The subscription price of the Weckly Star is

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 bar. The committee instructed Secretary Kyle of the Chamber of Commerce to extend the invitation and to write to the North Carolina senators and representative at Washington to ask them to join the Chamber in extending the invitation to Chairman Burton.

The large and growing shipping interests in Wilmington make it imperative to carry out the government improvements already begun here, and any delay in doing so will be greatly detrimental to the work already done and prove disastrous to the prospects for enlarged commerce for our port.

We fear, however, that the enterprising and public-spirited gentlemen representing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will be disappointed, as news sent out from Washington already intimates that there will be no appropriation for rivers and harbors at this session of Congress. Information is also sent out from Washington that projects for public buildings will also receive no attention.

The Republican Congress has been so extravagant in its expenditures that public works of great benefit and utitity 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. Once before the appropriation for rivers and harbors was lopped off by a Republican Congress, and all remember how detrimental it was to the government work which was doing so much in the way of deepening our river and bar.

Under the title of "A Wise River and Harbor Policy," the Baltimore American says this about a new plan of making appropriations:

The House committee has now anslaughter of the human race. nounced its policy of reporting appropriations for river and barbor improve ments only where the local communi ties to be chiefly benefited also show a disposition to do some improving on their own account. This is unquesto ably a good policy. Had it been ad plid years ago, and consistently adhered to, the "pork" grabbing, which has been a scandal in one Con grees after the other, would not have reached the dimensions that make to a horror to the conscientions Cogressman. Members of the House w aid find little home encouragement to ask for a liberal appropriation for and everybody breathes easier when an unnavigable stream if the terms o the grant required a substantial expenditura of town funds.

## THE SOURCE OF EARTHLY WIS-DOM.

The Richmond News-Leader savs "It a deplorable but obvious fact that the great mass of children of the oncoming generations are ignorant of the Bible absolutele. It is startling to find among cultivated families young men and women who are up in Henry James and W. D. Howells and all the froth, flap doodle and literary whey and syllabum, who gabble glibly of literature and have smatterings of modern languages, and who cannot intelligently discuss any Bible character, point of Bible history or feature Bible literature As a matter fact, knowledge of the Bible, familiarity with it, is an essential for cultivation and for any well-equipped mind."

Congress is because he can't live in Readers of books make a great mistake, not to mention that they fail to perform a duty, when they do not read the Bible. It contains more wisdom than all other books combined and the man who is familiar with it is better equipped for for the South is already enjoying life's duties and is better prepared as a speaker and writer than any other man.

are kept busy counting their spon-At one period in a man's life he dulix. also finds out that it is a good book to live by. The knowledge imparted, the precepts inculcated, and the curves, she catches him every time examples of life given in the Bible he goes out on a fly. It's most base make it valuable to man, even ball times now.

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FAILURE OF BAXTER.

though he should dispute the idea

of its inspiration. It is a true guide

for life, it is more entertaining than

land are those who read and study

the Bible, and the happiest homes in

the universe are those where the

enlightening influences of the Good

Book are felt. If you would get

SISTER MURPHY.

The STAR a few days ago received

a poem from a local contributor, but

less than our radium rates. The

poet went out with a threat that

he would send it to the Atlanta

Constitution and get it in that paper

The STAR is always glad to en-

up the earth, the poem strings out

The Washington Post gives way

to exultation in a spirit of "local

pride and emotional admiration" be-

cause a poet at the nation's capital

has sent in a short poem like this

one, which we commend to other

poets because it takes only the two

'I was personally acquainted with

And if Trinity record you will

No greater worker, male or female,

Can be found in the A. M. F.

"Sister Murphy is happy now in the

She is singing with the redeemed;

look at her before the majestic throne,

Drinking from the placid stream !'

