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THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY. The late Legislature of Georgia had under consideration a bill that was very important. It was a bill to secure a fair and equitable assessment of property and it passed the Senate. We lost sight of it, and do not know how it fared in the House.

This question of assessment is one of the most important ones that concern any people. How to raise the taxes is a question that is constantly recurring. The Georgia bill proof Commissioners, numbering five, but the grand jury must recommend. The Board is to assess property. The Board is required to meet on the first Mondays in June and July at the court house for the purpose of reviewing the tax digests, and are to meet from day to day until the work is done. All returns from tax receivers are to be closely examined. ceivers are to be closely examined, and they may make all needed corrections, and especially if property is cussed and disposed of but for the listed too low. The bill was elabo- | rigid rules of the House. The app rate and contained a great many fea- priation bills simply pushed aside the tures to make it thorough. One con- Hoar bill. But whoever was to spicuous feature was the list of ques- blame, if any, it was unfortunate, tions to be presented to each tax and ought to be remedied at the earlister. He would not be able to liest possible moment. hedge or dodge. All answers are sworn to. False swearing or false returns are indictable and punishable according to the Code.

cause North Carolina, like Georgia, selection of a successor in the hands is a sufferer from false listing. The of the Electoral College that elected STAR has again and again insisted the first Vice President, removed or that there would be no difficulty in dead. 3. The plan of Col. W. J. raising all the money that was needed Green to elect three Vice Presidents, for education and other purposes if the first on the ticket to be the Vice the listing of property was honestly | President chosen, the others to be in and fairly done. Any law of assessment that can regulate this matter, this is the danger of baving three regulate taxation and secure honest candidates for the same office. An returns is a desideratum of the first indiscretion during the pending elecmagnitude. False returns are what | tion might be committed that would keep the Treasury lean and limit the | handicap all and defeat the ticket. school term to a few months. There is nothing more important that can come up before a Legislature than the question of assessing property. Every citizen is interested. Honest men are made now to bear the chief burdens whilst corrupt men by fraud | Vice President. and rascality cheat the State. It is to be hoped that our best and most practical minds will give special attention to perfecting a law that shall meet the ends sought, and that will prevent to a very great extent all fraudulent and false returns.

Here is something more about the savage attack on Senator Vance by Col. John A. Sloan. A special Washington dispatch to the Boston Herald says:

"As described by himself, it is a terribly vicious and scandalous attack upon Senator Vance, of North Carolina. Those who profess to know its contents say that it is filled with scandals which are calculated to tear North Carolina social circles as if a cyclone had struck them. Only one copy has as yet seen the light. That was sent to Greensboro, N. C., and had a private circulation until it fell into the hands of rela tives of Col. Sloan, who were asto and shocked by its contents. Without hesitation they destroyed the copy, and im-plered Col. Sloan to suppress the book. In the meantime, Col. Sloan was soliciting means to pay the printer, who held the edition until it was paid for. Dr. Boykin, an influential merchant of Baltimore, and a warm friend of the attacked Senator, it is said, warned the printer not to let a copy go out of his bands, and it is understood that the money due on it has been paid."

Vice President Hendricks was perpendicular man with no foolish gush or sham about him. But he did not love the Mugwumps. He is fear of contradiction: he knows how

"He said the shifting from party to party might do in England, where it was done because of some overshadowing principle of foreign or domestic policy, but in this country the only thing controlling the shifting was a more certificated.

same yesterday, to-day and forever.

Now the news comes that peace in Europe is very uncertain, as Austrian and Bulgarian interests begin to clash. If Austria pushes her nose in the Bear and the Lion and some other "varmints" may go to nosing around also, and there may be "a big old fight sure enough." In the meantime the Turkey gobbles and enters Eastern Roumelia.

It ar the opinion of the cheer that the majority has it and I'll be shaved if hit ain't got to stand so. - John Logan as President pro tem.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1885.

THE SUCCESSION AND THE DEMO-CHATS.

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The Republican papers are trying to make it appear that the failure of the passage of the Hoar bill to regulate the Presidential succession was owing to the partisanship of the Democra's. It is urged that as the bill gave the succession to the Cabinet, beginning with the Secretary of State, that the Democrats failed to pass it in the House because under Arthur the succession would have been given to a Republican. There is no doubt that this statement is un fair to the Democrats. This is plain from the history of the bill. The Democrats voted for the bill in the Senate every time it was presented. The Boston Pose says of the bill and its fate:

"The bill was referred to the House Select Committee on Law Respecting the Election of President and Vice President, February 5, and was reported back with amendments by Mr. Eston, on behalf of the committee, April 21. The report was made by a Democrat, and was agreed to by all the Democrats on the committee. It was in fact unanimous.

was, in fact, unanimous.

