SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

A COTTON GROWERS' TRUST. We get this interesting paragraph

from the Richmond News Leader:

"The Southern Cotton Growers"

Accordation, in adopting a resolu. the taxable value of the negroes'

ing the minmum price of property. He adds: "Probably the 10 cents per pound, and colored man has learned the lesson restriction of acreage, thus practically forming a trust, so as to forget that thereby they are stimu. lating experiments in cotton growing in other parts of the world and may kill the goose that lays the

goiden egg." We understand the situation to be that the producers of cotton and those dependent upon that production for their business mean simply to meet organization with organiza-

special study of it. tion. The element which seeks to control the price of cotton is already ever, and that is that the negro aplinked together in organization, preciates the advantages which are and the farmer, the merchant, the afforded him to send his children to banker and the manufacturer of the school. White people had better South would be negligent of their stir their stumps if they want their interests, and they are one, if they children to keep ahead of the negro failed to get together. in attendance upon the schools.

The prosperity of the South very largely dependent upon its cotton production and growing cotton m .nufacturing interests, and consequently the producers, the consumers (ne manufacturers), the bank ers, and the merchants, as a busi ness proposition, are interested in educate the negro. The several making the cotton crop as big a States are bound to be given the wealth bringer as possible.

We haven't got any great amount of c bfidence in the success of any children have. mov-ment to hold cotton for better prices, but we certainly hope that it

Speaking of the cotton situation, the Washington correspondent of development has ontgrown the supthe Charlotte Observer, sent the folply of labor, and that considering lowing on Friday :

Certain Southern members have lack of negro labor is more noteces contemplated the latest estimate of the cotton crop, promulgated by the Agricultural Department with a growing sense of indignation, and the feeling that the Department has over reached itself found formal expression to day when Representative Livingston, of Georgia, introduced a reso ution requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to forward to the House all data upon which the last report on cotton acreage and pro duction was made. The preamble recites that there is a great dissatisfaction and want of confidence in the reports, especially as to the last report. In private conversation Mr. Livingston declared that the last "guess" of the department had cost the farmers of the South \$80,000,000, as it was estimated that the present crop would amount to more than 12,000,000 bales Of course officials of the department will antagonize the resolution, but there is reason to believe that Chairman Wadsworth, of ing off wool for silk, what is to be the agriculture committee, will favor its passage. Anyway, Mr. Wadsworth was heard to say some time ago that it might be well for the department to go out of this guessing business. Senator Overman expressed the belief to-night that any sort of investigation would result in promoting confidence in the government's sources of information. Several members of the House who have discussed the sub-

ect with Secretary Wilson are similarly minded. Surely an investigation into the Department's guessing methods will do no harm. On top of all the developments in the cotton subject, a report now comes from Thos. A. fairness in politics. McIntyre & Co, of New York, that the government guessers admit that they are wrong, and that they now believe that the crop will not be over 11,-000,000 bales instead of 12,162,000 as recently estimated. That report comes from the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin and will be found on the fourth page of this morning's STAR.

Carnegie predicts that great fortunes will be made in the rubber industry. It certainly is capable of much expansion." We extend the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Carnegie upon his coming into the rubber ranks. We can corroborate him with the statement that we have positively seen many rich things by reason of belonging to the rubber neck class.

The Smoot investigation has been resumed before the Senate Committee at Washington. This reminds us that Smoot controlled the Mormon vote for the Republican party. rest of the landsliders.

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PROGRESS OF THE NEGROES.

the South to get his data. He stated,

among other things, that the negro

was not only retrograding as a la

borer, but that the wealth accumu-

lated by the negroes is decreasing in

In a recent lecture Booker T.

Washington advances another view.

He stated that one-twenty-sixth of

the soil of Virginia was owned by

negroes, according to the official re-

cords. He further asserted that the

negro race has developed more rap-

idly in thirty years of its freedom

than the Latin race had in 1,000

years of freedom. He also declared

that about 65 per cent. of Italians,

85 per cent. of Spaniards, 70 per

cent, of Russians and 80 per cent.

of South Americans are illiterate,

but after thirty years of freedom

only 54 per cent. of the negro race

is illiterate. In Georgia, Washing-

ton said, \$16,700,000 is set down as

of hiding its real value from his

white brother; the figures ought to

While the accumulation of prop-

erty by the negro is slow, we doubt

very sesiously whether Mr. Brown's

article gives the real fact as to the

negro's accumulation of property?