CUT 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 charac-

It is a curious fact that many cit-

izens of Wilmington picked Over-

man out for senator on account of

his looks, while the several candi-

dates were campaining for the nom-

ination for senator a couple of years

ago. One gentleman said to us

when Overman got up to speak for

the nomination that he had the sen-

· THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

rested and fined \$25 each.

meetings of the General Assembly

every two years. North Carolina's

Legislature meets every two years

The Republican office-holders in

North Carolina are flushed because

Roosevelt does not want Federal

office-helders to attend the national

It is now said that \$50,000 worth

Congressman Theo. F. Klutz's

main reason for declining to run for

Washington on \$5,000 a year. Ma-

chen is prepared to say that this is

('ol. Byran must be advocating

the 16 to 1 silver idea for the West,

that ratio on cotton and all hands

When a fellow's wife gets onto his

of radium will turn a black negro

reach of any Wilmington negro.

it adjourns.

Chicago.

preposterous.

atorial stamp on his face, and that

Sister Murphy.

search.

kingdom;

ter."

settled it.

too long for our limited space.

next to reading matter.

wisdom, read the Bible.

a novel, and the more a man reads Brokerage Concern With Local it the wiser he becomes. The aptest Office in Wilmington to the illustrations in oratory and writings to-day are those made from a Bibli-Wall Saturday.

The best men and women in the LOCAL INVESTORS CAUGHT.

> One of Them Attaches Bank Account and Everything Eise in Sight to Satisfy Glaim of \$1,350 - Unruly Cotton Market Was the Cause.

The failure of A. B. Baxter & Company, stock brokers of New York, who have a local office and special wire from New York here, caused a ripple of excitement in the Wilmingwe didn't publish it because the ton business world Saturday. The writer wanted to get it inserted at authorized story of the downfall of that enterprising firm of speculators, which succeeded Murphy & Co. here and elsewhere a short time ago with a most encouraging prospect, is told of in the telegraphic columns of to-day's paper. They got on the wrong courage talent but when a Wilmingside of a very dangerous cotton market and Saturday's extraordinary ton poet's Pegassus gets to pawing fluctuations was the straw that broke the camel's back. They went down with a crash and the echo thereof will be heard in the South for many days. Four million dollars, they say, has been lost by them within the last three months.

> It was given out soon after the failure became known here Saturday that Wilmington investors had comparatively little money on the market with Baxter & Co. As usual in such instances, however, definite news of the extent of the dealing of local speculators is exceeding hard to get at. Many lost, but in what sums, very few will ever know. Those are the things speculators do not often like to talk

Soon after the failure was announced Mr. A. S. Williams consulted his attorney, Cameron F. MacRae, Esq., and served an attachment upon all the office fixtures and other property of the company in Wilmington, including bank deposits in the Murchison National Bank and in the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co., the object being to recover \$1,850 which he had in investments with the firm on five contracts of cotton. The amount of the bank deposits and value of other property in unknown. The attachment is followed by a suit in the Superior Court, returnable at this term. for the amount specified above. The attachment was served by the sheriff Saturday within an hour and a half after the failure of the firm and the property is now in the hands of the

SHOOTING APPAIR AT NAVASSA.

Sam Sallaway, Notorious Negro, Shot in the Leg-An Arrest Pollowed.

Two participants in a shooting affair which occurred at Navassa last night Considerable attention is now bewere brought to the city on the ing given to public safety all over Charleston train this morning, the one the country. At Scranton, Penn., to be lodged in jail until he can be eent to Southport and the other for on Thursday, the Department of transfer to the hospital. The wound-Public Safety condemned three cars ed negro is Sam Callaway, who shot of the Scranton Railway Company and came near fatally wounding Mr. because they had flat wheels and B. F. Penny at Leland, N. C., some were unsanitary. The railroad comtime ago, the result of which was a pany attempted to put one of the short term in the penitentlary for cars back into service with the result Callaway and a big suit against the that the car was taken back to the railroad by Mr. Penny, and the negro who did the shooting is Dan Baker. barn under a police guard and the They were brought over to the city by conductor and motorman were ar-Floy McKoy, colored, the arrest having been made by Mr. L. L. Boon, a su-Close attention by railroad officials perintendent for the Navassa Guano and employes and vigilance on the Co. Baker was given a berth in the part of civil officials may prevent station house and Callaway was sent many an accident and save many a

