The President invited the Congress to give its attention to the careful consideration of a Railroad Commis sion to represent the Federal power and to cooperate with the States The newspapers for some time have had a great deal to say of State Commissions and of a National Commission to regulate inter-State com merce. The success of State Commissions in the South has not been encouraging. The South Carolina Commission was so unfortunate as to keep capital out of the State, and at least in two instances to prevent railroads from being extended from North Carolina into South Carolina. The Legislature of that State has passed a new Railroad law that takes from the Commission the exclusive power to fix the rates of freight and passenger traffic. But the people are not left unprotected. We publish elsewhere a digest of the law, to which we refer the reader.

ome of the Northern St the Railroad Commissions have given satisfaction, we believe. The Massachusetts Commission has been of real benefit. But there are two points that Southern States must consider in framing or favoring Railroad Commissions. The first is. that the North has a perfect net-work of railways. It first builds the roads and then it regulates. The South has comparatively but few roads. The great desideratum is more roads. When the South is covered over with railways as is the case with the North then it may have Commissions to keep out capital, but it is rather early to emitate the North.

The second point is, that the South must look to capital from abroad to a great extent to extend its railroad system. North Carolina especially needs help. By a Constitutional pro vision the State will not again go in to the Railroad building business. So henceforth all railroads must be built by private capital, and if we are to have the roads that are need ed then we must be assisted by capital beyond the State. A Railroad Commission clothed with arbitrary power is not well calculated to at-

As to a Government Commission there is much that might be said. The subject is of the greatest importance as it affects the whole country. It is one requiring the most careful handling in as much as ramifies the land and is of an intricate and delicate nature. Senator Cullom, of Illinois, has a bill in the Sen ate to create such a Commission that shall undertake to regulate the traffic between the States. If this Commission is created it should be composed of thoroughly competent men and these will be very difficult to obtain, A man to fill the place satisfactorily and thoroughly must have made the subject of inter-State commerce a special study.

The New York Times, discussing

this question, says: "A carefully chosen commission, which should go to work in the right spirit, would first set itself to the task of gathering full information regarding the railroad system of the country and the methods under which, as a whole and in its parts, it is managed. Alleged abuses would be brought to its attention and duly examined, and the difficulties which stand in the way of their remedy would be fully studied. The publicity which would be given to the affairs of the railroads would of itself exercise a restraining influence of no inconsiderable power. But the greatest gain would appear in that thorough knowledge that is cessary as a guide to prudent action. nission would ascertain, as can be ascertain d in no other way, just what the abuses and defects of the system are, and how far and in what way they can be most effectually remedied. Such a body, when it had mastered its problem, would be apt to deal with it in a cautious and prudent spirit, but the results would be all the more judecious and safe."

Some grave Constitutional questions may arise in the discussion of the proposed Commission. How far the General Government may go in attempting to regulate the traffic with. out trenching upon the rights and authority of the States is a question of real moment and is one that may not he ignored. It is certain that the States themselves, on the other hand, can not regulate the matter as each State can only operate within its own territory. So if general traffic

is regulated it must be by the Congress or its instrument.

Ulysses S. Grant is in jail at Dallas, Texas, for burglary. But stop, it is not the General but his cousin.

and while he was puzzling over something to do he went one day to the Congressional Library. While there his eyes fell on "Benton's Thirty Years' View." He says it came over him like a flash that it would be delightful work to put his twenty years' experience on paper, and he saw that the problem of an occupation had been solved."

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HENRY CLAY AND REFORM.

letter written by Henry Clay in 1839,

giving his views of a Tariff, He

said that he favored a Protective Ta-

riff then to help the "infant indus-

tries." but he would not ask for its

continuance beyond 1843. The Ta-

riff he favored was a very moderate

one indeed compared with the 45 per

cent. Tariff of 1883. If he were

living to-day, and we only repeat

what we have said more than once

in these columns, he would be with

the Reformers and would be the

most eloquent denouncer in the land

of the robber Tariff that now has so

many Republican and some Demo-

cratic defenders. We never think

of a Democratic Protectionist with

out erecting a case of exclamation

points in our mind. Angelie devil, a

live corpse, a stormy calm, are not

more contradictory terms than a

But to return to Mr. Clay. He

never favored a Protective system but

only as a temporary expedient. He so

says in his letter of 1839. He had

country for decades and genera-

tions. He was a true conserva-

tive in political economy when com-

pared with the High Protectionists

of these latter days. His own State,

Kentucky, is now one of the most

advanced in the matter of Tariff re-

duction and readjusting. One of the

chief leaders in the Reform move-

ment in the Senate is the distin-

guished Beck, of Kentucky. The

Democrats who favor Tariff Reform

have but just elected as the leader in

the House another eminent son of

Kentucky, John Griffin Carlisle. Mr.

Carlisle comes from Mr. Clay's old

District, we believe, which he repre-

sented in the Congress with so much

So coddling "infant industries" for-

ever is not the Kentucky idea in

1883, and it would not be the idea of

Mr. Clay if he were now in the

Congress. He would be the great

leader, we have no doubt, of the

Tariff Reform that is destined to

HONEST POLITICS.

cut, ex-Senator of the U.S., was

chairman of the Democratic National

Committee in 1880, a very bad ap-

pointment every way. He is not in

harmony with his party now, and he

was not in harmony with it in 1880.