However, his article referred to the

South as a whole and he made a

There is one thing certain, how-

Many will read with astonishmen

the statement, if it is based upon

fact, that the illiteracy of the negro

has been reduced to 54 per cent. If

Northern critics to let up on the

Southern States for lack of effort to

greates part of the credit for the

The development of the South is

amazing, as Mr. Brown says in his

article in the North American Re-

the element of thriftless blacks, the

The real truth of the negro's

vancement in the accumulation of

"Nothing is left undone to safeguard

even want him to get struck with the

idea that the "open door of hope"

is not liable to let in a draught that

is pernicious to a Southern darkey's

Twenty New Jersey girls ducked

a man in an icy creek for selling

them wool hosiery for silk. If a

man has to take a ducking for palm-

done with the girls for pulling the

It is very annoying to the horse

more males than females in the

United States. He is always fight-

If the Republican party prefers

that the South remain the one con-

servative element of the union, it

had better stick to Republicanism

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick promises

that all her obligations shall be paid.

We have some subscribers who are

just as promising as Mrs. Chadwick.

Mrs. Wallis, a Cincinnati fashion

the old man would be better off.

and not return to radicalism.

political rheumatism.

wool over men's eyes?

to take care of himself.

sprinkler.

ing against odds.

position as a laborer and his ad-

able than it otherwise would be?

property would be interesting.

school advantages which colored

be over \$30,000,000."

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. William Garrott Brown, who --- If the South could only get a recently wrote for the North Amerlittle reduction in representation it ican Review an article entitled "The would not object. - Newport News White Peril-The Immediate Dan-Times Herald. ger of the Negro," traveled through - Why should the North howl

> Commercial-Appeal. --- "I am determined to prove that I am different from other men," says old Dr. Dowie. He has proved it by paying \$4,000,000 in

because the South proposes to take

its licking like a man?-Memphis

debts: - Washington Post. -The decline in the price of cotton will probably put all the idle mills to work, if they can buy as much cotton in the bale as on paper.

-Richmond Times-Dispatch. - Whether they call it "readjustment" or revision or reform is all the same to the people, who are weary of the spoliations and iniquities of the existing tariff. - Philadelphia Record.

The Mobile Register, !n an article proposing the erection of a monument to Father Ryan, the great poet, calls him a "son of Maryland." It has always been our understanding that Father Ryan was born in Norfolk .- Norfolk Land. mark.

-A newspaper is published for the masses and classes. A thing that may sound foolish to one person may be wisdom to another, and that which tickles the modest fancy of Maud Muller may serve to tilt the nasal adornment of Clara Vere de Vere. - Orange Virginian.

-- A contemporary asks: "Why not have a parcels post?" The simple answer is that the great express companies, who have in Thos C. Platt an agent in the Senate of the United States, and the great railroad corporations having an interest in the express companies, do not want a parcels post that would seriously threaten their profits .-Philadelphia Record.

- Commenting on Dr. Samuel T. Carter's remarks in connection with his renunciation of the Presbyterian confession of faith in the Hartford (Conn.) Courant says that "in more Southern and conservative regions of Presbyterianism his utterances will be regarded as blasphemy they will not only be regarded so by Southern Presbyterians, but in a a sense by the Christian bodies of the South generally, and it is well the statement is true, it is time for that that is so .- Richmond, News-Leader.

- Strong efforts are being made to turn the tide of foreign immigration Southward, and seemingly without much regard as to what class comes. Unless care is exercised we will have a class similar to those in Northern mines and factories. The South Carolina law on the subject ought to be adopted by all the States of the South and then there would be little danger. The view. May it not be a fact that our fear is expressed that there will not be enough of the class we are obtaining. That may or may not be true, but that supply should first be ex hausted before experiments are made with others.-Columbia Record.

LOCAL DOTS.

- The Revenue Cutter "Seminole" sailed yesterday for a cruise as far north as Hatteras. Later she will return down the coast, going to Savannah before the new year.

