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Hamiltonianism.

in opposition to Federal invasion.

He believes that the bill was in the

direction of great central Bossism.

His words are important and signi-

ficant enough to be reproduced. He

"He could not subscribe to the doctrine that inter-State commerce could only be protected through the action of Congress. The bill was based solely on that false premise; it opened the door to the interfer-

ence of Congress with every regulation of trade and commerce. It exposed the charter of every railroad company given by the

States to modifications through the acts of

Congress. For a hundred years the States had assisted and protected inter-State com-

merce. Congress, doubting the extent of its powers, had permitted such assistance and

protection on the part of the States, and in doing so had blessed the country by its in-action. He admitted all that had been said

as to the sufferings and wrongs of the peo-

ple through the greed of railroad compa-nies; but in finding a remedy for the evil, he neither wished to find for the people a new-master (remote from them and their in-

fluence) in Congress, nor to place in the

hands of that master power over their trade

and traffic more dangerous for them than even the power of the railroad companies"

Senator Morgan, above all mem-

bers of the Senate, unless it be Sena-

tor Maxey, is certain to be found al-

ways on the side of the Constitution

and its limitations, and against an un-

wise, or a questionable, or a positive

invasion of the prerogatives of the

States. The STAR is not insisting

that under the construction of the

Supreme Court the Congress has not

the power to regulate traffic between

the States. Aside from the utility or

necessity of such a regulation the

STAR would merely say that a bill of

the kind proposed is only another.

step in the direction of clothing the

Congress with supreme power and

making the government of the coun-

try by the Congress still more abso-

The Inter State Commerce bill has

two sides to it. A great deal may

be said in its favor. It is very

plausible and has an inviting look. It

promises to do so much that men

catch at it and pronounce at the great

boon of the age - the great panacea

of all the industrial ills to which

American flesh is heir. But there

are two sides. Senators Morgan and

Platt bave shown what can be said

great evils attending the present

system may not be denied. The

country needs relief, but is it certain

that it will come in the way pro-

posed? Senator Morgan says it will

greatly injure Alabama. Senator

Platt declares that it will result in

consolidating the great companies

and crushing out the small. His

"This bill left open and invited the worst

pooling arrangements? Experience taught

that the old rate wars would begin again,

and the end of it would be, as it always had

try, which would be built on the graves of

railroads that are not able to stand in com-

petition, That railroad monopoly-would be the master of the people."

that the bill will bring the great

blessings prophesied by its friends.

It may be a leap in the dark, and

in its trail may follow curses and

wrongs greater than those it is in-

tended that it should remove. At

best, we believe, it is an experiment.

of railroad transportation had been

very greatly reduced. On the old,

great lines transportation is only one

sixth or one-fifth what the business

men of the country paid thirty years

ago. Rates have been steadily de-

creasing through the years. It is also

true that the methods employed for

operating have been materially

changed and improved. It is not claim-

ed that there are not still many and

great causes of complaint through-

out the country. But there is ad-

vance in the right direction. It is

hat the present American system is

a long way ahead of the European

system. The consolidated, Govern-

ment system has oppressed the peo-

The STAR is not blind to errors

insure justice and not cause other

We showed yesterday that the cost

We say, again, it is not assured

words as telegraphed are:

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CRIME-ITS CAUSES. There is no paper that is prompter or more certain to defend the South against unjust reproach or aspersion than the STAR. But it is neither wise nor necessary to shut your eyes to glaring facts and ostrich-like think the body is hidden because the head is stuck in the sand. The way to correct an evil is to look at it steadily in the light of open day. In matters of public health as in crime no good will come from denying plain facts. You must first see an evil before you

can apply a proper remedy. It is a fact that crime is steadily increasing in the South. Prior to the war, in slavery times, murders among negroes were comparatively rare; among the whites they were very rare indeed as compared with the present. In North Carolina, we are pained to say, crime is much more rife and abounding than at any former time. We have but little doubt that in the last five years there to kill occurring in North Carolina than in the preceding ten years, or in any twenty years before the war. The Raleigh Biblical Recorder thus delivers its own opinion. It says:

"It is probable that more murders were committed in North Carolina during the past year than in any half dozen years since 1865. Nearly every county has had its criminal and its victim. Nearly every community in the State has been shocked by the terrible announcement that some one f its citizens has been murdered

"The number of these terrible experi ences have rapidly increased during the last five or rix years. The people are becoming alarmed and are asking not only for the causes that have led to this deplorable and ruinous state of public morals, but are equally interested in discovering some

Whatever the causes of this alarm. ing and dreadful increase of crime the fact remains, we take it. We could again discuss the causes as we have done in former editorials, but it would probably do no good. As we look at it the chief causes for increase of crime, aside from natural depravity and widely prevailing ten-

First, defects in the criminal law and the failure of Courts to render speedy verdicts.

dencies to evil, are the following:

Second, a false public sentiment that condones crime and sympathizes with villains. This is seen in namerous applications extensively signed kind of combination—a consolidation of railroad corporate capital. What were the railroads to do if prohibited from making for executive elemency, and in bestowing floral tributes by foolish women upon such red-handed murderers as Claverius. been, consolidation. Monopolies of this country had been built on the graves of weak competitors. The bill invited a grand monopoly of railroad capital in this coun-

Fourth, the one-man power. Fifth, the failure of prosecuting officers to do their duty.

