with a wide platform on the south side and another at the west end, reaching to the cap of the wharf. On the north side of the building the track runs immediately alongside the walls, and a train of fourteen or fifteen cars can be loaded from the warehouse at one time. One great convenience will be realized in the fact that there will be plenty of room to keep each person's freight to itself, and thus prevent the confusion and consequent

trouble which has heretofore prevailed. This freight depot will be under the charge of Capt. John L. Keene, Assistant Freight Agent, Mr. W. J. Yopp being the

agent in chief. A gentleman from Baltimore, who was here in attendance upon the meetings of the stockholders of the two roads, or Tuesday last, said the new warehouse contained as much room as the warehouse of the great Pennsylvania Railroad in that city. Still it is by no means too large for the business of the road, which is very large and constantly on the increase.

The railroad crossings on Nutt street are being neatly and conveniently paved and platformed with boards, so that drays and other vehicles can pass without difficulty.

The old machine shops are about demol ished, and the brick work upon the new ones will commence Monday. An immense rock foundation for the heavy superstructure was begun about six mouths ago. A portion of it was put down without-pilings, but found to crack, when it was taken up and the requisite number of pilings put down, and the foundation, the rock for which was quarried at Joyner's, on the W. & W. road, about one hundred and sixteen miles from Wilmington, is now ready for

Would not the old railroad magnates of other days who have either removed to other sections or have passed away, be amazed if they could return and see the great changes and improvements that have been wrought, even within the past two or three years? These improvements, while desirable in themselves, are indicative of the prosperity of the two roads, and an evidence of good management on the part of the officials, without which no such success could have

As we have before stated, another immense freight depot, similar to the one just about completed, is to be erected for the W. & W. road, work upon which will be commenced as soon as the rush of cotton

The New Dredge. Workmen are busily engaged upon the new dredge for the lower Cape Fear improvements, recently built upon Mr. J. W. Taylor's mill wharf. Those unacquainted with the business have no idea of the amount of work required upon one of these dredges, and the large amount of material necessary to equip it, embracing immense wheels, ponderous beams, heavy chains, etc. The upper works will embrace a fine cabin, state-rooms, cook-rooms, etc. It is estimated that the dredge, which will pro bably be completed in about another month, will cost from \$25,000 to \$26,000.

The Norwegian Barque Hjimmet, Capt Ingemundsen, was cleared from this port for Liverpool yesterday, by Messrs: Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 1,305 bales of cotton, valued at \$61,900; also the Schr. Eva L. Leonard, Capt. Robbins, for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming with 99,185 feet lumber and 9,000 shingles valued at \$1,536 19. Total value of for eign exports for the day \$63,436 19.

The receipts of cotton for the week end ing yesterday footed up 8,682 bales, as against 8,639 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing an increase of 43 bales in favor of 1882.

The receipts for the crop year to date foot up 60,420 bales, as against 62,215 up to November 21st last year, showing a derease of 1,795 bales.

POLITICAL POINTS.

— Judge Kelley will have very little Republican support for his proposi-tion to abolish the internal revenue.—Bos-Journal, Rep.

- The special committee of Congress on the death and burial of American commerce is expected to give in its report a good description of the funeral.—Wash. Post, Dem.

- If we had a tariff of \$50 a ton on steel rails, and there was no possibility of a reduction for a hundred years, the business of making those rails would be de-pressed whenever the supply exceeded the demand.—Wash. Post, Dem.

- We do not wish to discredit Mr. Randall, or his claim to the consideration Randall, or his claim to the consideration of the party, when we say that the House were better lost to the Democrats, infinitely better in the hands of the Republicans, than that he should again have the organization of the ways and means committee, and the power of the speaker to direct the course of tariff legislation.—Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem. VIRGINIA.

Supreme Court Decision Concerning State Coupons-Death of a Telegraph Superintendent-Fire and Loss of C. & A. R. R. Depots-The Large Life in Mecklenburg.

