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VIRGINIA.

Another Norfolk Bank Closes Its Doors

of this city did not open at the usual hour his morning. A notice was posted on the doors, stating that the bank had made an

doors, stating that the bank had made an assignment to Walter F. Irvine, for the benefit of its creditors. The bank was seriously affected last spring by the failure of H. C. Hardy & Son, of 10 Wall street, N. Y., but was enabled to tide over that emergency by assistance from the Exchange National Bank, of this city, which suspended a week ago. The condition of the bank's affairs will not be ascertained until late in the day.

Norpolk, April 9.—Officers of the suspended Farmers' Bank make the following statement! The Farmers' Bank having suffered by recent financial disasters and deeming it best for the interest of all con-

cerned to suspend, made an assignment to-day to Walter F. Irvine, trustee, for the benefit of creditors, as follows: First, expenses attending the making of deed, etc.; second, all depositors whose credit balances

on the evening of April 8th exceeded their balance at the close of business on April 1st,

to the amount of such excess, provided such depositors be not indebted to the bank; third, certified checks and drafts on cor-

the feeling in this city, Portsmouth, and the entire section tributary is one of deep expression. The suspension of the Exchange National Bank, the largest institution of the kind in the State, and the failure of Bain & Bro., bankers, of Portsmouth, was the greatest financial shock

the banks are only paying checks of \$50 except for important business purposes.

NORFOLK, April 9 .- A fire in [Berkley

this morning destroyed the house of an old colored woman named Mary Jones, and

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Salaries of Railroad Commis-

sloners.

which amount was paid into the Treasury

of Richland county under protest. The

Railroad Company then instituted a suit to recover the amount, and the case wa

heard in the Court of Common Pleas yes-

terday. The plaintiff held that the assess

ment was a tax and a double and unusual

one, and therefore unconstitutional. The State maintained that it was in the nature

Judge Witherspoon charged the jury that the assessment was a tax and

inconstitutional, and instructed them to

State will appeal to the Supreme Court.

A Murderer Executed in Charleston

CHARLESTON, April 10 .- Richard Frazer

vas hanged here to-day for the murder of ack Gethers (both colored), in July last.

Frazer confessed his crime and died with-

CROP REPORTS.

Winter Wheat-A Greatly Decreased

Area Seeded-A Large Reduction in

WASHINGTON, April 10.-Returns

april to the Department of Agriculture in

icate a reduction of over ten per cent. of

ast year's area in winter wheat. The ag-

gregate shortage amounts to three million

State except Oregon. It is 22 per cent. Kansas and Virginia; 20 in Mississippi;

cres. A decrease is reported in every

n California; 14 in Alabama; 12 in Ten-nessee, Illinois and Missouri; 11 in New

York and North Carolina; 10 in Maryland

and Texas; 8 in New Jersey, West Vir-ginia, Kentucky and Indiana; 7 in Georgia and Ohio; 6 in Pennsylvania and Dela-

ware; 5 in Michigan; 3 in Arkansas, and 2

n South Carolina. The present condition

f wheat as reported is worse than in 1883.

n 1882. In 1881, the year of the lowest re-

cent rate of yield, the condition on April

1st was 85, and serious loss was sustained afterwards. The real status

character of the spring determined. On the

present showing the reduction of the yield,

on the basis of last year's production, pro

mises to be nearly forty million bushels on account of reduced area, and more than

sixty million from winter-killing and low

vitality, Whether the crop will excee four hundred million bushels or fall shor

of it depends upon the reliability of

present appearances and on future condi-tions affecting the growth and ripening. The soil was in bad condition at the time

of seeding, on the Atlantic coast, from New Jersey to Georgia, and in West Vir-ginia and Tennessee. It was better in the

Southwest and in Missouri, Illinois an

Michigan. In the Ohio Valley it is hardly

in a medium condition. The damage by the Hessian fly was not severe, though worse in Indians, Ilinois, Missouri and

Kansas, where injuries have occurred in

about the same proportion as wheat, but the condition of the crop is decidedly bet-ter, the average being 87 per cent.

VIRGINIA.

Passenger Coach Wrecked in

ound freight train on the Richmond & etersburg division of the Atlantic Coast

Line was run into to-day by a locomotive at-tached to a pay car, which was following the freight train. The collision occurred at Pocahontas, across the river from this

the passengers were injured. The locometive of the pay car was also damaged.

MANITOBA.

Eight Whites killed at Frog Lake

Winnipeg, April 10.—The telegraph wire between here and Battleford is appa-

frozen a weak current is established. By this means word was sent from Battleford last night that the Indians at Frog Lake killed eight whites. These were J. J. Ju-rim, Indian agent, John Delaney, farm in-structor, Mr. Gowandock and wife, Rev. Father Toffard, and Rev. Father LeMarch-and and two other men remes unknown.

ndian agent Roe has not been killed as

- Mrs. Grant is reported as saving

that the happiest period of her life was when the General was living at Galena or

a salary of \$40 a month.

by the Indians-Battleford

Hed Skins.

Collision on the Richmond

PETERSBURG, April 10.-The

Petersburg Railroad.

three-tenths of the reported territory.

The acreage of rye has been decrease

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of the crop will be better

month hence,

out a murmur.

Vield Indicated.

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COLUMBIA, April 9.—The railroad law

The Weekly Star.