Sixth, the jury system.

The list might be extended, but these constitute the chief causes of crime, and until they are corrected there will be but little abatement of crime. It is simply most deplorable that in a State that has been always so law abiding as North Carolina so many incarnate devils should despoil and kill and deflower and sow the "whirlwind.

## THE POWERS OF CONGRESS-SCHOOLS AND COMMERCE.

We knew that the present Superintendent of Public Instruction, believed warmly in Federal Pedagogy, but we did not suppose he was prepared to go "the whole hog" as some others go it. He savs:

Why any Southern member, who is in favor of public education, should oppose this measure is beyond my comprehension, all arguments about its unconstitutionality to the contrary notwithstanding."

He is prepared then to accept aid at any cost. The Constitution may go to the dogs so the State gets boldly claimed by those who opmoney from the Federal Treasury pose the bill before the Congress that was never designed for school teaching purposes. We do not think the Superintendent is a safe constitutional guide, however active he may be in the discharge of legitimate ple very greatly more than the duty. His effort to create public American system of free competisentiment in favor of the Blair sys- tion. tem of Federal school teaching will not be indorsed by the STAR. It is a and defects, and to the justice of deplorable blunder. There is no more | complaints. It believes that the sysdangerous bill possible. If adopted tem might be greatly improved and by the Congress it would in the end | that some of the complaints are just. destroy the public schools, or, what But the point is will the bill before is worse, make the States eternal Congress bring the relief expected, pensioners upon Federal bounty.

It is almost a foregone conclusion | evils that may be even more serious that the bill in some shape will be- than those now existing? The prescome a law. The South is gravitating ent system is not an ideal, perfect by degrees to the centralized theory system, but it is an important, exist.

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C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD.

-that the Congress is capable of do. | ng system, and if displaced very ing anything it pleases, and that the great evils may possibly follow. States have no independent autono-Who knows? Who is so wise as to my. This Blair bill is a strong movebe certain that Senators Morgan, ment in the direction of of consolida-Platt and others are wrong and the tion. But the sense of the country advocates of the bill are right. we believe to be in favor of Federal It is a most difficult problem we

taxation for State schools. It is a take it. The bill may prove a blesstremendous stride towards intense ing, and it may prove a curse. The Louisville Courier-Journal is an ex-The Inter-State Commerce bill is ceptionally able paper and is pubmeeting with opposition in the Senlished in one of the largest and most ate. True to his uniform and conflourishing of Southern cities. It sistent policy Senator Morgan, of says of the bill, and what is said Alabama, stands up for the power of should be duly considered: States to deal with questions con-"Our entire commerce, foreign and domestic, rests on cheaper rates for through than for local business. This system of charges is not the work of one man, or of a cerning their internal interests, and

charges is not the work of one man, or of a pool; it is not the clear conception of any commercial organization offered to transportation. It has grown up gradually and unintentionally, and it must be traced to some influence outside of the control of pools or of legislation. It has been due to the all-pervading law of competition which, like the great force of gravity, has defined the limits or orbits of each commercial centre. It is not conceivable that trafcial centre. It is not conceivable that trafflo managers would, for mere pleasure, carry freight for less pay one hundred than fifty miles. When done it is done under compulsion; it is a concession, a compromise, made necessary by the river, or the canal, or the discovery of new facilities of production or construction greater in one locality than in another. \* \* Take for instance, Louisville as a tobacco market, or Minneapolis as a grain market, or Memphis as a cotton market, section 4 will strike directly at these cities, and at all in-terior cities, and destroy the business con-nections, which are the growth of a generation. \* \* The railroads will, if the bill passes, either have to apply the through rates to all local points, or they will abandon all competitive or through business to the river, the canal and the Canadian roads. If they apply through rates to all local points, all business will be centred in New York. That city will overshadow this country as Paris does France. \* \* The effect would be to annul the natural advantages of points where water and rail compete, and put all on a dead level. The system which makes it possible to ship

mere local roads. For all this there is no How true all this is we may not undertake to say, but it is surely worth the attention of all now discussing the merits of the bill. That bill may benefit localities, communities, even sections, but is it probable that it will benefit the country at large? How will it affect North Carolina?

brough cars from San Francisco to New

York would slowly disintegrate, and the various trunk lines would be cut up into

We have not been able to give the message of Governor Scales such an examination as it requires. A cursory glance reveals the fact of care and method. He considers a great many questions in detail and with most of his recommendations we approve. When we come to examine it carefully we may be able to indorse all. It is long, a common fault now-a days with all such documents. They are so long that small dailies cannot well afford to print them, as they exclude all other matter. We shall consider the message in our next and will try to give our readers a birds-eye view of its contents. It occupies 33 pages, octavo, That there are very serious, very of the proceedings of the session of 1887. We are indebted to the excellent State Printer, Maj. P. M. Hales for a copy in pamphlet form.