President Roosevelt," says a Washington correspondent. We approve - Mr. J. Herbert Stone, of Liteverything that is done for the protle River, S. C., was in the city yesterday on business. He will move to tection of the President. We don't Wilmington on January 1st to accept employment with Stone & Co.

- A. B. McDonald, of Hamlet, was given two years in the penitentiary and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5,000 for illicit distilling and intimidating a witness by Judge Purnell in the Fed-

eral Court at Releigh Friday. - Justice Bornemann yesterday married a colored couple-William C. Thomas and Rosa Franks, who went away as happy as larks after a parting injunction from the "judge" as to how they should deport themselves in the future.

Some of our State exchanges are -- By deed filed for record yesspeculating about the future of Gov. terday Carl P. B. Mahler and wife Charles B. Aycock, whose four years transferred to Sallie W. Mayo, for term closes next month. No use to \$2,350, property on west side of Sixth. worry. Just watch the limelight and | 120 feet south of Nixon street, 150x120 you will see a man who knows how feet in size and abutting on Brown's or Hutaff's alley.

- A colored man was shot and We have seen so much about illeslightly wounded late yesterday aftergal registration, fraud in elections noon in the vicinity of Sixth and Red and rottenness in politics in Penn-Cross streets. It is said that the negro who received the bullet persisted in sylvania that it really makes us following a crippled negro, who final-Pennsyve when the Bucktail papers ly, tired of being hounded, drew a lecture the South on morality and pistol and opened up on the other. No

arrests were made. Another story will be added to - Mr. Hans A. Kure, propriethe Wilmington water wagon for tor of the amusement pavilion at Carthose who will take their annual olina Beach, has bought the riding gallery or "hobby horses" that have "swear-off" January 1st. Those been operated at Sixth and Campbell who are a trifle shaky in their resostreets. He will take the outfit down lution might get on the street to the beach next Summer for the en-

tertainment of seaside visitors.

- As Capt. Robertson came out editor to see from the statistics of of his residence on Princess street just Says the Baltimore Sun: "Andrew | the Census Bureau that there are | after supper last night he found neatly coiled up on his front porch a drunker white man, apparently resting easy. Capt. Robertson felt a delicacy in disturbing the stranger's nap, but he was afraid of the visitor's catching cold and summoned the patrol wagon, the stranger having very soon thereafter

ecome a guest at the station house. - It is announced that Mrs. Preston L. Bridgers will build a handsome residence on her let on east side of Third, between Church and Castle streets, and that Mr. H. K. Nash has | conducting a gaming house while Jas. purchased the residence of the late | per Nixon, Robert Sievenson and Wil-Mrs. W. A. Riach, in the same vicinity. and will remodel it. It is also stated that Col. Walker Taylor will erect a writer says: "Women would be bet- handsome residence on northeast cor- made her escape during the round up.

Mrs. Bridgers now resides.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS TRAGEDY AT FLORENCE, S. C.

Federal Court Enjoins Corporation Commission and Greensboro Fuel Concern.

SOUTHPORT BANK CHARTERED State Pair Settlement -V. E. McBee Receiver for Carolina Northern Railroad With Mr. W. J. Edwards. Beseeching More Pardons.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16 .- The temporary injunction against the Corporation Commission and the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company was made perpetual to-day by Judge Purnell in an opinion handed down in a suit brought by the Southern Railway to stop the two defendants from bringing suits against them for penalties and damages for refusal of the Southern to place cars of coal consigned to the Greensboro company on a private siding, the refusal being on the ground that no further cars be so placed until certain disputed claims for demurrage for the past placing of cars is paid. The right of the Corporation Commission to force a railroad to deliver cars under such circumstances is involved and the court rules the Commission has no such right, where, as in this case the cars are brought from other States, it being inter-state commerce. Reports submitted to the State Fair

\$8,000 balance in the treasury, after all expenses of the recent fair are paid. The affairs are in excellent condition. A handsome silver service was presented to President Ashley Horne, of the Fair Association, as a token of appreciation. The Bank of Southport is chartered with \$5,000 capital subscribed and

executive committee to-day show

\$20,000 authorized. Among the in corporators are J. J. Watson, A. E. Stevens, H. W. Hood and Dr. J. A. Dosher. Governor Aycock accepts an invitation to deliver an address before the LaFayette, December 28th.

