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2000 2100 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000	thing in his sight. The tax on sugar goes entirely into the U. S. Treasury, but in the Northern manufactured goods about four-fifths go into the pockets of the mill owners. That the tax on sugar is excessive we have no doubt. The tax on tobacco is a proper one, because it is not in any	residence of Mr. Bataon, Superintendent of Lights, on Princess, between Eighth	ting fire to the shed on Mr. A. H. Van- Bokkelen's distillery premises that morning. He was arrested because the description suited him. He was a foreigner, worked on a vessel, and there seemed to be a per- fect chain of evidence connecting him with the crime. He was released on bond, and in the meantime Mr. Bryan, the principal witness in the case, was brought into the	WASHINGTON, Dec. II.—After some routine business Mr. Van Wyck offered the following: built treaty of great importance has been negotiated between the United States and Spain, which was made public by the King of Spain to such an ex- tent that it was cabled from Madrid by the Times, of New York, and given to the American people by that journal, before the same was presented with becoming.	that a large number of shat committee to show that a large number of bills had been re- ported for the action of the committee. The question to be decided was whether the House would allow to remain as a part of its record what was never spoken in de- bate. The paragraph to which he objected most streneously was one charging the committee with stalth and costardice. Did the gentlemen claim that that was parliamentary language? His committee was not willing that it should go unchal-	next. Mr. Adams, of New York, by request, introduced a bill to simplify the existing tariff and collection laws. Referred. [This is similar to the "Hewitt" bill on the same subject.] The House then at 4:15 p m took s	tion is about settled. Where it will be lo- cated and when opened for the recretion of orphan children must be left for the pres- ent to the committee that has the natter in charge. What we wish specially to say here and now is, that the establishment of a Baptist Orphanage is not objected to by any member of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, nor by the Su- perintendent of that institution. It is the opinion of the Directors, and also of Dr. Dixon, that the establishment of the Bap-	
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.	If sugar is taxed tobacco should be taxed, for sugar is a necessity. It	hal came rushing out at the door and made for the street. Officer Terry jumped off the plazza where he was standing at the time and gave him one blow across the legs with his club and then threw the club at him as he ran out of the gate. The fugitive, after gaining the street, ran down Princess to Righth street, and down	presence of the accused, when he said at once that he was the wrong man. The party he saw on the yard at the time the fire was discovered was named Johnson; he was also at work on a vessel, but as a caulker, while the other was a stevedore, and he was also a foreigner. But here the similarity ended. The man intended to be arrested was Charlie Johnson, and Louis	or rejected; therefore Resolved, That the committee on Bules be directed to report an amendment or addi-	in the future by gentlemen who did not know, as well as members of the present House did, the gentleman who was the author of a. Mr. J. D. Taylor attributed, the motive which influenced the offering of the reso- lution to the fact that Mr. Warner and himself had been fival Congressional can- didates in the recent election, and that Mr. Warner claimed to be elected by a major-	Hon. Samuel J. Randall to Visit Points in the South During the Holiday Recess. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]	Oxford. — Salisbury Watchman: There were pretty heavy tobacco sales on Tuesday at the two tobacco warehouses in this place, and we are pleased to learn that the prices were decidedly good. — The Russell mine in Montgomery county has been sold to English parties. They are already at work putting the mine in shape and repair- ing the house for the reception of Mr. Mal-	
THE TAX ON SALT. Salt is a necessary of life. No one will deny it, and if he did he ought to go without salt all his days. The Republicans, in carrying out their crude ideas of political economy,	treaty.	Eighth to Market, Officers Terry and Mer- rut in bot pursuit, the former firing at him two or three times, but without effect, and the man finally succeeded in making his escape. During the chase it was thought that the fugitive fired upon his pursuers. The offi- cers heard the report of a pistol, and	Johnson was thereupon discharged. The case against Charlie Johnson came up before Justice Hall yesterday morning. Mr. Bryan testified that he went down to the wharf in question about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning last for the pur- posing of starting on a fishing expe-	tional rule, requiring that treaties which concern matters of revenue shall be consid- ered in open session. On objection of Mr. Wilson, the matter went over one day. Mr. Blair's resolution, offered yesterday, directing the committee on Naval Affairs to examine Capt. Ericson's inventions relat- ing to guns, torpedoes, &c., was agreed to. Upon motion of Mr. Coke, the bill pro- viding for the improvement of Galveston	ity of 217. He (Taylor) had carried every county except Monroe. "Good for Monroe!" exclaimed Mr. Da- vidson, of Florida, amid laughter and ap- plause on the Democratic side. Mr. Taylor declared that Mr. Warner would not have carried Monroe, except on the hypothesis that he had voted for Mr. Ban- dall for Speaker. He raised a laugh at the expense of Speaker Carlisle by reading from a Democratic paper, published in	ning Star announces that Hon. Samuel J. Randall will leave Washington immediately upon the recess of Congress, and start on a trip to the West and South. He will visit Nashville, and will go as far south as Bir- mingham, Ala. At the latter place he will arrive about January 1st, and will re- main two days. Mr. Randal' is to visit these cities at the cordial invitation of Democrats residing therein. Gen. For-	lory, the superintendent, who is now on his way from England. — Mr. Tom Mow- ery, of this place; while under the influence of liquor, shot himself, the ball entering the breast and coming out near the shoul- der blade. It is not definitely known whe- ther the shooting was intentional or acci- dental. The result' is not yet certainly known. — Charlotte Observer: Judge Hugh	