Cotton Exports Yesterday. Messrs. Williams & Murchison cleared the British steamship Elstow, for Liverpool, with 4.974 bales of cotton, weighing 2,309,

848 pounds, and valued at \$223,785. Mr. E. Lilly cleared the Gorman brig Diana, also for Liverpool, with 1,128 bales of cotton, weighing 527,124 pounds, and

valued at \$49,940. Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son cleared the German barque Godeffrey, for Havre, France, with 1,860 bales of cotton, weighing 963,749 pounds, and valued at \$79,897

Wilmington's Foreign Exports in The total valuation of exports to foreign countries from this port during the year ended December 31st, 1886, amounts to \$5 .-951,073, as follows:

Cotton, 109,360 bales, valued at \$4, Rosin, 310,444 barrels, valued at \$334

Tar and crude turpentine, 8,588 barrels valued at \$10.947. Spirits turpentine, 2,069,174 gallons, val-

ned at \$702,541. Lumber, 10,133,000 feet, valued at \$161,

Shingles, 2,057,000, valued at \$10,535. Miscellaneous, valued at \$37,894.

Plat Boat and Cargo Burned. A flat boat, laden with spirits turpentin cotton and rosin, was destroyed by fire Friday night, on Black river, below Point Caswell. No explanation has been given as to the cause of the fire, but it is supposed to have resulted from the carelessness of some of the hands. The boat and cargo-consisting of 50 casks of spirits of surpentine, 34 bbls of rosin and two bales of cotton-belonged to Messrs. Herring & Peterson, of Sampson county. One cask spirits of turpentine and about half a bale of cotton were saved. The loss is estimated at \$1,000; no insurance. The boat and cargo were consigned to Mr. Owen Fennell,

Imports in December. The imports from foreign countries re-

ceived at this port for the month of December last, as taken from the records kept at the Custom House, amount in value to \$31.-440. The principal articles were kainit, from Germany, valued at 27,166; salt, from Liverpool, 1,120,000 pounds, valued at \$1,-329; bituminous coal, from England, 253 ons, valued at \$609; earthenware, from England, valued at \$609; and fruits, from the West Indies, valued at \$1,616.

Cotton Movements. The receipts of cotton at this port for the week ended January 8th, 1887, foot up 1,-035 bales, as against 1,488 bales for the corresponding week last year; an increase of 447 bales. The receipts for the crop year to date foot up 119,722 bales, as against 80,441 bales for the corresponding period | mington buyers are paying 94c. for the last year; an increase of 36,281 bales.

Joint Meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finauce-The Question of Subscription Considered but No Conclusion

The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance met at the City Hall last night to consider the report of the commission appointed by the Board of Aldermen to trent with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway Company in relation to a subscription by the city to secure the extension of that road to Wilmington. The meeting assembled in the Mayor's room at 8 o'clock and continued in session for several hours. Mayor Hall was chairman All the members of the Boards were present with the exception of Aldermen

Bear and Rourk. Mr. R. J. Jones, of the Board of Audit and Finance, raised the point of order that the commission had not been regularly appointed; and Alderman Giles called upon the clerk of the Board to read the resolution under which the commission was ap-

Mr. Calder, of the Board of Audit and Finance, asked the clerk if he had notified the members of the commission that they had been appointed. The clerk answered that he had not

Alderman Boney requested the city attorney, Mr. Cutlar, to give his opinion as to whether the commission had been properly appointed. Mr. Cutiar gave it as his opinion that the commission had been properly appointed. He said that the resolution adopted by the Board of Audit and Finance that the action of the commission should be submitted to that board for approval, would be considered in law sufficient to establish that fact. Mr. Calder said that a conference of the

two boards had been called for which had not been held, and in his opinion the commission had not been regularly appointed. Mr. Cutlar reiterated his opinion that the commission had been regularly appointed. The Board of Audit and Finance assented to it, in reserving their right to approve its action; but which in any event had to go before the board for approval before it could be submitted to the people. It was perfectly competent for either board, however, to consider the appointment of the commission sull sud void; if it saw

Mr. Calder did not approve of the question of subscription being submitted to the people. If it could be left to the vote of real estate owners, he would be willing to hold the election to-morrow. Mr. Gore, of the Board of Audit and

Finance and Alderman Worth contended that four out of five of the real estate owners of the city were in favor of the sub-

Alberman Giles thought that the wishes of holders of city bonds should be con-

Mr. Jones coincided with Alderman Giles in this opinion, remarking that "when you turn your back on the bondholders you turn your back on your best friends." After a prolonged discussion of the mat-

ter the chair ruled that the point of order raised by Mr. Jones was not well taken, Mr. Jones appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question was then put when the chairman was sustained in his ruling. Mr. Jones then moved that the report of the commission be rejected. Mr. Giles seconded the motion, but pending consideration, a motion to adjourn was put and carried.

After the adjournment of the joint meeting of the two boards, the Board of Aldermen adopted a motion to meet in special session Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Convicted of Perjury.

Pat Williams, colored, was tried and convicted of perjury yesterday in the Criminal Court. It is believed that he was concerned in the robberies perpetrated in the city last summer by John Jones, the colored mas who was convicted of burglary at the last term of the court. Jones lived with Williams, and on the night the burglary was committed he knocked at the door of Williams' house, saying "let us in: they have shot at us." Mr. Skipper, who lived in an adjoining house, heard the demand made by Jones for admittance, and also heard Williams open the door and let the man in. It was upon the testimony given by Williams in relation to this circumstance that he was indicted at the present term of court for perjury.

Burglary on Fourth Street.