"The report adopted the main feature of Senator Hoar's bill, which transferred the power now given by law to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representative to the members of the Cabinet, in the event of the death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice President. Some important and necessary amendments were unanimously gested by the committee

The amendments proposed by the Demograts were considered by them as eminenly proper, and to prove this vided that in each county a Board it is only necessary to say that they were approved of in committee by should be appointed by the Judge every Republican. Why then did holding the first term of the court, the bill fail in the House? The Post explains:

"Before this report was made, and in anticipation of it, Mr. Eaton moved that the House make the bills relating to the electoral count and the succession a special order for April 22. To this the House agreed

The bill would have been then dis-

There are at least three plans

worthy of patient consideration. 1. The Hoar plan, confining the succession to the Cabinet. 2. The Cou-We call attention to this bill be- rier-Journal's plan of putting the succession. The main objection to

> There is one thing that may be assumed to be true and to which all might agree; it is that the succession ought to be given to the party that triumphed in the election preceding the death or removal of President or

GRIEVOUS CHARGES.

Our neighbor, the Chadbourn Times, bears hard upon the STAR because it has presumed to criticize Mr. Page. It brings the terrible accusation of its being "one-sided," as setting itself up as "thinker and dictator for the whole people," and as indulging "dogmatical dictions." That is very bad, and the STAR must amend. Now the STAR is really not proscriptive and intolerant as our neighbor alleges. It has opinions and principles to which it clings tenaciously, but it is quite willing for all men to hold and print just such views as they please, even if they indulge in the most fulsome praise or bring false accusations of which they ought to be ashamed. The STAR has none but kind feelings for Mr. Page, and probably is more judicious and discriminating in its admiration of him than our heated critic. It would not certainly say of him as our neigh-

bor savs: "We do not hesitate to say that we be-leve Mr. Page to be equal in intellect and correct reasoning ability to any man in North

Of Mr. Page we may say, without to conduct a discussion in a scholarly and courteous way, and is a much abler and better furnished man than any of his chosen champions and imitators are.

Our good neighbor over the river Principles are everything-the is very particular not to commit it- prayer in their behalf. self to the Civil Service views or any other views of Mr. Page, and so says. It is not prepared to say that it is not a matter of any importance to the Southern people and to North Carolinians whether Republicans or Democrate hold the offices. We ven- & Cumming shipped 150,782 feet of lumture the opinion that in Columbus county the Times cannot find five intelligent Democrats who will indorse such an opinion. What did they vote last year against the Republi-

cans for if there is no difference? We beg pardon of Mr. Page for bringing in his name again. The from. It is generally believed that she has ticism of the Times was of a char- foundered with all hands.

acter to require a denial of any purpose to interfere with any man's right of opinion. The STAR is unwilling to silently submit to a charge that it would stifle opinion and punish others for differing from it. If there is anything we believe in with our whole soul above all other things it is soul and civil liberty and the freedom of opinion. The STAR has often maintained as best it could its opinions when it was very largely

in the minority in North Carolina. It has stood firm and unfaltering in favor of taxing whiskey and tobacco when three-fourths-of the press were opposed. It-has done this when misunderstood and wrongly assailed. It has fought the popular Blair bill from the start, and it means to continue the fight if every man and every paper in North Carolina goes. in for the grand principles of Col. Sellers-"the old flag and an appropriation." So it has been in the past. The STAR has opinions and if it had none its mission would end. It proposes in a decent way to give expression to them as time and occasion require. It does not propose to wear a bridle or a mask or a collar. It proposes to utter its own views whenever it thinks proper, and to do it freely, and, it

thinking and free printing. So we respectfully demur to our neighbor's charge and hope it will have cause to hold a better opinion of the STAR than is manifested in the caustic editorial we have been no-

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 2.—Charlotte Wickliffe, colored, died here to-night, aged 117. She has 15 living children, the oldest nearly a hundred years old, and 60 grand-children. She claims to have handed Gen. Washington a cup of water at the battle of Yorktown.—Exchange.

