SENATOR ELKINS FRAMING BILL TRAGEDY NEAR FALLS OF NEUSE PORT ARTHUR HOLDING OUT.

Will Endeavor to Carry Out the Views of the President—The Senator From West Virginia Thinks the Remedy is Not to be Found by, Giving More Authority to the Commerce Commission—The American Forest More Commission—The American Forest More Commission—The American Forest More Commission—Rulling More Authority More Commission—The American Forest More Commission—Rulling ing More Authority to the Commerce Commission—The American Forest Congress to be an Important Meet-ing, at Which the Appalachian For-est Reserve Movement Will Receive

By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer, Washington, Dec. 28,—The banquet which citizens of High Point have lanned, with a view to promoting loser relations with Cuba, will not be iven until the latter part of January. ecretary Metcalf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to-day told The Observer representative that he received a letter stating that it would not be convenient for all kers to go to High Point the middle of January, as at first announced. and asking if a later date would suit his convenience. The Secretary said to-day that this was one engagement which he would make every effort to fill, and that he would let it be known in a few days just when he would be able to get away from Washington. Secretary Metcalf is very much in-terested in the object of the proposed

RAILROAD REBATES. Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee on inter-State commerce, is engaged in the framing of a bill for the urpose of carrying out the views of the President in relation to the final abolition of rebates on the railroads of the country. "The President, in his message," said Senator Elkins, in discussing this matter to-day, "gives attention to the railroad rebate evil. His conclusions that the rebate should be finally disposed of admits of no discussion. We have had legislation looking to that purpose, but it has never quite succeeded. But when we come to the recommendation that the inter-State commerce commission should be given power to fix and enforce rates e question arises as to whether the fixing of lower rates will do away with rebates. I think not-something more than that must be done. But there should be some power in this country to declare what rates should be on the railroads. The United States Supreme Court has decided that the fixing of railroad rates is legislative and not judicial power, so we cannot depend upon the inter-State commerce commission to fix these rates, and, in fact, no commission or court can be depended upon for that important function. What we can do is to empower a court to declare when a rate is exsive and in that way send the rate back to the railroad to be lowered. I not think we need fear that the poads will attempt to evade execution of such instruction in good faith by attempting to come back again with nother rate so slightly lowered as to pesult in no benefit. We can depend apon public opinion as a power to force m to accept this method of regulating the rates, in good faith.

FOREST CONGRERSS. American Forest Congress, which will convene in this city January 2nd, will be an affair of decided importance, and it is believed that a good word will be put for the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill by two or three of the speakers, among whom will be Senator Simmons and State Geologist Holmes, of North Carolina.

CHARGES AGAINST A BISHOP.

Incidents That Have Stirred a Pennsylvania Diocese for Sometime—The Case Has Its Foundation is a Letter Written by the Bishop.

New York, Dec. 28.—In a statement of the Episcopal Church in Pennsylpresentment has its foundation in a ed to make the event notable. letter said to have been written by Bishop Talbot to Rev. Samuel Upjohn, when the latter was president of the Philadelphia Catholic Club in 1902, in which the bishop charged Rev. Dr. Irvine with immorality.

"The presentment is based on this letter," says Mr. Noble. "It charges Bishop Talbot with 'a criminal libel' immorality-to wit, 'false statements;' 'the circulation of a false, malicious and defamatory report;' 'falsifying;' vows'; and 'conduct unbecoming a bishop." "

These charges, said Mr. Noble to-Hearing of the charges against Bishop Talbot will begin in Reading, Pa., January 10th. These charges will come before a committee appointed by Presiding Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis, consisting of twelve clerical and twelve

This committee was appointed about ten days ago and the investigation is a direct outcome of incidents relating to a case which for some time has stirred the Episcopal Church-that of Rev. Dr. Ingraham W. N. Irvine, now a resident of Philadelphia, who was deposed from the ministry by Bishop Talbot several years ago. It is made clear from the developments last night that the names of several women will be brought into the case.

SYNDICATE OF BONDSMEN.

Willing to Furnish Ball Up to \$40,-000 for Mrs. Chadwick-Officers Discourage the Proceeding.