The place of business of Mr. Mills, a dealer in second hand clothing, on Fourth street between Hanover and Brunswick, was entered by burglars Wednesday night and robbed of a large portion of the stock, the missing goods being vauled altogether at sixty to seventy-five dollars. The thieves gained entrance to the store by forcing open the shutters of a window. The proprietor of the place says that a colored man-a stranger-was in the store Wednesday afternoon, whose actions were rather suspicious. He pretended to have a great deal of money, and said that he wanted to make some purchases, but after making a thorough inspection of the stock, bought nothing, and when he took his departure said that he would call again. The storekeeper seemed to think that his customer of the afternoon "called again" that night.

The new Purcell House, under the management of Mr. N. Frederick, has been opened for the accommodation of guests. Mr. Frederick, the proprietor, has had years of experience in the business and it may well be said of him that "he knows how to keep a hotel." The house has been comfortably furnished throughout; it is conveniently situated, and under the new management will no doubt rapidly win favor with the travelling public. Persons who are registered as guests of the hotel say that the fare is excellent.

Cotton comes in slowly on account of the bad weather. The receipts yesterday were only 198 bales, but still were larger than the receipts on the same date last year. Prices are well maintained, and are an eighth to a quarter higher than at other Southern ports. While middling cotton is quoted quiet and steady in Charleston at 91c, and in Savannah quiet at 91-16c., Wilsame grade on a firm market.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

mate Proceedings-The Republican Riccied and Sworn in-A Resolution to Increase the Reward Offered for m-Debate on the Blair Bill-The Governor's Message Received-Its Recommendations, &c. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH. N. U., Jan. 6 —At noon the House was called to order by Speaker Webster. The first business of the day was the election of a Reading Clerk. W. G. Burkhead, of Durham county, was nominated. Richmond Pearson seconded the nomination, and a Republican named Pinnix called on his party to vote for Burkhead. A ballot being taken Burkhead got sil the votes, save two for John C. Gorman and one for D. L. Ellis, Spanist

Pearson nominated for Engrossing Clerk William M. Davies, of Henderson county the Democrats nominating Peter R. Hatch of Chatham. In nominating Davies, Richmond Pearson made what was really an attempted defence of independent views. He said that Davies had antagonized the county government system. His views were those of Mr. Webster. A ballot being taken Davies received 61 votes and Hatch 56; the latter getting the Democratic vote. The next business was the election of a Doorkeeper, and for this position Mr. Overman nominated D. R. Julian, of Rowan, while Dr. York nominated Jake Hallybur-

ton, of Burke Some of the Independents penarted from their rule of voting with the Republicans and Julian was elected. The Republican caucus held this morning had agreed upon Burkhead, Davies and Julian. Pearson had promised yesterday, openly, that Burkhead and Julian should elected. Speaker Webster voted for

Julian For Assistant Doorkceper two names were placed before the House-one that of Reitzel, of Catawba, by the Democrats; the other that of Morris King, of Orange Somewhat of a sensation was created by John H. Williamson, a colored Republican of Franklin, casting his vote for Reitzel. Williamson said that a compact made had been broken, and he would show his manhood by voting for Reitzel. This elicited great applause from the Democratic side of the House. The result of the ballot was the election of Reitzel by a vote of 63 to 52 This was cheered londly by the Dem-

The new officers were all swore in by the Speaker. The House was then declared duly organized and the Governor was notified of its readiness to receive his message. The rules of the last House were adopted.

Hoover, a representative from Wake, offered a resolution empowering Gov. Scales to offer a reward of \$1,000 for W L Bingham, the murderer of Miss Lizzie B. Turlington After some discussion the resolution was tabled.

A lively debate arose on a resolution offered by Mr White, of Perquimans, to instruct our Senstors to use their influence and to vote for the Blair bill. York and some others loudly urged the passage of The Democrats urged that the discussion of the matter be postponed until noon next Saturday, making it a specia order. There was an evident eagerness to push the matter through and thus get an expression of opinion, but finally the resolution to postpope passed. The Governor's message was received

At 1 80 o'clock the House adjourned to Il o'clock to-morrow morning. The attendance during the day was large and the deepest interest was manifested i

be proceedings. The Gover: or's message is a document o thirty-three pages It endorses the work of the Tax Commission; speaks in the high-eat terms of the work of the Department of Agriculture; urges the work of development of the oyster interests; endorses th industrial school; desires the extension of school terms to four months; asks for an appropriation for the State Guard to as to permit biennis! encampments; urges, in crease of the number of Supreme Court Justices to five; recommends an increase of salaries of Governor, Judges, Secretary of State, Auditor. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General and Adju-

tant General The Senate met at noon. Four Senators were sworn in, making the entire number. David B. Nicholson, of Sampson, was elected Reading Clerk unanimously. W. Gudger beat J. M. Alexander for En-rolling Clerk. A. M. Noble, of Johnston, was elected Assistant Doorkeeper. All these officers were sworn in.

Senator Lockhart gave notice of a contest of the seat of C. C. Clark of Craven. Several bills, of minor importance, were ntroduced Senator Shaw, of the First District, an-

nounced the death of his colleague Senator Gregory. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and in respect to Mr. Gregory' SRALEIGH, Jan. 7.-There was quite

shower of resolutions and bills to-day. Two resolutions in regard to the Blair bill were put on the calendar to come up to-morrow. when the resolution on that bill is the spe

Bills to repeal the county government aw were offered by Pinnix; Pearson and Ewart. The former's bill is for the the entire State: that of Pearson is for Buucombe county, while Ewart's is for Henderson Buncombe and several other transmontan counties. Pearson also offered a bill to alter the present stock law for Buncombe so as to allow the people to vote thereon. Horner, colored, of Wake, offered a bil o repeal the stock law for Wake. Bills for the increase of the Supreme Court Justices to five were affered by Sut-

ton and Overman. Pritchard introduced a bill to prohibi the importation of deadly weapons, while Sutton offered one for the better protection f mechanics and laborers.

