FRIDAY, - - DEC. 9, 1904

LOOKS LIKE A CONSPIRACY.

It turns out that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, Cleveland's ' Charlotte Corday of finance, negotiated \$1,-250,000 in notes with the name of Mr. Carnegle upon them. Mr. Carnegie denies that he signed any such notes, and if that is so the notes are forgeries.

The transaction was pushed through rich National Banks and as a result of the deal, the Citizens' National Bank, of Oberlin, O., is in the hands of a receiver. President Beckwith and Cashier Spear, of that bank, are under arrest and will be prosecuted. The president, blubs bering like a baby, declared on Monday that he must be an "awful dupe or a terrible fool," and the probability is that he is both, although he attempts to show that he was never regarded as a fool and produces arguments to show that he was not duped except by the aid of other reputable bank ers. He declares now that the whole transaction is a crime and that he proposes to expose everybody con. nected with it when he takes the stand to testify in the United States

The story of Mrs. Chadwick's tremendous deals is almost indredible, and there are only two constructions to put upon the revelati os-that either the bankers concorned conspired with her or that that they had more money than brains. Many a woman has been the cause of breaking banks, but the Chadwick woman occupies the u que position of doing a bankbursting stunt on her own hook. Her methods beat those of all the fe blowers and train robbers of the country because she made bigger hauls.

The fact is the Chadwick sensation looks like a gigantic conspiracy between her and the bankers to perpetrate a big swindle.

THE MANIMUS OF THE FIGHT UPON THE SOUTH.

Every true Southern man and mearly every Northern man who has cast his lot in the South know that the reduction of Southern representation is a small matter compared to a surrender of restricted suffrage in the Southern States. The South stands pat on its restric-

tion of suffrage every time. At the same time, it is a matter of astonishment that any class of Americans would deliberately, for political reasons, favor any measure, which carried to its logical conclusions, would ruin twelve States of the Republic. It is hard to ask a man to be tollerant in the face of such a perverse sentiment.

It is hard to believe that such a thing will be done, but the past history of the Republican party shows that it has been capable of acts quite as bad. It is not so much what representation the South would lose as it is knowledge that the animus of the thing is punishment for the South for preserving its and Third streets. civilization and assuring its pro-

A Cincinnati girl horsewhipped man who had jilted her and finished up the punishment by ducking him in a pond because he still refused to marry her. That man had horse sence enough not to place himself in a position where he would have to take more than one horsewhipping and no end of duckings.

"In Petersburg a few mornings ago a man went out onto his piazza and found a girl in a valise," says a Richmond paper. That's nothing. Between now and Christmas many man will make the discovery that me wife has been in his pocket.

It is up to the Republican adminstration to reduce the tariff or increase the deficit. The President's party was so anxious to make proection complete that it slipped up in providing enough revenue for the

Secretary Taft has arranged for free trade between the canal zone and Panama. He must think there is some benefit from free trade after

A fashion writer says "small checks are in vogue." Let the la- I tion that not all the Syrians figured in dies remember that and not follow the attachment proceedings by the Mrs. Chadwick's big check idea.

Some of those Ohio bankers will think mighty hard of it if they will have to wear stripes on account Mrs. Chadwick's checks.

Secretary Shaw said "money is plentiful and easy." Now Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, of Cleveland, is one quarantine for scarlatina and one corroborating him.

It is hard to stand pat in the face of the fact that the United States Treasurer hasu't got a flush.

Those fellows who have been doing all that shooting at Zeigler, Ill., recently, must be Russians.

Let us hope that President Roosevelt's "square deal" is not in the shape of a gold brick.

It will be a singular situation if the "infant" beneficiaries of the protective tariff are strong enough to prevent their "friends" from reducing the gratuities which they give at the expense of the people and to the detriment of the govern-

To an invitation from the Commercial Association of Danville for President Roosevelt to visit that city, Secretary Loeb replies: "The President thanks you cordially for the invitation you extend him. As yet, however, no plans have been

made for a Southern trip."