> (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) RICHMOND, Nov. 23.—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, all the members concurring, to-day decided that the act of the Legislature passed at the last session in the matter of the State debt, known as the coupon killer, does not include the cou-pons of October 1879, known as the Mc-Culloch bill. Under this decision these coupons are receivable for State taxes. A subsequent bill passed by the same Legisla-ture, known as the "coupon killer No. 2," however, virtually kills the above decision, as it provides that on and after December 1st, 1882, all State revenue shall be collect ed in gold, silver, United States treasury notes or national bank notes, and nothing else. The McCulloch coupons are therefore only receivable for taxes until December

R. M. J. Paynter, for many years Richmond manager of the W. U. Telegraph Company, and late superintendent of the Southern Telegraph Company here, died at his residence in this city to-day, aged 42. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.-The dwelling of Jennie Hudgins, in Mecklenburg county, together with all of its contents, was burned to-day. One member of the family was completely roasted, and the other inmates

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barely escaped.

Systematic and Successful Robberles of Mails-An Enormous Aggregate of Losses-The Department Baffled. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

DENVER, November 23.-There is no doubt that the mails between Denver and Eastern cities, particularly New York, Cleveland and Buffalo, are being systematically and successfully robbed. The New York and Eastern mail, which left here December 20th, 1881, never reached its destination, and since that time losses are almost constantly being reported. The postal authorities claim to have been thus faso successful as to locate the trouble east of the Missouri river, but still the robberies go on, under their very eyes. The real losses in valuables and currency can hardly be estimated, but the losses in drafts, bills of exchange and postal money orders, will aggregate over \$600,000. Of course these last are not losses, but Denver banks and business houses have been forced to make their transfers of money through Express companies, much to their cost and incon venience. The more recent robberies occurred on October 17th and 31st, and No-

SUGAR.

Crop Reports from the West Indies. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] HAVANA, Nov. 23 .- Advices from Demerara to the 9th say, in regard to sugar, that all the estates are engaged diligently in grinding, and that the crop presents a splendid aspect. The bulk of the sugar export goes to the United States and Halifax, the latter being comparatively a new outlet. Reports from Trinidad to the 8th say that the sugar and cocoanut crops promise well. The news from Antigua to the 7th instant, places the production at the close of the season at 150,360 hogsheads of sugar and 8,366 puncheons of molasses. It is expected that the next crop will only produce 90,000 hogsheads of sugar, unless there is

COTTON STATEMENT.

more rain. The weather throughout the

Windward islands is generally favorable to

Total Receipts at all American Ports Since September.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW YORK, November 24.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all the ports since September 1, 1882: Galveston, 321,396 bales; New Orleans, 473,738; Mo bile, 140,171; Savannah, 400,394; Charles ton, 274,773; Wilmington, 54,703; Nor-folk, 315,665; Baltimore, 5,737; New 22,098; Boston, 40,457; Provi 140; Philadelphia, 15,553; City 844; West Point, 85,229; Brunswick, 3,989; Port Royal, 4,274; Indianola Total, 2,168,350.

FOREIGN.

The Italian Courts and the Vatican. Paris Nov. 25 .- The Union publishes a Pontifical circular, issued in connection with the action of Signor Mantinuce against the Papal Major Domo before the Court of Appeal, which confirmed the decision of the Court of first instance, that the jurisdiction of Italian tribunals extended within the walls of the Vatican. The circular declares that the sentence of the Roman tribunal is in violation of the extra-territorial character of the Vatican and an insult to the Pope.

GEORGIA.