The first bill to pass was one introduced by Oakley of Orange, to incorporate the Blackwell Durham Co-operative Company. with a capital of \$2,000,000. Oakley stated that it would bring \$1,000,000 capital into the State. It passed under suspension of the rules.
Official notice was filed by; Pritchard, Re

publican, of a contest by Brem, Republican, for the seat of Shadrach Franklin, the member from Surry.

Speaker Webster announced the appointment of the following committees: On Judiciary-Overman chairman; Sutton, Ewart, Felton, Lyn, Thomas, Parsons,

Doughton, Gray, Abell and Jordan. (Of these pine are Democrats.) On Privileges and Elections-York. Craw ford of Haywood, Fries, Pritchard, Felton, Pearson, Candler, Paschal, McMillar Pinnix, Saunders, Cherry, Kell, Evans, Chilcutt, Spellar and (Of the nineteen only seven are Ward

Democrats and four are Independents.) Governor Scales' message, which though sent to both branches of the Assembly yeserday was not then read, was read in full and thus made public officially.

A message came in from the Senate, stating that it was ready to vote for En-

rolling Clerk. That official is elected on ballet. A motion was made and dopted that the House go into the election and appoint tellers. The Republicans in a few moments showed their hands by moving to reconsider the vote by which they had decided to elect. A Democrat moved to table the motion to reconsider, whereupon the Radicals called for the ayes and nays. The result of this call was to again show the hands of the Republicans and Inde-pendents, who stood together and voted no. to manifest their opposition to any measure proposed by the Democratic Senate. It was really an important revelation, though brought about by such a trivial matter.

brought about by such a trivial matter. The vote was—nays 57, ayes 54; so the motion to table was lost.

A request being made by a Democrat for a reason why the election should not be held now, a Republican said it was not the proper time. Mr. Pearson said the real reason was that the member from Craven in a seat here had no right thereto. Until that matter was settled the vote would not be taken. The member from Craven (Mr. Lene) he declared had no sheriff's certificate of election. That certificate was held by a black man.

Col. Holt said the matter of electing an

Enrolling Clerk had nothing to do with the question of the right of a member to a seat. That would be settled by the House at the proper time and in the usual way.

Mr. Leazer made a vigorous speech sad said at the doors of the Republican and Iedependents lay the charge of obstructing the regular legislative business until they could make every attempt to control the majority on joint ballot. Leazer's point was a good one, and showed the shifty radicals and their new bedfellows in their

Pritchard attacked the Democrats for having, as he charged, deferred the settling of contested election cases until the very close of the session. Dr. Worth hit the Republicans a hard blow by saying that Lane had presented a certificate, just as Hussey had, in the Craven county case. He said the Republicans

knew this

Mr. Lane next spoke and said he had presented a certificate from the sheriff. After quite a number of other members had discussed the matter, a vote was taken on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House had decided to go into an election The result was—in favor of resoon as this was appounced ex Governor Brogden moved to table the Senate's message. Col. Holt said such action would be the grossest discourtesy to the Senate Several Radicals thereupon expressed a desire to go on record Brogden's motion pre-railed-57 to 54-the Radicals and Independents pulling together. So the Radical-Independent House threw down the gauntlet to the Democratic Senate.

Elihu White, Radical, from Perquimans, offered a resolution declaring that John E. Hussey was entitled to the seat now held by W. B. Lane from Craven. The resolu-At 1 o'clock the House adjourned until 1 to morrow. To day's work has caused nearly as

much excitement as the election for Speaker. Everybody knows now how to place the Radicals and their new allies. SENATE. Notice was given of a contest by Robbins for the seat held by Thorpe, Democrat, from the Seventh District Among the bills introduced was one to

permit the counties to put convicts sentenced to terms in jul at work on public improvments. A resolution was adopted creating a committee to act with a House committee to arrange for heating the Capitol.

The following committees were appinted: Privileges and Elections-Fields. Adams, Alexander, Warren, Turner, Cooke, Win-Corporations-Williamson, W. bb, Bailey,

Williams of Davidson, Putcell, McCormack, Cooke. Spiaries and Fees-Pemberton, Stevenson, Mclver, Warren, Shaw, Saunders, Insurance-Thorne Pemberton, Steven-

son, Tull, Spruill, Lillington, Murrow. Judiciary-Adams, Warren, Pemberton, Clark, Fields, Pon. Webb, Williams, of Davidson, Elias, Kerr, Turner, Shober, Cooke, Wieston, Lockey Pearson Sava he Made an Erroncous

Assertion. RALEIGH, January 7 .- After the session of the House to-day, Richmond Pearson stated that upon investigation of the cerificates in the Lane-Hussey case, he had discovered that he had made an erroneous assertion in saying that Lane had no certificate signed by the sheriff. He found that he had such certificate, and therefore

had prima facie right to the sent., CONNECTICUT.