prime necessity of 98.37 per cent. In 1872 the tax on salt was cut down 12 per cent., leaving it at 86.37 per cent. Is not such a tax an outrage? Every poor man uses salt. No fami-	that the talented Wm. O. Gregory, of Granville, is dead. It seems but a day since we had a message that he was coming to Raleigh to see us. He was a man of large estate, and uncommon erudition for one not trained for a profession. He could read the Latin and Greek authors quite fluently; and his writings abound with apt classical allusions.—Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic.	thought it was discharged by the thief, but they were not positive on that point. Returning to Mr. Hardwick's store, an examination was made, when a bag of meat was found at the back door, where the thief was compelled to abandon it, while it was ascertained that quite a quan- tity of goods had been carried off, in- cluding a tub of lard, containing about fif-	from under the shed. As soon as Johnson observed witness he uttered the word "fire." Mr. Bryan looked around, but could see no signs of any fire. Johnson repeated the word, and then started off towards the other end of the shed. Witness then went under the shed and saw that the roof was	harbor was made the special order for Jan- uary 8th. The consideration of the Oregon Central Land Forfeiture bill was then resumed. In the course of debate Mr. Morgan learned from Oregon members that the land in question had been mortgaged. He had been under the impression that such was not the case, and he accordingly moved that the bill be recommitted to the public	Ohio, in which that gentleman is referred to as having been a free trader throughout the Speakership contest. Mr. Taylor then submitted an argument to substantiate statements made by him in the speech to, which exception, was taken, and the dis- cussion drifted into a consideration of the Mexican Pension bill. Coming down more directly to the subject in controversy, he read from tables prepared by the	ney, of Alabama, a warm friend of Mr. Randall, says there will be "a rousing ova- tion" to the ex-Speaker at Birmingham and at Nashville. There is no special occasion or event of a public character at either of the cities which takes Mr. Randall there. He has many friends and admirers In that section of the South who have repeatedly extended invitations to him to come among them. He now proposes to take advantage of the recess to meet his Southern friends.	S. Bond will arrive in the city next Tues- day, and assist Judge Dick on the Federal Court bench. The Court is to continue well into next week. — A team attached to a wagon loaded with sash from Ahren's factory became frightened by a train at the Carolina Central depot yesterday, and ran away. George Caldwell, colored, the driver, was thrown out and had one of his legs broken. — There was a sudden and very lively commotion at the stockade for the	
and more, does not feel the tax on his salt of 86.37 per cent. The in- terest on his great fortune for one second would pay for all the salt	We are pained to hear of the death of this excellent and able citizen. He had more than passed four score years. He was the largest land owner in Granville, his possessions exceeding 16,000 acres and several dwellings. Mr. Gregory is not a	ty pounds; one dozen cans of fruit, a half- dozen cans of milk, about one dozen blocks of snuff and about a dozen bags of tobacco. The thief effected an entrance by drawing a staple and forcing the door open with Mr. Batson's aze, which he pick- ed up in the yard.	and ran for water, which he threw upon the fire, and was soon joined by a Mr. Brinkley, who assisted him. Said Johnson did not come back that way until the fire was about out. Saw no one else anywhere in the neighborhood. Witness was confi- dent the fire was set to the building, as	lands committee for further examination. Pending discussion of this motion the bill at two o'clock had to yield to the un- finished business of yesterday, being the bill providing for the admission of Dakota as a State in the Union. Mr. Harrison took the floor to reply to Mr. Vest's objections. The debate was confined to Mr. Harrison and the two Mis- souri Sevators. Mr. Harrison finally ex- pressed the wish that a wote on the bill	taken advantage of the privilege of leave	and as in Atlanta, he will address them. VIRGINIA. The Loss of Life in the Gale on the Rappahannock Greater than at First Reported. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BALTIMORE, December 13.—The steamer Westmoreland, from Rappabanuock, ar	county prisoners, near Biddle Institute, last Wednesday night. The explosion of a shot- gun, followed by the popping of a cap and several reports from a revolver were heard, the fleeing forms of a number of convicts were seen disappearing in the darkness, and then all was quiet. Seven of the worst county criminals had escaped from the guards and were at liberty. - Raleigh News-Observer: Mr.	
works for \$1 a day; or the needle woman who earns 25 or 50 cents a day feels every cent of tax that is laid upon his or her salt. Mr. J. S. Moore, the political econ- omist, in his able discussion in the	stranger to our readers, for more than once we have referred to his accom- plishments and to those of his late neighbor, John C. Taylor. We sup- pose they were the two best culti- vated farmers in North Carolina. Both were men of literary reading,	description exactly tallied with that sions of the man that ran out of the store. Yesterday morning a warrant was issued for his arrest and placed in Mr. Terry's	some days. Nearly under the spot where the fire was burning he discovered a bucket which had contained spirits turpentine. The fire had the appearance of being just set. There were some three or four hun- ured casks of spirits turpentine under the shed.		held for revision and substantially altend, He also read a letter from Edward Mc- Pherson giving the opinion that there was nothing unparliamentary in his speech and calling attention to the fact that "Salt in Politics," a speech of Mr. Cox, of New York, was not delivered in the House, but was a reprint of a Fourth of July address to Tammany Hall. [Laughter.] Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, said that the	rived to-day and those on board report that the destruction of life by Tuesd sy's storm is much greater than heretofore reported. The <i>Evening News</i> . in its account of the disaster says: "Officers of the steamer Westmoreland report that of the party of	Frank Stronach said yesterday to a reporter that in February a new Pioneer warehouse will be built. It will be of brick, 40 by 220 feet, extending from Wilmington street to Blount street. — During the year ending October 81, 1884, the Register of Deeds of Wake county issued 395 marriage licenses, an average of about thirty-three a month. — The capitol is being put in specially neat order, preparatory to the as- sembling of the Legislature. The build	