He is a politician who, as the Boston

Post says, "believes that strategy in

political contests will accomplish

more than open and honest fighting

for principle." Unfortunately there

is a great deal of this sort of thing

in every section. We are constantly

meeting men who are strong on pol-

icy and who speak of principle and

conscientiousness in politics as the

most contemptible "sentiment" and

"folly." It is just such ideas that

bave demoralized politics, and given

the country into the keeping of men

of a low morale and of the princi-

ples of highwaymen-to get all they

But to return to Mr. Barnum. He

has been talking. He is a pro-

nounced "High Protectionist," he

says. We can now understand Gen.

Hancock's unfortunate letter that lost

him many votes. He hedged on the

Tariff although the platform was un-

mistakably plain. Mr. Barnum says

he does not believe that the tariff

will be an issue in 1884. He savs the

Democrats "will evade it." This is

just like Barnum. It is all decep-

tion and trickery. He is a bigger

humbug in his way than the other

Barnum is in his way. Barnum may

"evade" but the true representative

men in the Democratic party will

not. The Democrats are getting to

be very much in earnest in the mat-

ter of Tariff Reform and dodging

and tricking will not begin to do.

The Barnums can be dispensed with.

We hope to see no more of their

leadership. The Boston Post does

not fancy Barnum, the political

trickster, and says:

time.

can and in any way.

Mr. W. H. Barnum, of Connecti

brilliancy and ability,

sweep the country.

no idea of fastening it upon the

Democratic Protectionist!!!

We copied some weeks ago from

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1884.

When Mr. Carlisle was a candidate How a Large Number of Colored Pec for the Speakership there was a cry ple Were "Taken In" by a Fraud of sectionalism and it was charged

A COLORED FRAUD.

A FALSE ACCUSATION.

of them show that the charge is not

In a Washington special to the

New York Times, Republican, dated

the 26th, we find the following given

"Take the Committee on Ways and

feans, the committee that raises the money

vernment. Of its 13 members 5 are from

to be expended for the support of the Go-

the Southern States. The Committee on Appropriations, which directs how money

aised by taxation shall be expended, is

made up of 11 Western and Northern men

and 4 Southern men. There are 5 South-

ern men in the Judiciary, and 1 of these is

chairman, Gen. Rosecrans, and the second

man on the committee, Gen. Slocum, have

reputation as Union officers. Mr. Dibrell,

of Tennessee, was a Confederate. Mr. Morgan, of Missouri, served the Union cause. Mr. Wolford, of Kentucky, was

an officer in the Union army, and Mr. Nicholls, of Georgia, was a Confederate.

Mr. Murray, of Ohio, was a Union man

as was Mr. Duncan, of Pennsylvania. Mr.

Steele, of Indiana, was a Union General.

Mr. Bayne was an officer in the Federal

ervice, and so was Mr. Lyman, of Mass

chusetts. Mr. Laird, of Nebraska, and

Mr. Cutcheon, of Michigan, both Republi-

cans, are supposed to have been Union

men, and Mr. Maginnis is a soldier and a

well known member of the Grand Army of

the Republic. The committee on Invalid

Pensions, to which is referred all claims of

soldiers of the last war, has but two South-

ern members, one of whom is put on as

Republican. The Chairman, Mr. Matson

of Indiana, was a Colonel in the Union ser-

well taken.

or Crank-Mis Arrest, &c. that his election would be a triumph of "a solid South," and some said of There was considerable excitement amon large portion of the colored population the "Southern Confederacy." But resterday morning, produced by the devel this did not pay. The country would pment of what is alleged to be a first class not take stock in such a barren issue. fraud and imposter, in the person of a Mr. Carlisle's Union record was above strange colored individual, who gives his suspicion. Now that he is Speaker, name as W. H. Gibson, who describes himself as "a gentleman from Mobile, Ala.;" the cry is that he has given a sectionwhere he has been engaged in the cotton al preference to the South in the orbusiness, and that he had just disposed of ganization of the Committees. The enough of the staple in New York to principles he adopted, and reproduced amount to about \$9,000. The colored peoin the STAR of yesterday,upon which ple of Wilmington had some experience of to move in his selections of chairnot the pleasantest character with a certain so-called "cotton merchant from Liverpool" men, showed plainly that he meant -known as Dr. Wilbourn, or Wilbur-but to be fair and broadly patriotic. He still they let themselves be imposed upon did not purpose to turn the fortunes to some extent by the new comer. The of the country over to the South, as "gentleman from Mobile via New York" is charged by certain Northern padid not make as presentable an appearance as the "Doctor from Liverpool;" in fact, he pers, and he is anxious to disabuse was rather shabby, but then a plenty of the public mind of an impression so greenbacks will cover up a multitude of unjustly taken. The composition of other defects, and shabbiness is only rethe Committees contradicts any such garded as a pleasing eccentricity when inconviction or inference. An analysis dulged in by men of means.

When the "ex-cotton dealer" called at

colored, and told Reuben's wife to put 'that" away and keep it for him, and handed her a stocking apparently stuffed with greenbacks, she was sure her lucky as Mr. Carlisle's own analysis of the star was in the ascendancy for awhile-that a man could be made to feel at home even in a boarding-house. When Reuben came, however, and "Mr. Gibson" began talking about his money matters, a slight suspicion was aroused in the mind of the proprietor, who had lost a good deal at one time and another by strange guests, who are "here to-day and gone to-morrow," and even the liberality of the stranger in pressing upon his little girl the acceptance of a nickel, Republican. 'The Committee on Military Affairs contains 4 Southern men. Its failed to entirely reassure him. This suspicion grew in intensity when the stocking, which had been left with Reuben's wife under the impression that it was stuffed with money, turned out to contain nothing more than a package of old newspapers. Application at the banks of the city, also, disclosed the deception practiced by the "excotton dealer" in claiming that he had received from one of them the cash for draft for \$3,800. In the meantime Gibson had been employing men by the wholesale to go to work in the Dismal Swamp, cutting telegraph poles. He claimed to be acting as agent or contractor for a company who wanted a vast number of poles, and the inducement of \$25 per month, \$25 n advance and all expenses of travel, etc., paid, had worked like a charm among the colored population, and he had very soon booked the names of 200, at least, who were anxious to precipitate themselves into the "Dismal" and swing the sturdy axe of independence. He was to meet them at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and soon after they were to board the train which was to take them to their new field of la-

bor. About that time, however, Officer

J. W. Bryant, armed with a warrant issued

upon the complaint of Reuben McDonald.