Quileged Superintendents Convicted of Conspiracy in Blacklisting Work.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 8 .- In the City Court this morning Judge Pickett rendered a decision in the cases of Wm. H. Wallace Assistant Superintendent of the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and Stacey H. Opdyke, Superintendent of the New Haven & Northampton Railroad, accused of conspiracy by Thomas F. Meany who charged them with blacklisting him The accused were flacd \$50 each. They will undoubtedly appeal from the decision. The Judge, in his decision, said that he was clearly of opinion that a conspiracy designed to hinder any man from putting his labor on the market when, where and for such compensation as he may agree for, is equally criminal with such conspiracy designed to hinder the sale of merchandize of any producer or dealer; and is more disastrous in effect than any other form o conspiracy, except that to take life. To convict of such conspiracy circumstantial evidence is competent and may be conclusive. It is sufficient if it is shown that the parties had a mutual understanding to a common design and the part each was to perform in the attainment thereof. The Court is satisfied that Wallace and Opdyke had mutual understanding, that a man not approved by the one should not be emoyed by the other. This was to all in tents and purposes a boycott upon indi-

## SHIPWRECK.

Crew Lost-Five Members of the Life Saving Service Drowned. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASBINGTON, Jan. 8 -The Signal Corps station at Cape Henry, Va., reports that the German ship Elizabeth of Bremen, went ashore at 2 a. m. to day, fourteen miles south of Cape Henry, Va. The crew was lost, also the captain and two men of Little Island Life Saving station, and two men of the Dam Neck, Va., Life Saving crew, who were drowned while attempting the rescue of the ship's crew. Four of the ship's crew washed ashore near Little Island at 4 p. m. to-day. The condition of the ship is unknown, but she is supposed to be badly damaged The sea is very heavy; winds fresh from the northeast.

CALIFORNIA.

Demonstration by Street-Car Strikers

in San Francisco. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.-Near mid night last night a crowd of car strikers left their meeting hall and walked up Mason street About fifteen minutes later a car of the Sutler street line was coming down the hill. As it reached Mason street, the strikers sallied forth with sticks and stones, and attacked the conductor, gripman and passengers. On demurring, one of the assengers was dealt a heavy blow on the ead with an iron bar, cutting a deep gash in the scalp, which bled profusely. Simultaneously, the conductor on the rear plat form was struck on the head with a club and on the knee with a stone. The gripman was also struck and severely bruised. The attack was so quickly over that no arrests

EX-SENATOR THURMAN.

could be made.

The Distinguished Gentleman Ating Itiness. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

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Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.—While the festivities of the Jackson Club banquet were in progress last night, a sensation was created when ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman suddenly reeled and fell in a stupor from his chair at the table. Instantly all was excitement, and for a minute he seemed to be lifeless. He was removed to a carriage and taken to his residence, where he recovered somewhat. It is not known what the result will be. Mr. Thurman has been suffering for a week or more from been suffering for a week or more from

FOREIGN.

Terrible Snow Storm in the Midland Counties of England. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LORDON, Jan. 8.—A terrible snow storm has prevalled throughout the midland counties of England, and much loss of life is feared. The highways and railways are impassable in many places and the mails are blocked. Col. Holt said the matter of electing an

State Gleanings.

-- Statesville American: The National Bank is making good headway, and lacks only a few more stockholders to com-

- William A. Daniel-"Button" of other days-has been elected Superin-tendent of Public Instruction for Halifax. tendent of Public Instruction for Hanlax.

He is an alumnus of Chapel Hill. The vacancy was caused by the death of Colonel,
David C. Clark.

— Charlotte Observer: Several carriages yesterday had small cow bells attached to them in imitation of the street car bells. — Mr. Jo. Floyd, the young man who was so severely cut by Wise at Dallas on the 27th of December, is reported as slowly improving. - Weldon News: On Thursday

WASHINGTON

Presidential Nominations-The Ten

ure of 6Mes Act.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTO J, Jan 6.—The President sent the following ucminations to the Ser-

ate to-day: Thomas C. Manding, of La.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Pleni-potentiary to Mexico: Hugh A. Denamore,

of Ark., Minister Resident and Consul General to Corea.

The House Committee on Civil Service Reform to-day instructed Chairman Cox.

of N. C, to report favorably to the House the Senate bill to repeal the Tenure of-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 - The Secretary

the Treasury has appointed Herbert F. Beecher to be Special Agent of the Treasury. He is a son of Rev. Henry Ward

Beecher, and was formerly Collector of Customs at Port Townsend, Washington

Territory.
The Senate Committee on Printing. It is

said, began this morning the study of cer-tain problems involved in the nomination of Benedict to be Public Printer, and Bene-

dict was himself before the committee for

examination. No conclusion was reached,

and another meeting is to be held. It

is understood that there are no formulated

charges against the nominee, but there are

people who claim he is not a practical printer or book binder, and in these respects

does not meet the requirement of the law governing the appointment to this office. The committee finds itself called

upon not only to investigate and determine the question of facts, but to interpret the law. It is argued

on one hand that to be a practical printer

and bookbinder one must have served an

apprenticeship at type-setting and have worked with his own hands at bookbind-

ing. On the other hand, it is urged that the

manager of an immense establishment like

the Government Printing Office, may be all

the more efficient for not having passed his

life in wrestling with the minutize or mere

mechanical features of the work in hand.