Down in Texas the cotton growers are still seeking to exterminate the boll weevil. Why don't Texas quit raising cotton for several years? She produces nearly 3,000,000 bales a year, and if the crop was shortened to that extent, it would be pie for the eastern cotton growers.

RALEIGH AND GASTON MERGER.

Its Consolidation With Seaboard is Legal According to Supreme Court.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 6. -The Supreme Court hands down an opinion in the case of Spencer vs. Seaboard Air Line Railroad in which it holds that the consolidation of the Raleigh and Gaston into the greater Seaboard was valid and proper and that the provision made to assess the minority stock was valid and an exercise of eminent domain. Spencer held seven shares of the Raleigh and Gaston stock, and sought to force the Raleigh and Gaston out of the Seaboard merger. The road involved is an important link in the main line from Raleigh to Weldon.

Married Near & hiteville.

Mr. C. S. Prigden, Misses Jessie and Allie Pridgen, Mrs. Katie Hopewell and Miss Helen Hopewell returned last night from Whiteville where on yesterday afternoon they attended the marriage of Miss Lona Newman to Mr. L. D. McCullom, formerly of this city but now soliciting agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, S. C. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, near Whitelarge number of friends, Rev. C. W. Smith having officiated. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. McCullom retheir future home at Charleston.

Pardon for Ed. Utley. The Raleigh Evening Times learns that among the first matters that will be brought to the official attention of Hon. R B. Glenn upon his induction into the office of Governor will be an application for the pardon of young Ed. Utley, of Fayetteville, who shot and killed Night Clerk Hollingsworth in a hotel at Fayetteville something over a year ago. However, no notice of the purpose of any one to apply for a pardon for young Utley has yet been published in any newspaper as is required by law. It is said also that the petition for the pardon of Jim Wilcox will not be presented until Gov. Glenn is in office.

LOCAL DOTS.

- The Fayetteville train last night was two hours late on account of a disabled engine.

- Contractor M. G. Silvia has applied for a permit to build two 5-room houses on Wright, between Second

- Miss Catharine H. Craig and Mr. James F. Smith, a popular member of the police force, were married last night at the home of the bride.

- License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mrs. Sarah Keen and Mr. Ira Futch, the bride and groom being aged 49 and 78 years, re-

- New hats for the police have arrived and are being distributed to members of the force. The color is black and they were ordered through

J. M. Bolky & Co. - Policeman L. F. Harper yesterday afternoon arrested George Washington, colored, charged with drunks enness and disorderly conduct at Sixth

and Castle streets. - The ladies of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary cleared nearly \$300 for the Association improvement fund at their recent bazaar. The improvements will

- Justice Bornemann last night officiated at the marriage of a colored couple-Schofield Davis and Mary Ella Henry, who were joined in matriparents in Wooster alley.

- Mrs. Mary Simmons, aged about 60 years, died Tuesday night at her home on Fourth, between Smith and Ashe streets. The funeral will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon with interment in Oak Grove cemetery.

- H. Abdallah, one of the Syrian merchante of the city, asks the correcsheriff Tuesday afternoon and that he was one of the number against whom no attachment was served.

day established a quarantine for diph. | elaborate wedding supper was served theria at 225 South Front street, the and the young folks enjoyed thempatient being Etta Flynn, 4 years old. selves at a sociable. Music was Quarantines for diphtheria at 919 Queen and No. 2 Wooster were lifted yesterdsy. There are now in the city only for diphtheria.

STATE OF OHIO, CITT OF TOLEDO, 188.

LUCAS COUNTY
FRANK J. CHENET makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENET & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE hUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public. STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, | 85

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and muoous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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NEGROES.

Illiterate Ex-Slaves Faked by **Oily-Tongued Proposition** from the North.

WERE OFFERED PENSIONS.