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—A syndicate for which Attorney P. D. Quigley, of this city, is spokesman is said to be ready and willing to furnish bail up to the sum of \$40,000, to procure the release of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, held in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of forgery. Attorney Quigley would not give the names of the prospective bondsmen of Mrs. Chadwick, but says that they are well able to furnish that they are well able to furnish any reasonable sum of money required. If Mrs. Chadwick is permitted to go out

on ball.

The Federal officers are said to be not in favor of giving Mrs. Chadwick her freedom, and will, it is understood, discourage such a proceeding without. discourage such a proceeding without, however, infringing on the prisoner's constitutional rights.

Southern Educators Gather. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.-The ad-Jacksonville, Fig., Dec. 28.—The advance guard for the Southern Educational Association came in to-day, the first party arriving from Texas, others from Southern Carolina and Georgia. Exercises will begin to-morrow evening in the board of trade auditorium. The hotels will be filled to the limit, reservations already being made for

Railway—New Orphanage Building
—News Notes of the State Capital. Occupied-Masonic Lodge Occupied Observer Bureau,

17 West Cabarrus Street, Raleigh, Dec. 28. In this county, near Falls of Neuse this afternoon, Berry Mangum was accidentally shot and killed by James Bailey. Both boys were partridge hunting together. Balley shot at a bird not knowing that Mangum was

The home of Dr. B. W. Burke, near Holly Springs, this county was entire-

ly destroyed by fire to-day.

At the home of ex-United States Marshall Joshua B. Hill here to-day, his daughter, Margaret, and Dr. Wm. Schroeder, of Portsmouth, Va., were married.

Vice President Frank S. Gannon, of the Metropolitan Railway of New York who recives a salary of \$20,000 a venr will on the 5th of January become Vice president of the Howland Improve-ment Company which has the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway and will take active charge of the operation of the road, Mr. Gannon was for years the third vice president of the Southern Railway and had charge of its operation and he went to the Southern from the New Jersey Central. The Raleigh Insurance and Realty ompany was to-day incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State. The capital is \$12,000, and the incorporators are F. K. Ellington and

State Superintendent of Schools Joyner has issued a circular letter to the unty superintendents calling attention to the unsafe condition of the hoolhouses in regard to their liabilito fire. He says many of the new ouses are fitted with terra cotta pipe, which cause 20 per cent, of the fire n the State, according to the report of he insurance commis

NEW ORPHANAGE BUILDING. The new main building at the Methodist Orphanage here is now regularly occupied, and early in the new year the arrivals of new inmates will be very numerous, as the Methodists in all parts of the State are preparing to send them. The new building is very attractive without and within, and the auditorium is excellently designed, and found extremely convenient. seats three hundred, and is built with view to the future.

The inmates of the soldiers' home have had a good time during the holidays. To tell the truth, a lot of them ate too much and no less than fortytwo had to go to the hospital temporally for this very reason. They are now all right. One of them declared that he had not eaten anything, but doctor quickly convinced him how badly he was mistaken, as he had eaten enough to last a working man

two days.

NEW MASONIC LODGE The grand secretary reports a new dodge of Masons at Hamlet, the name being Hamlet Lodge. The showing which was made as to the gain in strength of this great order to the grand lodge which meets on the evenning of January 10th, will be very A very lively interest is felt in the completion of the temple, and this will be the great work of 1905. The building will be easily the most beautiful among the private one in North

Carolina. There will be very little news in any e Legislature meets. last night, Herbert Noble, a lawyer of awaiting that event. Of course the any attempt at escape by the Russian this city, representing the presenters in chief feature of the coming month will the charges recently made against be the inauguration of the Governor. Bishop Talbot, of the central diocese The programme will be arranged by the Legislature, which will name commitvania briefly outlined what those who tees, and committees appointed by the will appear against the bishop will city will co-operate fully with those of take up. His statement says that the the Legislature. No pains will be spar-

READY FOR THE CEREMONY.

Secretary of the Navy Morton to be Accompanied by Admiral Dewey— Destination of the Ships After the Inspection. Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 28.-All

the ships of the North Atlantic squadron assembled here to-day and are in readiness for the inspection by Secretary of the Navy Morton next week. Secretary Morton will be accompanied breach of ordination and consecration by Admiral Dewey when he arrives here. Immediately after the tion the ships will start for the Carribean, which will be reached within night, are the "headings" of the alle-gations made in the presentment. will station somewhere in Windward Islands and the South Atlantic squadron at Trinidad. In January the two squadrons will be joined by the North Atlantic squadron off Culebra and early in February the training squadron will join the others. The search problem and other manoeuvres will begin shortly after the squadrons are assembled. The fleet will bei n command of Rear Admiral Barker.