She was quite a baby to the old we saw in Wilmington a few years ago who was well acquainted with Christopher Columbus. North Carolina is still ahead.

Fitz Lee's majority over Wise was 16,533 -official. Massey, for Lieutenant Governor, bad 14.388. heriff Manning Says that Tony Ashe

is Not One of his Deputies.

OFFICE SHERIFF OF NEW HANOVER CO.,
WILMINGTON. N. C., Dec. 4th, 1885.

Editor Star:—Will you be kind enough to state in your paper that Tony Ashe is not a deputy sheriff of this county. Some six or eight years ago he was deputised to serve papers for a magistrate, but on getting drunk his commission was revoked. For the past several years he has built the fires and cleaned out the Sheriff's office. We have never known anything dishonest. We have never known anything dishonest bout Tony, but he has a failing, common o many in and out of office, of getting

Very respectfully, S. H. MANNING, Sheriff. As Ashe had been acting as jailor during ne absence of Jailor Nichols, and as he had the keys of the county jail in his posession when arrested, it was a natural supposition that he was one of the Sheriff's deputies. Furthermore, when Ashe was brought before the Mayor yesterday mornng, his Honor told him that but for the fact of his being an officer, he would bind him over to the Criminal Court for carrying concealed weapons. We were not aware before that the keys of the jail were ever put in the possession of any one but a sworn officer.

Superior Courts The following announcement has been nade for the Spring term: SIXTH DISTRICT-JUDGE GILMER. New Hanover-January 18, two weeks;

pril 18, two weeks. Lenoir—February 1, one week. Duplin—February 8, two weeks. Sampson—February 12,two weeks; April 6, one week. Pender—March 8, one week; May 8, one

Carteret-March 15, one week. Jones-March 23, one week. Onslow-March 29, one week. SEVENTH DISTRICT-JUDGE BOYKIN. Anson-January 4, 1 week; April 26. ne week. Columbus-January 11, one week; March

2, one week.
Cumberland—January 18, one week;
farch 8, one week; May 3, two weeks.
Robeson—January 25, two weeks; May two weeks. Richmond—February 8, two weeks; May

81, one week.

Bladen—March 15, one week.

Brunswick—March 29, one week.

Moore—April 12, two weeks. sailing of Missionaries. We see from the Richmond papers

pecial farewell services were held in that city last Sunday night in honor of elecen missionaries sent out to foreign lands by the Baptists of the South. A part of them are going to Brazil, the rest to China. Of those going to China are Rev. D. W. Hering and wife, and Rev. R. T. Bryan and wife, who are from this part of North Car-

Mr. Bryan will join Dr. M. T. Yates, who has been at Shanghai for forty years and who is also from this State. Mr. Herring will take the station at Sou-Chow, about 60 miles from Shanghai. They will sail on the 12th inst. from San Francisco and the Board of Foreign Missions asks

Foreign Exports Yesterday. Messrs, Alex. Sprunt & Son shipped to Newcastle-on-Tyne 200 casks spirits turpentine and 3,950 barrels of rosin, valued at \$8,000; Messrs. E. Kidder & Son shipped to Buenos Ayres 310, 864 feet of lumber, valued at \$5,722.64; and Messrs. Northrop ber, valued at \$2,412, to Bridgetown, Barbadoes. Total value of foreign exports sterday \$16,184.64.

- Ger. brlg Hermann Friedrich, Niejahr, which salled from Liverpool August lat for Wilmington, N. C., with a cargo of cotton ties, was spoken on Aug. 9th, lat. 40, long. 14, and has not since been heard

The pilot chart for December, issued by the United States Hydrographic office, contains accounts of the use of oil to diminis the violence of breaking seas, embraci eleven statements forwarded by the Secre tary of the Marine Board of South Australis, each being a brief narrative of the experience of the writer. The following

y W. G. Whitmore, a pilot of Port Adeaide, is a fair example: "The first time I saw the soothing effect of oil on the sea was in the year 1848, when serving my time in a whaling ship in Davis Straits. I have there seen the ship lying to in a gale of wind cutting in a whale alongside, and the sea for a circle of many miles was quite smooth, caused by the oil from the whale. My next experience was in 1868. I commanded a ship bound from New Castle to Melbourne. When off Sydney Head I encountered a terrific gale, followed by a tremendous sea, my ship making a great deal of water, and found it necessary to run for a port of shelter. After getting the ship before the wind, the heavy sea that was running sometimes broke over the stern to the danger of the "The first time I saw the soothing ronderful, for what was a very heavy run-ing and dangerous ees was reduced by the se of the oil into what a seaman would call blind rollers, quite harmless to a ship; in fact, the effect was so marked that it appeared by looking astern that the vessel was passing through a lane of smooth water. I ran my half sinking ship from Sydney Head to Port Stevens, a distance of 68 miles, in 84 hours, on a consumption of 24 gallons of oil. My subsequent experiences have convinced me that a ship could run in any sea with safety for 24 hours on a consumption of five gallons of oil."

