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# The Morning Star.

## OUTLINES.

The department of agriculture reports the average condition of cotton 85.0 as compared with 84.0 last month; the lowest September condition in 25 years. — Great distress prevails throughout the Transvaal; many refugees from Johannesburg are arriving at Cape Town; activity in the war and admiralty offices in London continues. — Reports of a revolution in Venezuela are confirmed. — Yellow fever has appeared at Jackson, Miss. A death from the disease at Tampa, Fla. is officially reported. — Vicksburg has quarantined Jackson. — New cases of fever are reported daily at Key West, Fla. — Admiral Dewey cables from Gibraltar that the Olympia will arrive at New York September 28. — It is expected that when Congress assembles a proposition will be made for the government to abandon its participation in the Paris exposition on account of the Dreyfus affair. — The Evangelical Alliance of Boston called resolutions of condolence to Mme. Dreyfus. — The French flag was burned in public at Indianapolis. — A mass meeting to protest against the sentencing of Dreyfus is being planned in Chicago. — New York markets: Money on call firm at 3/8 per cent, last loan being at 5 per cent; cotton quiet, middling uplands 67 1/2c; flour was quiet but steadily held; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 74c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 26c; soyabean—spot turpentine steady at 16c.

## WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
WEATHER BUREAU,  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 11.  
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 71 degrees,  
8 P. M., 77 degrees; maximum, 82  
degrees; minimum, 71 degrees; sea, 76  
degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .7; rainfall  
since 1st of month up to date, .01.  
Stage of water in the river at Fay  
etteville at 8 A. M., 1.8 feet.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.  
Showers occurred in all districts,  
and were heavy over South Carolina  
and Georgia. Much lower tempera-  
tures prevailed Sunday in the Carolinas,  
Northern Georgia and in the west.

Heavy Rainfalls—Rome, Ga., 2.26;  
Charleston, S. C., 2.24; Atlanta, Ga.,  
1.90; Newark, S. C., 1.40; Macon, Ga.,  
1.40; Augusta, Ga., 1.04.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—For North  
Carolina—Generally fair Tuesday and  
Wednesday; fresh west to north  
winds.

Port Almanac—Sept 12.

8:30 Rise 5.42 A. M.  
Sun Sets 6:10 P. M.  
Day's Length 12 H. 28 M.  
High Water at Southport 12:02 A. M.  
High Water, Wilmington 3:32 A. M.

Do Paty de Clam will get well  
now pretty soon.

Denver is a fast town. There are  
40,000 people in it and they run  
40,000 bicycles.

A goose trust is the latest report-  
ed. It expects to do considerable  
plucking between this and Christ-  
mas.

Tom Paul's people are not scared  
much yet. They say they walked  
the Britishers twice and can do it  
again if they get right mad.

Captain Carter may be a "martyr,"  
but with \$1,600,000 of swag and  
drawing his pay regularly he seems to  
stand his martyrdom pretty well.

Women are not allowed to have  
their photographs taken in China.  
But why should a Chinese woman  
want to have her photograph taken?

Our uncle, Paul Kruger, believes  
in prayer, but he also believes in a  
good stock of ammunition and shoot-  
ing things, to be prepared for "even-  
tualities."

John B. Branch, of Waterville,  
Maine, is the latest Messiah.  
His following numbers up to this  
time twenty-five. It is remarkable  
that this Messiah bobbed up about  
the time that Tom Reed slid out.

Sir Julian Pauncifote's original  
family name was Smith. His father  
changed it to Pauncifote because  
Smith was such an uncommon name  
and so hard to remember that he was  
always getting himself mixed up with  
somebody else.

Mr. Frank T. Pullin, an expert  
wightman in London, isn't sanguine  
about the Shamrock capturing that  
cup. He says the race depends  
quite as much on the sail rig as  
on the boat, and the Yankees can  
beat the Britishers building sails.

