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OUR RIVER AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.

The Harbor, Shipping and Commerce Committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, at a special meeting on Friday, unanimously decided to invite Representative Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the United States Congress, to visit Wilmington as the guest of the Chamber of Commerce.

The object of the invitation to Chairman Burton is to enlist his support in carrying out the plans which Congress has already adopted for the improvement of the Cape Fear river and harbor.

It is a curious fact that many citizens of Wilmington plucked Overman out for senator on account of his looks, while the several candidates were campaigning for the nomination for senator a couple of years ago.

The Republican Congress has been so extravagant in its expenditures that public works of great benefit and utility will suffer, and then again it is a campaign year, and the Republican party is determined not to run the risk of adding to the already enormous expenditures under the Roosevelt administration.

The House committee has now announced its policy of reporting appropriations for river and harbor improvements only where the local communities to be chiefly benefited also show a disposition to do some improving on their own account.

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FAILURE OF BAXTER.

Brokers Concern With Local Office in Wilmington to the Wall Saturday.

LOCAL INVESTORS CAUGHT.

One of Them Attaches Bank Account and Everything Else is 'Sight to Satisfy' Claim of \$1,350—Urnly Cotton Market Was the Cause.

SISTER MURPHY.

The STAR a few days ago received a poem from a local contributor, but we didn't publish it because the writer wanted to get it inserted at less than our regular rates.

The STAR is always glad to encourage talent but when a Wilmington poet's Pegasus gets to pawing up the earth, the poem strings out too long for our limited space.

"I was personally acquainted with Sister Murphy. And if Trinity record you will search, no greater woman, male or female, can be found in the A. M. E. Church."

OUT FOR A SENATOR.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, editor of the Charlotte News, recently wrote from Washington that "Senator Overman, of North Carolina, looks as much like a senator—an ideal senator—as any man in the body, and is rapidly becoming respected both for his ability and his character."

THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Considerable attention is now being given to public safety all over the country. At Scranton, Penn., on Thursday, the Department of Public Safety condemned three cars of the Scranton Railway Company because they had flat wheels and were unsanitary.

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GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT.

Conditions at County Home Declared to be in Bad Shape—Recommendation as to Convicts.

ACQUENT WAS UNAVOIDABLE.

Driver Exonerated of Blame in Tarring Over Fire Hose Wagon Friday.

MRS. MAYBRICK RELEASED.

American Woman Serving a Life Sentence in a Prison in England for Having Poisoned Her Husband.

SCHAEFER MURDER AT BEDFORD, IND.

Mystery Unsolved—Authorities Searching for Clues—Much Unimportant Testimony—Squadron's Story.

DR. J. W. JONES DEAD.

Prominent Physician of the State Died at Tarboro Yesterday.

GAPT. HOLTUM IS BACK.

Good Ship "Tolosa" Arrived in Port for Third Voyage This Season.

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HORRIBLE AFFAIR IN ROANOKE, VA.

Married Woman Assaulted in Her Home and Her Throat Cut by a Negro Man.

CHILD KNOCKED IN THE HEAD

Both Will Probably Die—Giltizens Greatly Excited—Crowd Watching the Jail. Precautions Taken by Mayor. Military Assembled.

ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 30.—

When George W. Shields, a well known young business man, reached his home in the heart of the city at the luncheon hour today he found his three-year-old daughter Mildred lying in a pool of blood on the reception hall floor.

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View of Savannah Man Who Has Been Travelling to the Interior.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

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SITUATION IN FAR EAST STILL VERY CRITICAL.

Japan Without Information Concerning Character of Russia's Forthcoming Note—Reports Discredited.

By Cable to the Morning Star. TOKYO, Jan. 30.—The government, it is said, does not possess any Russian information concerning the character of the forthcoming note, though it has received various reports, the majority of which are the reply will be satisfactory. None, however, emanate from a source which warrants their full acceptance as correct.

—She—Why do they refer to women as the weaker sex? He—Because it takes one of 'em a week or two to make up her mind, I guess.—Houston Chronicle.

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SECRETARY HAY'S VIEWS.

In Regard to the War Crisis in the Far East and the Probable Effect of a Conflict on Prices of Products.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. THOMASVILLE, GA., Jan. 30.—Secretary of State John Hay was this afternoon asked for a statement in regard to the rumored settlement of the war crisis in the Far East.

"I never discuss matters of this kind away from Washington," he said, "but I do not think the information is definite enough to call for any formal expressions of opinion from the State Department. It is probable that Japan has received the communication from Russia which is pointed to as the basis of the rumored settlement, and in the nature of case events will not be known for a week or two whether the amended provision will meet Japan's approval. If one country has been prepared to accept the Japanese proposals, which will be unavoidable, in international relations, it does not require two to make a quarrel, and aggressive action on the part of either of these powers will naturally precipitate a conflict.

Mr. Hay was asked what effect on the cotton and wheat markets of this country a declaration of war in the Far East would produce, and replied: "I do not believe that it would have any effect whatever upon either the size of next season's crop or the price these products will bring in the markets of the world."

"Do you think a Russo-Japanese war would increase the output or consumption of these commodities?" "I suppose you noticed in today's papers the announcement that Colombia proposes sending an expedition against the Isthmus of Panama. Really, I never discuss matters of this sort away from Washington. I hope, however, that Colombia will realize that such an attempt would be needless. The status of Panama is too well recognized to admit of its subjection now to Colombia."

Mr. Hay asked with quite a show of interest for the latest news from Gen. Reyes, and as to whether or not he was still in the country. The secretary referred to the position of certain Southern newspapers favoring the Panama canal, and declared it the sensible view, as well as the best advised, from a purely military standpoint, to do nothing. "I do not play politics. Any question before this branch of the government is considered from a national standpoint and its effect on the whole country's interests."

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The statement of averages of Clearing House Banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$994,651,100, increase \$99,487,910; deposits \$1,098,998,800, increase \$37,640,000; circulation \$42,799,000, decrease \$402,300; legal tenders \$78,657,800, decrease \$1,908,100; specie \$27,800, increase \$10,369,600; reserve \$321,115,000, increase \$8,466,500; reserve required \$285,985,950, increase \$9,410,126; surplus \$38,129,800, decrease \$945,426; excess deposits \$34,983,800, decrease \$268,450.

"It is a well known fact," said the man who is fond of airing odd bits of knowledge, "that there is as much strength in a couple of eggs as in a pound of beef." "Huh!" snorted the actor. "I've encountered eggs that were stronger than any pound of beef could possibly be."

"There is a good deal of talk to the effect that the Duke will marry in America." "Yes, the money of at least a dozen heiresses is talking all at once."