IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mr. Anthony, of Rhode Island, called up the Senate bill relating to public printing and binding, which was passed. It authorizes the Public Printer to print papers and documents for Senators, Representatives and Delegates in Congress upon the payment of the cost thereof and ten per cent. additional.

Mr. Windom, of Minnesota, called up the fortification bill amendments proposed by the committee, increasing the appropriation for the armament of the seacoast fortifications from $125,000 to $250,000, and for the protection, preservation and repair of fortifications from $100,000 to $200,000, which were agreed to. The bill was then read a third time and passed.

During a brief discussion in the Senate, as to the order of business, it was agreed that a vote on Mr. Edmunds' bill, in regard to counting the electoral vote, should be taken to-morrow.

The bill for correcting the error of last session in the Hot Springs bill, was passed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Wood, of N. Y., rising to question of privilege, offered the following:

WHEREAS, it is alleged that at the election held in the city of New York, on the 5th of November, 1878, United States Commissioner J. J. Davenport, acting as Chief Supervisor of Elections for the Second District, was guilty of illegal, unjust and oppressive exercise of pretended authority, in causing the arrest, detention and imprisonment of citizens, innocent of offence, by which he deprived them of the right to vote, and subjected them to indignity, insult and intimidation, without warrant of law or justification, which arrests have since been declared illegal in a test case by the Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States; and, whereas, if these allegations be true, that the officer should be forthwith removed and punished—

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to proceed without delay to an investigation of the conduct of said Davenport at the time aforesaid, with power in the city of New York by sub-committee or otherwise, and that said sub-committee shall have all the authority of the whole committee for said purpose, with power to administer oaths, send for persons and papers, to sit during the session of the House, and to report at any time.

The consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-morrow.

A resolution was adopted ordering a holiday recess from December 20th to January 6th.

The Geneva Award bill was discussed and postponed for further action, after which the substitute for the Pension Appropriation bill was passed.

A bill was introduced to repeal the duty on quinine, which was appropriately referred.

A bill was passed for the removal of the political disabilities of ex-Senator James Chestnut, of South Carolina. The petition therefor was presented in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the Military Commission was made the special order for January 9th.

Debate on the Afghan Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The debate in the commons and house of lords, last night, upon the Afghan policy of the government had the effect of bringing to light many highly important facts respecting the purposes of England and Russia in this conflict. It was shown, on the part of the government, that further delay on the part of England in settling her relations with the Ameer would have been almost suicidal. England had to choose between persuading him to be her ally as against the advance of Russia, and thus to provide for the security of the northeastern frontier of British India, or compelling this security by dispossessing Shere Ali and placing on his throne a firm friend of England. The war, it was stated, would go on despite the letter of the Ameer inviting the mission. It was strongly hinted that while there was probably little doubt of the continued success of the English arms as against Shere Ali alone, there would come a period in the struggle when Russia would assert the right to interfere, and then either diplomacy or war will have the task imposed upon it of definitely settling the long, vexed Eastern question. Shere Ali, it was stated, was by no means so well prepared to make a stand against England as was his father, Dost Mahomed. His people are divided against each other and against him. Hazaris Aimorks and Jamshidis on the northwestern frontier, and Bajaoris, and Firozkohis are all at enmity with the Ameer. As for Russia's action, it was said there will come a time in the struggle when she will find it necessary to show her hand openly, and then the great interests of two nations would be fully brought to light and finally adjusted. The peroration of Earl Beaconsfield's speech is described as being in his best and happiest vein, and as showing that he is still in full possession of his ancient vigor and fire. It is suggested that the English victories thus far were arranged by the Ameer, and some journals pretend to fear that between the present advance parts of the English army and Cabul there are several extremely dangerous traps into which they may fall. There is no longer any doubt that the Afghan forces are directed by Russian officers. The Ameer has as yet only skirmished; he has still a formidable force of well-trained soldiers, armed with at least serviceable weapons and directed by experienced officers, to bring into action. If he finds it necessary to bring his whole force into the field, he will have the disposal of not less than 150,000 men.

Are Stewart's Bones in Virginia?

A correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch at Fredericksburg, Va, has discovered another supposed trace of the Stewart grave-robbers near that city, the appearance of two mysterious individuals, said to be New York or Washington detectives, having excited his suspicion. The facts that he relates are, in brief, that about two weeks ago a small craft appeared at night in the Rappahannock, a few miles below Fredericksburg. Some negroes who were watching it, saw a small boat put off from the larger one. Two men landed, carrying a box on their shoulders; were gone about an hour, when they returned without the box, and sailed away as mysteriously as they came. It is understood that the mission of the detectives is to discover the whereabouts of the box, but so far they have failed.

The State of Siege in the Basque Provinces.

MADRID, Dec. 11—Premier Canovas del Castillo, replying to the energetic protests of the Basque Deputies, declared that the state of siege should be maintained in the Basque Provinces as long as agitation for the *fueros* continued, and that the law abolishing the *fueros* would be carried out to the utmost extent despite passive resistance. The declaration has caused a marked sensation in political circles.

Lieutenant Benner's Family.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 11—The wife and family of Lieutenant Benner left this city to-day for Elgin, Ill., her future home. She has received $1,200, which is invested in United States bonds. There is much money not yet turned in. Senator Gordon will press for a pension for Mrs. Benner.

Elected for the Twenty-first Term.

BALTIMORE, Dec 11—John W Garrett was unanimously re-elected President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to-day for the twenty first consecutive year.

CAROLINA.

Goldsboro shipped last month 9,872 bales of cotton.

Corn sold in Newbern on Wednesday at 40 cents.

Pole punching at Mt. Olive on Friday, 27th inst

Raleigh *Observer*: Sheriff R. McMillan, of Robeson, has settled in full with the State Treasurer. He paid public tax $3,852.87; special $2,692.16; total $6,545.03.

Goldsboro *Mail*: Mr. Hiram J. Ham failed in business Tuesday of this week. We have not heard particulars. Hope he will be able to get on his feet and be going again soon.

Goldsboro *Messenger*: The tobacco raised in this section takes the lead in the tobacco markets. Mr. Arnold Borden sold 1,000 pounds a few days ago at Durham, it being an average of his crop, for $351.89. Mr. Borden made about 20,000 pounds this year. The lot sold was the product of about two acres.

Washington *Press*: We learn that a notorious character named Bob Brown, on last Saturday night, without any provocation, inflicted some very severe wounds upon the person of Mr. George Cherry, in Tranter's Creek district, cutting his throat by severing his wind pipe and making some very ugly gashes in his arm and shoulder.

Raleigh *News*: Several substantial farmers were in the city yesterday, and one and all declared that next season they would plant more grain, and less cotton. Last year a decided improvement was shown in this matter. The low price of cotton and the high prices of labor are too much for them and they will hereafter not meddle with the delusive staple.

Pittsboro *Record*: On the 7th inst., the Rev. Dr. Sutton and wife, of this place, celebrated their "silver wedding," being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Quite a large number of their friends assembled at their residence to enjoy the occasion with them, and extend their congratulations. A great many presents, more than seventy-five in number, were sent them by their friends in this community as an expression of their love and kindly feelings.

Statesville *American*: Mr. Portland Gay, a worthy citizen and well-to-do farmer of Oak Forest township, dropped dead while on his way from his home to Union Church, Monday afternoon. He was alone.—Some hours after his death he was found prostrate on the roadside by Mr. Mathew Brandon, who was passing by. Mr. Gay was about 70 years of age, and was subject to apoplexy, which disease it is supposed caused his death.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French and English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, New York. Dec 3-4w.

A Card.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self addressed envelope to the REV. JOSEPH T. INMAN, *Station D, Bible House, New York City.* d & w

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

WILMINGTON MARKET
DECEMBER 13—4 P. M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Quoted quiet at 28¼ cents, a decline of ¼ of cent on yesterday's quotations. Later, we hear of sales of 150 casks at these figures.

ROSIN—Quoted firm at $1 20 for Strained and Good Strained. Later, we hear of sales of 1,100 bbls Strained at $1 17½.

TAR—Quiet at $1 35, a still further decline of 10 cents since yesterday's quotations. Sales at quotations.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady at $1 25 for Hard and $1 85 for Soft and Virgin. Sales receipts at quotations.

COTTON—Dull and lower to sell. Later, we hear of sales of 20 bales Good Ordinary at 7¼ cents.