life. It is time for us to get a scare The negroes, with a crowd of others, spent yesterday in Wilmington and on us in these days of appalling went home on the 9 o'clock Seaboard train. As soon as they alighted on their native heath at Navassa they The Lynchburg News protests were all more or less drunk and began against an early adjournment of the fighting. The shooting followed. Virginia Legislature, while in South Callaway claims that he was a by-Carolina the people are tired of anstander. The bullet entered his leg nual sessions and are going to amend between the knee and foot. the constitution so as to provide for

CAPT. HOLTTUM IS BACK.

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

Capt. Holttum is here. The popu lar English sea captain, who literally numbers his friends in Wilmington by the names in the city directory, arrived yesterday noon aboard the good ship "Tolosa," from Barry, Eng. The vessel is here for a third cargo of cotconvention. Here's where the negro ton this season from Messrs. Alexanwill come in for a chance to go to der Sprunt & Son and will be here for 21 days or more-"the more, the merrier," Capt. Holttum's friends are abundantly confident. As the "Tolosa" steamed into port, Capt. Holtwhite. The short supply of chickens tum fired a salute from his guns hereabouts, however, places that aboard and was cheerily answered by much radium entirely beyond the the harbor craft and industrial plants along the river. When Capt. Holttum came ashore he was literally over

Divorce Granted.

From a clipping forwarded by one of the parties at interest, it is noted that in Augusta last week among a batch of five divorces granted in the Superior Court there was one in the case of Mrs. Augusta E. Carroll vs. Leonard Carroll, both of whom formerly lived here. The divorce is abso-

come by enthusiastic welcomes.

- News reached the city yesterday of the death of Miss Fannie Beers, of Lake Waccamaw, who has many friends in Wilmington. She had been

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT.

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

Having completed its work for the Superior Court came before Judge Ferguson yesterday at 1 o'clock and made its report, a copy of which was ordered placed in the hands of Solicitor Duffy and furnished to the Board of County Commissioners as follows: Superior Court, January Term 1904

To His Honor G. S. Ferguson Judge Your Grand Jury respectfully subnit the following report:

We have carefully investigated all matters coming before us; we have passed upon thirty-four bills, we have found thirty-one true bills and three not true bills. We have visited the jail, the county home, and the convict We found the jail in fair condition.

The floor in the basement sadly needs repair. The ceiling overhead also needs repair. We would recommend to the County Commissioners that they put in a good and aubstantial concrete floor, repair the ceiling and give the jail building a good substan tial coat of whitewash.

The main building of the county home is in fair condition. The building used for confining the insane needs attention. It is filthy and has a bad odor. The bedding is in a deplorable condition and needs immedi ate attention. We would especially call the attention of the Board of Commissioners to the same, particularly to the building which is used as the colored ward. We recommend that Commissioners make better arrangements for taking care of the sick and infirm. We found at the county home five white persons and sixteen colored persons. We would also call the at tention of the Commissioners to some needed repairs to the wood work.

At the convict camp we found ninety-one convicts, five of them being sick. The sanitary conditions were good; the convicts were contented and well provided for, both as to food and clothing. We would recommend to the Commissioners, that the whites and colored be placed in separate sleeping apartments.

Respectfully submitted, HORACE A. BAGG, Foreman.

THE RALEIGH PRAUD GASE.

Another Norfolk Man Arrested Yesterday for Wrongful Use of U. S. Mail,

- [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 28.-J. B Powell came here from Norfolk today and was arrested and lodged in jail by the United States marshal on a warrant sworn out by Postmaster Bailey, charging him with implication in the use of the United States mails for fraudulent purposes in connection with Jones & Powell, the episode in which Norfolk parties purport to do business in Raleigh in such a way that it would appear they sought the benefit of the high commercial rating and credit of a Raleigh firm, Jones & Powell, of long standing, Powell being mayor of Raleigh.