Mineral oil, it is said, will not do for this purpose; it must be either animal or vegehopes, courteously and fairly. God forbid that it should ever abridge in

The Watch Stealing Case.

any thing it shall do, or that it should Yesterday morning a crowd gathered in ttempt to abridge the right of free Justice Hall's room in the City Hall to hear the trial of the three men charge with stealing a watch from a woman. B the crowd was disappointed; there was a trial. The prisoners were brought out of jail, and some of their baggage was opened and examined; but the watch could not be found. There was really no evidence upon which they could have been convicted. and so they were discharged, the woman withdrawing the charge of larceny upon their agreeing to pay the value of the watch and the costs of the case, by five o'clock in the afternoon. Before that hour arrived the money was paid and the case was settled. But the woman got her watch back after all, and the mea left on the first

side of a jail before they came to Wilming-

Assaulted on the Highway. A murderous assault was made Saturday night last on Mr. Charles N. Bonham, a farmer, who resides a few miles east of the city. Mr. Bonham was in his buggy driving along the road alone, when he was attacked. He either fell or was knocked out the buggy; but managed to reach the house of his son, a short distance from where the assault was committed, but was so dazed by the blows he had received that he was unable to tell how he managed to escape further attacks from his assailant. A search was made that night for the horse and buggy and they were finally found at the esidence of the elder Bonham. The following morning the son went to the place where his father was attacked and found his hat and handkerchief and a broken fence rail lying by the roadside. Mr. Bon-

ham received two severe cuts on the head

and a heavy blow on the shoulder, which was badly bruised. Commercial Fertilizers The State chemists of North Carolina and South Carolina have adopted for use in their respective States during the approaching fertilizer season of 1885-'86 the following rates of commercial valuation: For available phosphoric scid 74c per lb., \$1.50 per cwt.; for ammonia 16c per lb., \$3.20 per cwt.; for potash 5c per lb., \$1 per cwt. Hitherto, notwithstanding the close proximity of these States and the intimate relations existing between them, especially as regards the trade in commercial fertilizers, there has been no agreement as to the relative values to be assigned to the valuable ingredients of fertilizers. The change made will greatly facilitate the comparison of the relative standards of the

various brands in the two States. A Deputy Sheriff Locked Up. | There was considerable excitement last night about 10 o'clock on Fourth street. near Mulberry. A drunken man had possession of the thoroughfare at that point, and was flourishing a pistol with which he threatened passers-by. A messenger was sent in hot haste from Mr. Orrell's hvery stables, to the City Hall, for a policeman A member of the force was at once sent around to the place to arrest the obstreperous individual, and soon returned with Tony Ash, one of Sheriff Manning's colored deputies, but in such a complete state of intoxication that he could hardly stand up. His pistol, keys and other articles were taken from him and he was locked up for the night. He will probably have an interview with Mayor Hall this morning.

We regret to hear that Mr. Eugene Maffitt continues quite sick. Col. V. V. Richardson, of Columbus county, has been appointed U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolins.

Col. Richardson is exceedingly popular; is a man of the highest order of morality, of strict integrity, and is respected by all who know him. No appointment yet made in North Carolina will give greater satisfac-Hungarian Farm-Laborers.

A gentleman who has put himself to some trouble to inform himself on the subject tells us that farmers who have tried Hungarians as farm laborers in Eastern Virginia are very much pleased with both the men and women. The prices paid, he says, vary from \$10 to \$12 for men and \$6 to \$8 per month and board for women. If worked alongside of negroes they do not do so well. When worked to themselves they are far superior to the present labor of the South. The papers have been speaking of the exodus of negroes from this State to Arkansas. There appears to be a tendency of the Hungarians to come south from Eastern Pennsylvania, notably Reading. Pa. Those interested should confer with our State Immigration Commissioner with a view to supplying a great need on the farms. VIRGINIA.