In the United States Circuit Court vesterday a petition was filed by the complainant, the Guaranty Trust Company of Palladelphia, in the suit against the Carolina Northern Ratiroad Company asking for the appoint ment of V. E. McBee as co-received with W. J. Edwards, the present receiver. The Trust Company's petiion for such appointment was filed at the request of practically all the bond bolders of the railroad company, resdents, principally of Philadelphia and Richmond, and it is understood that the action of the bondholders was at the instance or suggestion of Mr. John Skelton Williams, who holds a very large block of the bonds and bas a biga opinion of Capt. McBee as a railroad manager and desires him to take charge and build up the physical condition and traffic of the railroad. The petition having teen granted, Capiain McBee, who was present at court at chambers, filed a bond in the sum of \$15,000 and went to Lumberton last night where he will take charge of the railroad in conjunction with W. J. Edwards, the present re-

The father and brother of the Charlotte slayer Bishop were here this we-k to see Governor Aycock and plead for a pardou. The attorney for the Gold Brick men is also here to see the Governor bearing numerous petttions for their release. Neither parties received any satisfaction at the hands of the Governor.

EAGLE MANUPAGTURING CO.

Pactory Site Purchased on W. & W., Near Eighth and Hanover-Officers.

The Eagle Manufacturing Company of this city, which was recently incorporated with a paid-in capital stock of \$5,000 by Messre. G. F. Quinn, J. O. Powers, James Millan and J. A. Lewis, will begin business about January 15th. The company recently organized with Mr. Lewis as president; Mr. Powers, treasurer; Mr. Millan. secretary, and Mr. Quinn, general manager. Each of the incorporators is a practical man with experience in the line mapped out for the new factory and the enterprise gives assurance of success from the very start.

A site for the factory 150 x 206 feet in size, has been purchased on Eighth sireet, between Han over and Brunswick, along the right of way of the W. & W. railroad, making shipping facilities the very best obtainable in the city. The company proposes to manufacture doors, sash, blinds, turned columns, cabinets, cases, etc., and will cater to both the wholesald and retail trade. For the present a factory building 36x70 feet in size will be constructed and the latest and most improved machinery will be used. Later, it is proposed, to add to the building and put in new

RAIDED GAMBLING JOINT.

Policemen Arrested Four Last Night at House in "Blood Block" Alley.

Policemen Leon George and W. M. Harriss last night about 9 o'clock raided a negro gambling joint in what is known as "Blood Block" alley, leading from Fourth, between Brunswick and Bladen streets. Policeman George had received a tip that gambling was going on at the house of Eila Johnson and at an opportune time he and Policeman Harriss swooped down on the place. The Johnson woman was arrested and charged with lie Holley, young negro men, were taken in custody, charged with gambling. Another woman in the house The Mormons are no better than the ter off if they never wore hats." No, ner of Third and Church streets, where A deck of ourds, somewhat worse for wear, was all the parapherballs found. January 1st."

Railroad Special Agent Shot Down by Dispensary Spy There Last Night at the Station.

Mr. J. C. Blount, 54 years of age, an Atlantic Coast Line special agent, or detective, was shot and almost instantly killed at the depot in Florence, S. C., early last night by a dispensary constable named Rowell, who was intoxicated. The tragedy occurred near the entrance to the waiting room in the passenger depot, while hundreds of people were passing to and from the trains which connect there about 8 o'clock. Rowell was immediately arrested and lodged in jail. The men had quarrelled over some personal matter and Mr. Blount's connection with the Coast Line had nothing to do with the homicide.

Chere was much excitement at the depot over the tragedy, and the sev eral trains due to depart at that hour were delayed. The train due here last night at 13 o'clock did not arrive. for that and other reasons, until after 1 o'clock this morning. Passen gers on the train to Wilmington spoke the affair this morning as cold-blooded murder. Blount has large family and had always borne an excellent character. The ball from the dispensary constable's pistol entered the left temple and came out near

DRUIDS PLAN BENEFICENTLY.

Linden Grove Will Have fioliday Gifts fo One Hundred Worthy Poor.