Brutal Murder of a Defenceless Man. Macon, Nov. 25 .- Near Dublin, a small own about fifty miles from Macon, and thirty miles from the Central Railroad, four men entered the house of Council O'Neill Thursday night, and after taking him out about fifty yards, sLot him. Suspicion points to everal negroes who had an old grudge against O'Neal. The Coroner is investigating the murder.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

A dispatch from Bangor, Me., says the Katahdin Iron Company has suspended payment. Its paper has gone to protest. The unsecured debts are over \$90,000. John H. Pratt has brought a civil suit

against the Women's Medical Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa., for having caused the death of his wife by maltreatment. He claims \$25,000 damages,

Judge Loomis, of Chicago; yesterday granted Mrs. Scoville a new trial on the ground that though possibly insane she was not dangerous, and hence not a subject for an asylum. She was present in court. The Printer's Paper Mill at Brinkly

Bridge, on the Conestoga Creek, Pa., was burned yesterday. Loss over \$100,000; insurance \$32,000. The fire communicated to a large covered bridge adjoining and it was also destroyed. The bridge cost \$20,-000. No insurance.

A St. Louis dispatch says that after a very thorough examination of the case the grand jury have ignored the bill against John A. Cockerell. editor of the Post-Democrat, for shooting Colonel A. W. Slay-back, and it is not likely that any further action will be taken in the matter.

The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows the following changes:
Loans decrease \$4,817,700; specie decrease
\$2,739,900; legal tenders decrease \$118,700;
deposits decrease \$6,664,300; circulation decrease \$75,000; reserve decrease \$2,192,525.
The banks now hold \$2,071,200 less than legal requirements.

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A Ghastly Discovery Made by Workmen in the Old Dutch Church-An Editor Arrested for Libel-Browning

NEW YORK.

Accident. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

NEW YORK, November 24.-While workmen who are engaged in digging away the foundations of the old postoffice, formerly the old Dutch church at Nassau and Cedar streets, this morning, they came upon a place in the floor of one of the vaults which was covered with boards. Upon these being removed there was found a pit about five feet square bricked up on all sides. The pit was filled with numberless skulls and human bones, piled in promiscuous confusion. Up to 1 o'clock sixteen skulls and five boxes of bones were taken out of the pit and then it had only been dug about two feet down. It is not known yet how deep the pit is or how many skeletons it contains. The presence of the vault was entirely unknown to any one and the church had no record of it. The discovery has created quite an excitement around the neighborhood and the streets near are black with curious sight-seers. The bones are believed by some to be the remains of Americans who were confined during the Revolutionary war in the old sugar house.

In the Court of General Sessions this morning John Devey, editor of the Irish Nation, was placed on trial for libel, having in a recent issue of his paper charged that August Belmont, the banker, acting in the interest of the British Government, had refused to return money entrusted to him for the Irish Revolutionist, Col. O'Mahony, in

TROY, Nov. 24.—Yesterday afternoon Chas. Sutcliff, 14 years old, while attempting to cross Poultney river, was drowned Bertrand Spink, who was in the vicinity hearing Sutcliff's cries for help, ran to hi assistance, but broke through the ice and was also drowned.

NEW ENGLAND.

Southern Exhibits at the Fair of the Manufacturers and Mechanics Asso ciation. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—The New England Manufacturers and Me chanics Institute, of Boston, has just closed its annual fair. The exhibits of Southern products there, notably those presented by the Richmond & Danville, Chesapeake & Ohio, Tennessee Air Line, Georgia Pacific and other Southern railgoads, awakened so great an interest among Northern manufacapart for the use of Southern exhibitors at its next annual fair a space of from 50,000 to 60,000 square feet, or more if applied for. The Society hopes that future exhibits will be arranged by States rather than as those of railroad companies. John M. Little, John F. Wood and F. W. Griffin, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respec tively, of the Institute, leave Washington to-day for the South, with the object of endeavoring by personal efforts to secure the active co-operation of Governors and Legis-latures of States interested in products so largely used in Northern manufactories. These gentlemen carry credentials to the Commissioners of Agriculture of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, to Gov Stephens, of Georgia, Gov. Jarvis, of North Carolina, and other prominent Southerners