ARMY OFFICER FOUND DEAD.

Captain Howard W. French, Constructing Quartermaster at Chattanooga Said to Have Killed Himself Accidentally.

Washington, Dec. 28.-Quartermaster tion at Chattanoga saying that Capt. Howard W. French, quartermaster in cahrge of construction at Chickamauga was found Tuesday evening near the border of the army post reservation A subsequent telegram re 1: accidentaly killed himself Monday." The accounts of Capt. French are said to be in first-class shape and General Humphrey spoke of him in the highest terms.

Jacksonville's New Library.

Jacksonville, Fig., Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the building commission this morning the Carnegie Library was accepted and contractors paid for their work. George Tupley, of Battimore, was selected librarian. The library will open about the middle of Jenuary.

Two Killed by Falling Tree, Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—A special to The Telegraph from Ellijay, Ga., says that William Cantrell and Joe Chastine were killed and a brother of Chastine's seriously injured near Burnt Mountain by a falling tree. The tree was blown by a high wind across a small frame house in which the men were sitting at Capt. J. E. Craig to be Rear Admiral

E. T. Morris, a well-known cattleman of Gainesville, Cook couty, Texas, filed a valuntary application in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$164,648; assots \$5,-

RAILROAD REBATE EVIL. BOY KILLS HIS COMRADE. GEN. KONDRACHKO SLAIN.

Relief is Confidently Expected by March 1st and the Russian Troops Are Determined to Resist as Long

as There is One Soldier Left—Gen-eral Stoessel Injured by a Fall From His Horse—Price of Food in the His Horse-Price of Food in the Beleagured Fortress Exorbitant. Tokio, Dec. 28-10:30 a. m.-Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondrachko has been killed, and that General Stoessel has been injured by fall-

is also reported wounded. in range. The shot struck the latter shallow water. Her bow is damaged statement; in two places and the steering room gear is also damaged.

The garrison is reported to be confident in the belief that relief will arheavy losses November 26th and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle so long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one-month's stores. The price of food in the beleaguered fortress is high. Beef is a rouble and one-half per pound; meat six copecs per pouhd; dog meat twenty-five copecks per pound: turkeys 150 roubles a piece; eggs 160 "but one of us roubles per hundred. But few junks for a few hours. bearing supplies reach the garrison the past month.

curtail the landing of supplies. QUIET AT THE FRONT.

and Strengthening Their Positions.

Huan Shan, Dec. 28.—Everything 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 re-enforcements and re-commence the campaign in earnest. In the meantime, the chief Japanese upgastings. meantime the chief Japanese uneasiness meantime the chief Japanese uneasiness seems to be with regard to their communications eastward. They have an unusually full equipment of narrow-guage field railroads, one of which connects General Kuroki's base at Shahedzi with Feng Wang Cheng, with a branch to Siamatsza. A supplementary line s beng constructed with a care unusual in field operations. This elaborate system has been seriously threatened gy General Rennekampff's raids southeastward.

nekampff's raids southeastward. There are many evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortifying their line of communications toward Korea, which necessarily will absorb a con-

siderable force. Japanese Cruiser Arrives at Hong Kong. Hong Kong. Dec. 23 .- A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Amoy yester-

Two Japanese cruisers were

sighted off Hong Kong to-day. Moving Steadily on Port Arthur. Tokio. Dec 28 -It is understood that the Japanese dynamiting and paralleling against the eastern section of the to \$50,000. main circle of forts around Port Ar- "I have thur is progressing favorably. The offering to go on my bond," she said right wing of the beseigers continues to-day, "but I do not feel at liberty to a heavy and effective shalling of the sive out the names of my new-found new town preparatory to operations friends until I have consulted with my which are nearing completion. It is attorney," probable that the next attack will be simultaneously directed against the

resistance of the defenders.