The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary	—	Cents.
Good Ordinary	7¼	"
Strict Good Ordinary	7½	"
Low Middling	7⅞	"
Middling	8¾	"
Good Middling	—	"

DAILY RECEIPTS

Cotton	141	bales
Spirits Turpentine	208	casks
Rosin	2,429	bbls
Tar	110	"
Crude Turpentine	1,185	"

New York Markets.

[Herald, 12.]

Cotton on the spot was dull and 1-16 lower. Futures opened 5 points lower, and closed weak and from 6 to 9 points points lower for the day.

CURRENT PRICES OF SPOT COTTON.

The following quotations are based on American standard of classification, and on cotton in store, running in quality not more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:

	Uplands.
Ordinary	7 1-16
Strict ordinary	7½
Good ordinary	8
Strict good ordinary	8¾
Low middling	8 9-16
Strict low middling	8¾
Middling	8 15-16
Good middling	9¼
Strict good middling	9 9-16
Middling fair	10¼
Fair	10⅞
STAINED.	
Good ordinary	7 3-16
Strict good ordinary	7 11-16
Low middling	8 3-16
Middling	8 9-16

SALES OF SPOT COTTON.

	To-day.	Last Even'g.	Total.
Export	500	—	500
Consumption	133	41	174
Total	633	41	674

NAVAL STORES.—The market for spirits turpentine was quiet, as was also rosin. We quote:—Spirits turpentine, merchantable order, 29c a 29½c. Rosin, good strained, $1 37½ and $140; strained, $1 35.

MARINE NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Steamer D Murchison, Garrason, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison.
Steamer Gov Worth, Worth, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth.
Steamer North East, Paddison, Point Caswell, Paddison.

CLEARED.

Steamer D Murchison, Garrason, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison
Steamer Gov Worth, Worth, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth.
Steamer North East, Paddison, Point Caswell, Paddison.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

OF STOCKS ON HAND DEC. 9, 1878.

Cotton ashore	7,097
afloat	6,819
Total	13,916
Spirits ashore	7,775
afloat	—
Total	7,775
Rosin ashore	70,065
afloat	7,525
Total	77,590
Tar ashore	1,910
afloat	225
Total	2,135
Crude ashore	2,013
afloat	—
Total	2,013

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 9, '78

Cotton	4,129
Spirits	1,765
Rosin	10,633
Tar	1,101
Crude	2,406

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 9, '78

Domestic.	
Cotton	1,609
Spirits	141
Rosin	544
Tar	161
Crude	20
Foreign.	
Cotton	2,686
Spirits	1,511
Rosin	10,270
Tar	—
Crude	—

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all whom it may concern, that application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina, which convenes in January next, for a charter to incorporate the "Wilmington, Charlotte & Western Railway Company." dec 2-30t

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On The European Plan.

Corner Front and Red Cross Streets, Near Union Depot.

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Restaurant open at all hours.

Prices low and bed-rooms neat, clean and airy.

Special rates by day, week or month.

☞ The only Restaurant in the city.

W. M. COLLINS,
oct 26-2taw m-thu Proprietor.

Bookbindery.

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington that he is now prepared to execute all kinds of Bookbindery. Old books made as good as new. Prices very reasonable. Orders for work may be left at S. G. Hall's Job Printing office Princess street.

nov 11 R. GRANT, Jr.

Miscellaneous.

We stood at an open window
Leaning far over the sill,
And if something hadn't happened
We might have stood there still;
But we reached for a banging shutter
In a blinding northeast breeze,
So our friends will have to be invited
To join in the obsequies.

IF WE COULD ONLY HAVE KNOWN what a storm was brewing (in a teapot), and how far off that shutter was, we should never have ventured our head outside of that window; but it is too late for regrets now; we are nonplused, completely squelched, have been sat upon, and our friends and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend the obsequies on SATURDAY NEXT, the 14th inst., and we stake our reputation on its being the grandest funeral they ever witnessed.

As he slips he slides, and every time he slides he slips up most woefully. We leave our "kind friends" to find out the meaning of the above, and while they are doing so we will ask a few questions:

Haven't we the ugliest and dirtiest store in the State?

Haven't we the poorest stock of goods in Wilmington?