PENNSYLVANIA. Horrible Death of a Mother and Child by a Dynamite Explosion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] PITTSBURG, November 25. - At Elizabeth Pa., to-day, a coal miner named Forsyth took several sticks of dynamite home for the purpose of fishing, and not knowing its dangerous qualities placed it in an oven on the kitchen stove to thaw out. He then went to work, and his wife and three children sat down to dinner. In about fif teen minntes Forsyth was startled by a loud report and hurrying home to learn the cause a ghastly spectacle met his gaze. His home was completely wrecked, and his wife and children were lying on the ground horribly mangled. The youngest child, aged five years, was dead, and Mrs. Forsyth who had been sitting nearest the stove presented the appearance of a person riddled with buckshot. She was still living, but her injuries are such that death is inevitable. The other two children were considerably bruised and cut, but are not fatally hurt. The sight nearly crazed Forsyth, and he attempted to commit suicide but was prevented by his friends.

ILLINOIS.

Systematic Robbery of a Chicago House by the Firm's Employes.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—The Times states hat late last night it was learned that the wholesale boot and shoe house of Phelps, Dodge and Palmer has for ten months past been systematically robbed of some \$30,000 to \$40,000-possibly more-by some of their travelling salesmen, in collusion with others of their most trusted employes. The plan pursued was for a salesman to send in from new towns in the West fictitious orders from imaginary firms, or from those which had dissolved partnership. Double orders would then be shipped, the duplicate being taken up by the traveling salesmen and returned to a Chicago firm. The greed and boldness of the confederates excited suspicion, and an investigation fol lowed, which is said to have unearthed the fact that upwards of a dozen men were in the conspiracy. One of them, G. N. Welles, is said to have been arrested. The whole affair has been very quietly conducted, and the policy of silence adopted by members of the firm.

VIRGINIA.

rrests in Richmond for Violations of the Federal Election Law.

RICHMOND, Nov. 25.—A. H. Wilkins, deputy collector of internal revenue for this city, and Charles W. Goddin, notary public, were arrested here to-day on a war rant charging them with violating the Federal election laws. Wilkins is charged with forgery in procuring au illegal vote, and Goddin with certifying to the same, knowing it to be a forgery. They are held in \$1,000 bail each until Wednesday next.

FLORIDA.

A Few Cases of Yellow Feyer at Pensa-cola. PENSACOLA, Nov. 25.-Within the last four days there has been only one death directly traceable to yellow fever—that of a sailor from a vessel in the harbor. A few new cases have occurred. Only two of the cases now existing are believed to be serious. The Board of Health has only two nurses on duty. The doctors and the Board of Health hesitated to advise absentees to return, but the streets are full of them, and business has resumed.

A fire at Calhoun, Ga., yesterday, destroyed ten stores. Loss \$20,000.

Spirits Turnertine

— Shelby Aurora: Mr. Jacob
Hogue has this year made on sixty-five
acres of ordinary land 46 bales of cotton
and raises his own corn and bacon (not in
the West) at home. — We regret to hear
that the Buffalo paper mills, four miles
northeast of Shelby, will soon discontinue,
and that Messrs. W. & R. Tiddy will remove the paper machinery to their
other mills in Lincoln county.

- Charlotte Journal: Mrs. T. Jackson and daughter, Miss Julia, returned to the city from a visit to the West.

A cloud of witnesses and revenue men is reported in attendance upon the Mott Investigating Committee now in session in Morganton. It is probable that the committee will hold a session before returning to Washington at Dallas, in Gaston county.

The passenger train for Statesville on Wednesday night encountered an obstruction on the track in the shape of a log of wood which some villain had placed there with the purpose of wreeking the train.

- Carthage Gazette: William Fry, colored, was shot by one McMillan, colored, in this county a few days ago. His remains passed through here last Saturday. It seems that McMillan lost a pistol, and went to a "witch doctor or fortune-teller" to find out who had his pistol; and the conjurer, after shuffling his cards a while, told him that William Fry had his pistol. So McMillan demanded his pistol of Fry, and Fry gave him to understand that he did not have it, but he confided so much in the "devil and witcheraft" that he insisted on Fry to give him his pistol at once. Fry could not do it. So McMillan shot him through the body rom which he died in a few days.