Watching Russian Battleships. Shanghai, Dec. 28.—The taotal has of the Chinese warships in the harbors of the various State departments until of Wosung and Shanghai and to the harbormaster at Shanghal to prevent war vessels, the cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovol. More Chinese cruisers are on the way to Shanghai.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mr. T. W. Hartley. Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Dec. 28.-T. W. Hartley, a highly respected citizen of Davidson county, died at his home on the Yadkin river, near Yadkin College, yesterday, aged 74 years. His death resulted from a third stroke of paralysis, which came upon him recently. The funeral took place to-day at Friendship Methodist Protestant church, of which he was a leading member for years. The de-Yadkin river and was widely known for his kindness of heart. He leaves widow and nine children, most of whom, together with a large number of grandchildren and friends, attended the funeral.

. Miss Hattie Brewer.

Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 27.-Miss Hat-tle Brewer, daughter of the late Samuel Brewer, died this morning at 5:45 o'clock, at the Salem Home, aged 20 The deceased had been in deyears. clining health for several months. The funeral service will be conducted by Bishop Rondthaler from the home to-morrow morning at 9:30, followed by the interment in the Salem grave-

Miss Kate Laney.

Special to The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 29.-Miss Kate Laney, one of the most popular young ladies in this section of the State died in Humphrey today received a telegram from the superintendent of construc-She was on her way home from Cin-cinnati, and was taken sick and died lost their lives in this manner. in a few hours. It is a shock to the entire community-

Railroad Man Promoted.

Mr. D. C. Lionberger, who has been employed in the office of the superintendent of the Charlotte division of the Southern Railway, has been promoted to the position of accountant in the office of District Superintendent H. Baker, at Greensboro. He accompanied by his family, left last night for his new post of duty.

Little Matthews Child III. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Matthews is seriously iii. Mr. Mat-thews received a telephone message last night from Reidsville, where Mrs. Matthews and the little one went to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives, saying that the baby had had severe convulsions. Mr. Matthews left for Reidsville by the first train this morning. It is hoped that the child

will recover.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The retirement today of Rest Admiral Sikus Terry resulted in the promotion of Capt. Jos. E. Craigto be rear admiral. The latter has been relieved from duties as captain of the
new navy yard at Norfolk Va., and will
be given another command, commensurate
with his advanced rank.

SUICIDE PACT DISCLOSED.

Two Residents of Massachusetts Go to New York to Die—Both Take Mor-phine and One Dies Despite Efforts of Physicians—The Survivor Sorry. New York, Dec. 28.—Benjamin J. Riley, of Brooklyn, Mass., to-night de-clared that he and Orestes A. Weed, of ston, came to this city with the tention of committing suicide together. The two men were

from the Grand Union Hotel here early to-day suffering from morphine ing, and Weed died at the pital after the physician had tried for hours to save him. Riley was revived this afternoon and was transferring from his horse. General Smilnoff ed to the prison ward of Bellevie Hospital, where he is held on a charge The advices say that the stern of the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in the will recover. According to Cornoner Ccholor Riley made the following

"Weed and I have been chums since boyhood. 'Both of us had met bad success and we were both what you may term as down and out. Neither rive before March 1st. Despite its of us had anything that gave any promise and we were downhearted One of us proposed, I can't tell which one did, that we should commit suicide together. Both of us agreed and then we made preparations to die."

Riley said that in their room they discussed their the best methods and finally decided to take morphine. They left the hotel together, he said, and went to a drug store, where they purchased the poison. "We were to purchased the poison. "We were to die that night," the man continued, "but one of us proposed to put it off We had some money and we decided to spend that before we died. Then, too, we were It is expected that the capture of nervous. We went around the city the heights of Pigeon Bay will further and visited several theatres and also drank heavily."

Riley then stated that they went to their room on Tuesday night shortly before midnight and that each took a Little Expectation of Decisive Action dose of morphine. When he had fin-Until Spring—The Japs Fortifying ished his story, he was told by the coroner that Weeed had died, Riley

fellow and was married and had two

New York, Dec. 28,-Nan Patterson, the former show girl, who is in the Tombs prison charged with the murder of Caesar Young, was in better spirits to-day than at any time since the second jury which heard the testimony in her case reported that they were unable to agree upon a verdict. believed, she said, that the freedom for which she has longed for more than six months was about to be granted. Telegrams had come to her from Wheeling, W. Va., announcing that four prominent men were prepared to furnish ball for her in any amount up

