Be it enacted by the Senate and cuse of Representatives of the nited States of America in Congress membled. That the Postmaster Genal is hereby authorised to pay for an mail service under the Act of arch third, eighteen hundred and nety-one, in vessels of the second iss on routes across the Pacific can or to ports of the South Athic four thousand miles or more length, outward voyage, at a rate or mile not exceeding the rate applible to vessels of the first class as ovided in said act.

This bill, in its practical effect, protes for twice as many new con-

ica, and to the Orient only five teamers of the Pacific Mail Company (one of them old, small and probably about to be discarded), and one steamer of the Hill line—the two large steamers of the Boston Steamship Company are of only 14 knots

ed that, if the new bill passes, it will use its present three steamers to start the service, but will sell them just as soon as new hips can be completed.

The banking capital of the city will not be diminished by the consolidation and the Murchison will be one of the largest banks in the South, with

in all probability be established under the new bill would require the construction of 35 new steamships, for a with one ship in reserve.

The routes to South America would call eventually for 22 new steamers Jation, in addition to its own hand-of at least 6,000 gross tons—the some building, the Murchison ac-smallest size which could be proofit—quires the handsome banking house operated on such long vorages, three lines across the Pacific, outside of the Pacific mail liners, Korea. Siberia, Manchuria and Mongolia, and the Hill liner Minnesota, now ng operated, would call for the construction of 15 new steamers, prenably of upwards of 8,000 tons, Oceanic Company has plans ready for 8,000-ton steamers for Aus-

The amount of mail compensation would be in rou nd numbers as fol-

A seventh line from our Pacific ports to South merica would call for

A seventh line from our Pacific poris to South merica would cail for 1700,000 more, or in all 34,700,000 free present net profit made by the united States from its ocean malls is 3,500,000 a year, and this is increasing every year by about one-half a million dollars.

The 'government now sponfis on American ocean mail lines under the law of 1231 about 31,400,000 a year, this including the compensation of the American line to Europe, about 4760,000; of the Ward line to Caba and Mexico, \$200,000; of the Ward line to Caba and Mexico, \$200,000; of the Jamaica, \$120,000; and of the Oceanic to Tahiti, \$45,000.

To Make Countell Proposali.

Clarendon Wisterworks Company Will Make Offer to Wilmington Aldermen To-Day—Nothing Yet Heard of Grocer Who Disapperred.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Dec. 16.—Although no smitcal information is obtainable, it is learned upon good authority that as a meeting of the stockholders of the Clarendon Waterworks Company this morning it was agreed to make a counter proposition for the saie of the plant is the city at \$186,000, as of November 1st. The file of the counter is the counter proposition for the saie of the plant is of he city offer of \$146,000 for reject finally life resistant of the counter proposition, as of January 1st, in lieu of the city's offer of \$146,000 for reject finally life resistant of accept or reject finally life resistant of accept the counter proposition, as of Mr. W. Vollers, the former Willington process ago. His family and friends we mount him as a dead, but the resistant of the counter will be a large auditorium to a life of the life of the counter will be a large auditorium to a large of his stockholders of the counter will be a large auditorium to a large of his board will accept the counter wil

eston Evening Post. sers of the army must ride into

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9 Alantic coast to Brazil Armstrong, who owned a majority of the stock in the Atlantic and who has desired for some time to retire from the active duties as a banker, though according to the terms of the merger he and other members of the Atlan-tic directorate will go on the board of the Murchison. Joseph W. Yates, The Oceanic line from San Franisco to Ausralasia was given up jast el bank and the working forces of pring. This company has just statthe Murchison. Joseph W. Yates, cashier of the Atlantic, will be a member of the staff of the consolidation.

or more and a surplus of over \$300,a combined capital stock of \$625,000 will be offered in exchange for that full fortnightly service on each route, of the Atlantic on an attractive basis, to be announced as soon as an ap praisement is had. By the consoli-Jation, in addition to its own handof the Atlantic on the northwest cor-ner of Front and Princess streets,

which will probably be occupied by the People's Savings Bany, which is largely made up of Murchison inter-The merger leaves Wilmington with two national banks, the Murchison and the Southern National, while there are four savings institutions which are not affected by the merger, though it is said that the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, allied with the Atlantic National, may be taken over by the People's or the Wilmington Savings and Trust Com-pany. While the details of the merpany. ger of the two national banks are not given out, it is stated by the presi-dent of each that the basis of the agreement was mutually advantageous to both.