Thankful for the blessings and prosperity of the past year and mindful of those less fortunate than themselves, members of Linden Grove No. 2 United Ancient Order of Druids, of this city, have it in their hearts to do something substantial and pleasant for the poor of the community. Ac cordingly, a committee composed of Mesors. A. J. Marshall (chairman). Paul Caase, W. W. King, Wm. B. Schuler, George Zeigler and D. M. Teachers Assembly of Louisiana at Beardeley, has been appointed to arrange for a reception in Druid's Hall on the night of Dec. 30th, when 100 worthy poor of the city will be welcomed by the chairman of the committee, presiding, and they will be given New Year offerings of substanlial character, such as shors, clothing, etc., with confectioneries and other little delicacies for the children among the number. The committee is now preparing a list of 100 of the most worthy poor and they will be most fittingly remembered upon this occasion. The purpose of the order in thi matter is highly commendable, and the STAR is certain that the joy of the occasion will be mutual-to those who give and to those who receive.

"CAPE PEAR PARMERS ALIVE.

Meeting of Growers, Merchants, Bankers and Manufacturers at Payetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE, D.sc. 16 -The meet ing of Cumberland county cotton farmers with the Chamber of Comnerce here to day was presided over by Capt. J. D. McNeill, with Mr. F. R. Rose as secretary. Mr. J. C. Bain, secretary of the Farmers' Alilance in Cumberland, responded to a call from the chairman, who had previously stated the object of the meeting to be that of inducing farmers to hold their present crop for remunerative prices and to curtail production next year. Mr. Bennett, of 71st township, told of the evils of over-production, saying that a ten million bale crop meant 10c for the staple and prosperity for the South while a twelve million bale crop meant 7c and ruination. The remedy was reduced acreage and that only could be accomplished by organiza-

In behalf of the manufacturing interests, Mr. W. L. Holt spoke with force and clearness, saying the drop in prices had come with great disappointment to manufacturers. He had just returned from Greensboro, where he had a conference with Mr. Cone, one of the most extensive manufacturers in the South, who expressed himself in the same way.

Mr. H. W. Lilly, president of the Bank of Fayetteville, expressed himself heartily in sympathy with the movement, saying that the interests of the banker and the farmer were identical; that while the present situation enabled the banks to make profitable transactions with the farmers, remunerative prices for their products

made the farmers far more valuable customers. Mr. John R. Tolar, of the New York Cotton Exchange, and president of the Tolar-Hart-Holt Cotton Mills, addressed the meeting very interestingly, pointing out that reduction of acreage alone would save the situation. He believed, though, that 11,000,000 bale crop could be very well handled, and that it would bring 10 cents. It would not do just to reduce the acreage; growers must show o the world that they were reducing . It was a mistake that low cotton pleased the manufacturers. Mr. Tolar said their mills saw better times always with cotton at 10 cents and over. Maj. E. J. Hale, Mr. A. L. McCaskill, Mr. J. Henrie Currie and others spoke in the same vein, and at length

resolution by Col. A. H. Slocomb was adopted recommending a reduction of acreage of 25 per cent. with corresponding reduction in fertilizers, and a judicious placing of the cotton on the market until the acreage reduction develops.

New Weed Plant

Whiteville News: "A new enterprise is being erected on the Whiteville Lumber Co.'s railroad, just below their mill at Vineland, which will be an entirely new industry for this county. The Weed Distilling and Manufacturing Company, a corporation composed of Northern capital sts. are putting in machinery there for manufacturing turpentine, oil and paving blocks, using as a material from which to manufacture these products lightwood stumps which are taken from the fields and woods by means of a large stump puller, which machine is operated by steam power. We learn that there is ample capital behind the enterprise and that the plant is expected to be in operation by est terms of the value of the service to possible and appealing to local banks

NEWS FROM RALEIGH. TO STAMP OUT SMALLPOX.

State Cotton Growers Gathered in Respective Counties for Common Purpose.

INTERESTING BLADEN CASE.