The General Assembly—Canvassing the Gubernatorial Vote—Supposed Suicide of an Elderly Woman in

Richmond.

RICHMOND, Dec. 3.—Soon after the meeting of the General Assembly to-day the two houses, under the resolution previously adopted, convened in joint session for the purpose of counting the vote cast at the last election for Governor and Lieut. Governor. The count of the vote was concluded at half past 3 o'clock, with the following result. Total vote cast for Governor. cluded at half-past 3 o'clock, with the fol-lowing result: Total vote cast for Gov-strior, 269,071; of which Fitzhingh Lee, Democrat, received 152,544; John S. Wise, Republican, 186,510; scattering 17. Total vote for Lieut. Governor, 284,003; of which John E. Massey, Democrat, re-ceived 140,179; H. C. Wood, Republican, 184,791; scattering 33. The vote for Lieut. Governor in Scott county was not received. Lee and Massey were then declared Gov-ernor and Lieut. Governor for the term of four years beginning January 1, 1886. ernor and Lieut. Governor for the term of four years beginning January 1, 1886.

Miss Rachel McDonald, spinster, aged about 60 years, reaiding in the vicinity of the old reservoir, west of the city, was found last evening in her home lying on the floor with her throat out from ear to ear. She had not been seen by the neighbors since last Monday, and they becoming uneasy, an investigation was made. The house was entered and her body found as stated. Miss McDonald lived alone. The coroner was notified and a jury of inquest summoned. There was no evidence indicating that a murder had been committed, and the physician who examined the body stated that a murder had been committed, and the physician who examined the body stated that it was a clear case of suicide. The premises were searched and valuables which the deceased was known to have possessed were found; also valuable paners. Miss McDonald had for many years in the past been engaged in the manufacture of regalias. This business she gave up some ten years ago. Of late she had become quite despondent and lived an isolated life. The coroner's jury was adjourned until tomorrow.

NEW YORK.

Pulitzer, of the World, Sued for Libel by Mayor Grace-A Serious Railroad Accident Caused by a Misplaced

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- Mayor William R. Grace has begun a libel suit against Joseph Pulitzer and the New York World, for \$50,000 damages in the Superior Court. The complaint was filed to-day, and sets forth that Joseph Pulitzer has libelled Grace in his paper at various times during the last six months. Pulitzer was arrested in the afternoon and taken to the sheriff's office, where he gave bail in \$5,000 and

WELLSVILLE, Dec. 8 .- Train No. 4, St. Louis Limited Express, on the Eric Road, bound east, was wrecked at Scio, at about 12.20 o'clock this morning, while running very rapidly. Henry Allen, engineer, was killed. The passengers were more or less shaken up, but none was hurt seriously. The train took fire and the baggage and smoking cars were burned. The accident train was saved. Scio has no fire department, and all the work was done by a bucket brigade. One of the citizens, while at work subduing the flames, was seriously injured by the explosion of some railroad

PENNSYLVANIA.

Substantial Evidence of a Revival of the Iron Trade-The Coal Miners' Strike Nearly Ended. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Privisioned, Dec. 3 —Iron dealers re-port an advance of six cents on pig metal and five cents on metal within twenty-four hours. This has been brought about by a steadily increasing demand for these comsteadily increasing demand for tress commodities, especially here, and is the first apparent substantial evidence of a revival of the iron trade. Business in this city is reported as good. The mills are booking plenty of orders at present, and through the use and economy of natural gas, have decided advantage over the trade in general outside of the Western Pennsylvania field. The strike among miners is said to e nearing an end. At U'Neil's they are ligging right along, and at all the other points where the men are working, every-thing is quiet. Some wild rumors are affoat, but there is no foundation for any of them. Miners in the Second Pool are wavering. A number of them held a caucus and sent two delegates to the Aliguipi mine, a little distance below Pine Run, to ascertain whether there were any men working there. They returned with the information that fifty men went to work yesterday at 24 cents. The effect of the report has not been learned, but is anticipated that some of the diggers will go to work. Many say that an effort will be made to get the men to

MICHIGAN.