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LAW AND TALK IN UTAH. The news from Utah is that physic administered under the Edmunds bill is having some effect upon the Mormone. It is said that prosecutions for treason against the leaders will be begun. The ground taken will be the attitude of the Mormon clinich and the utterances of the prophets of that concern, President John Taylor especially. Judge Zane, in a recent charge to grand jury, went for the Mormen leaders and urged the jurors to do their duty without "malice, hatred or ill-will" and without "fear, favor or affection." The interpretation placed upon the Edmands law by Judge Zane appears to have excited profound fears among the saints. The Salt Lake City Advocate, a Methodist paper, says:

"The interpretation that Judge Zane has placed upon the Edmunds law, now in force, has produced this result. In empanelling his juries, the test question he imposed is not merely whether they are not polygamists, but whether they believe that polygamy is right, thus constituting not only the practice, but the belief in pelygamy a disqualification. A large number of indictments for polygamy and bigamy will come before the present Grand Jury, and among them Angus Can This state of affairs has produced panic among the polygmists, and they are In the mean time some of the

leaders are talking in a somewhat threatening way. The President, John Taylor, has been indulging talk that is violent and incendiary He referred in a recent talk in the Tabernacle to Federal authorities as "sneaks and tramps," accused them of "trampling the law in the mire," gave notice that there was"a limit to this business of persecution" and that forbearance would cease to be a virtue. He exhorted his people "to treat the officers of the law as serpents and crocodiles," and that the Mormons would never give up "the ordinances of God," meaning their polygamous and other practices alike repugnant to the laws of God and the interests of society. Taylor said that the Edmunds law had been declared constitutional, but it was "in violation of religious liberty and the rights of American citizens." We suppose he construes the "rights of American citizens" to consist in violating the laws of the country, defying public sentiment and outraging decency. What has "religious liberty" to do with having two, five or dozen wives? In the beginning even Mormonism did not countenance polygamy. The lust of the saints afterwards ingrafted the polygamous practices upon the tree of their so-called religion. Taylor said he did not countenance open violence and bloodshed, but intimated that the people would not obey the Edmunds law.

We learn from the Advocate that a Young Men's Democratic Club, composed of Mormons, has been formed in Salt Lake City, the object of which is to "antagonize the two fundamental principles of Mormon ism-priesthood rule (or the Union of church and State) and polygamy; and against these it has entered a strong protest. The leaders of this movement are Professor Rawlins, son of a polygamist, and Alfales Young, son of Brigham Young."

They will publish a daily paper. When the fight begins among the young men of the Mormons and the battle cry is reform then there is hope that after all polygamous practices may be rooted out. Why should a set of men calling themselves Morliberty, practice polygamy and openly violate the laws of the land? So bitter are the old Mormons to-

wards the United States Government that the young are taught that ours is a persecuting Government and that they are the people of the Lord, and under His special guardianship and protection. George Q. Cannon, the polygamous delegate from Utah who was allowed a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, edits a paper for the instruction of the children. As a specimen of the poetical pabulum upon which the young Mormons are fed we copy some lines from a poem entitled "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth." The inspired singer,

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thus instructs the young Mormon We can sing in despite of oppres

Will we feign even fear or depress Proscribed, for opinion, in liberty's land, Face we bondage, misrule and disaster; Yet e'en unto death, by the truth may we

And be led to our Lord and our Master. Shall we barter our souls for a nation's ap-That denies us fair representation?
Are we traitors? Nay, verily, just is

'Twill survive e'en unjust legislation. The faith of the Saints shall astonish the And puzzle the wise to explain it; Hosanna! Truth's flag is un-

furled: And 'the Lord God Omnipotent reign-

EVOLUTION. Rev. Dr. Woodrow, who was recently forced to resign his position in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., because of supposed heresy on the subject of evolution-of man's descent from the monkey, is to be put on trial soon. His views are not more advanced. than those of some of his brethren, and there are many divines in other churches who have accepted Darwinism. If Dr. Woodrow is right in his views he is not guilty of heresy. But is he right? That question may or may not be settled at his trial. If the doctrine of evolution is true it will have a great effect in undermining the confidence of the common people in the truth of revelation. Darwin himself was a positive sceptic, and it will be a shock for the theory of such a man of science to supplant the old Bible account as explained by the Christian teachers and apologists through the centuries.

The South, as yet, is not a good field for new-fangled ideas, for new Southern people have never been addicted to "isms" and "ologies" that undermine society and sow the seeds of doubt and infidelity. A teacher of new ideas that really or seemingly antagonize the plain and simple teachings of the Word of God would do well to seek New England, as Prof. Toy, of the Baptist Church, did, for there he will find more receptive minds and a wider field for his intellectual exploits as a destructive force,

We have no doubt that Dr. Woodrow is sincere. He has learning and ability, and it is unfortunate that he was a teacher whilst entertaining views that are, to say the least, not orthodox or clearly established. Many of the ablest men of science do not accept the Darwinian theory as established and some hold it to be false

It looks like war. Russia has be gun her operations against Afghanistan and England regards this as declaration of war against her. We have no doubt that Russia from the first intended war, and all of her pacific talk was meant to gain time. We do hope that England will trounce her well, for the aggressive movements on her part are really without justification. Russia already owns possessions that make her territorially vastly greater than the United States, and she seems insatiate. She is trying to play the part of modern Alexander. If India will only remain loyal to the Empress Victoria, Russia will have all that it can attend to. Ireland will be apt to revolt. England will have to exert herself as she has not done in an hundred years.