discovered Gibson making his way in the

direction of the depot. He induced him

to return, and, upon finding that he was a

prisoner, Gibson insisted that he had plenty

of money in the bank. The officer accom-

panied him to one or more of these insti-

tutions, where he was told that the man

had no money there. Finally, he was taken

before Justice Hill, and here he was con-

fronted by the "Dismal" two hundred,

headed by the foreman, James A. Green,

selected by Gibson himself to superintend

the operations of the men. They were all

considerably excited over the fact that they

had been duped in such a manner, while

such a crowd collecting on the streets was

a source of no small wonderment. Gibson

was requested by the magistrate to give

bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance

at 3 P. M. He said he could furnish the

bond or deposit \$1,000 in collateral, but it

was not necessary, and he was thereupon

The case came up at the time appointed

and the defendant was required to enter

into security in the sum of \$200 for his

appearance at the next term of the Crimi-

nal Court, to enswer to the charge of false

On Christmas eve night-or, rather, o

Christmas morning-after Messrs. P. L.

Bridgers & Co. had closed their estab

lishment, some one effected an entrance by

breaking one of the large glasses out of the

front door and crawling through the aper-

drawer, but, luckily, nothing had been

left in it but a lot of coppers and other

small change. This, amounting probably

to \$1.50 or \$2.00, and some four or five

bottles of whiskey which stood on a shelf

near the back door, are all that are missing.

Everything betokened that the thief got

frightened while engaged in his nefarious

business and left the store in haste, going

through the back door instead of the front

entrance. He left the front door wide

open, and the indications are that the thief

made a grab for the contents of the money

drawer, as several coppers were found

scattered about the floor. The proprietors

state that they were robbed in the same

The New Superintendent of the N. Y.

Mr. H. G. Smallbones, a gentleman well

and favorably known in this community,

and who has for a number of years past

been connected with the New York and

Wilmington Steamship Company's Agency

in this city, has received the appointment

of Superintendent in place of Mr. Thos. E.

Bond, recently resigned. He is the right

man in the right place, and we in common with his many friends, congratulate him

- The German brig Hermann

Friedrich, Capt. Niejahr, was cleared from

this port for Amsterdam, Holland, yester-

day, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with

1,125 bales of cotton, weighing 519,628

- Mr. Geo. N. Harriss, of this

city, who has had considerable newspaper

experience, is to have charge of the Wades-

boro Times and assist in editing the same,

while the proprietor, Mr. R. H. Cowan,

manner last Christmas eve night.

& W. S. S. Line.

on his merited promotion.

pounds and valued at \$51,000.

The thief then ransacked the money

tore Breaking and Robbery.

It is now understood that the appropriations for the next fiscal year can be reduced but little upon the appropriations last made, and because of the action of the Republicans. In the last Congress the Reoublicans appropriat d \$251,000,000 for the first session, and but \$188,-000,000 for the last session. So with much money to be spent in completing cruisers, and other much needed expenditures, there is thought to be but small chance for reduction. The Republicans purposely made a reduction so as to give the Democrats but small margin when they came into power. But there will be some reduction, we have no doubt, and there ought to be, as the expenses of the Government have been too great for fifteen years.

A Lady Badly Injured. On Wednesday night, as Mrs. Col. D. Klein, residing on Dickinson, between Mulberry and Gwynn streets, was in the act of passing from the kitchen to the dwelling, and just as she had stepped upon the platform connecting the two buildings, a pistol was discharged and the ball from the weapon entered the side of her throat, just below and a little to the left of what is commonly known as the "Adam's apple," and ranged to near the left side of the back of the neck, where it lodged. It was afterwards ascertained, we learn, that the pistol was fired by William Philpot, colored, living in an adjoining lot, who claims

that the weapon was discharged acci-Surgical aid was summoned to the injured lady, but up to yesterday morning the ball had not been extracted. The wound is said to be a serious one, but not necessarily fatal. Col. Klein, the husband of the suffering lady, was absent from home at the time, being engaged in dredging operations on the river below this city. Her brother, County Commissioner Montgomery, was in attendance upon her yes terday. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Klein will suffer no very serious consequences from the wound, though in that event she can be said to have made an almost miraculous escape from death.