time of Peace," says in Number Ten of the series:

"During the last 12 years, that is, from 1873_to 1884 inclusive, since we reduced the duty on sult, we collected from the Custom Houses in round numbers, \$9,400,000 dutt ; we produced, on an average, \$5,000, 000 worth of salt in the United States annually, which is enhanced on account of the salt in $\pm 1.500,000$ per annum. The account therefore during the 12 years stands thus:

Paid duties during 12 years on foreign salt...... \$9,400,000 Paid tax on home made salt, \$1,500,000 dollars annually du ing 12 years. 18,000,000

Total salt tax during 12 years. \$27,400,000 " But large and enormous as this tax is the aggregate is it has still worse feature in the back ground. If we had free salt scores of now idle sailing vessels, those un-fortunate s-a tramps left from a once proud merchant maritime navy, could be employed to and from the West India employed to and from the West India Islands to carry salt We should further be able to export more breadstuffs, salt fish provisions &c , to these poor islands, who are only too glad to exchange their salt for our comm dities Free salt, cheap salt is a great boon to the farmer, as I need not say how henchicial the use of salt is for occasional feeding purposes to cattle. Again, our salt provision industry has increase! most enorm rusly, and an immense amount of salt is, of course, used in pickanother of solid 17, of course, used in pick-ling and curing meats, which in the aggre-gale is a very large item. But the ab-surdity and one-sided policy of this salt tax stands out still more glaringly when the solid for curing fish is admitted free of duty and the salt for curing meats has to pay 48 per cent. duty."

If the tax on salt was abolished the U. S. Treasury, according to the figures of Mr. Moore, would sustain a loss of \$700,000 now derived from the tax, but it would lift the burden of \$2,200,000 each year from the people. But the Protectionist will insist that salt ought to be produced in the United States although it does tax the seventcen millions of laborers. In England, where political economy is understood, they get their wines and grapes from Spain and Portugal and France, and in exchange send those countries some of the products of England which are much cheaper than those countries can produce. But let us hear Mr. Moore once

more. He says: "Free salt by no means implies the shut-ting up of our home salt works, it will only shut up perhaps those poor paying works that even with this onerous duty on salt are unable to struggle along. And it comes to the same old often repeated policy of rais-ing oranges in New Hampshire. The proac and rich salt wells and works in the United States can well withstand foreign competition. Besides, the United States will always be famous for making salt for the use of dairy purposes. And in that class of salt the home trade will and must

always have a great advantage. Above all, it will solidify our salt production into a conservative industry. It will no longer plead the baby act or complain of foreign pauper salt."

THE SPANISH TREATY.

The commercial treaty with Spain is already provoking much discussion. It is said to have a very posi- The case of Thomas Whitfield, colored,

wrote well, had good abilities, and were accomplished in the classics. Their homes were about a half-mile apart. Mr. Taylor was much the best scholar in Shakespeare we have known personally, and Mr. Gregory was much the best scholar in Chau

Superior Court. cer. We shall never see their like again. It was Mr. Gregory who wrote that humorous history of "Cousin Sally Dillard" for the STAR and established the fact that it was a much older story than Ham Jones's, the reputed author. The late vene-

rable Dr. Thomas P. Atkinson, of Danville, was well acquainted with its origin, and told us that he heard it often in Virginia when Jones was a mere lad. Mr. Gregory leaves three sons and one married daughter who are among the best people in Granville. For a great many years he was a constant contributor to the Richmond Enquirer, when edited by Thomas Ritchie. He also wrote a good deal for the North Carolina papers, as also for The Land We

Love, when edited by Gen. D. H. Hill. A remarkable man has passed away. Here are the facts concerning the terrible epidemic in Kentucky and

West Virginia, as brought out by the Health Board Conference in session in Washington:

Secretary McCormick, of Kentucky, "Secretary McCormick, of Kentucky, read a special report upon the peculiar con-tagion in West Virginia. The report was made by Dr. Carson. He reported that he went where the disease was most prevalent, in Eastern Kentucky, and procured sam-ples of drinking water. The geological for-mation forbade the assumption of mineral poison, in the water. The streams and ponds had dried down to mere beds of malarial poison. The disease was really enidemic had dried down to mere bedy of malarial poison. The disease was really epidemic dysentery caused by malarial poison, and many patients died because the people did not believe in doctors and called them, if at all, too late. The total number of deaths, did not exceed 225. In Kentucky the peo-ple were deeply aggrieved by the publica-tion of the exagerated reports of the distion of the exaggerated reports of the dis-

A Tug-Boat Damaged by Fire.