NEGRO USES A SHOTGUN.

building committee of the tafety board, and after April 1st. fire doors will be closed unless removed from the Earth of the United States, which the following Sill, which read twice and referred to the mittee on commerce:

A BILL amend the act of March third, amend the act of provide for the mitted States and foreign ports and phomote commerce."

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CHILD LABOR INVESTIGATIONS.

American Wool and Cotton Report-

lantic four thousand miles or more in length, outward voyage, at a rate per mile not exceeding the rate applicable to vessels of the first class as provided in said act.

This bill, in its practical effect, provides for twice as many new contract mail lines and twice as many ships as were provided for in the occan bill as passed by the national floures last March and Jefested by a fillbuster in the Senate.

That bill, in the form in which the House sent it to the Senate, provided for four lines to South America. This bill applies to South America, and slas to the Orient and Australso to lines to South America. This bill applies to South America, and slas to the Orient and Australso to lines to South America. This bill applies to South America, and slas to the Orient and Australso to lines to the orient and Australso and the evening one of particularly in the country which should be immune from national interference, it is that of textile production, but with the present policy of the administration, nothing seems to be properated by an attention of the building committee.

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after. We can see a further motive, insomuch as some Southern Governors have dared to assert that there was such a thing as "State rights" which the present administration has net always admitted to be the case.

It is difficult to keep any record of the child labor investigations going on, but we should imagine that the Southern manufacturers had had about enough of it, particularly as every investigation report shows a sad state of affirs, which only by a vious government inquiries, State in quiries, labor union investigations and civic federation research and almos without exception the report is just what the committees, or whatever the

investigators are called, are sent for,

and more often than otherwise it is

detrimental to the mill corporations.

When we consider what the men of the South, with Northern capital and mill experts to get them started, have accomplished in the way of manufac-turing progress during the past twenty or twenty-five years it is quite safe to believe that they are well ditted to carry on their own affairs at the present time without government, labor union or reformers' assistance, and it is also safe to believe that they are competent to enact laws that meet requirements in their own States, but which would not be just the thing in the North or in the West, and it is in this one particular that interference is a gross injustice. What would be a good law for Massachusetts would, generally speaking, be a good law for South Carolina, but details would necessarily need be worked out to fit South Carolina con ditions which are different from those in Massachusetts, and the self-consti-tuted reformers of Massachusetts or New York are certainly not quali-fied to make laws for South Carolina

estimation. As the States, according to their as the gutter, have passed proper laws regulating the hours of labor and the age limit at which children can work, it seems a foolish expense to send sixty or one hundred investi-gators into the field to prepare another government document telling a great deal that is not so, and very little that is actual conditions, and the results, whatever they may be, cannot effect any national legislation that will hold, as it is conceded that any national law would be unconsti-

or Mississippi, except in their own

Killing Off Savage Sled Dogs.

Will not care for them.

Unless the dogs can be tamed they are shot. Scores of valuable sled dogs have already been killed this winter, and before spring, it is believed, hundreds will have to be shot to make Nome safe for women and children.

A score or more of women and children have been attacked by half-famished Mslamutes, and it is almost unsafe for children to wander gout town unprotected. Even men have been attacked at times by the dogs and only heroic measures adopted by the town will prevent death or maimins of many people this winter. It was this that led the Nome council to order the hungry dogs killed.

King's Mountain Pastor Besigns

Special to The Observer.

Albemarie Lutherans Hold Very Interesting Special Service.

Special to The Observer.

Albemarie, Dec. 16.—Itself night, being the close of the week of prayer and self-denial with the Lutheran people here, was marked by a special service consisting of appropriate songs, recitations, etc. Rev. Mr. McCollough read as the lesson for the evening the second Psalm, which was followed by singing and prayer. Then Miss Mary Brown, one of the graded school teachers, rendered in a most lovely manner a recitation, "For Love's Sake." This was followed by a song by the choir, "From Greenland's Loy Mountains." Then came a real treat when Miss Margele Kirk, another of the graded school teachers, recited, "Dying And No Man Careth."