Among those to be dismissed from the Inspection Bureau of the Postoffice Department is J. G. Hester, who about 1869-70 made - himself quite infamous in North Carolina by reason of his connection with the Holden dynasty. He is a native of Granville, and has had quite a career During the war he was a red-hot Confederate; after the war a blazing Democrat: and lastly a cantankerous and unscrupulous Radical hounding down the people of his own State. He has been cared for by the Government for the last sixteen years. and now he must get out and earn

Mr. Richard Battle has declined the Judgeship tendered him by Governor Scales. The declinature of such an office is so uncommon that it is worth specially noting. If there his presence excited. Not long beis any one thing the soul of the Ame- fore the Whig Convention as rican citizen hankers after it is office. Mr. Battle is a gentleman of pure character and good ability and would have made an acceptable, upright Judge. Some years ago our distinguished townsman, Mr. George Davis, declined a seat on the Supreme Court Bench of the State, which he would have adorned.

Gen. R. B. Vance has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of this Gen. Scott's tall, imposing form Patents. Gen. V. was, a candidate for the first place, but failing gets the second. He is a reliable, intelligent man, and has already some knowledge of the duties of his office. He is the right kind of man for a Civil Service Reform Administraas we suppose they would call him, ful, honorable, gentlemanly.

The Mormons have just met in Conference. The extreme men-the polygamist element—completely conrolled. The result of the deliberaof general epistle by President John Taylor and ex-Delegate Cannon, to

the Mormon Church. It is a loud and vigorous protest against the exnous practices. The purpose is to keep the Mormons united whilst trying to manufacture some public sentiment, if that be possible, in behalf of a practice that is alike repugnant to the safety of society and to the laws of the country. It is simply monstrous that any people should be allowed to openly defy the laws of The Mormon elders complain both of the anti-polygamy laws and their manner of execution. It is charged

that it is impossible for a Mormon to have a fair trial in the courts. It is urged that both Judge and jury are on the same side, and then to justify their course the Mormons go back nearly four thousand years and point to practices they say were just like their own. All this is impudence run mad. Has there been no progress in four thousand years? Are women treated in the United States as they were treated in lands where Christianity had never penetrated? Is the slavery of the Romans, of the Egyptians, of the nations of other times and countries to be perpetuated in the United States? Would an appeal to such examples be regarded as sufficient authority for a defence of chattel slavery? The Mormon elders are not living in Arabia or Syria four thousand years ago. They are in the nineteenth century of the theologies and fine-spun theories. The | Christian Era and in free America, and they must conform to the co

> the country. President Cleveland gave out a distinct note of antagonism when he delivered his inaugural address. A Mormon Commission has visited him and Secretary Lamar, but they will find in the son of a revered Presbyterian minister and in a fervent Methodist no friends to vile polygamous practices indulged openly in the name of religion and with an appeal to Abraham for justification. The descendants of Abraham in the United States have but one wife. The only plea the polygamists can make that the President can listen to is that which concerns the fairness of the Courts. Even a polygamist when on trial is entitled to a fair and patient trial. If there have been any abuses the President may look to ap-

plying a correction. The Washington Post places the matter of the Mormon appeal in a clear light when it says with force: "But President Taylor is a man of too much intelligence and sense not to know that polygamy or plural marriage, which he describes as 'a contract of the most sacred character, being for time and eternity,' is not one of the contracts the 'sacredness' of which is not one of the contracts the sa' of which is protected by the

"To argue that the establishment of poly ramy as one of the cardinal tenets or prac tices of a religious organization because not expressly inhibited by the Constitution of the United States is therefore a 'power' rethe United States is therefore a power re-served to the people of the territories, is al-most too absurd to be even sophistical. "There is but one issue involved in the whole question. It is not whether poly-gamy is a constitutional contract, but

gamy is a constitutional contract, but whether polygamy, being an institution which no civilized government can consistently or with honor recognize, can fortify itself against the legislative enactments of the Government under the alleged sanctity and superior authority of the Mormon Church corneration." mon Church corporation."

AN EMINENT CAROLINIAN'S RE COLLECTIONS. We notice that Gen. Clingman is credited with saying that William C. Preston was the greatest orator he had ever heard with the exception of Henry Clay. We remember quite distinctly that in 1875, Gen. Clingman told the writer, in response to a direct inquiry, that Preston was the greatest orator he had ever heard and that George McDuffie once told him the same thing. We asked him if Preston was greater than S. S. Prentiss. His reply was an emphatic yes. He then gave us a description of the two, and showed wherein the South Carolinian surpassed Pientiss. He said that Mr. Clay was the great est party leader he had ever known. That his power over men was most astonishing. He told of how he controlled the masses and the enthusiasm that was to nominate a candidate for the Presidency, when Gen. Scott was chosen, there was a great gathering in one of the theatres in Washington for some purpose we do not now recall. Gen. Clingman said that when Mr. Webster, who was a candidate for the nomination, entered there was a demonstration of applause in many parts of the building. A little after was seen to enter, and as he marched down the aisle a loud elapping of hands was heard and the demonstration was unmistakably lively from his admirers. But it was only when "Harry of the West," who was not a

POLYCAMISTS' APPEAL. = | and the whole very large assembly Gen. Clingman said to us that of

all the men he had known in public life Mr. Webster was the greatest tions is seen in the issuing of a sort | He said as he got away farther and farther from him his grand intellect ual proportions became still more colossal, and that this was not the case with any other man he had known, sting laws aimed at their polyga- He spoke also of Calhoun, McDuffie,

When Gen. Clingman is in the right mood he is a highly entertaining companion. His talks about what he saw in Europe and his rem to the Christian religion, to decency, iniscences of the great men of the past are full of interest. He is himself one of the most gifted of North Carolinians within the last fifty years. during all of which time he has been the country by practicing polygamy. a prominent figure in our State politics. He is not an orator, but he is an interesting and vigorous debater and lectures with an originality of thought but rarely equalled.