come out

Two Destructive Fires - Aggregate Loss Nearly Haif a Million Dollars. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BAY CITY, December 8.—At 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the cupola of the fire-room of the McGraw saw mill, and owned by Birdsall & Barker. The wind was blowing lightly from the west and car-ried the fire to the mail building of the mill, which soon became a mass of seething mill, which soon became a mass of seething flames. The firemen saw that the mill must be consumed and directed their attention to keeping the fire from spreading, succeeding by strenuous efforts in confining the conflagration to the mill proper and the adjacent tramways. At 1 o'clock the mill was in ruins. It was located in the extreme south end of the city, and was the leavest on Seginary river. At the time of largest on Saginaw river. At the time of its erection in 1873 it was the largest concern of the kind in the world, having an annual capacity of forty million feet of lumber, besides laths, staves, heading and shingles. Mr. Birdsall places the loss at \$150,000, on which there is insurance of \$100,000, distributed in various companies. The mill furnished employment for one hundred and fifty men. It is not known whether or not it will be rebuilt.

DETROIT, Dec. 3.—The extensive wire and iron works of the Barnum Company was almost totally destroyed by fire this morning. The works covered a whole block, and was one of the largest establishments of its kind in the United States. The fire was discovered shortly before ? o'clock, but when the fire department arrived the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the works.

The firemen concentrated their efforts in The firemen concentrated their efforts in confining the fire to the works and saving the surrounding property. The loss is estimated at \$262,000; partially insured. Telegraphic communication with the city has been seriously interrupted by the fact that many of the wires running into the city, and which were strung over the works, were melted by the intense heat. The works were situated on the corner of 13; and Howard streets. The structure was a four-story brick building, and covered nearly an entire block. The loss on the building is estimated at \$112,000, and on the machinery and stock at \$150,000.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

What the ladies of this section will have to learn is how to take a pistol and souff a dude at ten yards. - Macon Tel-— "Give me one more smoke from the old clay pipe," said Rachel Varvel, of Owingsville, Ky. Then she died, at the early age of 101.

— The negro problem just now is how to lift a one hundred and fifty-dollar mortgage from his mule with a forty-dollar bale of cotton and have any mule left.—

Macon Telegraph. - Sectional and race prejudices

have, in the main, swayed political parties in the South. As a consequence, the young generation of Democrats have not been ed ucated and schooled in politics by high public discussions, as their fathers were.—

Nashellie American.

WASHINGTON.

The Republican Senatorial Cancusfor President of the Senate Pro Tempore-Appointments by the President

Especially as Gen. Logan and toward the should return from the Senator and toward in a special to be chosen in his piace, and as the chair and the caucus proceeded at once to consider the question of an election of President pro tempere of the Senate, made vacant by the death of the Vice President of the United States. Senator Edmunds stated that when in the summer of 1834 the Bepublicans of the nation, in their consent toward Gen. Logan and toward the party that he should reture from the Presidency of the Senate and that Gen. Logan should be chosen in his piace, and as they all remembered he had communicated that opinion and desire to Republican Senators in a formal way; but it was thought at that time best that the change be read made. Especially as Gen. Logan did not wish it to be made. At the last Presidential election Gen. Logan had received, he believed, the votes of all Republicans who had opportunity to vote, and came very near being the choice of the people for the office of Vice President, which would have made alm ex effects President of the Senate and under the law charged with the duty of carrying on the government in case of any disability of the President of the United States until an election could be had. In this state of things he thought it right that [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] States until an election could be had. In this state of things he thought it right that the Republican Senators should renew that expression of confidence in Gen. Logan by nominating him for President of the Senate, and he accordingly moved that Gen. Logan be so nominated by acclamation.

Several Senators spoke briefly in favor of the nomination, and the question was taken and agreed to unanimously. The chairman announced the unanimous nomination of John A. Logan as the Republication of John A. Logan as the Republication. ates until an election could be had. In

nation of John A. Logan as the Republi-can candidate for President pro tempore of the Senate. Gen. Logan arose, and said: "Mr. Chairman:—From the depths of my heart I thank the Republican Senators for the confidence they repose in me, as expressed by the nomination just tendered me by acclamation for the position of temporary presiding officer of the Senate. I not alone thank them, but the people of the whole country, for the desire they seem to feel that I should be given this very honorable position. I was, however, sir, the nominee of the Republican party for Vice President and was voted for at the last election. I was not elected. For that nomination I Gen. Logan arose, and said: "Mr. Chair-