An explorer in Abyssinia reports  
having run up with a tribe down  
there the men of which average  
seven feet in height. They wear  
their hair long and have no use for  
barbers. They plait the hair, turn  
it up at the end and use it as sort  
of knapsack.

# THE MORNING STAR.

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## LOCAL DOTS.

Justice Bornemann tried eight  
offenders yesterday for trivial breaches  
of the law.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, F. and  
A. Masons, holds its regular meeting  
to night.

The hour for the Wednesday  
evening services at Grace M. E. Church  
has been changed to 8 o'clock.

The schooner *Cora C. Meader*,  
from Georgetown to Baltimore, was  
anchored off the bar yesterday.

The schooner *Chas. H. Sprague*,  
Capt. Lord, arrived in port Sunday  
from South Amboy, to Geo. Harris,  
Son & Co.

Presiding Elder Rev. R. F.  
Bumpass held the fourth quarterly  
meeting for the present conference  
year on Sunday at Fifth street M. E.  
Church, and is to be at Southport  
next Sunday.

The schooner *Nellie Floyd*,  
which was slightly injured some time  
ago by a collision with a mud scow  
down the river while being towed  
to sea, was temporarily repaired and  
sailed Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

The British steamship *Chatham*,  
1,225 tons, Capt. Wood, arrived yester-  
day to Mr. J. H. Sloan and will take  
a berth at the Wilmington Compress.

The *Chatham* is the sixth of the large  
steamers now loading with cotton at  
this port.

Knight's colored excursion to  
Raleigh left over the Seaboard Air  
Line yesterday morning at 7 o'clock,  
carrying about 800 persons in eleven  
cars. Three cars were very well filled  
with white persons. The party will  
return to-morrow.

The Wilmington Music Associa-  
tion are planning for their 1899-1900  
season. Rehearsals will be resumed  
on Monday evening, October 2d.

They propose to have a mid-winter  
concert during the Xmas holidays, and  
will also give their usual grand an-  
nual public rehearsal in the Spring  
as a season finale.

The finance committee of the  
Board of County Commissioners will  
meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for  
the purpose of opening the sealed bids  
for the construction of the line of  
fence between New Hanover and Pender  
counties, made necessary by the  
introduction into the county of the  
stock law, which will go into effect  
January 1st, 1900. It is also probable  
that the entire Board of Commis-  
sioners will hold a session this after-  
noon to consider this and other mat-  
ters.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS  
D. O'Connor—For rent.  
Market Notice—Rental of stalls.  
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

BUSINESS LOCALS.  
Fletcher Musical Kindergarten School

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.  
—Mr. M. H. Curran has returned  
from a business trip to Newbern.

—Mr. W. A. Fauling, of Elizabethtown  
City, was here on business yester-  
day.

—Mr. J. F. Prettyman, of Newbern,  
was registered at The Orton yester-  
day.

—Miss Bessie Bellamy, a charm-  
ing young lady of Brunswick county,  
was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Jno. R. Hawes, Jr., of  
Atkinson, spent yesterday in the city.  
He was here on a pleasure trip.

—Mr. Harvey C. Twining, bag-  
gage master at the Front street A. C. L.  
depot, is at his post again after a brief  
illness.

—Mr. L. L. Motte, a popular  
young Wilmingtonian, left yester-  
day for Durham to attend the coming  
session of Trinity College, where he  
graduates this year.

—Miss Mabel Froelich, of Hal-  
fax, who has been in the city, the  
guest of Miss Gilligan and Miss Cor-  
bett, left yesterday for her home, ac-  
companied by her mother, who only  
spent Sunday here.