Lumber Company, bankrupts. It was bid off by Mr. J. A. Odell for \$1,625.

A horse trade in which W. J. Swift, of Lessemer City, had sold to Rev. H. L. Powell, of Tabernacle, a horse which died just after it reached the buyer, was arrived in 'Squire Collins' court to-day. He had given a check for \$185 to pay for the horse, but stopped the payment. Mr. Swift sued him for the amount of the check, but 'Squire Collins gave judgment in favor of the defendant.

Mrs. W. L. Manning and children will leave this week for San Francisco, Cal., to join Mr. Manning, who has been there eight months.

Mr. William F. Clegg and bride, nee Miss Margaret May Burton, have returned from their wedding journey through the North.

Prof. W. C. Jackson, principal of the Lindsay street sciool, gave the first of a series of lectures to night before the S Y. P. U. of the First Paptist church, Hills general subject is "The Five Great Register of the Day." He had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the had given a check for \$185 to pay for the ha another of the graded school teachers, recited, "Dying And No Man Careth." This recitation was soul-stirring, to say the least. Both Miss Kirk and Miss Brown acquitted themselves charmingly and showed to the vast congregation present that they not only knew their business as elocutionists, but that they had the spirit of their recitations burning in their very souls. After the recitations Rev. Mr. McCollough made a very feeling talk on the importance of God's command to preach the Gospel to the heathens. The Lutherans here under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. McCollough are alive to their work, and there is not a church in Albemaria that is showing a more progressive spirit

Mrs. H. A. White, of High Point, Special to The Observer.

than the Lutheran.

High Point, Dec. 16 .- The funeral ervices over the remains of the late Mrs. H. A. White occurred this morning at the Friends church at 10 o'clock. The members of the local W. C. T. U., of which the deceased was an active member, attended in a body. The members of her class were Portland Oregonian.

Malamute dogs, deprived of sufficient food, have become so feroclous in Nome that the northern camp has been compelled to establish a pound and to take up all dogs whose owners will not care for them.

Unless the dogs can be tamed they are shot. Scores of valuable sled dogs have already been killed this winter, and before spring, it is believed, hundreds will have to be shot to make Nome safe for women and children.

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Lincolnton, Dec. 16.—Two very and deaths occurred near here Saturday. One was that of Mr. Andrew Brown, of Pleasant Grove, about three miles northwest of Lincolnton. Mr. Brown was about 58 years of age and succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

The other was that of Mr. Lee R. Dellinger, of Laboratory, three miles south of here. Mr. Dellinger, one of the county's most valued citizens, was a years old and had been in ill health for some time. Just recently, though, his mind became affected and application was made for his entrance into the State Hospital at Morganton, but he died before he could be taken there

Kings Mountain, Dec. 16.—The Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation at this place received a severe shock yesterday when Rev. J. M. Garrison announced his purpose to resign his pastorate here to take effect about January 15th. He will go to a mission church in Fayetteville, Tenn.

Mr. Garrison came here 16 years ago from a church not far from the one to which he goes, and has made a very efficient, popular pastor, loved and respected by every one, not only those of his own church but in every church in town. Every one helieves he is entirely conscientious in the matter and thinks he is acting for the best, but they are just as united in their belief that he is making a grave missisfer in consequence.

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was a large gathering of the people of the city to pay a last tribute to his menory.

Mr. Mungum began to fall in health a number of months ago, but was able to look after his business affairs until about four weeks, ago, when he went to his home, suffering from a severe cold. For a week he bordered on pneumonia, but on Friday and Saturday was batter than he had been in the recent part. Yes berday merning he called for his breakfast and ate heartly. In a short while after this meal he dropped over and was dead in a minute. With the other complications, he suffered a heart attack and this was the cause of his death.

Mr. Mangum was one of Durham's most prominent and influential ditters. He was 58 years of arge in September of this year and was a son of the late William Mangum. Beginning life as a poor boy he amassed a fortune that is estimated to be from 3100,000 to 3150,000 in value, For many years he was associated with his father in the general mercantile business he carried a line of hardware. Then he had considerable real estate that he handled.