The steam tug William Nyce was partially burned last night, at her wharf, foot of Dock street. The fire broke out in the engine room, about half-past 10 o'clock, and destroyed a portion of the upper works of the boat, the deck, and the fuel on board. The machinery of the boat is thought

to be greatly damaged. The Fire Department responded promptly to the alarm given-the Cape Fear getting the first stream on the burning boat-and saved it from complete destruction. The Nyce was valued at \$5,000, and is fully insured. She is owned by Mr. James Sprunt, of this

Williams. It is not known how the fire originated.

Apropos of the late groundless alarm

ands, who, accon panied by Mr. Hard wick, started out and soon returned with the object of their search, who proved to be well known colored man named Thomas Whitfield. He was locked up to await a hearing before Mayor Hall this morning. Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Terry both seem positive that they have got their man.

In this Court, yesterday, the final day of the session, His Honor, Judge Avery, announced his decision in the case of Jos. D. Smith vs. The Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, on the application of the defendants, setting aside the verdict and granting a new trial. The verdict of the jury, it will be remembered, was in favor of the plaintiff and assessing the damages (for libel) at \$8,000.

Counsel for defendant then filed the no cessary affidavit and made a motion that he case he moved to the United States Circuit Court, which was granted.

During the term which closed with yeserday there were 62 cases continued; 28 judgments; 2 divorces; 2 references and 3 decrees. Total 97.

The following report of Solicitor Galloway was ordered filed and spread upon the minutes :

The undersigned respectfully informs your honor that, a agreeably to the re-quirements of law, he has, during the above named term, made due inspection of the office of the Superior Court Clark for the county of New Hamover, and bega leave to submit the following report thereunto: The several dockets and the records of wills and of executor's administrator's and

wills and of executor's, administrator's and guardian's accounts, and of settlements of estates, and other books of records in said office, are found to be well kept and the entries in the same made with the due promptness and punctuality. The various papers and documents required by law to be filed in said office are found in their ap-

propriate places. Respectfully submitted, Swipt GALLOWAY, Solicitor Third District.

Foreign Shipmonts.

The foreign shipments yesterday were a follows: The Norwegian barque Sidon, Capt. Jorgensen, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Co., with 1,518 bales of cotton, valued at \$74,000; the British barque Elizabeth Childs, Capt. James, for Bristol, England, by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co., with 3,962 barrels of rosin valued at \$4,747; and the German barque

Der Nord, Capt. Wegnes, for Glasgow, Scotland, by Mesers. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 550 casks spirits turpentine and 4,000 barrels of rosin, valued at \$12,200. Total value of foreign exports for the day \$90.947.

River Improvements. We understand that the work of im-proving the lower Cape Fear river from

Wilmington to Smithville, by dredging and the removal of obstructions-the contract for which was awarded by the government in September last will begin on Monday next. The successful prosecution and com-pletion of this important work will greatly enhance the commercial facilities of the city, and was officered by Capt. Edgar port, and will be hailed with rejoicing.

A Hard Year.

Sent on for Trial.

Said he was employed by Messrs. Hansen & Smith on the Norwegian barq ue Rialto, which on the morning in question was anchored in the stream nearly opposite the distillery, and that he went down to the wharf for the purpose of going on board the barque. That he was a little earlier than usual that morning, because he had left some of his tools on board and the captain told him he was going to weigh anchor soon in the morning and prothe excitement about the fire had subsided.

ceed down the river; that he hailed when and a boat was sent ashore for him. He said, as regarded the fire, that he discovered a smoke and thought it wat issuing from the office, but upon going under the shed he found it was on the roof. He declared, too, that he used a bucket and helped to

put the fire out. Mr. L. Hansen, of the firm of Hansen & Smith, was sent for and testified that Johnon had been in his employ at work on the Rialto about two or three weeks, and he had known him for several years. He had

never heard anything against him. Upon the conclusion of the evidence Justice Hall told Mr. Johnson that he had given a very intelligent and satisfactory account of himself and his conduct and that he was discharged.

celdental Shooting.

Geo. McQueen, colored, of Richmond ounty, lost his life in a singular manner, a few days ago, as we learn from a gentleman from that section. It seems that he had made a "blind" for ducks near Stanback Ferry, on the Pee Dee river, and was hiding behind it, when he attempted to draw his gun towards him. The result was an explosion, the contents of the gun entering McQueen's back and inflicting fatal wounds.

Quarterly Meetings.

Rev. Paul J. Carraway, who was recently assigned by the North Carolina Annual Conference as the Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District for the present Conference year, enters upon his duties on the 20th and 21st inst., at which time he holds the quarterly meeting of the Fifth Street Methodist Church of this city, and on the the 27th and 28th of December at Smithville.

Foreign Exports.

The foreign shipments yesterday comprised the Norwegian barque Niobe, Capt. Olsen, for Ghent, Belgium, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 1,650 bales of cotton, valued at \$80,000; the schr. William C. Greene, Capt. Hawes, for Port-au-Prince; Hayti, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming, with 194,299 feet of lumber and \$150,000 shingles, valued at \$3,316.40; and the schr. Etta M. Barter, Capt. Barter, for Cape Haytien, by Messrs. J. H. Chadbourn & Co., with 186,283 feet of lumber, valued at \$3,857.41. Total value of foreign exports for the day, \$86,173.81.