State Truckers' Association.  
Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, member of the  
State Board of Agriculture and presi-  
dent of the Washington Farmers' and  
Truckers' Association, writes to Com-  
missioner Patterson to suggest that a  
general meeting of the fruit and truck  
growers of the State be held in Hal-  
fax during Fair week to organize a  
permanent association. The *News and  
Observer* says, after enumerating the  
advantages of a State organization,  
that Commissioner Patterson will issue  
a circular letter to principal fruit  
and truck growers, in accordance with  
this suggestion. Among the names of  
those who are expected to join in this  
movement are Mr. J. A. Brown, of  
Chadbourn; Mr. J. A. Westbrock, of  
Mt. Olive, and Mr. J. W. Grainger, of  
Kinston.

The Rice Birds Are Here.  
The rice fields along the Cape Fear  
river are now teeming with almost  
countless thousands of rice birds,  
which always make their appearance  
here at this season when the fields be-  
gin to ripen for the harvest. A little  
unwelcomed by the planters, perhaps,  
they are, nevertheless, hailed with de-  
light by the sportsmen and many of  
them have already been bagged and  
sent in to the market, where they are  
finding ready sale at from forty to fifty  
cents per dozen. It is worth one's  
while to take a trip down the river  
with Capt. Harper on the steamer  
*Wilmington* to witness the undulating  
swarms of the little pests as they glide  
along just above the heads of the  
ripening grain.

## THE DECREE OF JUDGE EWART RECEIVED.

Orders Assets in Benbow Litigation Trans-  
ferred to Trustee in Bankruptcy.  
Injunction Continued.

An important opinion and ruling of  
Judge Ewart, of the United States  
Court of the Western District, in the  
case of various creditors involving the  
estate of Dr. W. D. C. Benbow bank-  
rupt, was received yesterday by E. K.  
Bryan, Esq., counsel for the Southern  
Loan and Trust Company of Greens-  
boro, Murchison & Co., the Third  
National Bank of New York and other  
creditors. By this ruling there will  
be a sale of all real property involved  
and the proceeds together with all  
moneys now in the hands of J. S. Cox,  
assignee of Dr. Benbow, will be held  
in trust by the Southern  
Loan and Trust Company of Greens-  
boro until the suit is finally  
adjudicated. Readers of the STAR will  
remember that the suit grew out of  
Dr. Benbow's endorsing papers for the  
North State Improvement Company  
and having about the time of the col-  
lapse of that company made an assign-  
ment. The case has been pending sev-  
eral years through various and intri-  
cate stages of procedure, until on Au-  
gust 12th last Judge Ewart issued a  
restraining order against Charles  
Benbow, an assignee of Dr. Benbow,  
to the effect that a decree of the Su-  
preme Court of Guilford county must  
not be executed. The restraining order  
was made returnable before Judge  
Ewart on August 22d, on which date  
the case was fully and ably argued at  
Hendersoenville by E. K. Bryan, Esq.,  
of this city, and L. M. Scott, Esq., of  
Greensboro, and J. W. Wilson, Esq.,  
of High Point, for the trustee, E. K.  
Bryan, Esq., John Sprunt Hill, Esq.,  
and Senator Prichard also represented  
the creditors, Murchison & Co., Third  
National Bank of New York. As a re-  
sult of the arguments Judge Ewart  
in the ruling yesterday continued to  
the final hearing, the injunction referred  
to, and as previously stated ordered  
that all funds and property involved  
be turned over to the Southern Trust  
and Loan Company as trustee in bank-  
ruptcy and the sale of the real property.

The question now involved is  
whether certain interests belong real-  
ly to Charles Benbow or to the estate  
of Dr. Benbow, and if to the latter, as  
Mr. Bryan and his associate counsel  
for the plaintiffs contend, then the  
funds (about \$150,000) will be divided  
*pro rata* among the creditors, the  
principals of whom are Murchison &  
Co. and the Third National Bank of  
New York, by whom the fund for  
conducting the legal fight has been  
put up. The Diocese of Eastern North  
Carolina is also interested in the sum  
of \$5,000, and the Bank of S. Williams  
are also creditors, who will come in  
for their *pro rata* of the assets.

Mr. Bryan has made a hard fight  
for his clients and is confident of ulti-  
mate victory.