"We do not believe Mr. Barnum is safe in saying that we, the Democracy, will evade the tariff question next year, either Mr. B. C. Barden, who was sent here in the convention, the platform, or before few days since from Pender county, to be the people in the discussions of the cam-But we do feel perfectly safe in imprisoned for the nonpayment of costs in saying that if the Democratic party attempts some case, was surrendered to Deputy to evade that great and all important ques-Sheriff Hand, of Pender, vesterday, in tion it will go down again in inglorious but obedience to an order from His Honor, Judge McKoy, to be produced before him Let us have honest politics for one in Chambers, yesterday, at Clinton, on a writ of habeas corpus. The officer and Mr. Blaine's book hangs fire because Barden left on the W. & W. R. R., leavof the slowness with which he furing the train at Warsaw and taking private

nishes copy. He has received a conveyance to Clinton. bonus of \$75,000 from his publishers Personal. and will get in addition 15 cents Mr. T. M. Emerson has been appointed general freight and passenger agent of the royalty on every copy. Already Georgetown and Lanes Railroad, in South 100,000 copies have been ordered Carolina. He retains his old position as This shows the interest American G. F. and P. A. for a dozen or so other roads. So he will have plenty of Republicans take in him. Here is work. But Tommie is equal to the occahis account of the origin of the book:

"His physicians in Washington and Dr. Hammond, of New York, told him that he Public Buildings. An effort will be made to secure the pasmust either go to Europe in good company for a year or two or else get some absorbsage of a bill during the present session of Congress to erect a public building here to ing but not exciting occupation for his mind. He did not want to go to Europe cost \$100,000, for use as a postoffice, U. S. court room, etc. Fayetteville is moving and while he was puzzling over somethin for one to cost \$75,000.

- The Norwegian barque Maury Capt. Olsen, was cleared from this port for Liverpool, yesterday, by Messrs. D. R. Murchison & Co., with 1,887 bales of cotton, weighing 862,033 pounds and valued at \$86,203. WASHINGTON.

The Ways and Means Committee imates of the Department of Agriculture-Internal Revenue Col-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Chairman Mor w Ashington, Dec. 27.—Chairman Morrison expects to appoint Henry Talbott, Jr., of Illinois, Clerk of the Ways and Means Committee, in place of John McCarson, who served during the last Congress. Talbott succeeded Dr. Hambleton, of Georgia, in the same position when Morrison was chairman of the committee in the 44th Congress. in the 44th Congress. If there is a quorum of members in the city, the Ways and Means Committee will be called together some time next week for organization.
Mr. Kelly has left Washington for the holidays, with the understanding that no business will be transacted by the committee before Congress reassembles.

J. R. Dodge, Statistician of the Agricultural Department, has just completed preliminary estimates of the principal crops of the country for the year 1883, which are to be printed as a special report for December. They show that potatoes, as well as all other roots, and oats, have grown luxu-

riantly and yielded abundantly. The average yield of corn per acre for the present year, Dodge says, is nearly 23 bushels—or more exactly by preliminary estimates 23 7-16—which is 12 per cent. less than the average yield for a series of years; or 1,581,066,835 bushels. This stands for the quantity of the present crop. The quality, he says, is another ideration. If soft corn is cribbed in masses and after a few weeks of mild and moist weather is badly injured or even spoiled, it does not change the fact that the the boarding house of Reuben McDonald, corn was grown and harvested. It is doubtless true that the quality of corn north of the parallel of 40 degrees it worse than for many years and will increase practically the amount of shortage indicated by the number of bushels. As the whole of the corn grown in 1883 in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota, added to half of that grown in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska would make 400,000,000 bushels, only

one-fourth of the whole crop, a possible depreciation of 40 per cent. in all of it would be equivalent to ten per cent. reduction in the value of the entire crop. Our Illinois agent makes the quality 31 per cent. less than an average in that State. An effort will be made later, after the worst crop has been fed, to test the feeding value of the year's product. It is not proposed, however, to reduce the product to an equivalent of merchantable corn or sound, as no crop ever is free from immaturity and imperfec-There are always some northern fields caught by frosts, some neglected acres, some choked with weeds or flooded by overflows, and some sod corn that is mainly nubbins. What is intended, without reference to panic or exaggeration, is to find the exact truth and then tell it. There is nothing gained to farmers or consumers by suppressing the truth on the One feature of corn growing in other. Dodge says, should be a lesson to the farmers of the country. The grown in lower latitudes-the planting of Nebraska seed in Minnesota, and of Kansas seed in Illinois-has demonstrated the folly of attempting to acclimatize southern maize in more northern districts. Much of the loss from frost would have been avoided had seed been carefully selected from the best corn grown in the immediate neighbor-

The wheat crop, Dodgs says, is as be-fore stated, slightly in excess of 400,000,000 bushels, and the cotton produced, as shown by the December returns, is about 6,000,000 There will be another investigation after the close of the cotton harvest and the shipment of a large portion of the crop, nearly than has hitherto been pos For the first five months of the presen

fiscal year the total internal revenue collections have amounted to \$51,279,438, being \$11,343,971 less than during the corresponding period of last year. In spirits there has been a total increase of collections amounting to \$2,074 771, and in fer mented liquors an increase of \$497,388. The total decrease in the collection of taxes on tobacco has amounted to \$9.191,607; in taxes from banks and bankers, \$1,068,292, and in miscellaneous taxes \$3,656,231. The Proteus Court of Inquiry-Affairs

at the Navy Yards. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The session of the Proteus court of inquiry to-day was Capt. Pike occupied the wit ness chair to hear his testimony of yester day read, and upon its conclusion made one or two additional statements explana tory of his testimony but developing nothing new or important. It is not known that any more witnesses will be called Two or three depositions are expected from persons at a distance, when it is probable the inquiry will come to an end. Lieut Garlington's counsel has asked permission to make an argument before the Court and has been told that every facility will b

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order to suspend work at the Boston Navy Yard on and after January 15th, and for the dismissal of half of the force employed there on that date. The breaking up of condemned vessels will continue, and the vard will then be converted into a rope walk. An order closing Legue Island Na vy Yard and converting it into a construction yard for steel vessels will be issued as soon as the breaking up of the steamer Ossipic is completed. The board appoint ed to examine candidates for appointme as assistant naval constructors has reported that the minimum standard required pass examination was 600, and as the candidates came up to that standard another examination will be necessary be ore appointments can be made. Five canwere examined. The lowest re

cord was 307 and the highest 581. Army Officers Convicted of Fraud-The New Pensacols Custom House-Fourth Class Postoffices Raised to the Presidential Grade, &c. Washington, December 29.-In accor

ance with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, the Solicitor of the Treasury has notified the U.S. District Attor ney at Pensacola, Fla., to have the en croachment of B. R. Pitts' brick building on the site of the new Pensacola Custon House removed, as the site is needed for the construction of the building which i to be built as soon as possible.