James Robinson, a colored porter on the Norfolk train, was also arrested but was allowed to give bond to answer the charge of carrying mail for the firm between here and Norfolk. Commissioner Nichols will hear the cases, all three, next Monday.

THE JABEL REGISTER APPEAL.

His Mother and Sister in Raleigh to Petition for Executive Clemency.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—The mother and sister of Jabel Register, who is to be hanged at Whiteville, Feb. 25th. arrived this morning and will appeal to Governor Aycock for executive clemency Monday, the date the Governor has set to hear counsel for Register on their request that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Register is convicted of killing Jesse Soles and Jim Staley. His counsel are Hon. John D. Bellamy, C. M. Berpard and Donald McRackan. Esq.

DR. J. W. JONES DEAD.

Prominent Physician of the State Died at Tarboro Yesterday. [Special Star Telegram.]

TARBORO, N. C., Jan. 28.-Dr. J.W Jones, one of the most prominent physicians of the State, died here today at the residence of his son, Paul Jones. Dr. Jones was 73 years old.

Rumors have been circulated around the city that Miss Mary C. Darby has retired from the race for appointment as postmaster. She authorizes a denial of the report and declares that she will remain an applicant till the finish. She wishes this statement to be made so her friends may not be induced to sign petitions endorsing any other applicant. Miss Darby states that she is very much encouraged over the outlook and all she wants is fair the head of a human being, no doubt

Pemale Convicts Escaped.

guard at the convict camp at Castle friend of Miss Love, Miss Schaefer's Haynes, made a lucky capture of room mate, and who lives in a fash three negro women who escaped from the stockade last night about 7 o'clock. They had reached town as far as Smith's Creek bridge at 1 mation to-day, but she said it was not o'clock this morning, when they were overtaken by the guard, brought to the police station and will be returned this morning.

6ity Hall Heated by Steam.

Machinists from the shops of Contractor C. M. Whitlock yesterday completed the installation of the new heating plant for the City Hall and steam was turned on yesterday afternoon for the first time. It will be several days, however, before the test is com-

CAROLINA FARMERS HOLD COTTON.

View of Savannah Man Who Has Been Travelling in the leterior. Mr. Gardner E. Dickinson, a well

known broker of Savannah, who has been in the interior looking up the term, the grand jury serving in the cotton crop, said to the Savannah Morning News Wednesday: "I have just returned from the mill section of the Carolinas, where I went to sell cotton, and found that they had waited so long that they were willing to wait for a reaction. I think it is conservative to say that the mills are supplied until the middle of May. There are some mills that have a full supply, while others have only a few weeks supply of cotton on hand.
"One mill I know of is supplied un-

til Sept. 15, and another owned by the same people, only until March 1. The yarns mills are making money, and show no indication to curtail or shut "The cloth mills are all losing

money, especially those engaged in the manufacture of ginghams, as they are bringing the same price to-day that they were a year ago, and cotton is 6 to 7 cents a pound higher. "Commission merchants," contined Mr. Dickinson, "are speculating in yarns, as outsiders are speculating

in cotton. Some mills are carrying cotton cloths for jobbers, although they have been paid for it some months back. "If the condition of the Carolina mills is a fair index to that of the cotton manufacturers throughout the country and Europe. I feel convinced

that whilst the spindles of the world have caught up with the production of cotton, the consumption of goods has not yet overtaken the production "Inquiries as to the crop lead me to pelieve North Carolina has made a larger product than last year. Town

stocks are small, but considerable cotton is being carried by ginners and farmers. "I saw several gangs picking cotton in North Carolina and six or eight gin plants running in the two States. A stock dealer in Fayetteville told me that he had sold three times as many

mules as he had sold last year. "Everybody in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina is bullish and freely predicting 18 to 25 cents a pound during the Summer, and everybody seems to think that the farmers will make an effort to raise a big crop."