"I have received telegrams from mer

If the offers from Wheeling have palms, and mistletoe. The many guests been made in good faith it is possible east and west faces of the fortress in that the court will be asked within a sister of the hostess. One of the most an endeavor to divide and weaken the few days to fix the amount of a bond. Later one of Miss Patterson's counsel gave out what he said was the telegram sent her from Fairmont, W. Va., dated December 23rd, offering to give issued strict orders to the commanders bail for her release. The copy was as follows:

"Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 23, 1904. "Nan Patterson, Care Tombs Prison, New York city:

"We will furnish ball to the extent of \$50,000 if necessary. (Signed) "T. A. Deveny, H. L. rice. of hoks and eyes by the gentlemen, Edward Slack, and C. W. Swisher, and nall driving contest by the ladies, secretary of State-elect.

Miss Patterson's counsel conferred with Assistant District Attorney Rand | The lovely hostess entertained in her to-day. Afterwards it was learned that both sides desired delay and it seems probable that Miss Patterson will not be put on trial again for several

The Story Confirmed.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 28.—T. A. Lynch, Bonnie Morrow, Blanche Toms, Devny, one of the wealthiest men in Miss Lucy Thomson, of Blacksburg. this city, confirmed the report to-day that he, H. J. Price and Edward Slack, also local business men, would furnish Nan Patterson bond to the extent of ceased operated a flour mill on the \$50,000, if necessary, not in order to receive notoriety, but because they believe her innocent of the crime with which she is charged. A telegram sent Nan Patterson at the Tombs, New York city, bore the names of the above, also that of C. W. Swisher, Secretary of State-elect. Swisher positively claims he never signed the telegram or even authorized his name in any way to be used in this connection.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Reports Indicate That Another Cruiser Has Been Sunk or Damaged.

Tokio, Dec. 28.-The authorities this morning publish a list of thirty-three officers killed and fifty-six wounded. No localities are given, but it is presumed that the casualties occurred at Port Arthur. The naval authorities also publish a list of nine officers and sixty-five men killed on special duty. The nature of the duty is not explained, but it is surmised that anaged, and that the officers and men Kuropatkin's Requests.

Paris, Dec. 28.-A message from St. Petersburg states that General Kuronatkin has asked for as many re-enforcements as it is possible to send him. He has also asked that the capacity of the trans-Siberian Railway be raised from twelve to eighteen trains daily.

Wreck on Baltimore and Ohio. Chicago, Dec. 28 .- Train No. 5, on the Baltimore & Ohio, ran into an open switch, east of Sherwood, Ind. The engine and express car were derailed and burned. Engineer Cowins and Fireman Plumb were badly burned. No passengers are reported injured. coaches and Pullman cars are reported all right.

Gov. Odell Grants Requisition. New York, Dec. 28 .- Gov. Odell's warrant for the extradition of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick from New York to Ohio was mailed this afternoon to Sheriff. Barry at police headquarters, New York. It should reach Mr. Barry early

Supposed to be a Suicide.
Chattanooga, Dec. 28.—The body of Capt. Howard W. French, constructing quartermaster at the new army post here was found to-day with a bullet hole through the heart. He is supposed to have committed suicide.

Heavy Seas, Lashed by a 40-Mile Gale, Turow Her on Her Beam Ends and Her Decks Are Awash—Life-Savers Cannot Reach the III-Starred Craft Until Wind and Wave Subside —The Helpless Vessel First Sighted by the Weather Observer at the Hat-terns Station. The Life Saves Station.

teras Station--The Life-Savers S ing By. Norfolk, Dec. 28 .- Battered by heavy seas that have been lashed to fury by the 40 mile gale, an unknown steamer lies helpless on the inner Diamond Shoals, eight miles off Cape Hatteras to-night and faint lights seen now and then carry a message to the life saving corps on allere that there are human lives abourd the wrecked craft that cannot be saved until wind

and sea have calmed sufficiently to allow the surf boats to be launched, The observer of the United States Weather Bureau at Hatteras first saw the steamer when the fog lifted shortly before noon to-day. At that time she appeared to be in distress and later it was seen that she had grounded on the inner shoal, known to mariners as "Hell's hole," in the graveyard of shipping. The heavy seas

The smoke that her funnel emitted w. Starns, S. C. Bragaw; George carly in the day was no longer discount, S. C., Walter Hazzard; Brunswick, Ga., E. P. Goodyear; Dillon, S. C., E. L. Moore, and J. H. David; Balher fires had been extinguished by water filling the hull.