The following postoffices of the fourth dential 'postoffices, and the salaries of postmasters fixed at the figures below states Eutaw, Ala., \$1100; Barnesville, Ga., \$1100 Houma, Ala., \$1,100; Henderson, N. C., \$1,200; High Point, N. C., \$1,000; Kin ston, N. C., \$1,100; Salem, N. C., \$1,100. Altogether, seventy-six fourth class offices have been raised to the presidential grade during the quarter just ending—a number largely in excess of the number of changes n any preceding quarter.

Jas. S. Crawford, of Maryland, Chief

Clerk of the Foreign Mails Bureau of the Postoffice Department, has been promoted to be Superintendent of that Bureau, Vice Jas. H. Blackfan, deceased. The War Department has been informed that Maj. Gen. Hancock, now at Los Angelos, Cala., has entirely recovered his health.

The President has approved the action of the court martial in the case of Chaplain l'aussiant Mesplie, U. S. A., convicted of having duplicated his pay accounts and sentenced to be dismissed from the service. He has also approved the sentence of the court martial in the case of Capt. Chambers McKibben, U. S. A., convicted of a similar offence, but who in view of mitigating circumstances was only sentenced to be reduced ten numbers in relative rank of eaptains of infantry.

- The man who wishes to teach virtue and religion to other men must em-body his teachings in his own character and life. If he teach truth with his lips which he contradicts by his own spirit and acts, men will not be influenced by the former, is in Washington attending to his official but by the involuntary teachings of the latter.—Zion's Herald.

Fire on Front Street-Pailure in the Hat Trade-Assignments During the Year-Wife Murder and Suicide by a Prominent Citizen of Albany.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

NEW YORK. December 27.-One of yesterday's fires in Front street was in the oil store of Ward & Co. It was supposed to have been extinguished, after causing a loss of a few thousand dollars, but the flames broke out in it afresh this morning where they started could not be The entire rear of the building learned was suddenly lit up, and the engines that hurrled to the scene quickly deluged the building. It was almost impossible to get at the burning fluid. The floors had fallen in and covered up the stock as it lay in the cellar. The cellar held a lake of oil that eached up to the sidewalk. At a late hour the fire was said to be entirely under control, though it would be necessary to play on the building all day. Mr. Ward said that owing to the dullness of trade a large stock had accumulated on the firm's hands. Its value was about \$30,000, and the indications were that it would be a complete loss. The insurance is \$15,500. The fixtures were insured for \$2,100. The stock of tobacco in Jos. Sitegsberg's store, No. 174 Front street, was seriously dam-

filed in this city during the year 1883, was 346. The total amount of liabilities contained in them were \$21,857,843; nominal assets \$17,391,367, and actual assets \$9,374,451. An assignment was filed to-day for the

Co., wool and straw hats, at 115 and 11' Spring street, to Geo. N. Smalley, wit preferences amounting to \$21,280. The steamship Welland to-day brough 520,000 francs in gold from Europe.

ALBANY, Dec. 27 .- A. private dispatch suicide. The deceased were families here. Mrs. Rathbone was a daugh-ter of Ex-U, S. Senator Ira Harris

Christmas Riot at Allendale-Two Wounded.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] John Huddletts severely wounded.

an Insane Clergyman-The Will o Geo. Oakes Clark-A National Bank force of militia, to be composed if possible in Trouble.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Boston, Dec. 27.-The case of Rev Wm. Mitchell, the clergyman who was rrested for stealing a book from a store was dismissed from Court to-day, it ap pearing that he was insane. He is now in

By the will of Geo. Oakes Clark. Melton, Mass., his estate, valued at \$300. 000, is left in trust for the benefit of his family, and after their decease and that of all his relatives, is bequeathed to Harvard

Particulars of the Less by a Hurricane of the Steamer Plantyn, Bound from New York to Antwerp-Five Lives Lost-The Others Saved by a Passing Vessel.

grees 17 minutes N., longitude 42 degrees 20 minutes W., a hurricane carried away the poop deck, the bridge, engine room skylight and main deck from the poop to the engine room, leaving only the iron work intact. It also brought down one of the masts, which in its fall smashed five ife boats and a few pinnaces. gained upon the engine room, putting out he fires and filling the hold. and one passenger perished at this time. Fraysson, the Plantyn's physician and four sailors were injured, one of the latter died. Four hundred and sixty tons of her cargo were jetisoned in the effort to relieve the vessel several steamers passed the Plantyn while he was undergoing her terrible trial, but said no attention to her signals of distress The crew worked at the pumps and bailed he water night and day, thus keeping the thin affoat until December 6th, when the British brig "G. D. T.," from Pasbepiace, came in sight and rescued the passengers and crew. Two of the men were afterwards transferred to another vessel, and he rest were landed at Oporto.

The Overdue Steamship Celtic-Accident to Gen. Grant. NEW YORK, December 28. - The York agent of the White Star steamsh ioin, for Liverpool, and has not ye

is proceeding slowly with it in tow.

Gen. Grant passed a very comfortable night and was feeling in good spirits this morning. He does not believe that he has

facturers hope to improve trade by restrict-ing production. The suspension throws 5,000 men out of employment.