FIRST CARGO OF COTTON.  
Cleared On Atlantic Coast This Crop Year  
Was Steamship South Africa Yester-  
day for Bremen, Germany.

What is believed to be the first clear-  
ance of a cargo of cotton anywhere on  
the Atlantic coast for a foreign port  
this crop year was by Messrs. Alex-  
ander Sprunt and Son yesterday, when  
they cleared the British steamship  
*South Africa*, Captain Dobson, for  
Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of  
12,628 bales. The weight of the cargo  
is 6,384,262 pounds, and the value  
\$414,976.00.

The *South Africa* is one of the ten  
ocean steamers which constitute the  
Sprunt Line recently established by  
Alexander Sprunt & Son to ply regu-  
larly from Wilmington to various  
foreign ports. She will cross the Atlantic  
flying a white burgee with "Sprunt  
Line" at her mainmast head. The first  
clearance of cotton from Wilmington  
at the beginning of the last crop year  
was on September 19th when the *Year-  
by* was cleared with a cargo of 9,564  
bales. It will therefore be seen that  
the first shipment this season is eight  
days earlier than last year.

Yellow Fever Situation.  
Wilmington is not as yet all  
alarmed by the yellow fever news from  
Key West, New Orleans, Miami, Missis-  
sippi City, and Jackson, Miss., but  
Capt. Robert Green, chief quarantine  
officer, with his accustomed prompt-  
ness in guarding against the least  
probability of an infection, left yester-  
day afternoon for Florence, S. C., to  
acquaint himself with the current of  
travel and procure such other infor-  
mation as would be needed in the  
event an impromptu quarantine  
should be found necessary by reason  
of an outbreak nearer the city or a  
more general epidemic in the region.  
where it is now thought to be confined.  
Capt. Green left on the afternoon W.  
C. & A. train.

A Singular Theft.  
A rather singular theft, if theft it  
may be called, was committed at Mr.  
W. A. McGowan's residence, on  
Second between Nun and Church  
streets, Saturday night. While Mrs.  
McGowan was engaged about her  
household duties in one of the rear  
rooms of the house, a thief entered  
the front door and stole a very fine  
guitar from the parlor, but left a  
mandolin in its stead. Beyond the  
exchange of the instruments nothing  
further was missed. Mrs. McGowan  
heard the entrance at the door, but  
thinking it was her husband she  
thought it nothing out of the ordinary  
until the exchange was discovered.

## UNKNOWN NEGRO DROWNED.

Body Found Floating Near Foot of Orange  
Street Yesterday Morning—An  
Inquest Held.

The body of an unknown mulatto,  
apparently about 21 years of age was  
found floating in the river near the  
foot of Orange street yesterday morn-  
ing about 9 o'clock by Andrew Pierce,  
a colored man employed at one of the  
ship yards, who was paddling a canoe  
near the water's edge on this side.

The STAR referred Sunday morning  
to the supposed drowning of a man in  
this vicinity and published the facts  
obtainable at that time, which were to  
the effect that Messrs. J. E. Tyner and  
Oscar Edwards, who are employed  
about the market, on Saturday night  
when near the water's edge heard a  
splashing between two flats tied up  
near the foot of Orange street and that  
as they drew nearer to investigate they  
found a soiled white hat with crepe  
band floating on the water. Nothing  
further could be learned by any one  
Saturday night regarding the supposed  
drowning until the ghastly find yester-  
day morning.

The body of the unfortunate man  
was brought ashore soon after it was  
found and Dr. Price, the coroner,  
empaneled a jury composed of Messrs.  
J. T. McIver, E. J. Wood, E. W.  
Hewlett, T. H. Johnson, Claude  
Fredericks and George Groten, who  
after examining Messrs. Edwards,  
Tyner and George Farrow, returned a  
verdict that the deceased came to his  
death by accidental drowning though  
they could not establish his identity.