- Edenton Enquirer: Monday last arrangements were entered into be-tween the Roanoke & Baltimore Steamboat Co., and the E. City & Norfolk Railroad, by which they are to bring the freight and passengers of the Seaboard & Raleigh Railroad to this point, daily. The steamer Commerce has been assigned this duty, and the Juniata and Oriole have been tled up at this point, awaiting new developments, while the Commerce takes the place of these steamers. The steamers of the Roanoke & Baltimore line will continue to run to Baltimore, but all the Norfolk freights will be handled via the Railroad.

- Raleigh News Observer : The Federal Court meets here next Monday. - Henry Cherry, colored, convicted of forgery at Goldsboro, was yesterday put in the penitentiary, there to remain five. years. — Sheriff Grantham, of Wayne county, yesterday brought to the penitentiary Frank Moore, a negro, who was last week convicted of participation in the murder of Leonard O'Neal, a white man, at Frement, a few months past. Robert Pratt, who was the leading criminal, was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged at Goldsboro January 19. Moore was convicted of manslaughter and gets 20 20 years in the penitentiary.

- A letter in the Atlanta Constitution, written from London, says: "All Americans, and especially Southerners who visit Paris, are proud of the commanding position, professionally and socially, of probably the most distinguished citizen within her walls-Dr. Edward Warren, Bey. He is a native of North Carolina: was a surgeon in the Confederate army and is the only American who has ever attained to the celebrity and dignity of the highest decoration from three separate European powers-Sprain. Turkey and France, (the atter awarding to him the Legion of Honor); added to which is his title of Bey. and a decoration of the most honorable order, tendered him by the government of Egypt, in consideration of distinguished services rendered whilst Surgeon General

of the Egyptian army. - Charlotte Observer: Last Monday morning a colored man named Jack White, who lives on the farm of Capt. S. E. White, near Fort Mill, left his two little children in his house while he went for a stroll around the neighborhood. When he returned he found his house is ashes and one of his children burned to a cinder in the ruins. -The stockholders in the Charlotte gas works company will hold a meeting next Monday to take some decided action in regard to the erection of new gas works. I - The difficulty of profor grates, and coal will be very largely used in the city this winter. There is a good demand for the Tennessee coal which is being delivered in Charlotte at \$6 50.

-Charlotte Journal: Every other farmer in the county seems to have a twelve pound sweet potato. Notice is hereby given that they are no longer curiosities. —— If Mr. Dockery contests Judge Bennett's right to a seat in Congress on the ground of fraud or intimidation, he will make himself ridicu lous, and have his trouble for his pains. If he contests it on the ground that there was no law for the election and canvassing of the vote of a Congressman-at-Large in North Carolina, he will stultify himself and merit the contempt of his fellow-citizens. -The zeal of two Irish Catholics of Charlotte is so great, that having missed the train Sunday morning for Salisbury, where they intended going to witness the dedicatory services of the new Catholic church, they took a private conveyance to Concord, there got fresh horses and drove through to Salisbury in time for the ceremonies. --- A very large crowd of sportsmen is reported at High Point, where the Eastern Fields Trials Club is having its annual meeting.