— Special to Petersburg Index.

Appeal: Weldon, N. C., December 27.—
On Christmas day, in Northampton county. Jack Barnes sent for his brother, Tuck Barnes, and on his arrival shot him three times with a revolver, killing him instantly. Jack Barnes was tried yesterday before Justice Stephenson and committed to jail, He is thought to be deranged.

Spirits Turpentine.

— Washington Post: The county of Greene, in the Old North State, is noted for large and tall men. There were born and raised in this county six brothers, all now living, whose combined altitude is 37 feet 9 inches, an average of 6 feet 34 inches. Their aggregate weight is 1,350 pounds. Col. Robert W. Best, who now occupies a desk in the United States Department of Agriculture, is the oldest and tallest of the six brothers alluded to. He is 6 feet 6 inches tall and reside 340 areas at 18 feet 6 nches tall and weighs 240 pounds.

- Lenoir Topic: Mr. William Anderson, of Wilkes, has a pack of hounds which he believes in. He offers to run them against any Caldwell pack upon a wager of \$1,000. — Through our friend John R. Hodges, Esq., of Wautauga, we learn that on Tuesday, Dec. 18, Miss Sarah Greer, aged about 24 years, living on Beaver Creek, committed suicide by hanging. — The Baltimore Sun tells Creek, committed suicide by hanging, — The Baltimore Sun tells of Mrs. Rhoda Howard, who lives Bath county, Ky., and is 116 years old, having been born in our neighboring county of Wilkes in December, 1767. Her den name was Ward and she was married in 1790. Mrs. Howard is still in ex-

- Lumberton Robesonian: The revival under charge of Mr. Mendenhall, assisted by Rev. D. May and others, is still progressing. Quite a number have professed religion and joined the Methodist church. — As Mr. B. A. Knoz, of Rowan, was driving his buggy across a stream where the bridge was 15 or 20 feet from the water and no side railing, his acree became frightened about midway the bridge and commenced backing, precipita-ting buggy, rider and horse all into the stream, the latter falling upon Mr. Knox. Owing to the depth of the water he was not killed and no bones are broken, though ne was frightfully bruised

- Hickory Press: On Wednesday ast we noticed at the W. N. C. Railroad depot twenty-two barrels of eggs standing ready for shipment. They were to be sent mainly to New York to make egg nogg, cake, etc., for our Northern brethren. -The east bound train due in Hickory last night at 11.25 was wrecked at the Duckown Junction beyond Asheville yesterday afternoon. We do not know the extent of the damage, but learn that the engine and mail car were turned bottom upwards. ---We learn that there are quite a number of families who contemplate moving to Hickory about the first of next year; in fact, we are in correspondence with several parties who will when they come be valuab misitions to the town

- Rockingham Spirit: There was considerable flutter of excitement in town last Sunday morning over the announcement that a man was under guard at Long's Hotel charged with having married and deserted a lady in Montgomery county and attempting to marry another woman in this county. The bride expec-tant, (No. 2,) who proved to be Miss Mi-nerva Owens, of the Utah Settlement in this county, was at the hotel with the man under guard. The man informed us that his name was Smith, and that he was born and raised near Alfordsville, in Robeson county, but he had told the girl that his name was Parker, and was endeavoring to wed her under that name. To others he said his name was Floyd

- Highlands Enterprise : During the past few weeks minerals in Macon county have taken a decided "boom." Mr. Wm. McKee, living on the Cartoogechave, raised corn this year which yielded at the rate of ninety bushels to the acre. This is no "guess work," as both the land and the corn were accurately measured - The revenue officers have been making t lively for the moon-shiners in Western North Carolina racently. Several parties have been nabbed in Macon and Jackson The most of them however, proved to have been innocent. - Capt R. A. Bowie, of Baltimore, Md., a gentleman of culture, and a civil and mining en-gineer of note, has recently secured for imself and his associates a large number of valuable mining properties in the county which he proposes to develop as rapidly he wintry weather will permit.

- Washington Gazette: Our colord citizens will celebrate Emancipation Day in good style on January 1st. Invitations have been extended to prominent colored people and societies in adjacent counties, and a large crowd is expected. - The census of this town, recently taken, shows the population by wards as follows: First Ward-whites 691, colored 246. Second Ward-whites 468. colored tion of the French troops in Tonquin has 221: Third Ward-whites 200, colored 795. Total whites 1,359; total colored 1,262. population 2,621. — Beautiful flags, was recently wounded, and his lieutenant was killed during the defence of Sontay. It is understood here that the scopes of fertile lands with soil loamy and rich, stretch out in every direction from our town, awaiting the magic touch of the hands of industry. Who will be the lucky men to come and till them? A hearty invitation is extended. - We have been shown one of the most beautiful specimens of plant life that we have ever seen. It is a leaf from what is known as the Hong Kong, December 29 .- Advices silver tree, growing on the southern coast of Africa, in Cape Colony. It has a silvery or satinlike appearance, and is as delicate in its coloring as the very finest satin. The leaves were sent by Capt. Handy, an officer in the United States flag ship, now stationed on the coast of Africa, to his wife, Mrs. Rena C. Handy, of this town.