Young Mr. Farrow, who works at  
the Palace Bakery, however, testified  
that he had on several occasions seen  
the deceased about the store and that  
he had formed the opinion that he was  
a tramp. Witness could not, how-  
ever, give the colored man's name,  
but said that he wore a coat of the  
uniform of the Third Regiment North  
Carolina Volunteers and identified  
the hat found by Mr. Tyner as one  
he had seen the mulatto wearing.

The body was turned over to the  
county authorities for burial.

MR. FARRINGTON'S LAST SERMON.  
Large Congregation at Southside Church  
to Hear His Farewell Message.

A large congregation of friends and  
church members assembled at South-  
side Baptist Church on Sunday night  
to hear the farewell message of Rev.  
F. H. Farrington, who, as previously  
stated, has severed his pastoral rela-  
tions with that church to finish his  
education in his native State—Ala-  
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All the available room in the church  
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Last night, after the regular weekly  
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informal reception was given Mr. Far-  
rington, which was largely attended  
by the members of the congrega-  
tion and a number of the retir-  
ing pastor's friends.

Mr. Farrington will leave via the  
Seaboard Air Line at 3:30 o'clock this  
afternoon.

MRS. ROSA IRENE BATE.  
Beloved Wife of Mr. W. R. Bate Departed  
This Life Sunday Night.

Friends in this city will deeply sym-  
pathize with Mr. W. R. Bate, a popular  
and trusted employee of the Atlantic  
Coast Line shops, in the loss of his wife,  
Mrs. Rosa Irene Bate, whose death  
occurred Sunday night at 10:35 o'clock  
after an illness of three weeks.

Deceased was a little more than 31  
years of age and is survived by a sor-  
rowing husband and four children,  
aged 11, 9, 5 and 2 years, respectively.  
She also leaves to mourn their  
loss a bereaved father and mother,  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvia; two  
brothers, Messrs. Walter and George  
Silvia; and three sisters, Mrs. J. J.  
Hopkins Mrs. Charlie Keep, and  
Mrs. Mattie Yates.

The funeral will be from the resi-  
dence, on Fifth between Campbell and  
Hanover streets this morning at  
9 o'clock, thence to St. Thomas' Pro-  
Cathedral, thence to Oakdale cemetery  
where the interment will be made.

'A Lady of Quality.'  
Theatre-goers of Wilmington are  
waiting eagerly for the coming of  
Eugenie Blair to the Opera House on  
Thursday night of this week, when  
she will present "A Lady of Quality."  
Eugenie Blair needs no introduction.  
She is an artist who has played a wide  
range of parts, both tragic and emo-  
tional, more perhaps than any woman  
star of her time. A thoroughly com-  
petent company are included in her  
support, and the engagement is an-  
ticipated as one of the best attractions  
of the year.

The sale of seats, at the usual price,  
will commence at Gerken's to-morrow  
morning.

Fletcher Musical Kindergarten.  
Announcement is made in the ad-  
vertising columns of the STAR this  
morning that the Fletcher Musical  
Kindergarten school, so successfully  
established in the city last year by  
Miss Annie B. Ulrich and Miss Fan-  
nie K. Corbett, will be opened for  
1899-1900 session on Monday, Octo-  
ber 2nd.

## WRIGHTSVILLE BURGLARY.

At the Investigation Yesterday Shepard  
and Flynn Were Released—Swain  
Re-committed Without Bail.

Joe Shepard, Peter Flynn and Tony  
Swain, the three white men placed in  
jail Saturday afternoon by Deputy  
Sheriffs Flynn and Terry, on suspicion  
of having burglarized the apartments  
of Mrs. O'Neill and children in the  
new Ocean View Hotel at Wrights-  
ville Beach early Saturday morning,  
were arraigned before Justice Mc-  
Gowan yesterday morning for an in-  
vestigation.

Shepard, who was represented by  
S. M. Empe, Esq., and Flynn, who was  
represented by Herbert McClammy,  
Esq., established their innocence  
neither of them as the person  
who entered her room with the light,  
as stated in the STAR Sunday.