The steamer has tree masts one funnel. Her engines and boilers are aft and the funnel is between the nain mast and mizzenmast. her description it is thought she may be one of the fruit liners that ply between West Indian Ports and Baltimore or New York.

At 8 o'clock to-night the observer at Hatteras reported that the life saving crews, of several stations along the Carolina coast in the vicinity of Hatteras were ready on the beach to launch their surf boats the minute the wind and tide had abated sufficiently to allow them to. At that time the wind had dopped from 40 to 36 miles an hour. The report says that at sunset the vessel had apparently righted herself somewhat and that if the wind and sea did not increase there was a good chance of her remaining intact until morning. this is the case the life savers will be able to reach her.

RUTHERFORDTON SOCIAL ITEMS.

A Reception at the Home of Miss Louise Carpenter-A Dance at the Central - The Good-Managdo Wedding.

the reception given at the home of Highness' thanks to the Miss Louise Carpenter last evening people for the warm reception he re- bought a pistol from a hardware store from \$ to 12. The spacious were elaborately decorated with holly, were received by Miss Anna Carpenter, interesting feature of the evening was a lively guessing contest in which Mr. O. C. Erwin was the successful winner, receiving a handsome prize presented by Mr. James M. Carson. At 10 o'clock the guests were shown into the lovely dining hall where a course luncheon was served. Misses Hazet Fisher and several joint sessions of the three as-Mamie Simpson added much to the pleasure of the evening by delightful President Harper, of Chicago Univocal and instrumental music. Anoth- versity, Prof. F. J. Goognow, of the er amusing feature was the sewing on Political Science Association, Alfred T. of hoks and eyes by the gentlemen, in which Mr. Robert R. Simmons and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter won the prizes. usual charming manner, and the entire evening was one of much pleasure long to be remembered by the following guests: Misses May, Grace, Hazel, Marjorie Fisher, Mamie and Kathaleen Harris, Mamie Simpson, Evelyn strongly to all persons interested in Lynch, Bonnie Morrow, Blanche Toms, the archaeological side of art. Prof. S. C.; Miss Estelle Carpenter, of Henrietta, and Mrs. A. B. Homesley, of New York City. Messrs. James Car- of the School in Rome, and distinson W. O. Watkins, William Simpson, guished visitors from Athens, Jerusason, W. O. Watkins, William Simpson, M. H. Justice, Jr., J. M. Miller, Baylus Justice, R. R. Simmons, G. S. Olive, of Indianapolis, Ind., Harvey Brice, of Shelby, Robert Taylor, of Caroleen. Mr. and Mrs. James McBrayer, Mr.

and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. tives and a few friends witnessed the Charles Monfredo. The marriage was a quiet home affairt at the residence of the bride's father. Mr. Charlie Callahan, of Marion, was best man. The er, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss tion of the Governor to amend the de-Clara Monfredo; a younger sister of the bride. Rev. J. C. Seagle united them in marriage with the beautiful service of the Episcopal church. The young couple left immediately on the north-bound train for their future home at Wodlawn.

There was a dance at the Central Hotel Monday night, given in honor of Miss Essie Simmons, and her friend Miss Annie Waisner, of Charlotte, Owing to the disagreeable night there was not as many out of town people present as was expected, however there was a very large crowd and the evening was a very pleasant one. Miss Waisner left on the evening train Tuesday for Charlotte, and Miss Simmons is visiting her sister, Mrs.

P. Alexander, in Henrietta. The Christmas tree at the Baptist church last night was well attended, and the little folks all went away happy. There will be a Christmas tree in the Blue Ridge Club Thursday night The committee has prepared presents

The Dancing Club will give a mas querade ball at the Isothermal Hotel Friday night. A \$75,000 Fire at Mrmingham.

Birmingham, Dec. 28.—Fire which broke out to-day in the Reliance res-taurant on North 20th street destroyed six buildings in the heart of the busiriess section of Birmingham, Loss \$75,000. Crossed electric wires, presumably, started a fire on the second floor of Dwyer Brothers' warehouse at Naw Orleans last night and damaged a number of wholesale houses. Loss about \$50,000, covered by insurance.