- John H. Pool was arrested for the murder of William Watkins, a lad of sixteen, who was killed in Wake county. Pool testified that Watkins was killed by Joseph J. Williams, he being mistaken for a man named Peebles, he had sworn to kill. Pool said, as reported in Raleigh News-Observer: "He went and concealed nimself behind a dead oak standing near the path. Pool then heard the man (Peebles, he thought) coming down the path, and when he got close to where Williams was standing he was shot. After Williams shot he came running over to where Pool was, saying "I have killed him." Poel replied "You haven't, sure enough ?" "Yes," replied Williams, "I have, and if you don't believe it, come out here and see." Pool "I went out there and put my hand on his head. I said 'Lord have mercy! you've killed the poor fellow. It is Willie nstead of Jodie you have killed.' I was crying when I put my hand on Willie's head. Williams said What ails you? You are a — fool!' We got up and went back to the cross-roads. Williams said to me, as we were going back, 'If you ever tell it I will kill you, — you! Williams has told me as many as half a dozen times that he intended to kill Peebles; intended to kill overawed by the slaughter of the family of ex-King Koffee Kalkalli and the daily mashim even if his neck was broken the next minute afterwards; he also told me that he had been up on the path to set for him twice before that. He killed him with a have been executed. Sixty eight of his rifle; said he intended to kill Peebles be-cause he had been talking about him.

Both Pool and Williams are in fail.

- Fayetteville Observer: A large firm of seed merchants and importers in Philadelphia, some time ago, offered prizes for the best products from certain kinds of their seeds. It is gatifying to note the fact that our young friend Mr. Calvin Thames, 19 years of age, was awarded a premium of \$10 for the best and Pepper. This one well deserved the name of the species, as it was 61 inches in circumference and 101 inches long. -Capt. David Jones has a wire fence of the most improved pattern entirely around hisfarm on the edge of town. The farm contains between 60 and 70 acres, and a wire fence as long as this is a novelty with us.

— Work on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. is still progressing satisfactorily. On the upper end of the line the track is laid to within 20 miles of Greensboro, and on the old Florence line they have reached Little Rockfish, and are hard at work building a trestle near that point, --- We were much pleased to see such good order prevailing on the streets during the Christmas holidays. — We regret to learn that deputy sheriff Byrd had his collar bone broken by a singular accident. He was celebrating Christmas by firing blank cart ridges from a double-barreled shot gun. Holding the piece in the air above his right shoulder, both barrels heavily charged, he intended to discharge one at a time; but both went off, and the recoil caused the but of the gun to strike his shoulder violently, knocking him senseless for a little while. He was on the streets yesterday; but his right arm will be useless for some time.

A State Convention of Liquor Bealers Urge the Repeal of the Scott Law.

OHIO.

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NO. 10

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) Columbus, Dec. 28.—The State Convention of liquor dealers here adjourned this morning after perfecting a State organization with a committee of fifteen to look after auxiliaries and the Legislature, called the committee on Agitation. The follow-Whereas, the Legislature of Ohio, at its

last session, enacted a certain law known as the Scott law, which is in direct violation of the wise provisions of the constitution of Ohio, and derogatory to the business interests of a large class of persons, residents of Ohio, engaged in mercantile pursuits; and, whereas, it is the opinion of all unbiased and unprejudiced citizens of Ohio that the traffic in malt, vinous and spirituous liquors should not be prohibited, as was most emphatically expressed by them through their ballots on the 2nd Tuesday of October last; and, whereas, said Scott law was enacted for the purpose of destroying and prohibiting said traffic; Therefore,
Resolved, That we as citizens of Ohio engaged in the traffic of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors, in convention assembled.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29 .- Wm. Behrman

the same night. O'Neill, who was arrest-

prominent business men yesterday, before

Behrman's arrest, spoke of his business in-

tegrity. Palmer, in his confession, says it

was agreed between himself and Behrman

to kill Kirk for his money; the one striking

the first blow to have fifty dollars in ex-

cess of the other. Palmer adds that Behr-

man struck the first blow and both then

pounded Kirk's head with a hammer and

club, Palmer is a light mulatto, aged 19.

CINCINNATI, December 29.—Reis Bros. &

Co., wholesale dealers in foreign fruits,

fancy goods and canned goods, have made

an assignment. The Bradstreet's report

that their liabilities will exceed \$100,000, of

which \$74,000 is secured. Isaac Reis, wholesale cigar dealer, has also made an

FOREIGN.

Papal Consistory-Another Cardinal

(Ry Cable to the Morning Star.)

states that the Pope will hold a Consistory

in April, when several Cardinals will be

created, and the vacant Sees in America

will be filled. It is rumored that another

American Cardinal will be appointed at the

close of the forthcoming Council in the

United States. It is probable that Arch.

bishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, will be see

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- The Globe publishes

circular that has been issued, to the

Orange Grand Masters of Ireland, advising

of old soldiers, in order to strengthen the

Orange Society as a fighting force. Go

vernment will be petitioned to allow these

volunteers to be armed with rifles, which

will be kept in the nearest Orange halls or

TRIESTE, Dec. 29.—Signor Zemplerer,

editor of the Independent and Italian Irre-

dentist, in this city, has been arrested on

Position of French Troops at Tonquin

-The Losses at Sontay-Resignation

of the Bulgarian Ministry-The Cir-

cular to Orange Societies in Ireland-

Hong Kong, December 29 .- The posi-

remained unchanged since the fall of Son-

tay. Lean Fong, commander of the black-

French will not attack Bac Ninh before

the arrival of reinforcements from France.

Dr. Harmond, French Commissioner to

Conquin, and M. Tricon, have gone to

from Hai Phong, of Wednesday, the 19th

inst., report that the French forces lost in

that the loss of the black flags at the same

battle was 6,000. The bulk of the black-

flags army, after their defeat at Sontay, re-

French found two million dollars in Son

LONDON, December 27.-A Paris dis

patch says it is reported that China, acting

under the advice of European Powers, has

withdrawn her troops from Bac Ninh.