ACCIDENT WAS UNAVOIDABLE

Driver Exonerated of Blame in Turning Over Fire Hose Wagon Priday.

The Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen met vesterday afternoon at the engine house, corner of Sixth and Castle streets, and investigated the alleged reckless driving of Fireman Mike Bryan when a hose wagon was overturned at Fifth and Orange streets while responding to the alarm on account of the fire at mr. Geo. Darden's place Friday afternoon. Chairman P. Q. Moore and Messrs. W. E. Yopp and M. G. Tiencken were present and conducted the investigation. All the evidence showed that the horses were under perfect control and had been for half a block before the accident occurred. The turn is very short at Fifth and Orange and the ground being wet and alippery, the accident was unavoidable. Driver Bryan was exonerated of any blame.

The Best Ever Bought.

In speaking of the hose recently bought by the fire committee of the Board of Alderman, Chairman Moore said yesterday that the material is the best gum and wax-treated goods that can be bought. The award this time at 68 cents was for less money than the same material was ever bought before. Some of the same hose is now in use, for which the city paid 80 cents per foot.

SCHAEFER MURDER

AT BEDFORD, IND. Mystery Unsolved -Authorities Searching for Clews-Much Unimportant Testi-

mony-Sonductor's Story.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BEDFORD, IND., Jan. 30 .- The cour of inquiry investigating the Schaefer murder to-day heard more evidence on the letters received by Miss Schaefer. One of the witnesses declared that dozens of times after school closed at noon Miss Schaefer ran to her room for her mail, eagerly read the letters and immediately destroyed

Conductor Moore, of the Monen told the detectives of a strange passen ger he carried on his train which left Bedford for Louisville the morning after the murder. This passenger was a tall man with steel grey eyes and a reddish mustache. He seemed excited. This description fits the man who left the Park Hotel suddenly the morning after the murder.

The report of the Louisville expert who made an examination of the hairs found clutched in the hand of the dead girl, has been received here in official form for record. The expert finds that the hairs were torn from a man, who was white. INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Jan. 30.-In

dianapolis detectives are working to Deputy Sheriff Hogan, who is a day on information here by Sheriff Smith. The young man who was a ionable part of this city, has been closeted with the detectives to-day. Dr. Emma Collop, a physician, gave the detectives some additional inforimportant. The detectives here are reticent concerning their interview with Dr. Collop. Captain Kinney said did not take long to satisfy the detectives that there was nothing in them.

> - "Mr. Newliwed," began the man. "I have called-" "See "See here!" interrupted the young bride-

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-Gitizens Greatly Excited-Growd Watching the Jail. Precautions Taken by Mayor, Military Assembled.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ROANORE, VA, Jan. 30 .- When

George J. Shields, a well known young business man, reached his home in the heart of the city at the luncheon bour to-day he found his three-year old daughter Mildred lying in a pool of blood on the reception hall floor with two ugly wounds on her head. Following b'ood stains from the dining room to an upstairs chamber be found his wife lying in pools of blood on a clothes closet floor with her throat cut from ear to ear and her head horribly hacked. Mrs. Shields managed to gasp "a large black negro man came through the kitchen and attacked me n the dining room. Besides this there is no clue to the

criminal. Mrs. Shields had been outraged. and her assailant dealt her several blowson the head with a hatchet. fracturing her skull, dragged her up stairs, where he cut her throat with a razor and threw her into the closet, fastening the door on the outside. The little girl was struck to hush her cries. The dining room floor was covered with blood and showed there had been a terrible struggle. The doctors entertain but slight hopes for the recovery of either the mother or child. Ever since the discovery of the trag-

edy a large crowd of citizens has been in the vicinity of the city jail watching to see if the officers carry any one into the building. At 8 o'clock tonight this crowd numbered more than 1.000 men Mayor Cutchin has ordered Captain

Francis, of the Roanoke Blues military company, to assemble his men as a By order of the mayor, all the sawere closed at 8 o'clock to-

night. While Judge John Wood, of the Corporation Court, was pleading from the jail steps with the throng in the street to preserve order, some one in the crowd hurled a beer bottle at him. The missile barely missed its mark.