White Men Given New Trial for Assault Upon Singletary .- Interesting Recommendation by Tax Commission as to Poll Tax-Notes.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17 .- Wake county cotton farmers in session today decided to hold all cotton on hand for ten cents and to reduce the acreage for the next year twenty-five per cent. Reports received indicate that similar action was taken to-day by practically every cotion county in the State. The Supreme Court delivers an

opinion in case of State vs. Davis, from Bladen, which gave rise to the noted and sensational impeachment proceedings by Judge Peebles against the Lumberton Bar. A new trial is granted on the grounds that Judge Peebles indicated pre-judgment of the case in the midst of the trial by declaring that the identity of certain handwritings was already established to the satisfaction of the court and there need be no further evidence on that point, an expert witness being on the stand at the time. The defendants were sentenced to four months each on the roads but they win a new trial. The case was against four men, E. J., I. J. and D. A. Davis and E. V. Freeman for assault on D. A. Singletary. He was shot in the eye because of a dispute about a stock law.

RALEIGH, N. C.. Dec. 17-In the report of the Tax Commission to Governor Aycock, just filed, it is recommended that the poil tax be not alowed to exceed \$2; that cities and owns be not allowed to levy any poll tax; that statutes be not passed au thorizing a higher tax rate than 66% cents on the one hundred dollars, and that the municipal tax rate be so limited that when added to the State and Jounty lax, it will not be a conner ion of any class of property. The commission issues a statement

or summary of property valuations and

taxes in the State that makes a very fateresting showing. It shows that the total valuation of all property in the State for 1904 is \$443,282,781, a ain of \$151,963,228 since 1899 and as ompared with \$433,372,939 in 1903. There are 29.304.882 acres of land with an average value of \$4.92 per acre. Durham county having the highest acreage, \$15 per acre; Gaston accond, at \$14.23. Dare has the lowest valuaion averaging \$1.19 per acre. The valuation of real and personal prop erty in the State is \$128,204,279. The valuations in some principal towns are Durham \$10,470,173 (the highest); Cuarlotte \$9,681,885; Wilmington \$9, 249,766; Salisbury \$2,476,260. The total solvent credits in the State is \$30, 702,019. Forsyth being first with 1,091,686. Make second and Mecklenburg third with \$1,080,721. The capital stock of banks is \$7,583,498 with \$9,730,670 assessed value. Railroads are valued at \$70,612,721 and other corporations at \$5,803,025. The total indebtedness of counties is \$2,514,580 and of towns \$6,554,238. Meckienburg has the largest of any county, \$339,500; Asheville the largest of any town, \$991,500. Charlotte owes \$615, Wilmington, \$674,700; Greens boro, \$450,000. Of county taxes \$198, 724 remain uncollected, and of the town taxes \$125,225; \$34,984 polls are unpaid in the countler, and nearly double that number in the towns. The report shows that there are 858 lawyers, 1,322 physicians, 281 dentists, 8,886 merchants and 953 corporations in the State. The total of all taxes in the State for the year is

WILMINGTON BANKERS OPTIMISTIC.

Messrs, Hugh MacRae & Co. Take Most Escoursging View of the Outlook.

In a symposium of views of leading bankers, manufacturers and business men generally all over the South, the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record of this week has the following from Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., bankers and brokers of this city:

"Hugh Mackae & Co., bankers, Wilmington, N. C.: Business with us has been very active this fall, and we have expected it to coutinue throughout the winter and spring. notwithstanding the fact that cotton the principal Southern product, selling low. Although the recent decline of cotton has caused a large loss to holders, on the other hand it is not without its good side, as it has placed the manufacturer in a position to purchase supplies at a reasonable figure. We believe that matters will equalize themselves in the near future. A member of our firm recently completed a tour of the Carolinas and found the people in splendid financial condition and saw evidences of progress and prosperity on every hand, and believes that the people at large are in better shape financially and have more luxuries than they have ever had before. This prosperity is due primarily, of course, to the good crops which we have had for the past ew seasons. We are very optimistic n regard to the future prosperity of the South in general, and the Caro linas in particular, and believe that the opportunities are as great here, or possibly greater, than in any other part of the country. These concluand study of conditions as we have found them in this section.

- Friends out of town have received invitations to the marriage of Miss Octavia Horiense Boatwright and Mr. Robert Howell Gwaltney, which will be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. John Lord Bostwright, in this city, on the evening of the 28th of December, No. 404 Orange street.

- Mr. A. P. Thomas and little son, Neill, of Shallotte, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Thomas is on the residents in the country.

County Sanitary Board Makes Compulsory Vaccination Applicable to Rural Schools -The Situation.