> Here is the latest concerning the murder of Miss Madison. Damaging discoveries are claimed by detectives who are working up the case. A Richmond special of the 9th says:

"They claim to have discovered in the past twenty-four hours evidence of the highest importance. Since this information has come in their possession the officers express confidence in their ability to convict Thomas J. Cluverius of Miss Madison's murder. They decline most positively, however, to indicate the character of this nowever, to indicate the character of this recently adiscovered testimony. An old man arrested in King and Queen county yesterday, who was suspected of being the old man who was present in the parlor of the American Hotel on the night of the murder while Miss Madison and Cluverius. were in the room, was brought to the city to-day. The porter declared he was not the man, and he was discharged."

Deputy Sheriff Holmes, colored, was ent to levy on the goods of a party going off on one of the Fayetteville boats yesterday afternoon. The goods were already on the boat, and the deputy had them put on a dray to be carried to the Sheriff's office. fere with the process of the law and prevent the goods being carried off, and quite a scrimmage ensued, during which the Sheriff's officer admitted that he received two or three bad knocks, and finally, in defending himself, returned one or more of them with interest. He also says that one man drew a knife on him. The disturbance was finally quieted down, howver, and the deputy departed in triumph with the captured goods. A crowd of two or three hundred persons had collected in the meantime to see the fun, as excitements are so unusual in Wilmington that s very small one will gather a regiment of llers at the shortest possible notice.

Jury of Inquest. The jury of inquest in the case of the e olosion of the steamer Wave, and the conse uent loss of life, continued in session from 12 o'clock yesterday until nearly dark, and then took a recess until this morning at 10.80 o'clock. The material points in the evidence are taken down by the secretary, Mr. C. S. Love, and each witness, upon the conclusion of his testimony, subscribes his name to the written evidence, after it has been read to him. This accounts for the length of time taken in examining the witnesses. The lega gentlemen in attendance upon the sittings are Col. B. R. Moore, Solicitor of the Criminal Court, and Mr. Frank H. Darby.

A large fish, of the species known triped bass, was caught out of Smith's Creek by a colored boy yesterday with a hook and line. It weighed about twenty five or thirty pounds and measured about thirty inches in length. The boy says h caught a larger one than that last week. Two boys went through the streets yes

terday afternoon with a huge rock fish dangling from a pole between them, for which they wanted \$1.75. It was a fine fish, weighing about thirty pounds.

The Case of the Explosion Steamer Wave. The jury of inquest in the case of Wave finished taking testimony yesterday and adjourned from the City Hall to the County Commissioners' room in the Court House, to enter upon their deliberations preparatory to returning a verdict. It was understood that a verdict was found after nightfall, but as the jurymen "observed strict reticence," and the coroner could not be "found," the reporter was unable o obtain it.

His Movements. We now learn that Rev. Dr. Wilson stops at Columbia about a week, where he was to meet Mrs. W. He then goes to New Orleans, where he will remain for awhile, and then proceed to the meeting of the General Assembly at Houston, Texas, which convenes in May. Not until some time in September will he enter upon his duties in the Southwestern University at Clarks-

Handsome Bouquet.

We saw a very handsome bouquet yester-

day. It was composed of twelve large Myrtle Grove oysters in a cluster, all attached together, and came from the garden of Geo. E. Green. What grand possibilities are open to those who will undertake vation on our coast.

Fire and Narrow Escape at Smithville. A dwelling house at Smithville, the property of Mr. Bryant Morse, and occupied by a Mrs. Lewis and her daughter, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night, and the inmates narrowly escaped with their lives, being rescued by Mr. Jeff. Piver, who burst epen a door for that purpose. Loss about \$500.

As an indication of the extent of the business of truck farming in the neighborhood of Faison's Depot, Duplin county, on the W. & W. R. R., we are informed that four hundred bushels of snap beans seed have been delivered at that depot for plant-ing the present season; and it is further stated that these seed cost \$4 per bushel.

-The annual meeting of the Carocandidate, entered that the house lina Central Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, in this city, on the 7th day of March, at 11 o'clock. WASHINGTON.