MRS. MAYBRICK RELEASED.

At 11 o'cleck the crowd had dis-

American Woman Serving a Life Sentence in a Prison in England for Having Polsoned Her Husband. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 31,-Lloyd's Weelky Newspaper says this morning that Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woma. who was serving a life sentence for having poisoned her husband, was released from the Aylesbury female convict prison at 6:45 o'clock on the morning of January 25th on special icense. Her mother, the paper says had visited her Saturday January 23rd, and evidently was the bearer of impor tant news. The governor of the prison on Sunday conferred with the prison officials with a view to arranging for the departure of the prisoner, which was carried out very quietly. Mrs. Maybrick, accompanied by one of the prison matrons, entered a closed carriage and drove to Aylesbury station, where she took a train for London. She drove rom Euston station to a private house not far from the metropolis. She will remain there for a short period to re cuperate and to await the completion of certain formalities which will give her a freedom of movement not al lowed to persons on ordinary ticket-

Mrs. Maybrick, the paper concludes during the last few months in prison was employed in the lightest work as areward for good conduct.

Florence Maybrick; the daughter of the late W. G. Chandler, a banker of Mobile, Ala., was convicted at Liverpool, in 1889, of having poisoned her husband, James Maybrick, a cotton broker, who lived part of the time in Norfolk and part in Liverpool. She was sentenced to death. This sentence, however, was later commuted to life imprisonment. Many efforts have been made during Mrs. Maybrick's imprisonment to have her pardoned, and it was announced on March 23rd, 1903, on authority of the Home Office, that she would be released in

- Newton Enterprise: A man

from Asheville has been in the

county endeavoring to buy sweet

potatoes. He offers to take an unlimited quantity and has been to see a number of the largest potato raisers in the county. He offers 50 cents a bushel for potatoes crated and delivered at the depot. Sweet potatoes are the next best money crop to cotton in this county, and some farmers say there is more money to be made on potatoes at 50 cents a bushel than on cotton at 10 or 12 cents a pound. The money comes in the Spring and always helps business during the Spring months. Some Catawba farmers have from 500 to 1,000 bushels to sell, and a great many from 100 to 300 bushels. Mr. Johnson, a tenant on Mr. John Yoder's Mitchell county farm, is here with a load of cabbage. He 15th, of November has not melted yet, and that the ground has not gress was satisfactory-which means thawed since that time. The roads on the mountain sides are so slick he sent men to investigate the clues that they have to put spikes in the given by Sheriff Smith and he said it horses' shoes to enable them to keep a footing and shoes on the wagon wheels to prevent their running over the horses. — Some people think we have been having cold weather this winter, but listen to the news from Haywood. Mr. W. groom, who was just justalled in his A. Campbell writes his brother innew house, "are you another one of law, Mr. John Carter, that his mill and Mr. Wright will offer an opporthese insurance agents?" "Not all. race, two hundred yards long and tunity to householders who have not Learning that you and your wife are fourteen feet deep, is frozen solid. done so to have their dwellings ill with pneumonia only a few days and her death came at 2 o'clock yester-day morning.

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- Durham Herald: The politicians will shed no tears for the poor mill people who are thrown out of work because of 15 cent cot-

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

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.