- Raleigh News-Observer: To

the stupidity or carelessness of some election officers there really seems to be no limit. At North Banks precinct, Currituck county, we are informed, there was actually no election held this year. There are about seventy votes cast at this precinct, all Democratic. — In a few days it will be in order to settle election bets. Many were made here, the wagers ranging in value and variety from a hat to a \$500 check. The total receipts of cotton this season are 26,474 bales. — James N. Bowen, about 40 years of age, a tenant of Maj. Crenshaw, near Forestville, brought a load of cotton to this city two days ago and sold it to Par-ker & Avera, on Wednesday, the 22d. Since then nothing has been heard of him. The seats in the Senate Chamber and the House of Commons are nearly all taken by members elect. — The News-Observer appears to-day somewhat enlarged, the columns being longer, giving about two columns more space in the paper. The pressure of advertising matter necessitates this increase. — During the session of the Methodist Conference in this city the Christian Advocats will be published daily. —Having finally heard from Hyde we may with some degree of confidence hope that the darkey to whom was intrusted that missing box in Craven county, may yet report. The Church Messenger announces with regret that Rev. W. S. Bynum has resigned his position as Evangelist in the Western part of the State, and will probably accept a call to another State. — The result of the election in Davidson is peculiarly gratifying to us. It was the home of James fying to us. It was the home of James Madison, who aspired to be the Billy Mahone of North Carolina. The county reversed its majority and changed from a Republican to a Democratic county. In other words, it sat down very heavily on the aforesaid Billy Mahone, "the Sage of Lexington." — After mature deliberation and consultation between the Governor and his Council, the following persons were named to constitute the first Board of Directors of the Western Insane Asylum, torectors of the Western Insane Asylum, to-wit: Theo. F. Davidson, Buncombe; James W. Wilson, Burke; Alex. E. Perkins, Burke; S. M. Finger, Catawba; Dr. Marcellus Whitehead, Rowan; W. J. Yates, Mecklenburg; Dr. F. T. Fuller, Wake; Dr. J. C. Walker, New Hanover; Dr. W. R. Capeheart, Bertie.

the maintenance of the Government. minions of Henry VIII. The path of duty is the path of safety. adjusting and reducing the present absurd and oppressive tariff. THE SOUTH-OLD AND NEW. and we would have been beaten by of 1882 are very superior to the men

Dockery will contest the election of Col. Bennett. It refers to the circular of instructions sent out by Mott in which the following occurred: "To the Township Inspector—Fill out the vote cast for each candidate at your box. Deliver this card, when completed, at once to the chairman of the county committee.
"To the Chairman of the County Committee—Verify the votes returned on this card and with the official returns as they came in from the precincts on the morning after the election. Then mail this card to Dr.

South.

J. J. Mott, chairman, at Raleigh. This is The object was to make out a case in favor of the contestants, and in the face of the official returns as counted by the State Returning Board. The Observer says:

A THREATENED CONTEST.

The Charlotte Observer thinks

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"As indicated in Sunday morning's Ob server discrepancies between the returns of the precinct judges and the returns of county canvassers have been charged, with how much truth we do not know, but we do know that the matter will go through a course of official investigation, and that the Liberals have the dots and figures, with absolute power to point out and establish whatever discrepancies may appear on the official court."

We have confidence in the State Returning Board that they will not count in Bennett unless he is elected. If he is elected he can very well stand a contest. Dockery ought to contest at his own expense and not at the expense of Democratic taxpayers, unless he should get his seat, a not probable occurrence. We would not have Bennett declared elected improperly. But in view of the past, and remembering who had command in the campaign on the Radical side, a charge of corruption will be almost amusing. But the Rads are capable of some great ex-

SUPPOSED REPORT OF THE COM-

travagances and a contest may be

the latest phase of their pretensions.

MISSION. It has leaked out in Washington that the Tariff Commission will strongly favor the maintenance of a protective tariff whilst insisting that the internal revenue system shall be abolished. They will advise that in some instances the tariff tax shall be actually increased, while it will condescend to recommend that there shall be a reduction of the tax on steel rails and sugar. Some other suggestions will be made as to correcting incongruities and inequali ties. But the general principle of a high protective tariff is to be main-

It is the talk in Washington that this idea of retaining the protective system is based upon the proposition that the \$146,000,000 of annual internal revenue tax shall be obliterated and abolished. Here is another warning for Southern Senators and Representatives who favor a heavy reduction of the present war tariff and cheap food and clothing for the

Mr. Raum, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, report says, will not favor the abolition of the Internal System, but its reduction. He will propose that it be reduced \$80,000,-000, leaving some \$65,000,000 or \$70,000,000 to be collected still for