The Monument Struck Three Times by Lightning-Advices from Panama -The Nicaraguan War-Barries Cer-tainly Dead-An Alliance Between Mexico and San Salvador-A Receiver

storm was passing over the city late yester-day afternoon, the Washington monument was struck three times by lightning without causing the least damage. Col. Casey ex-amined the aluminum tip this morning with a powerful telescope and found it as sharp and bright as when it was placed on its summit some months since.

doah, informs the Navy Department that he has landed about 150 men in Panama, for the protection of American interests. Secretary Whitney replied to him: "Your duty is confined to protecting the Railway and Steamship Company's property and the lives and property of American citizens, and so far as your force permits, to keep the transit open. In conflicts between local forces you must not participate nor show favor or disfavor to either." Secretary Whitney to day received the following message from Commander Kane, at Aspinwali: "The Alliance has just ar-

at Aspinwall: "The Alliance has just arrived. The situation is unchanged. The Colon (Pacific mall steamer) sails to-night." Secretary Whitney also received the following dispatch from Commander Mahon, of the Wachusett, dated La Libertad, San Salvador: "Have been here two days, trying to communicate with Minister Hall. The telegraph line between San Salvador and Guatemala is broken. Zoldivar sent my message by courier to the nearest Guatemalan station, but no answer has been received. I intended to leave at noon for San Jose, Guatemala, but will wait your reply. I can cable only from La Libertad. I have difficulty in getting coal. Tried Corinto; there is none between Panama and Acapulco except belonging to the Ranger against Clark's protest, but have none to against Clark's protest, but have none to spare for running about. San Salvador is quiet. Barrios is certainly dead. The Nicaraguan troops entered Honduras, routing the enemy, who retreated in disorder towards Guatemala. A telegram from Zoldivar to the authorities here says that Mexico will make a formal alliance with San Salvador. I expect this will end the trouble without another ahot. Probably oth armies will march on Guatemals

Lieut.-Col. James J. Dana, of the Quarter master's Department, was placed on the retired list of the army to day. His retirement promotes Maj. Chas. A. Reynolds to be Lieutenant Colonel and Capt. G. C. Smith to be Major, and creates a vacancy in the grade of Assistant Quartermaster with the rank of Captain. A large number of applications for the resition have been filed. The office can be filled from the army or from civil life, and much anxiety is evinced by army officials to know policy of the President in relation to filling positions in the army from civil life.

M. Peralta, Costa Rican Minister, to day

'Santa Anna, April 9, 1885 .- We confirm a complete victory at Chalchuaha, the death of President Barrios and of his son, Don Venancio.

(Signed) ZOLDIVAR."

The Comptroller of the Currency to-day appointed Wm. H. Peters to be receiver for the Exchange National Bank of Nor-folk, and T. F. Garnett, Jr., to be attorney for the receiver. Both appointees are residents of Norfolk.

Senor Becra, Minister from the United States of Colombia to this Government, has received an official despatch from his Government, dated Bogota, the 8th inst., in which it is stated that tranquility prevails throughout the Republic, except at Panama, Sabanilla and Santa Marta, which it says are in the hands of the rebels. The dispatch also states that the Government is organizing in the State of Cauca, which adjoins Panama, an expedition of 1,500 troops which will be sent to Panama as soon as possible, to suppress the revolt in

WASHINGTON, April 10.-Secretary Whitney to-day received the following tele-gram from Commander Kane, of the Galena: "Our forces are now guarding both ends of the transit. Relief trains are running, but much uneasiness still exists. The news from Carthagena to-day reports no change

The State Department is informed that telegraphic communication between Colombia and the United States, which has been interrupted for the past three months has The Navy Department has directed Com

mandant Mayo of the Norfolk Navy Yard of the Portsmouth. The latter was recently suspended on the charge of not promptly obeying orders. Upon an investigation by the Department it was found erstanding existed between that a misun the two officials over the Commandant's order, and the suspended officer was ordered o be restored. The Secretary of the Navy has issued an

order requiring all clerks in the Navy De-partment to remain on duty until 5 o'clock partment to remain on duty until 5 o'clock daily, when the work assigned them each day is not not completed by 4 o'clock.

The President to day appointed Robert B. Vance, of N. C., Assistant Commissioner of Patents, vice R. G. Dyrenforth, resigned, and W. E. McLean, of Terre Haute, Ind., first deputy Commissioner of Pensions, vice Calvin B. Walker, resigned. The latter appointment takes effect April

To reduce the expenses of the Inspection Bureau of the Postoffice Department within the limits of the appropriation, the Postmaster General to day requested the resignations of fourteen Inspectors, as follows: Chas. Adams, of Col.; Fred. De Toverimer, Tenn.; J. H. Livingston, S. C.; J. J. Hames, O.; Geo. W. Porter, Ills.; W. W. Patterson, Ky.; T. R. McPherson, Ind.; F. S. Bedell, Ind.; W. D. Wickersham, Ala.; Chas. Fields, Mass.; J. G. Hester, N. C. J. J. Murphey, Or.; Benj. Simpson, Ala. E. C. Stevens, Me. Except in the case o Inspector Adams, who will be dropped from the rolls on the 15th inst., the resignations will take effect on April 80th.

The Chief Inspector of the Postoffice Department to day received a dispate stating that the postoffice at Water Valley, Miss., has been entered by burglars last night and robbed of \$250.

A delegation of Virginians, headed by Representative Barbour, called upon the Postmaster General to-day to urge the ap-pointment of Maj. Gilman to be postmaster

WASHINGTON, April 11 .- It is stated or the authority of a naval officer that the Russian Minister to the United States has ndeavored to secure the service of a naval officer here in purchasing a number of small vessels, used between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands in transporting sugar. The vessels are to be used, the officer says, in preying upon English commerce in Japanese and Indian waters. should war be declared between Russis and England.