Small "Retainer" Wanted in Bach In stance for Pensions That Never Materialized-Latest Appeal is to

Spanish-American Veteraus. A number of illiterate negroes in the city, with an abiding confidence in supposed friends they have in Yankeedom, have lately been fleeced out of goodly sums of hard-earned money by an old game that has been intermittently worked upon ex-slaves in the South ever since the war. The wictims a while back received long letters in sympathetic tone from some sharper in the North, telling them of pensions from the government which awaited them only for the asking, and adding, by way of parenthesis, that the most expeditious route toward this "reward of loyalty" was an application through the oily tongued writer of the epistles which they received. The method is exactly the same as employed in other States, notably South Carolina, a short time age, until publicity to the scheme made it no longer profitable. The negroes here were asked to send along small amount of money to pay 'necessary expenses," and that was the last of the cleverly concocted scheme, unless, perchance, the letter of the applicant gave evidence of extreme gullibility, in which event another letter was sent to the unsuspecting applicant, stating that more funds were needed for the "presecution of the claim." In a number of cases an additional amount was sent along as

requested. The negroes who were duped here made no kick, accepting the inevitable, but it is said that many of them were caught for amounts ranging

from \$2.50 to \$10. Lately the "game" has taken a nev and more modern turn in South Carolina and the same is doubtless being ville, at 4 o'clock in the presence of a played here by the writers of these ex-slave letters, though no cases have been reported. It will be remembered that a number of negroes enlisted ceived the congratulation of friends | here for the Spanish-American war and left on the afternoon train for and that a much larger number failed were turned down, but also by those ernment for them by an agency in New York. However, thus far no Spanish-American "veterans" from Wilmington appear to have responded

> Assistant District Attorney Melton, of Bouth Carolina, has lately investigated several cases of the latter kind n his State and gives the following interview to the Columbia Record:

"We had a case of pension fraud in Greenville at the last term of court, he said. "A sharper had represented to a number of negroes that the government intended sending a train load of provisions to former slaves and veterans of the Spanish war in the South. He also hinted that a share of these provisions could be obtained by those who were neither veterans of slaves, if everything were left to him. All he required was the money to pay the freight, and he got enough of that to ship a train clear across the continent. We sent him up for eighteen

months. "I would be very glad to secure some further evidence in these new frauds that are cropping up, and if there is much of it I will probably have some arrests to make.'

BAPTISTS IN ELIZABETH CITY.

State Convention Met Last Night-Reports Will Show Great Advance.

The Baptist State Convention assembled last night at Elizabeth City with opening sermon by Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Wake Forest. Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., of Oxford, will preside over the sessions, which promise to be well attended and fruitful of much good. During the convention the report of the State boards will show that the Baptists have raised \$111,000 for all purposes against \$97,000 during 1903, a gain of \$14,000. Some of the most notable objects and amounts are \$28,-000 for State missions against \$26,000 last year; \$18,500 for foreign missions against \$17,000 for the previous year: \$8,600 for home missions against \$7,-500 last year; \$27,000 for the Thomasville Orphanage, an increase of \$2,000. There are 126 missionaries in the State and there are reported 2,000 conversions under their ministry. Baptisis mony at the home of the groom's during the year received about ten thousand accessions to the churches, a net gain of 5,000 in membership.

Married Last Night. Last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. J. O. Grimes, five miles from the city, Miss Johanna Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Long, of Little River, S. C., and Mr. Chester Willetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Willetts, of Brunswick county, were married in the presence of a large number of friends, Justice G. W. Bornemann, of Wilmington, officia-- The Health Department yesters | ting. Following the ceremony an furnished by a string band.

Howard Relief Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Howard Relief Company, held Monday night in its handsome club rooms on northeast corner of Front and Orange atrests, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, M. Rathjen; vice president, J. W. Duls; secretary and treasurer, J. G. L. Gieschen; cjief marshat, Martin Schnibben; first assistant marsoal, H. T. Dula; second assistant marshal, H. | vanish under its searching and thor-L. Vollers; guard, M. Brunjes. The ough effectiveness. Electric Bitters L. Vollers; guard, M. Brunjas. The is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guarmittees will be named on the first anteed by R. R. BELLAMY, drugmeeting night in January.

CONFERENCE APPOINTEES.

Rev. M. Bradshaw, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District -All Local Pastors Returned-Other Notes.

[Special Star Telegram.]