While there is absolutely nothing

alarming in the smallpox situation either in Wilmington or in the country, the County Sanitary Board is as soon as it could be ascertained alive to the necessity of adopting every precaution to prevent anything like an epidemic. Its latest action towards that end is an order passed at a special meeting of the Board Friday night at the Court House, requiring all children in attendance upon the public schools to present certificates of successful vaccination on or before January 10th of the New Year. Those present at the meeting were Chairman D. McEachern and Messrs. M. W. Divine and H. L. Vollers, of the Board of County Commissioners, members ex officio of the Sanitary Commission; Dr E. J. Wood and Dr. W. D. Mc-Millan, county superintendent of heal.h. The object of the meeting was stated to the Board by Chairman McEachern and there was a very general discussion of the situation especially in the country, the city schools aircady having compulsory vaccination a prerequisite to attendance upon

The order was made upon motion of Dr. Wood and was uanimously adopted as follows:

"That this Board recommends to the Board of Education that all teachers and children of the public schoolspresent certificates of successful vaccination prior to January 10th, 1905. and upon failure to present same they

shall be debarred from attendance." While the city school authorities some time ago took the initiative in this matter themselves and the general vacination rule is now in perfect effect, the order by the Connty Sanitary Board removes every possibility of a doubt as to its legality and possibility of successful resistance, which was talked of at first. For those who complied with the order adopted some time ago by the school authorities the order now adopted by the Sanitary Board will

clean sweep of all who, for any rea-

son, evaded the original ruling. It is a remarkable fact that while nearly every county in the State has smallpox, and some of them a great many cases, comparatively little has been said about it. It has been the policy of this paper to deal fairly with the people on this matter, believing that knowledge of the fact is the surest method of inducing people to take all possible means to prevent an outbreak and to so regulate their association, etc., as to make possible the least spre in f the disease. The situation in gton and in the county is now well in the control of the health authorflies and there is not the least danger of an epidemic, though vaccination is urged. There are not more the todozen cases in the entire coun-

ty and all those are entirely isolated. Smallpox in most virulent form is reported in yesterday's Florence Times from nearly every county in South Carolina. Several deaths have occurred in Columbia and conditions in Georgetown are said to be worse. In its annual report to the legislature, made public in Columbia Friday the State Board of Health acknowledges its inability to handle the smallpox situation unless the legislature passes a compulsory vaccination law which will be particularly stringent with regard to corporations.

Kittle Leslie and Husband.

Kittie Leslie and her husband, John Tharp, were central figures in a double trial in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, the wife charging the husband with two counts of assault and battery. Tharp was found guilty under one charge, but the other was so notoriously flagrant that the prosecutor was taxed with the costs. She couldn't

pay at first and went to jail in default.

Holiday Evergreens, The following from yesterday's Ra leigh News and Observer will be read with interest: "Mistletoe is selling at 25 cents per pound at Indianapolis. Holly in 25 pound crates is bringing \$2 to \$3.25 per crate. Many carloads are being shipped from North Caroiina and many more might be shipped If the people would look after diversified methods of money making more than after cotton and tobacco.'

BURNED TO DEATH.

Man, Wife and a Visitor Cremated Near Monticello, Ark. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK, Dec. 17. -A special to the Gazette from Monticello | Reservoir Disaster by Which Nise Persons

W. M. Stevenson and his wife, and Mrs. Willie Barrett, a visitor, have been burned to death in the Stevenson home twelve miles east of Monticello. When neighbors reached the house they found the bodies of the inmates burned beyond recognition. Sheriff Wilson made an investigation and sent to Pine Bluff for bloodhouds. Steven. son was known to keep considerable money in the house, and it is believed the house was attacked for the purpose of robbery and set on fire to cover the

GEORGIA FARMERS.