The following is a preliminary statement of resources and liabilities of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk Va., compiled

from the examiner's report:

Resources—bills receivable, \$2,550,172;
over drafts, \$150,214; U. S. bonds to secure circulation and deposits, \$275,000; U. S. bonds on hand, \$,050; miscellaneous stocks and bonds, \$755,280; due from other banks, \$53,288; banking house and other real estate, \$71,872; averages taxes and in panks, \$03,280; banking house and other real estate, \$71,878; expenses, taxes and interest paid, \$29,881; redemption fund, \$4,500; cash and cash items, \$175,814. Total—\$4,068,522. The premium on U. S. bonds will add about \$55,000 to the re-

Liabilities—capital, surplus and undivided earnings, \$604,970; circulation \$90,000: individual deposits \$2,743,548; due other banks, \$210,291; due Treasurer United States and United States disbursing officers, \$902,718; bills payable, \$100,000; rediscounted paper, \$117,000. Total—\$4,068,522. Circulation and United States deposits of United States deposit are fully protected by the deposit of United States bonds with the Treasurer of the

ort: There will be without doubt a sus less on the indebtedness of Bain Bro., and also upon certain securities wh have been turned over to the Exchar National Bank by this firm. Serious l will also result from the sindebtedness other large borrowers, including Presid r large borrowers, including Presiditehead and Geo. M. Bain, Jr., cash

Bills receivable and miscellaneous stocks and bonds respectively include a large amount of paper and securities which are of purely local character, and hence, in view of the depressed condition of affairs in Norfolk and vicinity, must be regarded as of doubtful value.

The Star says the Alabama delegation has decided to ask for the following appointments: Willis G. Clark, Collector of the port of Mobile; John D. Burnett, District. Attorney for the Southern District. the port of Mobile; John D. Burnett, District Attorney for the Southern District; Wm. H. Denson, District Attorney for the Middle and Northern Districts; A. H. Keller, for Marshal of the Northern District; W. W. Allen, for Marshal of the Middle and Southern Districts; John G. Harris, for Register of the Land Office at Montgomery; Mr. Jordan, of Bullock county, for Receiver of Public Money in the Land Office at Montgomery; Frank Coleman, for Register of the Land Office at Huntsville; J. Street, for Receiver of Public Money at respondents now outstanding, except in such certified checks as may be held by the Exchange National Bank of this city, which said bank is indebted to Farmers' Bank in a sum largely in excess of such certified checks; fourth, depositors ratably.

The feeling in this city, Portsmouth, and the antire section tellulary is one of deep Street, for Receiver of Public Money of Huntsville; Mr. Bookar, of Greensboro, for Collector of Internal Revenue,

NEW YORK.

Advance in Stocks on the Ar nouncement that England Would Probably Declare War Before Mon-

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW YORE, April 11.—The stock market continues subject chiefly to European war news. At the opening this morning prices were firm and in some cases †@†c higher than last evening. There was a manifest disposition on the part of the shorts in Grangers and Vanderbilts to cover. There are rumors that a new short combination has been formed in Grangers. The market continued strong but only fairly active, until the announcement was made near the middle of the day that England would probably declare war before Monday, when an active buying movement set in, accom-panied by a further advance in prices which continued until about 2 o'clock. In the last hour the market was firmly held, but made no further gains and finally closed strong near the best prices of the day. To-tal sales 246,000 shares.

TENNESSEE.

Decision in an Ejecment Suit Again the W. & A. R. R. Co. CHATTANOOGA, Aprill 11.—In the U. District Court to-day, Judge D. M. Key ding, a negro who the first class car on the Western & Atlantic Railroad by two passengers, he having ignored the request of the conductor to go into another car, recovered judgm against the road for \$217. The Judge in his charge said the road was compelled to furnish as good cars for colored people as for other first class passengers, and that a special car for negroes would be as exclu-sive as that for first class white passengers.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

- The Presbyterians of Border town, N. J., have commenced a crusade against the roller skating rink just opened - The Rev. Dr. Cross, after six

months' labor at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Heavenly rest in New York, as broken down physically, and has gone to Europe to recuper - An Episcopal minister at Coumbo has embraced Buddhism. Let him provide quarters for the reception by his side of Henry Ward Beecher-if the latter

lives long enough for the full "evolution of his heretical tenderness.—Index. - God respecteth not the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayees, how neat they are; nor the geometry of of our prayers, how melodious they are; but the divinity of

our prayers, how heart sprung they are.-John Trabb. - Mrs. C. H. McCormick and C. H. McCormick, Jr., representing the estate of C. H. McCormick, have made a further ionation to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago of \$100,000. Altoether the seminary has now received about

500,000 from the McCormick family. - "A Presbyterian minister, in a letter in the Herald and Presbyter, of Cincinnati, states that in the State of Indiana here are 308 churches and 185 ministers; that of these ministers only 125 are in active service, and live among their people, leaving 184 churches dependent on laymen o conduct their social services.

- A lady who recently left Boson, Mass., to labor in India, writes to her friends as follows: "I am convinced of the way to reach India—preaching and pub-lishing. It needs men to travel through the country, preaching to the men, and women following after, preaching to the women in the zenanas, while translators and printers and publishers flood the land with Christian literature. The gospel-

-Dr. McDonald, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, says: "I am not sufficiently acquainted with all the forms of the modern dance to discriminate among them, but this much I have ob-served, that dancing has never proved itself to be the friend of any man or woman who seriously intends to lead the Christian life. I have seen numbers of persons that I thought were injured by their dancing habits."