Swain, through his counsel, Herbert  
McClammy, Esq., filed an affidavit of  
removal and yesterday afternoon at  
3 o'clock the case was called before  
Justice W. H. Northrop, Jr., in the  
county court room. J. O. Carr, Esq.,  
of the firm of Rountree & Carr, very  
ably prosecuted the case and thought  
the evidence was circumstantial in  
many salient points, Justice Northrop  
ruled that there was probable cause  
and recommitted the defendant to jail,  
to await trial by the Criminal Court  
as bail is not admissible in charges so  
grave as those preferred against  
Swain.

Mr. O'Neill upon the witness stand  
in the case against Swain, stated that  
she would not swear to the identity  
of Swain, but that he answered in  
many respects to the view she secured  
of him as he was escaping from the  
door.

Flynn and Shepard were introduced  
as witnesses and testified that while  
all three went to sleep together on the  
piazza of Mr. Stern's saloon Friday  
night, they were awakened about 4  
o'clock Saturday morning by Swain,  
who was up and dressed. They did  
not swear as to the whereabouts of  
Swain at or near the hour the burglary  
was committed. The testimony in  
other points was not material.

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## FRANCE MUST RECEIVE HER DEATH WAGES.

Dr. Blackwell Predicts Red Revolution for  
Injustice to Dreyfus—Favors Boy-  
cott by All Nations.

During the course of his evening  
sermon at the First Baptist Church  
Sunday night Rev. Calvin S. Black-  
well, D. D., the pastor, took occasion  
to refer, in a very scathing manner,  
to France as a nation, and particu-  
larly to the recent verdict of the  
French court in the Dreyfus case. His  
theme was "Our Satan's Relation."  
The reference to France was in illu-  
stration of the proposition that "The  
Wages of Sin is Death," whether a  
nation or a man chooses to commit the  
sin. He said:

"The French nation yesterday, yield-  
ing to a satanic spirit which has  
caused her people to rush pell mell  
perditionward during the last 100 or  
150 years, chose to crush beneath her  
official foot innocence, truth and  
justice in the person of Capt. Dreyfus.  
France will have to receive her death  
wages in retributive justice and red  
revolution. Paris, the brothel of the  
world, where the legitimate birthrate  
is equalled by her bastardry, is already  
ripe for another bloody-handed con-  
quest."

In conversation with a member of  
the STAR staff Dr. Blackwell said that  
while he did not have occasion to say  
so in his sermon Sunday, he believes  
the entire world should completely  
boycott France until she is brought to  
a realization of the injustice done  
Dreyfus and reverses the verdict and  
makes ample reparation. He thinks  
the Paris Exposition should be par-  
ticularly ignored.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT.  
Cases Before the Mayor Yesterday—An  
Order Batch of Warrants for Delin-  
quent Privilege-Tax Payers.

In the Mayor's court yesterday  
morning the following cases were  
disposed of, fines being imposed as  
stated:

Charles Williams, colored, drunk  
on the street; fined \$5.  
John H. Williams, colored, disorderly  
conduct; judgment suspended on  
payment of costs.

Willie Dowling, colored, drunk and  
disorderly; case continued in the  
absence of witness.

Eliza Dudley, colored, disorderly  
conduct; fined \$5.  
Wm. Henry Williams, colored, disor-  
derly conduct; fined \$5.

Seilla Evans, colored, disorderly  
conduct; fined \$5.  
R. A. Risley, assault with a deadly  
weapon; gave \$25 dollar bond for his  
appearance at Criminal Court.

John H. Walters, colored, gambler;  
warrant amended to disorderly  
conduct and defendant fined \$5.

Fred Hill and Peter Bryant, the  
colored scavengers, who were ar-  
raigned in the police court several  
weeks ago for carrying on business  
without license, were before the  
Mayor again yesterday and were fined  
\$5 each. They took an appeal to the  
Superior Court.