was not elected. For that nomination I then thanked the Republican party and through the Senators present I again return to the Republicans of the country my grateful acknowledgements. If I thought I could better serve my contribute to the result of the serve my contribute to the serve my c could better serve my constituents and my country by accepting this position, I would most unhesitatingly do so, and perform the duties to the best of my ability. I do not so think, and am sure that I can by work necessary to be performed on comwork necessary to be performed on com-mittees and otherwise, do more that may tion. In fact, Mr. Chairman, the is not to my taste, and unless I thought that I could perform the duties in a more satisfactory manner than other Senators, which I do not, I cannot see the necessity for me to occupy the chair in preference to any of my brother Senators. The Senate has at all times been presided over in the most satisfactory manner since I have the honor to be one of its members, doubtless will be so again by any one that

may be selected. I am ready to assist in elevating any one who may be selected. And now my brother Senators, I want you to know that I fully appreciate your kindness and the great compliment paid me; but you must allow me to say that after carefully considering the matter. I feel I ought to decline this nomination and

now most respectfully do so."

After some remarks made by several Senators in deprecation of the declination of Gen. Logan, he said he had arrived at the conclusion expressed by him after full deliberation, and wished it considered as

On motion, the injunction of secrecy was removed from the proceedings and the cau-cus adjourned until to morrow. The President appointed James W. Porch, of Missouri, U. S. Consul General at Mexico, and Van V. Richardson, U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North The Democratic members of the Senate will hold a caucus to morrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Upon the meeting of the caucus of Republican Senators to-day a motion was made that the caucus proceed to bailot for President of the Senate. Upon a ballot being taken Senator Sherman received all the votes but four, and upon motion of Mr. Edmunds the nomination was made unanimous. Mr. Sherman rising said: "Senators—I return you my hearty thanks for the high honor you propose to confer upon me. Your choice no doubt has been influenced by the fact that I have long been a member of the Senate. Still, my duties hitherto have not given me the practical experience necessary for a good presiding officer. I can only say in accepting the position assigned me that I will do all I can fairly and impar-tially to observe and enforce the rules of the Senate, and I shall rely greatly upon

your forbearance and courtesy."

It was then determined that bills relating to Presidential elections, and also to the Presidential succession, which had passed the Senate during the last Congress, should be introduced as soon as practicable, and after proper reference and consideration should be promptly passed.

The Presidential Succession bill referred

to here is that known as the Hoar bill, of the last Congress. It confers the succession to the Presidency in case of vacancy in the offices of President and Vice President upon the Secretary of State, or if that office is vacant, then upon the Secretary of the Treasury; the succession passing to the other members of the Cabinet in turn in cases of vacancy.

The Electoral Count bill, also to be rein

troduced by order of the Republican cau-cus, is that known as the Edmunds bill of the last Congress. Its pivotal feature is a provision that each State may by its own nbunals determine all controversies with regard to its own electoral vote.

The House caucus of Republicans nominated Thos. B. Reed, of Maine, for Speaker. There were 108 members present. Upon the first ballot Reed had 63, Hiscock 47, Ryan of Kansas 3. Mr. His-

ock moved to make Mr. Reed's nomina The Democratic members of the House of Representatives met in caucus to-night, and nominated Carlisle for Speaker. Bowman C. Sailor and wife, an elderl couple living in this city, were found dead in bed this morning, having been suffo-cated by coal gas from a stove in their

WASHINGTON, December 5 -All of the Democratic Senators, except four, met in conference at 12 o clock to-day. Senator Voorhees was instructed to put in nomination for President pro tempore, Senator Harris, of Tenn. Senator Harris accepted the nomination, and in a short speech thanked the Conference for the honor con-ferred upon him. The caucus adjourned at 12.80 without transacting any other

INDIANA.

A Hailroad Wreck Caused by High Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—The night express train on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Ratirosd was wrecked last night near Saint Anne. High winds blew several freight cars off the siding to the main track, and the express dashed into them. Engineer J. Bassett, and Fireman Lewis Krintler were injured; the latter receiving probably fatal injuries. No one else was burt. The train was not

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Dec. 8—The election for a member of Parliament in the east divi ion of Cork resulted in the return of W. J. Lane, Nationalist, by 4,814 votes, to 286 for Mr. Stuart, Loyalist. In the middle division of Cork, Dr. J. C. Tanner, Nationalist, is cleated by a vote of 5,088 to 106 for Arthur Paton, Loyalist.