Vavana Guano Company - Annual At the annual meeting of the stockhold-

ers of the Navassa Guano Company, of Wilmington, held in this city yesterday among the colored people on account of morning, R. E. Calder, Esq., acted as the election of Cleveland, a friend from chairman, and D. McRee as secretary. The

cards of invitation suitable to the occasion engraved in the Bureau of Engraving and rinting, and appropriating a further sum f \$7,500 to the amount already authorized

to be expended in the celebration. Mr. Morgan inquired why the 21st of February has been selected. Mr. Sherman February has been selected. Mr. Sherman replied that the 22nd was Sunday. Mr. Morgan saw in that fact ne reason for the change. In his opinion no day was too sacred for the work of fittingly commemo-rating this important event. Mr. Sherman said that there were a number of delega-tions coming, including some that were military in character, and the commission had deemed it unwise to bring the cere monics into antagonism with the sentiment of the religious people of the country. The Inter-State Commerce bill, which

was the special order for to-day, had no opportunity of being considered, the Sen-ate going into executive session, and when the doors were reopened, adjourned until Monday next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The desks of half a dozen Democratic nembers were orgamented this morning by roosters of brilliant plumage. Mr. Hancock, of Texas, from the com-mittee on Appropriations, reported the In-

valid Pension Appropriation bill, and was referred to the committee of the Whole Mr. Mills, of Texas, made an unsuccessful effort to have passed a Senate bill for a public building at Waco. Texas, Mr. Brumm, of Pa., being the objector. The House then resumed the considera-tion of the Inter-State Commerce bill.

tion of the Inter-State Commerce bill. The bill was debated by Messrs Glas-cock of Cala., Dunn of Kan., Woodward of Wis., McAdoo of N. J., Hepburn of Ia., and Wood of Ind. Pending further discussion an understanding was ar-rived at that general debate shall close the next day that the subject is ta-ken up, and that then a vote shall be taken as between the substitute and the taken as between the substitute and the committee bills. Whatever measure shall be successful will then be open to amend-ment and debate under the five minute rule. Mr. Reagan has slightly modified his mo-tion to substitute his proposition for the en-tire bill of the committee, and has offered it as a substitute only for the remedial features of the bill. If he is successful in having it adopted he will then move to strike out the remainder of the bill, which has reference

to the appointment of the commission. Mr. O'Neill, of Pa., gave notice that at the proper time he would, move to recom-mit the whole subject. Adjourned. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- Senate not

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. On motion of Mr. Ellis, of La., a concurrent resolution was passed, reciting that the exigencies of the public service will prevent the attendance of the Congress at the opening of the World's Industrial Exposition in New Orleans; that the Presi-dent has been directed to open said Exhibi-tion by telegraph, and start the machinery ereof by electricity from the Executi Mansion, in the presence of his Cabinet and the foreign representatives, and re-questing the President of the Senate, to-gether with a committee of thirteen Senaors, and the Speaker of the House with tors, and the Speaker of the House with one representative or delegate from each State or territory, to attend at the Execu-tive Mansion December 16th, at 12.30, to witness, on behalf of the Congress of the United States, the opening of said Exposi-tion by the President, and to adopt and for-ward therefrom such an address of con-gratulation as may seem appropriate to the president.

Mr. Warner, of Ohio, rising to a qua tion of privilege, offered a preamble a resolution, reciting that J. D. Taylor, Ohio, on the 5th of July, 1864, (the Ho having under consideration the Mexican Pension bill), having obtained the floor, occupied the time of the House for six minutes; that subsequently he obtained leave to extend his remarks; that, instead of extending his remarks, he had printed in the Record, after the adjournment of Congress, a written speech or page, containing senti-

remarkable spectacle was presented of ommittee of the House, consisting of Democrats and Republicans, unanimously requesting their chairman to present cer tain charges against the gentleman from Ohio (Taylor) and asking that objectiona ble features in the speech of that gentleman be expunged from the record. The gentlemen seemed to be totally insensible of the attitude in which he was placed, and instead of undertaking to establish the falsity of the charges or of apologizing to the House in an honorable and manly way, he went into a discussion of Ohio politics and brought in certain records of

the Public Printer, who might well devote his time to the public service instead of answering inquiries of a partisan charac-ter. Mr. Rogers then went on to defend the committee on Pensions, Bounty and Back-Pay, from the charge of neglecting the interests of soldiers.

Mr. Hammond, of Ga., said that it was perfectly immaterial how, the election in Ohio had been conducted or, how, it had ended. The sole question was, whether by the paragraph complained of the gentleman from Ohio had committed a breach of the rules of the House. He (Hammond) thought that the gentleman's remarks to-day were a virtual admission that this was so; and he would vote to expunge from the

record the objectionable article. Mr. Warner, in rising to close the de-bate, said that the action of Mr. Taylor in He did not wish to go into a discussion of the Ohio election, but he would say that never had a campaign been carried on any-where where methods so corrupt, forbidding and abhorrent were resorted to as were resorted to by his colleague, his con-federates and his paid staff of scoundrels to

circulate the very speech which he had Mr. Taylor demanded that these words be taken down, and they were read from the clerk's desk.