Four cases were called for non-pay-  
ment of license taxes, but judgment  
was reserved and the defendants given  
until Monday, the 18th inst., to comply  
with the law. The Mayor has issued  
no capias for those whose final limit  
in which the taxes could be paid with-  
out costs has expired, but it is under-  
stood that if all arrears are not  
settled by next Monday they will be  
given the extreme penalty of the law,  
which is in addition to the payment of  
the taxes a fine of \$25.

MR. BELLAMY IN WASHINGTON.  
He Talks With a Post Representative About  
the Constitutional Amendment.

Hon. John D. Bellamy, of Wil-  
mington, N. C., who will represent  
the famous shoe-string district of that  
State in the next House, was seen at  
the Arlington last night. Mr. Bellamy  
is a lawyer by profession and a gradu-  
ate of the University of Virginia.

The fact that the State campaign  
which will be waged in North Caro-  
lina in 1900 has already opened a year  
in advance, said he, "is indicative of  
the intense interest our citizens are  
taking in the issues that will be settled  
at the ensuing election. The suffrage  
amendment to the constitution over-  
shadows every other question.  
It is, as the *Post's* readers know,  
almost an exact copy of the system  
adopted in Louisiana for limiting the  
franchise. We will adopt the  
amendment by at least 75,000 votes,  
for it will receive the liberal support  
of many of the best Republicans."

"If effect cannot help but be bene-  
ficial, and in my opinion it will go a  
long way toward relieving the trouble-  
some race friction, of which we had  
enough in North Carolina last year,  
particularly in my district, where the  
negroes are so numerous. I do not  
believe that many white men will lose  
their voting privileges under the law  
on account of illiteracy, although the  
opponents of the amendment have  
sought to make it appear that under  
its operations many whites would be  
excluded as voters."

A Commendable Movement.  
At Grace M. E. Church on last Sun-  
day morning \$35 was raised to help  
in building a new church at Hatters, N.  
C., to take the place of the one de-  
stroyed in the recent severe gale. The  
pastor, Rev. A. P. Tyer, being well  
acquainted with the church and peo-  
ple at Hatters, it is hoped that mem-  
bers of the Grace Church congrega-  
tion who were absent on Sunday morn-  
ing and who did not know of the pro-  
posed collection will come forward  
and voluntarily hand their subscrip-  
tions to either Mr. W. B. Cooper or  
Mr. H. M. Foard and make the amount  
even \$100.

The East Carolina Real Estate  
Agency will sell for cash, or lot in  
Wilmington, a farm of 272 acres,  
three miles from Rose Hill. Address  
R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

## THE CITY TAX BOOKS.

Compilation Was Finished Yesterday—In-  
teresting Statistical Comparison With  
Books for the Year 1898.

Mr. Geo. D. Parsley, city tax lister,  
yesterday finished the compilation of  
the tax books of 1899, and while as yet  
they are not officially received, they  
are now in the hands of the City  
Clerk and Treasurer, and will be  
formally taken charge of by him after  
their approval by the Finance Com-  
mittee of the Board of Aldermen and  
the Board of Audit and Finance.

The following facts are gleaned  
from the recapitulation which will  
make interesting reading for those in-  
terested in city affairs.

White polls, 1,701; last year 1,520.  
Colored polls, 228; last year 1,468.  
Total valuation of real estate, \$5-  
120,090 against \$5,025,240; total val-  
uation of personal property \$753,978  
against \$277,153; total valuation  
of solvent credits, \$178,978  
against \$217,295; stock of incorpo-  
rations, \$385,422 against \$38,625; amount  
of stock in trade or produce, \$514,377  
against \$500,571; amount of income,  
\$110,745 against \$108,902; money on  
hand, \$130,754 against \$75,289; total  
real personal, \$5,696,107 against  
\$6,803,897.

According to these figures the total  
amount of taxes for the present year  
will be