Resolutions Adopted Memorializing Congress to Construct Water-Ways Connecting Cheapeake Bay With Beaufort Inlet—A Permanent Organization Effected by the Election of Officers—Delegates Present at the Meeting Prom Five States. Observer Bureau,

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.

The inter-State convention held here to-day at the instance of the Columbia chamber of commerce for the purpose of promoting the development of the inland waterways of the inland of the inland waterways of the Atlantic seaboard perfected a permanent or-ganization by electing officers and adopted resolutions calling upon Congress to open a water way connecting Chesapeake Bay with Beaufort Inlet, N. C., so as to promote traffic between the ports of the North Atlantic and South Atlantic ports by avoiding the dangers of Hatteras and Cape Lookout on the North Carolina coast, and thus establish the first link by and thus establish the first link in a two wee and thus establish the first link in a chain of inland waterways along the Atlantic coast which is to eventually complete a circuit of thess waterways from the Great Lakes through the Mississippi river, thence through the Guif of Mexico and on around the Atlantic seaboard back to the Great Lakes through the Brise capal.

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Delegates were present from five States as folows: careened the vessel on her beam ends and at 3 o'clock this afternoon she was lying on her port side with seas washing all over her.

The smoke that her funnel emitted the seas of the seas washing all over her.

The smoke that her funnel emitted the seas washing as o'clock this afternoon she was lying on her port side with seas washing to be seas washing to be seas with the seas washing to be seas washing to be seas with the seas washing to be seas timore, Md., C. H. Forest; Norfolk, Va., F. H. Synnon.

Congressman Small and ex-Congressgressman Patterson, were also present from North Carolina.

The convention elected these officers J. H. Chadbourn, president; J. M. Segnious, C. P. Goodyear and ex-Congressman Patterson, vice presidents. E. B. Clark, and E. B. Taylor, of Columbia, were elected seretaries.

THE NURSE A SPY.

Grand Duchess Olga's Attendant Expelled for Espoinage. Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Lokal Anzeiger says that the nurse of Grand Duchess Olga has been expelled from Russia on ccount of espionage. It is said that the nurse is the person who supplied the revolutionaries in Russia with the government's intention and introduced mysterious missives threatening the Czar's life.

Prince Fushimi Going Home. San Francisco, Dec. 28 .- Prince Fued States, sailed for Japan to-day, secompanied by Grand Master Sato, and the other members of his suite. The Inn, the ball entering just above the Prince's baggage contained many more right ear and lodging in the brain trunks than when he arrived here in Heavy losses on cotton contracts led November, owing to the fact that he

Special to The Otherver.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 25.—The most enjoyable social event of the season was joyable social event of the season was on behalf of the Prince expressed his the past few days and this afternoon.

Eminent Scholars in Chicago, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28 .- Some of the nost eminent historians, political scientists and economists in the United and stood well among the people here. States are in attendance at the convention of the American Historical, the American Economic and the American Political Science Associations which opened here to-day at the University of Chicago. The programmes include sociations. Among the speakers are Mahan, the naval authority and oth-

Archaeologists in Session. Boston, Dec. 28.-The Archaeological Institute of America opened its sixth annual convention here to-day and will continue until Friday next. Several papers and adresses have been pre-pared which are intended to appeal Charles Elliott Norton, founder ex-president of the institute, ex-Mayor Seth Low, of New York, Prof. Wheeler, attending the convention.

Delaware Republicans to Caucus. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28 .- As a result of several serious conferences

concerning the political situation in this State, the Republicans of both George Fisher.
Wednesday 28th, at 9 a. m., the relathe Legislature without a ripple of dissension and for the first time in many marriage of Mr. James Alphonso Goode, of Woodlawn, to Miss Lelia Monfredo, the eldest daughter of Mr. the Republican Legislature of Delathe Republican Legislature of Delaware will go into a general caucus on the subject. All the caucusing will be done here to-night, which will lahan, of Marion, was best man. The ove of the assembling of the extra-bride entered the parlor with her fath-ordinary session called by proclamafective judgment lien law.

Count Cassini's Jubilee.

Washington, Dec. 28.-Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador to the United States, is celebrating to-day what he calls his jubilee, having rounded out fifty years in the diplomatic services. He was the recipient of many telegrams and letters of congratulation. He began his diplomatic career when a boy of seventeen and two months.