Mr. Warner-I withdraw the remarks; mr. warner-I windraw the remarks, which I can plainly see to be unparlia-mentary. But I say this: That I do not think a campaign was ever carried on anywhere in which methods more corrupt, forbidding and abhorrent were resorted to to achieve political ends than were resorted to in the 17th District of Ohio, during the last campaign on the part of the Resublilast campaign on the part of the Republican party. [Applause on the Democratic.

side.] Mr. Warner was permitted to proceed in order, and he continued with a vindication of the committee of which he is chairman. He ridiculed the assumption made in the speech complained of, that Mr. Taylor was the special representative of the soldiers of the country. "Had the gentleman repre-sented them on the field during the war ?" [Applause on the Democratic side.] He knew something of the gentleman's record during the war. He knew that when the war was well nigh over, when all the great battles were fought, the gentleman had en-listed in the Home Guard of Ohio. One of the conditions under which the regiment existed was that it should not be re to go out of the State. [Laughter.] The gentleman represented Union soldiers on the floor of the House, indeed; self appoint ed probably. They would naturally select a gentleman of courage, and it certainly took courage—after Congress had ad journed—to go to the printing office, and insert in the *Record* what had been alluded to. But it was the kind of courage which the assassin displayed when he approached and stabbed the sleeping victim. [Ap-

plause on the Democratic side.] Mr. Taylor said that the regiment in which he was enlisted had served a year and a half outside of Ohio. Mr. Cox. of New York, asserted that

there was a rule about publishing speeches after the adjournment—the rule of honorafter the adjournment—the rule of honor— that no reflection on the integrity of mem-bers should be in them. The gentleman from Ohio (Taylor) had called on the ex-Clerk of the House—McPherson—to show that others had violated this rule, and his that others had violated this rule, and his (Cox's) name appeared in the reply. He had never printed anything after adjourn-ment reflecting on any one. As to his "Salt Judge Ewing to day refused to grant a

ast six men were drowned at Cause House Landing, on the same river. At Mill Creek, another landing on the Rappahannock river, a young white man was drowned. In speaking of the fact that so few who were out in their boats escaped from drowning, an officer of the Westmoreland exlained that the squall broke in all its' fury vithout a moment's notice and their boats were swamped before they were fully aware f what had taken place. The negroes all long the river, and especially in the neighborhood of Urbana, are greatly exercised and frightened."

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LOUISIANA.

Identified - True Bills Found Wilful Murder.

IBY Delegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW ORLEANS, December 13.-During the past week the grand jury have been in-vestigating the murder of A. H. Murphy, and have examined one hundred and three vitnesses. This afternoon the grand jury ad all the accused brought into court, and one by one confronted with the witnesses. whereby all but one were fully identified. At 6 o'clock this evening the grand jury presented true bills against Recorder Thos. J. Ford, his brother Patrick J. Ford, court officers W. E. Caulfield and W. A. Buckley, policemen John Murphy, the porter of the Recorder's Court, Baptiste J. Fobelto, and court officer Charles Bader, for wilful murder; and not a true bill ageinst polic :-

man Louis Cerisse. The accused are in the parish prison. The trial will probably take place in January next. U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

The Cotton Future Case-A Verdict Against the Defendant.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11.-In the case of Aubrey, Bennett & Co., of New York,

against E. P. Covington, of Wilmington, N. C., in the U. S. Circuit Court, involving the validity of a contract to deliver cotton at a future time, to which the defence was made that the contract was gambling, and therefore void, the court held that the contract was valid, and in order to make it a gambling contract both parties must agree that there shall be no delivery but a settle ment by differences. The jury rendered a verdict against Covington for \$5,200 with

NEW YORK.

Leaf Tobacco Dealers Protest against the Proposed Treaty with Spain-Subscriptions for Cholera Sufferers in France.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

NEW YORK, December 13-The Leaf Tobacce Board of Trade of this city held special meeting to-day and resolved by a manimous vote to protest against the ratification of the pending treaty between Spain and the United States. The protest will be engrossed and sent to the members Congress.

Subscriptions of the Courier Des Etats Juis, for victims of the cholera in France, closed to-day with the grand total of \$12, 972. The Courter had already forwarde to the relief committee in Paris \$11,561, and the balance-\$1,411-will be sent to France by the next steamer.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Assignment of the Vice President of the Defunct Pennsylvania Bank, of Pittsburg.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star 1 PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.-F. B. Laughlin Vice President of the defunct Pennsylvanis Bank, made a voluntary assignment to-day to J. K. F. Steel, of Armstrong county, for the benefit of his creditors. The assign ment covers all that is left over and above

tor General, Surgeon General, State Ordi-nance Officer, &c. The State Guard has made great progress during the past two years, as all acknowledge with pride. The Marderers of A. H. Murphy - Goldsboro Messenger: At a neeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Carolina Fair and Stock Association, held, Monday night, the following officers were

Monday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Henry Lee: vice presidents, Dr. M. E. Robinson and N O'Berty; secretary, F. L. Castex; treasurer, R. E. Jones; directors, J. A. Bonitz, Thos. Edmundson, Dr. Geo. L. Kirby, L. H. Castex, F. K. Borden and U.S. D. Saule, Ma. Societ declared I. S. D. Sauls. Mr. Sauls declined a reelection to the secretaryship. ---- Walter Sugg, the thirteen year old son of W. H. Sugg, living in Webbtown, accidentally shot himself last Monday evening, in a most unusual way. He was loading the cylinder of a small five shooter revolver with cartridges, and, a cartridge catching in one of the chambers, he attempted to push it into place with his teeth. In doing so the cartridge exploded. The ball entered his right cheek, just over his mouth, passed across and up his face, and lodged high up in the left cheek behind the bone. Had the ball penetrated but a trifle further it would have reached the temple,

sembling of the Legislature.

ing has, says Mr. C. M. Roberts, never

peen so neat since it was built. The renairs

to the exterior are all completed. The halls

of the Senate and House present an inviting

appearance. Yesterday new numbers, on nickel, were placed on all the desks.