The same dispatch states, however, that

Admiral Peyron has received no confirma-

Sofia, December 29.—The Bulgarian

ninistry have tendered their resignations

Dublin, December 29.—The Freeman's

Tournal, commenting upon the circular to

Orange Societies, printed in the London

Globe, says that if such a document had

any leaning to the popular cause in Ire land, he would be prosecuted and impri-

been issued by a man suspected of having

PARIS. December 29.—The decree pro

hibiting the importation of salted meats

into French ports is published to-day. I

admits until January 20th, 1884, only fully

cured, wholesome, perfectly preserved and

CAPE COAST CASTLE, AFRICA, Dec. 29 .-

Affairs in Ashantee are quiet. People are

sacre of his adherents hundreds of whom

seventy children have also been killed.

One of Koffee Kalkalli's adherents, hearing

that the ex-King's life was in danger, sent

ninety men to guard him They remained

several days with the ex-King, with the con-

sent of the chief now reigning. They were

MISSOURI.

A Convention of Colored School Teach-

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 29.-A convention of

colored school teachers which has been in

session for the past three days at Jefferson

City, effected a permanent organization as

the State Colored Teachers' Association, with Inman E. Page, of Lincoln Institute, as president. Resolutions were adopted declaring that facilities for higher edu-

cation for colored youths ought to be had,

and that an industrial school ought to be

established as a department in Lincoln In-stitute, and that the surplus revenue of the National Treasury should be employed in

diminishing the enormous perceptage of illiteracy in the South and West.

CALIFORNIA.

Gen. Hapcock's Reception at Los An-

geles.

then suddenly attacked and all killed.

they must be

Prince Alexander.

soned under the Crimes act.

completely salted meats, and

so pronounced by experts

treated to Hong Hoa, and Namdinin.

Massacres in Ashantee.

the enrollment of an Orange

lected for the honor.

barracks.

tor Arrested for High Treason.

for America-Proposed Arming of

London, Dec. 29 .- A dispatch from

assignment.

Wm. Behrman is a German, aged 18.

Many

ed Thursday, will be discharged

are of opinion that said Scott law is unaged by smoke and water. The loss will be \$8,000. constitutional and unjust, and therefore respectfully ask of the coming Legislature the enactment of judicious and constitu-The number of schedules in assignments tional law, and thereby the repeal of the Scott law. A Brutal Murder by a White Man and a Negro.

and John Palmer, (negro), have been ar-rested for the murder of Wm. Kirk. Both benefit of creditors, by Wm. & Grace Carroll. composing the firm of Wm. Carroll & have confessed their guilt. Behrman was first arrested and told the story, saying that Palmer struck the fatal blow. Palmer said the murder was done on Monday night in Kirk's stable, and the body hauled away

from Hanover, Germany states that Col. Henry R. Rathbone killed his wife and connected with two of the most prominent

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Men Killed and Several Others

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27 - A dispatch from Allendale gives an account of a Christmas iot. The circumstances were as follows: ohn Huddlett, one of the marshals of the town, his sons John and Thomas, and his grand-sons Evan and Joyce Strange, had an altercation and fight with Frank Wea ver and Uley Middleton, during which the two Strange boys were wounded. Return ing from this fight, which had been carried on until Weaver and Middleton got nearly Frank, O. Bryan and Gus Allen returning from a dinner party, when one of the Strange boys insulted them Frank O'Brien resented the insult and a general fight ensued, in which sticks, knives and pistols were freely used. Evan Strange and Tom Huddlett were killed outright, and the two two O'Briens were also wounded slightly L. B. O'Brien's life was saved by hi shirt collar, which was split about five inches in front across his throat, the skin being slightly cut.

MASSACHUSETTS.

private asylum.

the charge of high treason

The Union Market National Bank, o Watertown has voted to pass its divi dend, due January 1st, as a conservative neasure. The Journal says that there are rumors afloat concerning the financial in egrity of the concern, but the director state that the assets are sufficient to meet al claims. Trouble has been caused by the withdrawal of President George N. Marsh who owed the Bank \$40,000. A careful in pection of the securities is to be made, so that the stockholders shall have a clear statement of the Bank's affairs. Its capital \$200,000.

SHIPWRECK.

killed and wounded at the capture of Sontay, 36 officers and nearly 1,000 men. Also, (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

OPORTO, Dec. 28.-Capt. Scott, who ommanded the Belgian steamer Plantyn, which was wrecked while on her way from New York to Antwerp, and who was one of the fifty-three men rescued from the steamer and landed here by the brig "G. D. ," gives the following account of the dis-"On November 17th, in latitude 44 de

NEW YORK.

Celtic, which left New York December Queenstown, says that the yessel was due at the latter port Monday morning, and that the probable cause of her detention is an accident to her machinery. He feels no anxiety as to her safety, as she is a staunch ship. Five years ago she broke down at sea and proceeded under sail, reaching a speed of thirteen knots. But this rate cannot be expected now, as the winds lately have been unfavorable for east-bound vessels. He further says that the Celtic may have picked up a wreck and

broken any of his bones. The injury will keep him within doors for several days.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspension of Work in Nail Factories, Los Angelos, Dec. 29.-Gen. Hancock and party arrived here yesterday morning A large crowd was at the depot to welcome PITTEBURG. December 29.-In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Western Nail Association, nim. To-day he visits San Gabri el and on Monday will go to Wilmington, where he dines with Gen. Phineas Banning. On New Year's day a public reception will be held, and the military, fire department and civic societies will turn out. all factories in the West will close down to-night for a period of six weeks. Manu-