HENDERSON, N. C., Dec. 5 .- The N. O. Conference came to a close here this evening with the reading of the appointments by Bishop Candler. The only change in the list which affects Wilmington is the appointment of Rev. M. Bradshaw, former pastor of St. Paul's, Goldsboro, as presiding elper of the district, succeeding Rev. R. B. John, who, having completed his fourth year at Wilmington, is transferred to Kinston. Rev. Mr. Bradshaw is an able man; and will serve the district well. Rev. N. M. Watson is returned to Grace church; Rev. A. McCullen to Fifth Street; Rev. G. B. Webster to Bladen Street, and Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Epworth church, Raleigh, is sent to Market Street church to succeed Ray. A. B. Halton, who lately resigned to join the Tennessee Conference. Rev. W. D. Sasser, of Kenansville, is sent to Southport to succeed Rev. Euclid McWhorter, who goes to Maxton. The other appointments for Wilmington district and vicinity are as follows: Scotts Hill, Y. E. Wright; Jacksonville and Richland, R. R. Grant; Magnolis, J. W Martin: Kenansville, V. A. Royall: Burgaw, W. F. Sanford: Town Creek E. L. Sawyer; Clinton, A. S. Barnes; Southport, W. D. Sasser; New River, M. Marlowe; Columbus, C. W mith; Whiteville and Chadbourn, J G. Draper; Carver's Creek, J. J Porter; Waccamaw, T. J. Browning Shallote, to be supplied; Kinston, R B. John; Maxton, E. McWhorter Lumberton, Z. Paris; St. Paul's Golds oro, W.L. Cunninggim; Fayetteville, Hay Street, D. H. Tattle; Wilson, F. D. Swindell; Newbern, G. T. Adams; Laurinburg, R. A. Willis; Troy, V R. Royall.

STATION HOUSE PICK-UPS.

wenty-eight Arrests Already in Decem-

ber-Before the Mayor Yesterday. Records at the station house show that the police have been quite active during the first seven days of Decem= ber, 28 arrests having thus far been made. Yesterday the Mayor had four

offenders in his court. Mrs. Florence Robinson, disorderly conduct at Second and Market streets was fined \$10 and costs which she paid. Jessie Mason, drunk, submitted and paid \$5 and costs. Sam Smith, colorto pass the examination for enlist- ed, charged with throwing filth in the ment. Letters are now being received street, near Sixth and Bladen last from some one not only by those who Sunday, was let off with the costs, he having pleaded that he was cleaning who never even applied, hinting that out his pigsty preparatory to removmoney can be obtained from the gov- al beyond the city limits. Smith was represented by Marsden Bellamy, Esq. John Turner, a young White plasterer, was charged with disorderly conduct at the office of Architect H. E. Bonitz with whom he had a falling out over a business transaction. There was some feeling on both sides. Mr. Turner

having employed W. P. Gafford, Esq., to defend him and Mr. Bonitz having engaged A. J. Marshall, Esq., to prosecute. Mr. Turner was fined \$5 and

EARNINGS OF SOUTHERN ROADS.

Figures Which Are of Interest in This Section - Gress Gains.

The following figures give the gross

earnings to latest report of the railoads in which this city and section are chiefly interested: Atlantic Coast Line-Gross earnings or October, \$1,916,683; previous year,

\$1,756,749. From July 1st to latest report, \$6,575,431; previous year, \$6,065,-Central of Georgia-Gross earnings for third week of November, \$210,620;

previous year, \$202,300. From July 1st to latest report, \$4,177,976; previous year, \$3,773,440. Louisville & Nashville-Gross earnings for third week of November, \$805,

355; previous year, \$714,560. From July 1st to latest report, \$15,110,955 previous year, \$14,803,462. Seaboard Air Line-Gross earnings for September, \$1,117,223; previous year, \$987,684. From July 1st to latest report, \$3,103,238; previous year, \$2,

Southern Railway-Gross earnings for third week of November, \$961,152; previous year, \$911,091. From July 1st to latest report, \$19,330,058; previous year, \$18,107,826.

PARDON FOR JIM WILCOX.