Mass Meetings to Urge Holding Cotton for a Price of 10 Cents. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 17.-Specials to the Telegraph from many counties of the State tell of mass meetings held by farmers in an effort to further the movement recently inaugurated to hold cotton for a price of ten cents. In most of the counties strong resolurural free delivery route emanating tions were adopted declaring that from Shalotte and speaks in the high-

Friday says: The safe crackers have

been at work in these parts again, visiting Tatum, this county, and McColl, S.O., the other night. This time they did not succeed in getting much in the way of booty. -A. Washington on Friday Congressman Gudger received a telehone message from the War Department saying that the body of Lieutenant Pritchard had reached San Francisco, and should arrive

at Marshall about the 22nd. It was

added that the Department would

immediately advise Judge Pritchard

SPIRITS TURPENTINE:

ly throughout North Carolina as the farmers are holding it back waiting

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-Cotton is being market

for a rise in price

when the body should reach the former home of the young officer. - Mr. W. G. Matthews, who has been in Scotland county for the past four or five years engaged in the melon business, left the other day for a point near Dawson, Georgis, where he will continue the culivation and growth of melone. While Mr. Matthews was in Laurinburg he set enough men in the melon business to insure a continuance of the business, even though he is gone. Mr. Matthews made a success of the melon business, and made many friends who

are sorry to see him leave.

- A dispatch from Kinston on Friday says Mr. Jno. L. Daugherty, prominent farmer of this county, was seriously shot to-day by Mr. W. E. Street, of Kinston, in mistake for a wild turkey. Mr. Street, with a companion, was in a boat on the Neuse river duck hunting. Mr. Daugherty had killed two turkeys and propped them up on the bank as decoys and was himself concealed in a pit below the bank. The duck hunter seeing part of his black coat exposed and hearing his yelping, mistook him for a turkey and fired from about twenty-five yards distance, the load of No. 4 shot taking effect in his right shoulder, neck and head. He will probably recover, though seriously hurt.

- Washington correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: A meeting of the North Carolina delegation was held this afternoon in one of the Democratic cloak rooms at the House. It was stated by some members who have made inquirles among Republican members that an omnibus public building bill would in all probability be introduced, carrying something like \$8,000,000. Following this announcement the members agreed that more than \$300,000 should go to North Carohave no effect, but it will make a lina, which amount will take care of three or four projects, the favored ones, as heretofore stated, being Winston, Salisbury and Asheville. Congressman Gudger filled additional data bearing on the Asheville bill, the papers including letters from Judge Pritchard, who recount. ed the interesting statement that the Court of Appeals would in all probability hold its terms in Asheville instead of Richmond in the

COTTON GROWERS AROUSED.

North Carolina Farmers Will Hold Cotton for 10 Cents as a Minimum and Reduce # creage 25 Per Cont.

By Telegraph to the morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17-Here in the capitol and at various county seats in the State the cotton growers met to day and took the first steps-toward the holding of the staple for better prices. The resolutions passed at all the meetings were practically the same, and all points heard from indicate that they are fully aroused and are ac ing as a unit. The resolutions declare that they will hold cotton for ten cents as the minimum price, and pledge the growers to reduce the acreage 25 per cent. The meeting in this city was attended by a number of the State officers and many of the most prominent men of the commonwealth. Township meetings will be held next Saturday, county meetings on January 7th and a State meeting on January 11. The determination of the cotion growers is shown by the fact that very little cotton has been

WIFE MURDER GHARGED.

offered for sale for a month past.

Lewis Jones, a White Man, in Jall at Wadesboro, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.-Lawis Jones, a white man about fifty years of age, is in jail at Wadesboro, charged with the murder of his wife. It developed at the coroner's inquest yeaterday that Jones had been drinking heavily; that on Wednesday he had cruelly maltreated his wife and that on the following morning he reported her dead. An investigation was at once demanded, and the result was the finding of finger prints upon the woman's throat and marks of blows upon her body. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Jones had come to her death by strangulation and other maltreatment. The arrest of her husband immediately followed. As yet he has made no statement.

CAUSED BY DYNAMITE.

Lost Their Lives at Winston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17-A special from Winston-Salem, N. C., says: It was published a few days ago

that evidence had been discovered tending to show that the reservoir disaster by which nine people lost their lives here on the second day of November was caused by dynamite used by parties unknown. It is officially stated to day that a dynamite cartridge was found a few days after the bursting of a reservoir near the broken walls, and it is now in possession of a city official. An investigation has been proceeding for some time but if the officers have any clue it has not been given to the public.

- "Does your annual salary never disturb you" asked the conscientious citizen. "Do you feel that you are giving the voters anything for their money?" "I confess" said Senator Sorghum, "that I never thought about it in that light. I have been interested in seeing whether the voters could be persuaded to give me anything for my money."-Washington Star.