-The Supreme Court will on Monday examine applicants for license as attorneys. So far 21 applicants have registered. The class is not usually so large in spring as it is in the fall. -Smallpox is interfering some-

what with the public schools in two or three counties, these being the ones in which there was the same sort of troubles last year. - A weather sharp writing from

says wild geese have gone North and the Winter "is broke," except on the 19th and 20th of next month - "I don't see the sense in speaking of a man as 'blind drunk.' "Why not? It simply means he's

Blackburn to the Hickory Mercury

so drunk that he can't see." "But no man is ever so drunk that he can't see. If he's very, very drunk he can see snakes." Private Secretary to the Governor P. M. Bearsall, at Raleigh, and Maor W. Hopton Smith, of Goldsboro,

who have been at St. Augustine Fla., attending the general convention of the National Guard Association of the United States, have gone to Nassau in the West Indies, to enjoy some Summer weather.

- Some very fine furniture ha been shipped to Raleigh from High Point, sent by the furniture factories there, to be exhibited at the exposition at St. Louis, as a part of the State's exhibit. Commissioner Brimley says it is the purpose to get all the exhibits from this State shipped within the next thirty days and that they will all be sent as near together as possible. They will fill about ten cars.

- Salisbury Sun, Jan. 28th: Col. A. H. Boyden, who has been urged to make the race for Congress in this (the 8th) district to succeed Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, who has announced his intention of retiring, has had numerous solicitations from parties outside of Rowan to become a candidate. Mr. Bovden was seen to-day but he was not prepared to say whether or not he would make the

- Among the charters granted by the State Friday, were that of the Union Co-operative and Investment Company, of Tarboro and the Statesville Implement and Supply Company. The capital stock of the of the last named company is \$25,-000. The State authorized the Bayboro Land & Lumber Company, of Bayboro, Pamlico county, to increase its capital stock from \$125,000 to

\$250,000. - Some sportsmen from the North who were here to-day on their way to hunt partridges in Duplin county, said birds at Pittsburg, Pa., were bringing from 30 to 40 cents a piece. A Raleigh man who was talking to these sportsmen, told them that 47 years ago he brought to Raleigh 631 partridges which he caught in traps and nets and sold these to a merchant for \$6.31, in other words, for a cent a piece.

-Raleigh News and Observer: An officer of the American Tobacco Co., who has made a trip through the tobacco growing section of Eastern North Carolina, is quoted by Col. olds as saying that "the company will sharply advance the price of tobacco-they will have to do this in order to induce the farmers to plant tobacco this year." Let the advance come on! The trust has robbed the farmers on the 1903 crop enough to pay living prices for the remainder of the crop.

- Winston Sentinel: Who will be aspirants for the Democratic nomination in the Eighth this fall? The answer is W. C. Newland and ex-Congressman W. H. Bower. One political forecaster said: "I should not be surprised if the Democrats should name Bower and the Republicans Linney. The two mountain politicians have made two joint campaigns when Forsyth was in their district. Bower won in the first contest and the 'Bull of the Brushes' in the second. Both are entertaining stump orators."

- Fayetteville Observer: Under the head "The Model Gentleman," Webster's Weekly reproduces the tribute paid Major Stedman by Mr. I. E. Avery, which we printed last week, and justly adds: "No one who knows Major Stedman will say that the above is fulsome praise, for he richly deserves all the handsome things said of him and more. He is the soul of courtesy, and to know him is to esteem him. His friends -and they are legion-are determined to make him Governor, for the State is his debtor along many lines. He is a man of commanding ability and has the strength, poise and all the qualifications necessary to make a great Governor.' - Fayetteville Observer, Jan. 28:

Replying to a question from the reporter this morning as to work o the plant of the Cape Fear Electric Power Company, Capt. R. P. Gray says the snow which fell on the said he had nothing to give out farther than to say generally that prosomething from Capt. Gray. The sub-station at this city, on North Blount street, will be put up in due time. This is of course a small part of the plant, but it indicates that the power is coming. — Mr. F. R. Rose has commendably exerted himself within the past few days to have the convenience of house to house free mail delivery extended to the citizens residing on Haymount,

SITUATION IN FAR EAST STILL VERY CRITICAL.