The committee will give Benedict ample

opportunity to reply to anything which

The House River and Harbor Committee

The President is steadily improving in

health and is feeling better than at any time

received a large number of official visitors

during the forenoon and held his usual

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Conferees on the Electoral Count bill held two meetings to-

day and practically reached an agreement

on that measure, although another conference will be held next week in order to perfect the text of the bill. Ameadments

made by the House in the Senate bill have

substantially received the approval of the

Senate conferees, and whatever changes

have been made by the Conference Com-mittee are intended to make even more

plain and beyond contention the proposi

tion that with the States rests the power

absolutely to determine any controversy

with reference to their electoral votes; and,

in event of the failure of a State to make

such decision as between two sets of re-

turns, neither set can be counted except

upon concurrent vote of the House and

FRIGHTFUL COLLISION.

Passenger Train Runs Into Another

in Chicago - Two Cars Completely

Wrecked, But no Person Seriously

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—As the special New York & Boston express, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, which

leaves here at 8 50 a. m. reached the rail

way crossing at Sixteenth street this morn-

ing, a passenger train on the Louisville

New Albany & Chicago Railway crashed

luto it. The engine of the Louisville train

struck the baggage car of the Lake Shore train and lifted the car completely off the

trucks. The smoking car, which was

crowded with passengers, was next over-

were badly wrecked no one was killed or

even badly injured. It was with the greatest

difficulty, however, that the passengers

who were imprisoned beneath the wreck

were extricated, and the wildest excite

ment prevailed at the crossing. It is not

roads are still blocked, and there are im-

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Two men on the plat

Louisville & New Albany engineer ran

away after the collision and has not been

seen since. It is thought he feared lynch-

ing and was of the impression that a num

scene of the disaster he was noticed to shu

lown and reverse, but the impetus which

be checked. Both trains soon after re-

turned to the vards, were made up anew

and two hours later proceeded on their

journeys. A good many cuts and bruises

OHIO.

Natural Gas Explosion—A Young Man

PITTSBURG, Jan 6 .- A natural gas ex-

olosion at Youngstown, Ohio, at 3 o'clock

olock, and four other buildings. Thomas

Brannigan, aged 19 years, was cremated,

and several others are reported missing.

The Baptist Church and Drake's livery

stables are in ruins. The loss will be over

Youngstown, Ohio, January 6.-At 3

o'clock this morning Jack Semple, watch-man in the scarcely completed Andrews

block on South Market street, op ned a

window to secure ventilation. Instantly an

street with his clothes aflame and rolled in

the snow. Flames burst from the building

which burned with extraordinary rapidity

and was totally consumed. The block was

cost of \$60,000. Several business enter-

prises had just been established in the build-

ing. The total loss will reach considerably

over \$100,000, with probably \$75,000 insu-

removed to the city hospital. Another

watchman, Thomas Barringer, sged 19

years, is missing, and is supposed to be in the ruins. Assistant Chief Davis, of the

fire department, was painfully burned. Two

lines of natural gas mains run past the An-

drews building, and it is supposed the fluid leaked and was carried into the building

through a drain trench and was ignited

when Semple opened the window

of brick and stone and just completed at a

explosion occurred, and Semple ran into the

sing-Property Loss \$100,000.

but nobody was burt badly

had already been obtained was too great to

anded in the snow and were unburt.

nense crowds at the scene.

enough to be laid up

since his last attack of rheumatism.

weekly reception in the afternoon.

to-day made some further charges in the original draft of the River and Harbor bill.

ay be said against him.

last Peter, the four-year old son of Mr. P. N. Stainback, was terribly burned about the body hands and face. — On Sunday, December 30lb, a murder was committed at Belfield under the following circumstances: Randolph Watson had charged Joe Robinson with having undue relations with his (Watson's) wife, and had sent him word that he intended killing him on sight. The two men nut at Belfield on Sunday when Watson shot and instantly killed Robinson with a gun loaded with buckshot, the load taking effect in the head and tear ing nearly the whole of it off.

-- Wilson Mirror: Thistles are to be worn on hats this spring. Johnny says thistle be news to his girl. seem paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true, that a man cannot smoke a cigar too short unless he smokes it too long. ——
"Hello!" said the policeman, "what are you sitting out here in the cold for? Why don't you go in the house; have you lost your key?" "No," responded the disconsolate citizen. "I-hic-lost ther keyhole." ---Yes, brother journalists there will come a time when religious societies will not expect seven dollars' worth of gratuitous advertising in return for a ticket entitling the bearer to a chance in a raffle for a ninety-

cent hair brush. - Raleigh News Observer: A white man from Fayetteville named J. T. Carver was jailed in Smithfield last week in default of bail for attempt to, commit rape on the person of a little white girl but five years old. The case is an aggravated one, and Carver narrowly escaped lyuching. - The Board of Education of Wake county, in session yesterday, made an apportionment of \$1.00 per capita for public education of children of school age. \_\_\_\_\_\_ In a letter to his brother in this city, Mr. Geo. Howard, a deaf mute well known here, says that while on a visit to New York, the authorities suspected him of be ing Walter L. Bingham, the murderer of Miss Turlington, and that they seized upon him and made him prove his identity be-fore being allowed the freedom of the city.