Dental Pedagogies Convention. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—The convention of the National Institute of Dental Pedagogics met here to-day and will continue for two days. Several distinguished delegates as as visitors are attending the meeting, and important papers relating to dent-al pedagogics will be read by well-

Hungarian Diet Re-Opens, Budapest, Dec. 28.—The lower House of the Hungarian Diet which was adjourned by the King December 19, reopened to-day. Members of both the Liberal and poposition parties have been active during the recess and it is probable that the old debates regarding dissolution wil be resumed.

Mitchell in England to Get White London, Dec. 28.—Charlie Mitchell, the former English champion heavy-weight pugilist, returned home to-day from the United States, after a stay

A BIG STEAMER STRANDED. MOVE FOR INLAND ROUTE, COTTON TAKES A SLUMP

HELPLESS ON DIAMOND SHOALS, CONVENTION HELD AT COLUMBIA THE LOWEST LEVEL IN 8 YEAR

New York, Dec. 25.—The ket broke 30 to 35 pol Census Bureau's ginners'

in nearly three years. BURNING THEIR COTTON.

Farmers of Clay County, Ga., Ma a Bonfire of Their Share of the S plus 2,000,000 Bales—The Exci ment Intense.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28 .- A special to The Telegraph from Fort Gaines, Ga., says the farmers and merchants of Clay county met to-day at Fort Gainer and decided to burn their share of two million bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made to-day when a bon fire was made of cotton on the sti of Fort Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. They have decided to set the pace and are moving determinedly. A large crowd paraded with mild whoops and yells and much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses. The fire is still burning and excitement is increasing,

COTTON BUYER SUICIDES.

Bad Break in the Market, White Caused Him Heavy Losses, Responsible for Rash Deed. Barnesville, Ga., Dec. 28.-J. B. Harrison, a prominent cotton buyer and shimi, step-brother of the Emperor of brother of J. M. Harrison, of Forsythe, Japan, who has been visiting the Unit- fatally shot himself at 4 o'clock this afternoon in his room at the Magnolia

> Heavy losses on cotton contracts led American the past few days and this afternoon Immediately thereafter, seeing the figures giving the close of the market for to-day, he went to his room and shot himself. He was 45 years old

considerable property and money left, amounting to \$12,000 or \$15,000. The Bureau Figures.

Besides the losses surtained he had

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Census Bureau to-day issued a report giving the quantity of cotton ginned in 787 counties up to December 18th last, to have been 11,886,614 running bales, which is the equivalent of 21,848,113 commercial bales. The commercial bales reported to the same period for 1903 amounted to 8,747,669.

In arriving at the number of commercial bales, round bales are counted as half bales.

The report to the same date last year covered 812 counties, as against this year. The report for the pres year covers the output of 29,657 gin-neries, while 29,527 were included in the report for 1903. The product of the different States for this year, in running bales, reported to December 13th, is as follows: Alabama, 1,296,915; Arkansas, 769,186

Alabama, 1,298,315; Arkansas, 109,188, Florida, 75,283; Georgia, 1,795,787; Indian Territory, 433,755; Kentucky, 1,282; Louisiana, 870,518; Mississippi, 1,403,488; Missiouri, 36,444; North Carolina, 657,183; Oklahoma, 294,041; South Carolina, 1,083,756; Tennessee, 271,235; Texas, 2,982,819; Virginia, 14,960. New Orleans Excited. New Orleans, Dec. 28.—With the reading of the ginners' report on the cotton exchange to-day cotton slumped 47 to 55 points. Extraordinary excite-

ment attended the break. The mark was hammered with great energy.

After the first excitement the m ket grew quieter, though the decline was not arrested. January cotton went to 6.40, which is a decline of ab cents during the last three months.

AN ATTRACTIVE HOME WEDDING Miss Kate Woodside and Mr. N. A. Barnhardt Married.

Miss Kate Woodside was married last evening at 7 o'clock to Mr. N. A. Barnhardt. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. J. M. Woodside, at No. 413 East Seventh street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church.

was a reception and a typical wedding feast, at which the many good things to eat. Thition was attended by a large of the friends of the contracts ties, as was also the wedding p. Mr. Barnhardt is superintent the city. Mrs. Barnhar Ninth street.

Mr. J. O. Walker Made a Par