Haven't we made prices much higher since we commenced?

Haven't we been very unaccommodating and impolite to you?

Haven't we charged you for all the goods delivered?

Haven't we made a great many mistakes and refused to correct them when our attention was called thereto?

All of our friends who answer "yes" to the above questions will please not buy from us any more. Respectfully and truly,

P. L. BRIDGERS & CO.

In glancing over last Sunday's paper we regretted to notice the tacit acknowledgment from some of our brother grocers that we had taken away part of their trade, and making an appeal to the others not to leave them. We regret this exceedingly, especially as they were so kind and considerate about our coming to grief, but suppose, as we have determined to do the largest Retail Grocery Business ever done in Wilmington, we will in the future have to keep from being so tender hearted, and CUT DOWN PRICES a little more.

The Bloody Chasm has been Bridged!

THE LITTLE JOKERS are not quite gone!

A fine line of TOILET SOAPS received today, very low down.

The OLD CAPE FEAR is flourishing and MARTELLE swimming.

We have been over and smoked that "Cigar of Peace," (a fine Havana it was), but still think it would be bad policy to stop furnishing the papers with our fine literary productions, as they have the tendency to keep prices very low, which we, of course, with all other good grocers, desire; only want enough left to pay for clerk's hire, store rent and taxes.

Not Puritanical!

Although opposed to the drinking of Liquors, P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. are not puritanical enough to refuse to sell them, as they think no FIRST-CLASS GROCERY STORE can afford to be without; but they promise the ladies that they would never find out there was any on the premises, as it must be taken elsewhere to be drunk.

BUMGARDNER, STUART'S DEW and DURHAM OLD RYE, received this week.

TRY OUR BUTTER AND LARD!

The purest, oldest, and best CORN WHISKEY in the State, to be bought only at

P. L. BRIDGERS & CO'S.

P. S.—We feel highly flattered at the notice taken of our advertisements, especially by a fellow grocer, who was not surprised at the absence of our usual Sunday morning ad, on account of one of our friends having gone to New York Saturday night

dec 10 P. L. B & CO.

SPEER'S
Port Grape Wine

Used in Hundreds of Congregations for Communion purposes. Also

Excellent for Ladies and Weakly Persons and the Aged.

Mt. Prospect Vineyards, New Jersey.

Speer's Port Grape Wine!
Four Years Old.

THIS JUSTLY CELEBRATED NATIVE Wine is made from the juice of the Oporto Grape, raised in this country. Its invaluable

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INVALIDS USE SPEER'S PORT GRAPE WINE.
FEMALES USE SPEER'S PORT GRAPE WINE.
WEAKLY PERSONS FIND A BENEFIT BY ITS USE.

Speer's Wine is in Hospitals are preferred to other Wines.

Sold by Druggists generally, who also sell Speer's Standard Wine Bitters. Trade supplied by all wholesale Dealers. See that the signature of Alfred Speer, Passaic, N. J., is over the cork of each bottle.

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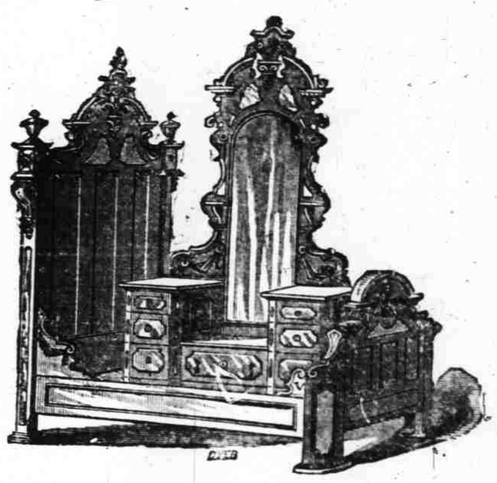

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We are prepared during the Holidays to sell

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Wines at $1 50 per gallon, worth $3.

1000 Bottles Champagne, 40 to 75 cents, warranted pure.

Ridley's Celebrated Candy,
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GEORGE MYERS.

P. S.—This is poetry:

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Buy our Champagne—make happy your friends.

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ANOTHER SUPPLY of that tender White Celery just received.

Also, Grapes in boxes, Malaga Grapes, Oranges, Choice Apples, &c. At

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