-The Bible acts like an all-penetrating and all-transforming leaven upon every faculty of the mind and every emotion of the heart. It enriches the memory; it elevates the reason; it enlivens the imagination; it directs the judgment; it moves the affections; it controls the passions; it quickens the conscience; it stre will; it kindles the sacred flame of faith, hope, and charity; it purifies, ennobles, sanctifies the whole man, and brings him into living union with God. It cannot only enlighten, reform and improve, but regenerate and create anew, and produce effects which lie far beyond the power of human genius. It has light for the blind, strength for the weak, food for the hungry, and drink for the thirsty: it has a counsel in precept or example for every relation in in precept or example for every relation in life, a comfort for every sorrow, a balm for every wound. Of all the books in the world, the Bible is the only one of which we never tire, but which we admire and love more and more in proportion as we use it. Like the diamond, it casts its lustre in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken, the more it shines: like a bealit is shaken, the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed, the sweeter is its fragrance.—Rev. Dr. H. T. Hudson in Raleigh Advocate.

That best portion of a good man's life, His little, nameless, unremembered acts Of kindness and of love.

— Charlotte Observer: It is given out on the streets that Col. Wm. Johnston will run for Mayor. Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Vall are both in the field. — "What luck have you had lately?" asked an Observer reporter yesterday of a railroad drummer who had just come in from 8 tour of the country: "Rather poor," was his reply. "The fact is we have about gone over all the ground hereabouts, and raked up every darkey that we could find who had an inclination to go West, and could raise enough money to pay for his ticket. had an inclination to go west, and could raise enough money to pay for his ticket. That last lot of one hundred which went through here last Tuesday, exhausted the crop of Arkansas fever victims. There are still a few darkies down the C. C. Railroad who want to go West, but they haven't any money to start on, and have nothing which they can sell off to raise the money.

State Gleanings.

— Oxford Orphan's Friend: Miss Clars, daughter of Mr. Howard Dorsey, died at the residence of her father last Mon-day night, aged 16 years.

— Greenville Reflector; On Sunday night of last week a three year old son of Mr. John S. Harris, chairman of the Beard of County Commissioners, particular of Mr. John S. Harris, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, narrowly escaped being burned to death. The little fellow went into a room adjoining that of his father, in which was his brother, about ten years old, and by some means his clothing caught fire. His brother seeing the fire called for assistance. The child was painfully burned on the back and legs, but will recover.

— High Point Enterprise: Early yesterday (Thursday) morning a distressing accident occurred at a saw mill a few miles from Trinity College in Randolph county. The mill was the property of Mr. N. C. Jarrell, of this place. The saw had been running only a short while yesterday when the boiler exploded, instantly killing John Newby and mangling John Hill in such a manner that it is thought impossible for him to live—all the top of Newby's skull was blown off. They were both white men and were industrious and respectable. The explosion was caused by the boiler becoming empty.

- Lumberton Robesonian; Fayctteville Presbytery convened at Smyrns Church, in Richmond county, on Monday of last week, and was, we are informed, well attended, all the ministers save one beweil attended, all the ministers save one being present. The Presbytery declined by a vote of 15 to 17 to strike out the prohibition against wedding a deceased wife's sixter. The next session will be held at Ben ter. The next session will be held at Ben Salem Church, in Moore county. Dr. Mc-Nair, minister, and Mr. McGelvary, elder, are delegates to the General Assembly, at Austin, Tex., with —, minister, and Capt. Wm. Black, elder, alternates. With a large crowd in attendance, Sunday, Dr. Hill preached in the church and Rev. D. D. McBryde, at the stand.

- ASHEVILLE, April 7. - The — ASHEVILLE, April 7.—The coroner's inquest into the circumstances attending the death on Friday night, near the turnpike in Buncombe county, twelve miles from Asheville, of J. P. Joyce and his daughter Margaret, her child and Miss Mary Rice, has revealed the startling fact that the whole family was first murdered and the house subsequently set on fire to conceal the crime. The skull of one of the victims was found to have been fractured and a piece of cloth pressed into it. Other evidences were also brought to light of the murder of the unfortunate family. Mr. Norfolk has ever received. Business is panicky. Bank officers are disposed to take a gloomy view of the situation, and are straining every nerve to restore quiet and confidence. Runs are impossible, as murder of the unfortunate family. Mr. Joyce was known to have had in his house previous to the murder several hundred dollars. Suspicion is directed to certain parties residing in the neighborhood, but no arrests have yet been decided upon.

when the ruins were cleared away the charred remains of herself and son were - Goldsboro Messenger: Notwith--- Goldsboro Messenger: Notwithstanding the effective work of our last Inferior Court there are now sixteen prisoners in jail. — At a meeting of the Ladies' Memorial Association, last Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. T. H. Bain; Vice-President, Miss Mary Dortch; Secretary, Miss Mary Robinson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Bonitz. — Claiborne Hicks, an industrious colored man, for a number of years employed at the Atlantic warehouse. found, lying close together. The fire is supposed to have started accidentally. of South Carolina provides that the salaries of Railroad Commissioners shall be paid by the railroads, according to their gross incomes. The Columbia & Greenville Railroad Co. was assessed under the law \$1,065, years employed at the Atlantic warehouse, was painfully crushed about the breast while coupling cars on Monday morn-

ing. — The thrush sings on the April bough From morn 'till eve note after note-The happy notes just thawing now, That froze, last winter, in his throat.

