

AFTER THE ARCH FIEND.

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The STAR's press dispatches from Washington announced yesterday that Attorney General Moody...

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DOWN GOES COTTON.

Big Slump in Market Yesterday Has Very Depressing Effect Upon Local Interests.

MAY GO DOWN EVEN LOWER.

Wilmington Operators Take Very Gloomy View of Situation—New York Brokers, However, See a Brighter Future to Their Clients Here.

There was a slump in the cotton market yesterday that almost took the breath away from those who had confidently expected an advance in the staple after the Christmas holidays...

A Wilmingtonian declares that he never wants to look another turkey in the face. Up to and including to-day his wife has made the remains of the Christmas gobler do for breakfast, dinner and supper...

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One Santa Claus got his whiskers burned off by a lighted taper with which the appendage came in contact. With his blistered chin in a sling, he is wound up to give us china music about insisting that Santa Claus should hereafter give the barbers a chance.

We return thanks to ourself for a box of the best Havana cheroots, fabrica de los Americanos tobacos, as a Christmas present. Such deeds of kindness on the part of the generous giver will always be remembered—by the dealer who hereafter attempts to collect the bill.

Mr. J. T. Perry, a New York, artist, says: "The picture of a woman is the safest of all." The attention of married men is called to the fact that Perry doesn't mean that it is safest when it is left in his pocket where his wife explores for works of art.

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It seems to be up to the ginnners to saw wood and say nothing that a Wall street gambler can figure on.

As he was about to leave for his home on the northbound A. C. L. train yesterday morning, Mr. Thomas King, of Clinton, N. C., discovered that he had lost his pocket book containing about \$150.

Many friends in this city will read with regret the following item from Lomberton: "Emma Douglas Parmelee, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmelee, died suddenly Monday morning. The funeral was conducted Tuesday from the residence by Rev. Charles H. Durham, of the Baptist church."

Dave Robinson, colored, was given a preliminary trial before Judge W. McD. Evans yesterday on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon upon John Johnson, colored, and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$35.

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PRETTY HOLIDAY AFFAIRS. Wilmington Sunday Schools and What They Did to Entertain the Young People Last Night. This is the season of the annual holiday church entertainments and four such were given last night...

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A FRIEND'S ADVICE

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HOSTILE ARMIES CONTINUE QUIET.

Little Expectation of a Decisive Movement by Either Japs or Russians Until Spring. SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR. Garrison Conflict that Relieved Will Arrive Before March—Russian General Killed—Battleless Sevastopol. Movements of Warships.

By Cable to the Morning Star. BUREAU SHAN, December 25.—Every-thing continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till Spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforcements...

PORT FISHER VETERAN. Gen. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, promoted to Brigadier General. The Philadelphia Record says: "At the head of a long list of promotions in the regular army...

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. A Lambertton special says: "The condition of Mr. A. W. McLain continues to improve and his physicians now think he will recover." Miss Florence Simmons returned yesterday from Faison, where she spent the holidays with friends.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The State Department has been officially informed that mines have been placed in Keel's harbor, northeast coast of Formosa, and that shipping has been notified.

MISS KATHLEEN ELMORE A BRIDE. Popular Young Teacher in Public Schools Claimed by F. J. Johnston. Last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist church...

WHITE MAN KILLED. Fell from the Sheep Fly Train Near Tarboro Monday Night. TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 27.—The lifeless body of a white man, identified by letters found on his person as Joseph N. Kenny, of Charlotte, N. C., was found lying near the railroad tracks here at 7:30 last night...

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