Marderer of Nellie Cropsey Will Ask Gov ernor for Reprieve-Notice Cives.

The family and friends of James Wilcox, who is serving a term in the penitentiary, for the murder of Nellie Cropsey at Elizabeth Civy, will make application to the governor for a pardon. The law requires that public notice be made of such application and the following advertisement is running in the Elizabeth City Economist :

All persons are hereby notified that application will be made to the Goyernor of North Carolina for the pardon of James Wilcox, as provided by law. Nov. 22nd, 1904. T. P. Wilcox.

One More Burgiary Added. One more charge of burglary is added to the five counts against Yants Strickland, the negro waiter arrested Sunday by Chief of Police Furlong and Capt. Green. Mr. R. N. Nash, whose home was burglarized late last noon and identified a blue coat and by the Wachovia Loan and Trust rapidly taking able bodied convicts vest as those stolen from his room, together with about \$10 in cash. Strickland has been sent over to jail. He remains stolid and indifferent to the fate which inevitably awaits him in the higher court.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system ! pervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches

UPON MANY CHARGES.

Five Separate Charges of First Degree Burglary Against Yants Strickland.

TO JAIL WITHOUT BOND

Entered Residences in Night Time Wholesale - Before the Mayor Yesterday - Peeble Effort to Shift the Burden Upon Another.

Yants Strickland, the negro hotel and restaurant waiter arrested Sunday by Chiefiof Police Furlong and City Detective Robert Green, was arraigned in the Mayor's court yesterday at noon upon five separate and distinct counts of burglary in the first degree, the penalty upon conviction in any one of which is death. That other counts of burglary in the same degree may be developed against the negro by the authorities within the next day or two is entirely within the range of possibility, as several articles of clothing and other property is in his possession that may be identified as that stolen from other residences. Yesterday Mayor Springer tried Strickland only upon the one charge of burglarizing the residence of Mr. James E. Willson on the night of

November 28th. The negro conducted his own defence and the interests of the State were looked after by City Attorney William J. Bellamy. Probable cause was easily established and the negro was held without bail for the January term of Superior Court when he will go on trial for his life. Other burglaries accredited to him are the residences of Mr. Chas F. Duffy, on the night of November 10th; Mr. T. J. Capel, on the 28th; Mr. John R. Turrentine, on the 27th, and Mr. George Rountree, on the 29th. Only City Detective Green, Chief Furlong, Mr. Willson, Mr. George D. Woebse and Henry Miller. colored, testified yesterday. From their evidence, probable cause was easily established. Other witnesses present were Thomas Quince, colored, who saw Strickland sell Mr. Willson's watch to Mr. Woebse; Mr. Capel, Mr. George Rountree, Mr. Chas. F. Duffy and Mr. Hugh W. Turrentine. They did not testify but were recognized to appear in the higher court. The negro Henry Miller, who testified yes terday, is a cook at the Only Restaued to shift his crimes, saying that Mil ler gave him the articles to sell. Miller testified that he did not know Strickland; had seen him once in Burr & Bailey's alley, once in a second hand dealer's store on Second street and once on the carnival grounds. The court was easily satisfied of Miller's innocence and he was discharged. Strickland went on the stand in his own behalf and told a filmsy story of street one day; had taken him to his (Miller's) room and given him the

clothing, etc., to sell. He said that he only pawned the watch to Mr. Woebse for a dollar. The chain was sold a day or two later for 10c. Thos. Quince, colored, was present to testify that he saw Strickland sell the watch to Mr. Woebse, but it was not thought necessary to put Quince on A search warrant was placed in the hands of Chief Furlong and Detective Green, empowering them to search

VanAmringe's auction house. There they found the coat which was stolen from Mr. Willson's room, but nothing else. Mr. VanAmringe's books showed that the coat was purchased from Yants Strickland for 25c.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Property Which Exchanged Hands by

Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday. Susan E. Moore, Ex'r., P. Q. Moore and Roger Moore to Thos. L. Skipper and wife, for \$375, property at northeast corner of, Eighth and and Dawson streets, 82x100 feet in size.