- Raleigh Recorder: Fourteen of the students of Moravian Falls Academy have recently professed conversion. A large proportion of the students are now professors of religion. — At the next commencement of Wake Forest College Rev. G. W. Sanderlin will deliver the alumni address; Rev. Dr. Chas. Ellis, of Baltimore, will preach the sermon before not a license, and that it was inequable and the graduating class, and Hon. R. F. Arm-field will deliver the literary address. The and for the plaintiff, which they did. The commencement exercises begin the 9th of June and continue three days. — Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Wilmington, N. C., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and Rev. Dr. J. L. Burrows, of Norfolk, Va., will deliver the annual address before the societies of the Oxford Female Seminary at the commencement in June 2d, 8d

- Washington Dispatch: The — Washington Dispatch: The competitive examination of applicants for the cadetship fat the Naval Academy for this district has been in progress for the past two days at the court house. The applicants are Stephen Bragaw, Jerome Linton and Henry Wingate, all of this county.

— The stores of Messrs. J. W. Ricks & Son, and G. L. Swindell, at Pantego, were completely destroyed by fire on last Wednesday morning. The fire originated in Messrs. Ricks & Son's store and spread with such rapidity that all attemps to extinguish it proved futile until both stores with their contents (except about \$1,100 with their contents (except about \$1,100 worth of goods saved by Mr. Swindell) were destroyed. The store contained a trunk belonging to Mr. A. Carter, a very aged gentleman, in which was \$225 in

money. Both stores and contents were partially insured. - Elizabeth City Economist: Rumor says that Chowan county is a heavy sufferer by the failure of the Exchange National Bank, of Norfolk. We hear that Herbert Page had \$16,000 and C. H. Robinson, the collector, \$6,000 on deposit and others, making an aggregate of \$100,000. We tell it as 'tis told us. —— In the death of Mr. Meekins, one of the old landmarks of Roanoke Island, and a representative of the oldest femiles of the place has one of the oldest familes of the place has passed away. He was a native and had lived there all his life, dispensing a generous hospitality, and acquiring the respect and confidence of all who formed his acquaintance. Perhaps uo man in North Carolina, not in the public service, was bet-ter known to the prominent men of the State than Chauncy Meekins, or more re-spected for his intelligence, his information and his sterling character and manly quali-ties. He was truly one of nature's noble-

- Raleigh Chronicle: The business men of Weldon, Halifax, Edenton, Eliza-beth City and other Eastern North Carolina towns, lost heavily by the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bank failures. It is reported that one Tyrrell county man had \$31,000 on deposit in the Exchange National Bank; a lady in Halifax suffered to the extent of about \$3,000; a young man in Weldon, who worked on a salary, had been taking care of his money, and was just beginning to feel himself able to get married. He had wooed his lady love and been accepted, but wooed his lady love and been accepted, but while the final arrangements were being made the crash came and swept away his little fortune. The Pamlico Bank of Tarboro had on deposit between \$23,000 and \$25,000. Merchants of Halifax are believed to have had on deposit more than \$100,000. Those of Martin were also caught. Mr. Dennis Simmons, of Williamston, had there \$23,000. The Bankfof New Berne had \$67,000.

- Charlotte Observer: Those who do not believe that the colored exodus to Kansas amounts to anything should have seen the gang at the Trade street depot yesterday waiting to take the train for the West. There were just one hundred souls in the party, representing all ages, the children, however, predominating. It was a curious crowd, to be sure. They arrived here on the Carolina Central train early yesterday morning. A dwarf woman, evidently about 60 years old, and not more than three feet six inches high, a palsied grandfather, two K legged boys and a girl with three thumbs were the pets of the crowd. do not believe that the colored exodus to father, two K legged boys and a girl with three thumbs were the pets of the crowd. The darkies were in the hands of an immigrant agent, who had raked them from the fields of Anson county. None of them have any idea of what they are going to do for a living. — A rumor has gained circulation somehow that Rev. Wm. R. Atkinson intends to give up the management of the Charlotte Female Institute. This rumor, Mr. Atkinson states, is wholly untrue. — A large party of colored people were attracted to the Mayor's Court yesterday morning, to witness the arraignment before the bar of instice of brother Eli Preston, and sister Rosa Dukes, for a fight at Rev. Zuck Horton's immersion exercises last Sunday afternoon. — The committee in this city having in charge the matter of raising funds for the new Presbyterian church at Dallas, yesterday received a donation of \$25 in cash from Mr. J. S. Carr, of Durham. — Washington items: Mr. Battle gives way, and Col. Yarborough is appointed collector of the Fourth district. Mr. Battle will be inspector, the place now filled by O. H. Blocker, of Fayetteville. The salary is \$7 per day, or about \$2,000 a year. — Six appointments of postmasters have been made in the Seventh district, but the papers have not been made up. Father Toffard, and Rev. Father LeMarchand, and two other men, names unknown, Mr. Delany is a prisoner W. Jurrin, nephew of the Indian agent, escaped from the Indians, and made his gay to Battleford on Wednesday. He reports the fate of the Hudson Bay Company's agent, Cameron, as unknown.

Frog Lake is about 120 miles northwest of Battleford, and 30 from Fort Pitt. The reserves there are occupied by bands of Crees, under Chiefs Weemistico, Scahwosis, Onepowhoy and Puokeahkewin. They number over two hundred, Battleford is surrounded by one thousand Indians, but no attack has been made on the barracks. Indian agent Roe has not been killed as