- Charlotte Chronicle: We knew the late Congressman James W. Reid, in the Fifth North Carolina District. ' He is a handsome fellow and makes a fine appearance. If the cut published in yesterday's Richmond Dispatch is anything like him now he has woefully changed since he disappeared from home and politics. Many of the present day newspaper illustrations of people are the "unkindest cuts of all." - Yesterday afternoon Drs Wilder and Avary trepanned the skull of a colored man named John Morrison, About ten days ago Morrison and his wife got into a fight, when his better half seized hold of a skillet and dealt John a blow on his head that fractured his skull. The condition of the wounded man has since become serious in the extreme, but it is believed that the operation yesterday performed will afford

- Wilson Advance: There have been two failures in Wilson recently. Messis. Carraway and Batts have assigned to Mesers. W. J. Harris and Alex. Green. Mr. J. R. Boykin has assigned to Jno. E. Woedard, Esq. — The people of the Whitakers-Battleboro section are at work with the avowed object of securing a new county out of portions of Nash and Edgecombe counties. - The gin house of Mr. T. J. Rowe, near Black Creek, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday after Christ-mas. The gin was insured for \$1,000 - We regret to learn that Messrs. Collins & Wood, of Nashville, had between \$30 and \$40 stolen from the drawer in their store on Christmas night. -- The Legislature will be called upon to give the people of the State an opportunity of having graded schools in the different towns over North Carolina where the people are able to sup-

- Asheville Citizen: The adjourned meeting of the friends of the Carolina Central Railway, or rather of the proposed extension of that road to Asheville, will be held at Fair View on Friday of this week. This is a matter of vital importance to Asheville, to Buncombe and to Western North Carolina. We have a deaf and dumb graduate of the Raleigh institution in our office, who knew intimately Bingbam, the murderer of Miss Turlington. He is astonished to know how Bingham has suc ceeded in escaping the general police of the country; but he makes a suggestion that might prove of benefit, provided Bingham has actually left the country. Bingham has a deaf mute school mate in the Ander mountains, in South America, and our Mr. Crow thinks if he has gone on the waters that he will endeavor to reach his friend. ber of lives were lost. When nearing the We merely give his suggestion, thinking i

might lead to some results.

-- Fayetteville Obsever- Gazette: On Monday, the 3d inst., Mr. Elias Gainey, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of county, died at the residence of his son, Mr. Noel Gainey, on the cast side of the Cape Fear river. - On the 22d of December, Mrs. Newberry died in this town after a long period of physical weakness, poverty and ill-health, who was popularly supposed to have reached the remarkable age of 100 years or more. Only a few hours later her daughter, a woman of very advanced years also, succumbed to the wasting power of infirmity and disease. — Some planters in this section have made good tobacco, which brought satisfactory prices at the Fayette ville Warehouse, as follows: R. F. Devane \$1 75 to \$31, average \$18 25; J. Prevatt, of Robeson county, \$5 50 to \$21 50, average \$13 08; John Kirkpatrick, \$9 25 to \$40, average \$24 49. Single lots have sold at from \$15 to \$81 per hundred

- Charlotte Chronicle: The snow is four inches deep on a level, and in some six to twelve inches. - Articles of incorporation for a new gold mining com-pany were yesterday filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court. The name of the corporation is the Point Gold Mining Company, and the incorporators are nearly all ssachusetts men. - During las month there were nineteen deaths in this city—ten colored and nine white.

Col. R. A. Johnston, Superintendent of the Charleston, Circinnati & Chicago Railroad, a corporation better known in this section rance. Semple was badly burned and was by the name of the Massachusetts & South ern Construction Company, was at the Central, in this city yesterday, and told a reporter that he is making arrangements to begin grading another section of the road. This road is now completed and in opera-tion between Black's station and Shelby and the construction force is to be put to work at once on the road from station to Camden, where connection will be made for Charleston. Col. Johnston states that the read will be completed between these two places within eleven months, and that by next Christmas Rutherfordton will have

-- Charlotte Chronicle; Mrs. J. E. Janett, of Round Knob, this State, was found asphyxiated in a room at the Buford Duke, the day clerk. After she was restored to consciousness her recovery was rapid, and she was shortly in a condition to travel. She left Charlotte on the 1 o'clock train on the Charictte, Columbia & Augusta road. Her colorless face gave evi dence to the severity of the ordeal which ahe had undergone. — Passengers who arrived in the city yesterday on the A. T. & O. train report the failure of Mr. R. L. Goodman, a well known merchant of Mooresville. — We regret to announce the death of Mrs. James F. Alexander, TEXAS.

A Town Destroyed by Fire, Caused by a Defective Chimney—Lose \$100.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—A special from Dallas, Texas, says the town of Duck Creek, containing three hundred inhabitants, and situated ten miles north of this city, was destroyed yesterday by fire, which originated in a defective chimney. The loss on buildings and merchandise is \$100,000.

## OHIO.

created a draught.

Judge Thurman-Railroad Shops Burned-Loss \$140,000. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Columbus, January 8.—The report sent out that Judge Thurman is seriously sick, has but a slight foundation. He was temporarily indisposed at the close of the Jackson banquet this morning, but with a little rest is all right again.

SPRINGFIELD, January 8.—The Ohio Southern Railroad machine and car shops caught fire by an explosion in the round house to-day, and is now a mass of ruins. Bix locomotives, two cars, much valuable machinery and buildings were destroyed.

The loss is \$140,000, fully insured.