Henry C. Green to B. F. Kay, for \$250 two acres of land on the W. & W. railroad, same being lands purchased by Green from John W. Winders and wife in December, 1896. Louis H. Peterson and wife to H. F.

Wilder and wife, for \$1 and other conciderations, property on west side of Eleventh, 165 feet north of Princess treet, 50x150 feet in size, more or less. George Ritter and wife to Wright Blake, for \$700, property at northeast corner of Eighth and Wright streets, 66x83 feet in size.

Chas. H. Thompson and wife and Mary J. Kelly to Kelly W. Jewell and wife, for \$200, property on north side of Queen, 125 feet east of Fourth street, 40x55 feet in size.

- Winston-Salem Sentinel: It is seldom that any address by a Southern man attracts as much attention as the speech on "Conservatism," which Col. F. H. Fries, of this city, delivered before the Trust Company section of the American Bankers' convention at its session in New York city. Such papers as the New York Sun, Evening Post, World, Herald and Journal of Commerce have spoken in words of unstinted praise with reference to his address, while some of the leading financiers of the country have not been slow to congratulate Colonel Fries on his sensible utterances. These various comments have recently been pub-Fries is president.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont, recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."-Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helens, Mont. After using Ely's Cream Balm six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh.

-Joseph Stewart, Grand Ave, Buffalo. The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts. or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Local Port Paregraphs Here and There. Very Little Cotton Breught to Wilmisgtos at Present.

The river steamer "Hart" west on the ways at Skinner's yesterday for slight repairs before resuming her trips

to Fayetteville. Schooner "J. C. Strawbridge" cleared yesterday for Boston with cargo of 15,030 cross ties consigned by H. J. Spooner, Jr. per R. T. Windley, agent. British steamer "Miramar" cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 7,625 bales of cotton, consigned by

Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. British steamer "Petunia" arrived yesterday from Pomaron with cargo of fertilizer material. She is consignto Messrs. Helde & Co., and is chartered for Pensacola and Ghent after dis

charging here. Local receipts of cotion yesterday were the smallest of any day since the season opened, evidencing a disposition upon the part of the holders of the staple in the country to wait for better prices that are expected to follow the holidays. A gentleman who has had opportunity to observe says that practically no cotton has been sold in the country since the notable decline a few days ago. There appears to be a variety of opinion among cotion men as to the wisdom of such a course, but with the growers the belief in higher prices appears well nigh unanimous. The local market is not quoted at the Chamber of Commerce other than "nominal." Receipts yesterday, 820 bales against 2,253 same day last season.

Burgiar Got Pive Years.

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Benton, of Columbus, arrived in the city fast night conveying to the State penitentiary the negro, William Bethes, convicted of burglarizing the store and shooting Mr. Williams, of Cronly, several months ago. Bethea goes up for five years. Since the trial last week the negro has confessed everything. He will be taken to Raleigh this morning.

-A dispatch from Gastonia on Tuesday says:-The last act of a which stands the folly and waywardness of a beloved son, came to light early this morning when the body of Mr. Oliver McCarty, a well-known farmer of York of county, S C., was daugling to a rope in the barn rant, upon whom Strickland attempt- near his home in the Bethany Clover, and south of Gastonia. Since his son, having become involved in some trouble, left home a year ago, the father had constantly brooded over the disgrace which the boy had brought upon the family till his mind had become seriously affected. Recently members of the family had watched him closely, fearing he might do himself bodily harm. Shortly before daylight this how Miller had called him on the morning Mr. McCarty left his home, saying to some members of the family that he was going to the house of another son near by and would return in a short time. At the expiration of an hour or two his continued absence excited uneasiness on the part of his family and a messenger was dispatched to the house of his son. Inquiry there revealed the fact that he had not been to his son's house and a general search was instituted at once. On entering the barn the searching party found the unfortunate man hanging by a rope suspended from an overhead cross beam. He was