Adjutant General Jones left for Asheville

yesterday. His report for the year ending

November 30, 1884, has been given the

public printer. It will be the most volumi-

nous report yet issued, and will be in' rest-

ing. It will contain reports of the Inspec-

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and death would have, undoubtedly, instantly ensued. As it is, he is very pain-fully and seriously, but not necessarily fatally, wounded

- Monroe Enquirer-Express: A Building and Loan Association will be organized in this place on Saturday night. About fifty citizens have signed a call for a meeting for the purpose. — The colored bands of this section will have a contest in this place on the 19th of December-a fine cornet to be given to the successful band. It is gotten up under the auspices of the Monroe Star Cornet Band (colored) of this place. ---- Albert Starnes, colored, was committed to jail on Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by Rosa Hiatt, white, who charged him with an attempt to commit a rape on her on last Saturday night. Miss Hiatt lives alone in a little house on Bob four years' incumbency of the sheriff's office, he has had under his charge about five hundred prisoners, and that during that time, although the building has been regularly reported every six months by grand jury to be unsafe, there has been but one escape from jail. — Mr. T. A. Davis, who, together with his family, left Sandy Ridge township ou the 2d inst., for Jefferson county, Alabama, to seek a new home, returned to Monroe on Tuesday night, having been gone just one week. He reached his destination all right, and after looking his destination all right, and after looking around a day or two, became satisfied that the country was not the Arcadia it had been represented to him to be, and decided that the wisest thing he could do would be to return at once to old Union county, North Carolina. Mr. Davis is a good citi-

- Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic: North Carolina now has no Lieutenant Governor, Mr. James L. Robinson having resigned in order to come to the House from Macon county. — Miss Rebecca Came-ron was telegraphed for to come to New Orleans last week and assist Mr. J.C.Derby in making a catalogue for the Exposition. The latter is the author of "Fifty Years Among Books." — The Leaksvill Gazette, Milton Chronicle, Greensboro Daily Patriot and Asheville Register have disap-peared from the horizon. The American also, we presume. --- Gen. Clingman affirms that tobacco steeped in buttermilk