The Tariff Commission was organized as a high protective tariff concern, and its report will not be a surprise to the country. If there is any one thing clearly discernible in the political sky it is that the people demand a heavy cutting down of expenses, and to that end that the war tariff of 1861 be remodelled, reduced, readjusted. We do not believe that the present Congress will undertake the very responsible work of abolishing the internal revenues before re-

Races may advance in civilization, but they are sure to retain their most marked characteristics. Taine insists that the Englishmen of to-day hold many of the distinguishing traits of the Norsemen—the Scandinavian Seagods. Every now and then we meet with an article upon the "new South" and the men who are rearing in the South. Such writers appear to think that Southern character has radically changed, and that the men of 1860 or of an earlier day. This excites only a smile of pity among those who are familiar with the men of both eras. The war helped to develop the South unquestionably. The results of the war forced men to become more self-reliant, but the characteristics remain the same. OpporRAILROAD MATTERS.

tunities were given by the war to the men of the South to assert their manhood and to prove their endurance and fortitude. In 1860 Northern papers generally wrote of the Southern people as lazy, effete, effeminate, and incapable of endurance and hardihood. The war gave the lie direct to all such vain talk. The hardy men of the North could do nothing that the men of the South were not willing to undertake. They illustrated their beroism and courage and fortitude in a thousand ways. The North learned something of the

Now there is a vast deal of palaver and nonsense about a new breed of men in the South. There is more energy and life because times have changed. The Southern character is elastic and easily adapts itself to changed circumstances and conditions. But the fibre of Southern character is the same, It will be well for the South if there is no degeneracy within the next twenty years in the highest qualities and noblest aspirations of a pure civilization. If in A. D. 1900 the leaders of the South shall be in all respects the equal of the men of 1850, there will be indeed cause for gratulation. We take it that in 1882 there is less of purity and devotion to principle in

the South than there were a quarter

of a century since. Then we read a good deal in the public prints of Southern women, and very much of it is written in ignorance or in malice. Lake that Northern magazine scribbler, Mrs. Campbell, who is one of Tourgee's staff, many write harsh things of Southern women who are both ignorant and malicious. Prior to the war the Northern writers knew absolutely nothing. They stood outside of the charmed circle and then wrote much nonsense about what they heard and saw. The ideal picture drawn by Northern writers of the fashionable Southern woman was as false as possible. Representing her as dawdling away her life in indolent ease and luxurious languor they little knew how devoted and laborious were her days. When the war came these Southern matrons and girls who were held up as victims of ennui and society exactions, without any serious aims in life-vain, showy, frivolous-gave to the world the highest exhibitions of sacrifice and devotion to a noble cause imperilled; and of a courage and patriotism almost without a parallel in the annals of time. They gave themselves

to toil and yielded comforts and treasures for a bleeding country. It is all bosh to be indulging in strains about new men and a new civilization. There was never a higher civilization than the old. It will be well for the country if the high standard is maintained. It is opportunity that brings out character. Cromwell was growing old before the world knew that in him was a great hero. Von Moltke was full seventy before his name became a household word the world over. Occasion develops manliness. When the fated hour came that called for noble sacrifice, for high courage, for thorough consecration to duty and a dear cause the men and women of the South were equal to the hour and the demand, and history will so

write it. Brewster is soon to begin his deviltry in South Carolina. The Stalwart campaign of 1884 will open in South Carolina at an early day under the special direction and inspiration of the fantastical Brewster. Under his management all opposition to the Arthur crew is to be stamped out by the terrors of the Courts. Cases against Supervisors of Registration and Managers of Elections are to be trumped up, and the mischief is to follow generally.

The Savannah News, much enpearance, is now one of the largest papers published South of Philadelphia. Its get up is most creditable every way. We salute the Morning News. Its new head is very hand-

Weed died aged 86, and some editor was bound to say it-that he was "the Nestor of American journalism." It was the Providence (Rhode Island) Press man that did it. Let him be soused in a barrel of brine.

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