> - The result of a fire at Hickory Saturday night at 11 o'clock was the total loss of the manufacturing building of the Hickory Collar Co., and its contents, including all of the machinery, as well as some of the stock which was ready for shipment. The loss was about \$6,000 with no insurance. The business was owned by the Messrs. Geitner, but was operated and managed exclusively by Mr. H. C. Geitner, one of the safest and best young business men about town. It is thought the cause of the fire was rats and matches. The office building and its effects were all saved. has not been definitely decided whether or not the factory will be rebuilt. The large tannery which was nearby was not in the least damaged. As the engine of the plant was operated by gasoline, there were several tanks on the ground. All but one was soon removed to safety, and that one escaped until this afternoon, when some boys, who were around the ruins, tried an ex periment by putting a hot poker into the tank, which resulted in an explosion. The head of the tank blew out, striking a boy who was standing near, breaking his leg and bruising his face. 'The unfortunate young lad was a son of a Mr. Thornburg, who had been employed at the plant for some time.

- A dispatch from Raleigh on Tuesday says: At to-day's meeting of the penitentiary directors, a movement was begun for the establishment of a State reformatory for young criminals. Director John P. Kerr, spoke in favor of taking \$50,000 of the penitentiary's surplus for this purpose. Some of the directors urged postponement of action, saying that while the penitentiary was now a money making institution, it would very probably they would have been better off. cease to be so in a few years, owing The consumers of the world will be Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take Summer, called by the Oity Hall at lished in attractive pamphlet form to the fact that the counties are the beneficiaries.—New York World. no other kind. Company, of which institution Col. for public road work, and leaving only feeble ones for the penitentiary. Action was deferred for a month.

> - Editor J. J. Farris, of the High Point Enterprise, who took it upon himself to visit Washington and other cities to get the railroads to offer extremely low rates from the North and West to High Point at given periods, and which reduction in mileage has taken many people there since Oct. 1st, has lately had added several other important Western points to the list. The rate is one cent a mile, and includes Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Eyansville, Peoria, Detroit, Indianapolis, Columbus and other important points as starting point. This low rate is in effect during this winter.

TRUCK TEST FARM

The State Board of Agriculture Urged to Establish One-in East Carolina.

ADDRESS BY H. T. BAUMAN.

Business Agent of Truckers' Association Strongly Points Out Need - Farmers Urged to Market Cotton Crop Slowly-Reduce Acresge.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7 .- The North Carolina State Board of Agriculture, in session here to-night, was addressed by Mr. H. T. Bauman, of Wilmington, business agent of the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, upon the great need of and advisability of establishing a test truck farm in the belt covered by and got a box. I felt better the the jurisdiction of his organization. Mr. Bauman gave figures of the enormous industry that has grown up in East Carolina and pointed out many ways in which a test farm would be o benefit to growers in that vicinity. With substantial encouragement from the State Board of Agriculture, Mr. Bauman said still greater things were in prospect in the development of trucking in the most favored spot for that purpose on earth.

In his annual report to the State Board and to the Legislature, Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson strongly recommends the establishment of two additional test farms, one for the strawberry and truck growing sections of the East and another for the fruit section of Western Carolina. Mr. Bauman's address tofnight was a strong argument in behal of the recommendation of Commissioner Patterson.

The State Board to-night adopted resolutions to the effect that whereas the government report on the present cotton crop has caused a slump in price that would entail a loss of \$40,000,000 unless the farmers rescue themselves. they resolve that they deem it wise for the farmers to market the remainder of the crop slowly and only at remunerative prices. Curtailment of screage is urged for the next crop so that there will not be more than 11,000,000 bales, including that carried over from

NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL.

Eleven Jarors Sworn in at the Close of Yesterday's Session of Court -- Many Stories in Eirculation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 .- Eleven jurors had been sworn in for the trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of Carar Young at the close of to-day's session of the criminal branch of the Supreme

Of the 200 talesmen called 95 had been examined and so many others had been excused for various reasons that only a score remain from whom to draw the last juror. Those selected have been competent as regards con dition of health.