In early life Mr. Mangum married this business, this being many years ago, and in addition to general mercantile business he carried a line of hardware. Then he had considerable real estate state, who lived in the northern part of this county. She survives him, together with one child, Mrs. W. N. Yearby. There are two brothers, B. W. and F. R. Mangum, and three sisters. Mrs. J. N. Umsted Mrs. J. R. Proctor and Miss Ella Mangum. In addition to these relatives there are many others who have the first and mass leads of this business that the was transported to the first trian from Taylor and the surge count in the first principle of the marriage license and latter called to the first principle of a marriage license and latter called to the first trian from the principle of the marriage license and latter called to the first trian from Taylor and the first trian from the marriage license and latter called to the first trian from the marriage license and latter called f

Newton, Dec. 16.—Yesterday saw a double wedding performed by Rev. M. A. Abernethy in North Newton. The contracting parties were Mr. Preston E. Flowers and Miss Jessie Herman, and Mr. F. T. Guthrie and Miss Mary Buff.

Mr. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, Preparing Specifications For New Science Building—Preacher Wins Out in a Horse Trade When It is Taken to Court—Merrimon's Factory Sold at Auction—Lecture Given on Re-

What-Not Chat Over the Telephon Philadelphia Record.

"Are you there?" "Who are you, please?" "Watt."

"What is your name, please?".

"Watt's my name, please?"
"Yes; what is your name?"
"I say my name is Watt."
"Oh, well; I'm coming to see you.
"All right. Are you Jones?"
"No; I'm Knott."
"Who are you, then please?" "Who are you, then, please?"
"I'm Knott."

"Will you tell me your name please?

"Will Knott." "Will Knott."

"Why wont you."

"I say my name is William Knott."

"Oh, I beg your pardon."

"Then you will be in if I come 'round, Watt?"

"Certainly, Knott."

Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not.

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VICTIM OF NEGRO'S ASSAULT.

Mr. F. Lindsey Weaver, a Prominent
Man of Poik County. Beaten by a
Negro Who Uses Rocks and a Stick
as Weapons—Episcopal Church
Consecrated by Bishop Horner—
Other News From Tryon.

Special to The Observer.

Tryon, Dec. 16.—F. Lindsay Wea-

Billiding—Preacher Wins Out in a Horse Trade When it is Taken to live in various parts of this counts.

Five times during his like was Mc Mangum elector of city aldermen at the dast election ne was importuned by both sides of the sculing in the respect and high same to be used, but he would not run. He held the respect and high esteem of all who knew him, and he was known by practically all of the people of this city.

The funeral services was conducted by Eder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, as gisted by Rev. C. T. Adams, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, this city. The pall-bearers and the floral bearers—Messrs. J. F. Freeland, M. J. W. McNalyz.

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years, will shortly move to Tryon and conduct the Woodlawn.

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The consecration yesterday at 11 a.

m. by Bishop Horner, of Asheville, of the Episcopal church of the Holy Cross, was a very solemn and gratifying occasion. The bishop accompanied by Rev. E. N. Joyner, the rector, and Rev. James Joyner, of Saluda, was met at the door of the church by the wardens and escorted church by the wardens and escorted to the chancel. Senior Warden F. Pickens read the instrument of donation and endowment and the service proceeded according to the form for consecration of a church. At 3:30 n. m. the bishop addressed the children of the Mission Sunday school and at 8 o'clock held evening services at the church.

At the church.

The quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the Tryon and Saluda churches, W. A. Newell, pastor, was held here yesterday in charge of Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D., of Asheville, the new presiding elder.

CUTTING BUSINESS FORCE.

Lexington Agent Notified That Two Men Will Be Taken Off or Their Salaries Reduced — Sheriff Delap Siek, pecial to The Observer.

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Lexington, Dec 16.—The Southern Railway Company's policy of retrenchment is being carried beyond the taking off of passenger trains. It is learned that the agent at this point has received notice that two of the gapot force must be cut off, or the salaries of the men reduced \$5 each a month. Already the force here is too small to take care of the business with the proper dispatch and it is believed that the salaries will be reduced instead of decreasing the number of men. Employes of a rail-

road company always lead an uncertain life as far as their tenure of employment is concerned and things are now more uncertain than ever.

Sheriff A. T. Delap has been confined to his nome for the past four or five days with he grippe and he continues right sick.

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