	to is said to have a very post-	charged with breaking into the store of	the weighboring county of Chlumbus tells	following officers were elected for the en-	ments and paragraphs reflecting on mem-	in Politics" speech, it was a 'falsehood to	petition for the change of venue asked for	will cure any case of hog cholera. Try it.	ÆU
S	-pon cobacco and Bu-	Mr. T M The desich on Deinsons hetwoon	The same on old dorboy mag				by the delendance in the suits growing out		
1.1	gar, two things in which the South	Mr. J. M. Hardwick, on Frincess, between	heard remarking to this effect one day re-	sund year:	Hones and the House itself and reporting	of it on the floor. When a certain river	of the failure of the Pennsylvania Bank.	unpaid taxes shall be put up and sold, as	45
10.0	is interested The New Y 1 m	Eighth and Ninth streets, on Friday mora-	heard remarking to this effect one day re-	President-Hon. R. R. Bridgers.	at more setting to prove the notion of one of	and berhar hill was under consideration his	of stream and the state funds the state	about \$7,000 is due the city for these taxes.	63.5
	The new fork Times	ing last, a full account of which appeared	cently in his hearing:	Secretary and Treasurer-Donald MC-	the committees of the Senate; and all in violation of his leave to extend his remarks	offered an amendment appropriating \$40	FOREIGN.	Laurinburg did well by the Orphans	di-
	says:	in the STAR yesterday, came up before	"In de spring and summer thar wus so	Rae. I - I to Tatt T. and the sound stand	in the Record and of the rules of the		and the second	on Thanksgiving Day. The Masonic Lodge	av
80			much rain that the swamps wus all under		House: and declaring that the parts of the	the benefit of the Democrats; but they had	A Terrific Explosion in London Last	gave \$12; the Methodist \$13.20; the Pres-	A19
2	up to No. 16 Dutch Standard (mbid)	o'clock and at the close of the testimony	water. And no shingles could be got, and	Superintendent of Agencies-Col. Wm.	anosh reflecting on members of the House.	not gone up that river. [Laughter.] The	London, Dec. 19A terrific explosion	byterians \$30; the Knights of Honor \$5;	4.18
5.5	Practically all free of ony date	the second se		The second state of the first light the second strand of the second	on a committee of the House and on the	magnetic meandering statesman from Maine	THE REPORT OF A MARK STATE AND A LOCAL STATE IN THE REPORT OF A DESCRIPTION	and some other gifts. Col. H. B. Short,	
23+	and admits tobacco at one-half the present	the detendant was ordered to give bold in	in de fall de wedder wus so dry dat we wus almost dying for water, and now the dim- ocrats have done got into power! Bless	L. Derveset.		had opposing Soll since with all the mean		of Lake Waccamaw, gave \$25. Durham Lodge gave \$30.27. The Presbyterians of	A.D
1.1	rates, except leaf tobacco, more than 100	the sum of \$400 for his appearance at the	almost dying for water, and now the dim-	Directors-R. R. Bridgers, John C. Graf-	the Senate committee, were not a ligetimate	derings thereof. At that time he	of dynamite. One report is that the explo-	Hillsboro and Salisbury each \$20. —	
	transmittened, as to which the treaty as	next term of the Criminal Court, in default			part of the proceedings of the House,	had made some remarks in regard	sion was of gas in the railway arches in	Pat upon the back of our remarks about a	133
	chausemiller is subject to comment	and the second se	de Lord, its a hard year fur niggers, any-	S. A. Gregg, Winfield S. Dunan and Don-	Mr. Warner stated that he was directed by the committee on Pensions, Bounty and	his remarks for the nurnose of showing the	Tooley street; another is, that a bridge over	gang of horse thieves in the region of coun-	
4.1					Dy the committee on rensions, bounty and	qualities of salt as applicable to politica	the Thames has been exploded. An inqui- ry will be made immediately into the cir-	try between Raleigh. Greensboro and Char-	
- Bar (revenue of some twontees a loss to the	of the prisoner during the progress of the	the internet internet water in the billion of	A dividend of 7 per cent. was declared,	Back-pay to bring the matter before the House. He sent to the Clerk's desk and	Gentlemen might go back for twenty-	cumstances of the explosion.	lotte, comes tidings of the stealing of Prof.	43
	HOUD UI UUIIRTS . That it to make a	the second se	Cotton. of Instanting atnamugaa out, or sint	psyable on the 15th inst., to stockholders	had read nortions of Mr Taylor's sneech	five years and they would find that he had		H. W. Reinhart's horse at Thomasville, and	633
	tion, though the larger portion, of our im-	Investigation	The receipts of cotton at this port from	psyable on the total mass, or postantities	to which objection is taken. They reflect	never taken advantage of leave to print	A IN TILLINOIS.	also one from Mr. Joe Tyson, at Pittsboro. — Geo. Sorrell is said to be prancing	AF
187			the 1st to the 18th of December footed up	OI RECORD OI LINE CALC.	upon Mr. Warner as chairman of the com-	to make reflections on anyone, and the man	Lann Are a summing a constant solution	around the Western section of Wake	
1.1	very serious changes, not only in the sugar	An officer of the Wilmington & Weldon	9,108 bales, as against 9,208 bales from	The New Railroad, Stars and deal Sie	mittee on Pensions, Bounty and Back-pay,	who would dare do it-well, if he were to	The Election Frauds in Chicago.	county, armed to the teeth, and apparently	<u>/ 1</u>
10	in the trad sugar production at home, but	Relieved informed as metamlan that long-	T the lat to the 15th of December, last year,	The movement for extending the Cape	and on the committee itself, and denounce the action of the House upon the Mexican	to taken down. It is not a brave thing to	[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]	not wanted by the law's officers. True the	
- 80 H	countries and that other sugar-producing	Isamoad informed us yesterday that loco	aborring a depresse (with two days to spare)	The movement for extending the Far				man he killed man no great loss to the com-	
	carefully studied before it is decided on."	motive engines which sold for \$13,000 two	9,108 bales, as against 9,200 bales from the lat to the 15th of December, last year, showing a decrease (with two days to spare) of 100 bales.	Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad from Fay- etteville to Wilmington, and for the con-	the start and all a Country of the start Barn	the Wayney The centlemen from []hio	menced against Joseph O. Mackin for par-	munity, as he had recently returned from	(Ti)
3	""	years ago, could now be bought for \$6,000;	The Latington spinisting, this settimeters and	etteville to Wilmington, and for the con-	sions	never saw an armed enemy, doshar fail ig	ticipating in the Eighteenth Ward election	the penitentiary The day seems to	
1.0	The tax on sugar is very high.	and that steel rails had declined over 50 per	The receipts for the crop year commen-	struction of the Wilmington, Onslow of	Mr. Browne, of Ind., made the point	Mr. Taylor-The Record of the 45th	frauds, before a United States Commis-	be fast approaching when it will be fash-	<u>a</u> :
10.00	The revenue from it is shout the	cent. in value in the same time, the price	cing September 1st to date foot up 70,017	East Carolina Railroad, is attracting atten-	that the speech of Mr. Taylor did not vio-	Congress says that the gentleman was shot	sioner, were dismissed to-day, in view of	lonable for fashionable benes to have then	61.3
- 1 a	000 000	now being about \$26.00 to \$27.00 per ton,	bales, as against 71,287 bales for the	tion throughout the State. We firmly be-	late the privileges of the House	in the back. Why not have that sup-	indictment covers all the charges made	the narlor window, for the edification of	13
10.00	Senator Ingalle	It does soon that now is the time to build	same period last year; an increase of 4,280	lieve that both of these connections will be	The Speaker thought it was not his duty	pressed?	argingt him in this proceeding.	the public.	AS
	said it would be better for the coun-	and couts willoude	bales.	made, and at an early day, too.	' to decide that question. If a member rose	BIT. Warner-Drave men have been shot	"Beiner min in min hingerein".	the penitentiary. — The day seems to be fast approaching when it will be fash- ionable for fashionable belles to have their laundress's clothes line stretched in front of the parlor window, for the edification of the public.	
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