Instructions were issued to-day by

ustice Davis that no women shall be admitted to the court room during the Among the many stories in coonecion with the case which have gained circulation is one to the effect that the defence may res; on the evidence sub mitted by the prosecution. Miss Patterson has expressed a strong de sire to be at her father's home in Washington for Christmas, it is said, and is willing to take a chance to gain that end. If the trial progresses rapidly the defence may call some witnesses, but even that is not certain, it is said. In any event everything pos-

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fore Christmas day.

sible will be done to get a verdict be-

Sarries appropriation of \$24,000,000 for Road Building in the States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. - Senator Lat imer, from the committee on agricul ture and forestry, to-day reported favorably the bill known as "The Latimer Good Roads bill," which carries an appropriation of \$24,000,000 to be available in three annual installments of \$8,000,000 for road building in the States. Under the provisions of the bill the States are to do the work of construction and pay one-half the cost, the national government paying the o her baif. The report contains a discussion of the power of Congress to make appropriations for road purposes and cites numerous authorities and precedents to support of the proposi tion. It deals also with the duty of the government to aid in road build

- Measured in dollars, the 12. 000,000 bales of 1904 cotton crop are worth less than the 10,000,000 bales of the 1903 crop. The differ ence in total value is enermous. A pound of raw cotton which last February sold for 17 cents is worth only 8 cents now. Cotton is selling at \$40 a bale now, as compared with \$70 and \$75 a year ago. At that rate the total value of the 1904 crop will be less than \$500,000,000, while the 1903 crop sold for over \$700,-000,000. It is paradoxical that as one result of the increased industry of the Southern planters, they receive \$200,000,000 less. If they had planted less, cultivated less and allowed the boll weevil to flourish,

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PRESIDENT'S TRIP SOUTH.

Expects to Attend the Annual Repulor of Rough Riders at San Antonio in the Spring By Telegraph to the morning Star WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. - President Roosevelt to-day received an invita-

tion to visit Louisville, Ky., nex Spring, and he gave a conditional str ceptance. The invitation was extended by Bogan C. Murray, a represent tive of the Louisville Board of Trans. who was presented by Senators Bi co burn and McCreary, Represents v. Shirley and John W. Yerkes, c. missioner of internal revenue, all Kentucky. The President told that, unless there should be an . x ordinary session of Congress Spring-a subject on which, he ad his own mind was not quite cies probably would go to San A. Texas, to attend the annual re-u of his old regiment of Russi ders. The President said n pected to visit on his way San Antonio, Roswell, Georgia, was the home of his mother. I likely that other stops may be tions have been received by the P dent to visit various cities to the and he hopes to be able to accep . the President may take a trip lute. mountains of Colorado to get sont shooting. The hunting expedient may consume two or three weeks. He told the Kentucky committee he would stop at Louisville on his return tru. provided always that the trip as now contemplated was undertaken.

TO HOLD COTTON.

Mass Meetings of Planters to be Held to Devise Ways and Means.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7. - President Peters, of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, and other prominent Texas cotton men, wired a local house to-day that mass meetings of cotton planters had been called in every county in Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma to take place December 17th, to devise ways and means to hold cotton. It was added that Texas would hold meetings. It was considered not improbable to-day that a meeting of planters and bankers in all Southern States growing cotton would be held here about the date of the Texas meetings to consider means to meet the conditions imposed by the report of the Bureau of Agriculture. The market was

higher to day. - Col. F. A. Olds telegraphed to the Charlotte Observer on Monday: 'At 1 o'clock this afternoon the State canvassing board completed its work, having received the missing electoral vote from Cherokee county, which was 980 for Roosevelt and 663 for Parker. The board certified the total vote for Parker as 124,124, and that for Roosevelt as 82,542, the ms jority for Parker being 41,682. -Spencer Blackburn this afternoon got his commission as Congressman from the Eighth district, it being delivered to Postmaster Bailey Mr Blackburn said he wanted to be t e first to get a commission and he had

- The Lutheran Synodical Board of St. Louis, Mo., will locate a c lege in Greensboro, N. C., for education of negro boys. A site of taining 15 acres was bought for purpose in the suburbs of Gree 6 boro Saturday. Work on the college buildings, which, together with necessary residences, will cost \$50,-000, will begin in the Spring.

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