Japan Without Information Soncerning Character of Russia's Forthcoming

Note-Reports Discredited. By Cable to the Morning Star. Tokio, Jan. 30 .- The government. it is said, does not possess any Russian information concerning the character of the fer:heaming note, though it has received various reports, the majority of which say the reply will be satisfactory. None, however,

emanate from a source which warranis their full acceptance as correct. In the judgment of many just now the character of the note does not warrant - She - Why do they refer to the belief that Count Lamsdorf, the Russian foreign minister, has given out the slightest intimation of its contents. Even that carries little assur-ance, for the Russian and Japanese conceptions of what constitutes a fair bargain vary materially. The government of Japan does not auticipate the reception of the Russian reply for a few days. When it comes it will probably be considered by the throne in conference with the cabinet and elder statesmen. The presumption that Russia has made concessions does not in the least warrant the conclusion that there will be a peaceful settlement of the existing difficulties. Her entire proposition will be care fully scrutinized and every condition and contingency of the situation closely weighed. If the reply should prove to be completely unsatisfactory to Japan the outcome of the conference is manifest. Should, it give partial

> possible although there remains slight room for additional diplomacy. la Event of War.

satisfaction an exchange of notes is

LONDON, Jan. 30 .- A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says the transportation of merchandise over the trans-Siberian railroad will be stopped after February in order to leave the line open for he conveyance of troops and stores. The dispatch adds that War Minister Kuropatkin will be appointed to command the Russian land forces in the event of war with Japan.

LONDON, Jan. 30.-The Foreign Office, referring to the cablegram from Minister Griscom, at Tokio, to the State Department at Washington, said

to-day:
"The British ambassador at St. Petersburg did not express an opinion as to whether or not the Russian re ply would be satisfactory to Japan. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 30 .- "It will be astonishing if Japan remains inflexible," were the significant words of an official of the Foreign Office to the Associated Press this afternoon in speaking of the Russian response to the Japanese proposals, which will be dispatched to Tokio next week. The remark was not intended to convey the idea that Japan necessarily will accept the full details of the Russian hut rather. actuated by a sincere desire to preserve peace, Russia will offer a reasonable basis in a modus vivendi.

SECRETARY HAY'S VIEWS.

la Regard to the War Grisis in the Par East and the Probable Effect of a Conflict on Prices of Products. By Telegraph 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 expression of opinion at this time from me. It is probable that Japan has received the communication from Bussis which is pointed to as the basis of the rumored settlement, and in the natural course of eyents it will not be known for a week or wore whether the amended provision mill meet Japan's approval. If one course war will be unavoidable. In international relations, it does not require two to make a quarrel, and agressive action on the part of either of the parties at issue will naturally pre-

cipitate a conflict. Mr. Hays was asked what effect on the cotton and wheat markets of this country a declaration of war in the East would produce, and replied "I do not believe that it would have

any effect whatever upon either the size of next season's crops or the prices 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 do not think it would."

"I suppose you noticed in to-day's papers the announcement that Colombis proposes sending an expedition against Panama." "Really, I never discuss matters of this sort away from Washington. hope, however, that Colombia will realize that such an attempt must be useless and needless. The status of Panama is too well recognized to

admit of its subjection now to Colom-Mr. Hay asked with quite a show of nterest 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 party standpoint.
"The State Department," he said, "does not play politics. Any ques-tion before this branch of the govern-

ment is considered from a national

standpoint and its effect on the whole country's interests. NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Glearing House Averages for the Past Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.-The statement of averages of Clearing House Banks of this city for the week

shows: Loans \$994,551,100, increase \$29, 487,200; deposits \$1,023,998,800, in crease \$37,640,500: circulation \$42,-789,000, decrease \$402,200; legal tenders \$75,637,500, decrease \$1,803,100; specie \$205,477,500, increase \$10,269,600; reserve \$281,115,000, increase \$8,466,500; reserve required \$255,985,-950, increase \$9,410,125; surplus \$25,-129,050, decrease \$948,425; ex-U. S. deposite \$34,358,800, decrease \$985,450.

- It's 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 dake will