London, Den. 8.—The returns received up to 3 this afternoon show the election of 356 Liberals, 358 Tories, and 48 Nationalists.

bly to day. In the House after routine husiness was disposed of the committee appointed the first day of the session to prepare resolutions on the death of the late Vice President Hendricks, seponed the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted and sent to the Senate, which body also adopted them by a recorded vote:

"Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise Providence in its inscrutable dispensation to remove from us Thomas A. Hendricks, late Vice President of the United States, and we, representatives of the people of Virginia, wishing to express our sense of the great loss which is his death the people of this country have sustained; therefore, be it

ed. That in the death of Thomas A. Hendricks, late Vice President of the United States, this country has to mourn tried statesman, a patriotic citizen and faithful public servant.

"Résolved, That as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased the two houses of the General Assembly do now adjourn."

In pursuance of the foregoing both houses adjourned until Monday next. The Governor's message was not sent in. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4.—The Powers have appointed the consuls at Philippopolis to form a commission of inquiry. England is likely to hold aloof.

LONDON, Dec, 4.—The Times and Standard are astonished that the Sultan is listening to the advice of Russia, Germany and Austria, and is adopting a course which may lead to ruin. Turkey, they say, had better offend Russia, and take England's advice to recognize the union and enlist the support of Bulgaria and Roumelia, than to find herself arrayed against Russia, Bulgaria, Austria and Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 4 .- The Standard says if Turkey is blind enough to forge a weapon for her own destruction, England can only stand aloof. She cannot defraud Bulgaria and Roumelia of the reward of their valor. When the Turks enter Roumelia evil days will come upon Turkey. LONDON, Dec. 4.- The returns from elec-

tions for members of Parliament received up to 3 o'clock this afternoon show that 273 Liberals, 216 Conservatives, and 58 Nationalists have been elected. states that it is proposed to hold a con-ference of the powers at Berlin to deliminate the Servian Bulgarian frontier.

day Queen Victoria personally invested Lady Randolph Churchill with the insignis of the Imperial order of the Crown of In-HAVANA, Dec. 4.-The probabilities are

Longon, Dec. 4.-At Windsor Castle to

that the sugar crop this season will considerably exceed the previous one, which amounted to nearly 680,000 tons. ALGIERS, December 4.—An earthquake has thrown down many houses at Mascard, Blidah and Medeah, and destroyed three quarters of the town of Ussila. Thirty-two persons were killed and twelve injured. Among the victims are several Europeans. CAIRO, Dec. 4—A British force, consisting of 1,000, defeated 4,000 rebels near Giniss. A body of rebels attacked the fortat Ambigol. The garrison repulsed them

TEXAS. Train Wrecked on the Texas Pacific Road-About Thirty Passengers

Badly Injured. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star. GALVESTON Dec. 5 .- A dispatch to the ews, from Obeline, Texas, dated yesterday, makes meagre mention of the wreck of the west bound passenger train on the Texas Pacific road, nine miles east of Gordon. Two of the passengers, Mr. Colberry and Mr. Merchant, arrived at Obeline last night. Both of them are severely wounded. Twenty-six other passengers are reported to be badly injured, among them several women and children. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the prevailing storm it was impossible to obtain further particulars last night.

NEW YORK. The Injured in the Brooklyn Bridge

Accident. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—No lives were lost by the Brooklyn bridge accident but five persons were seriously, and a number of others slightly injured. Conductor F. E. Myers, who was standing on the rear plat form of the second train, was jammed in between the broken ends of the cars and had to be cut out of the wreck. Victor Schumberg, a young clerk, was similarly mprisoned and was extricated with much lifficulty. His left ankle was broken and

his foot nearly out off. He and Myers were the worst injured men. NEBRASKA.

Terrible Wind Storm - Many Buildings Damaged, and Trains Com pelled to Stop. 1By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

.OMAHA, Dec. 5 .- A terrible wind storn prevailed here yesterday and last night. The velocity of the wind for several hours was estimated at sixty miles per hour. Considerable damage has been done to buildings in Omaha and vicinity, although not of a very serious nature. Trains could not cross the Union Pacific bridge for several hours on account of the wind. At Contral City the new Methodies Cellery Central City the new Methodist College building was partly blown down. Farm buildings throughout the State have been pore or less wrecked.

FOREIGN. English Parliamentary Elections

jority. London, Dec. 5.—Returns from the Parliamentary elections, received up to 8 o'clock this afternoon, show that the Liberals still have a slight majority over the Tories and Nationalists. The returns thus far show the election of 807 Liberals, 242

Conservatives and 62 Nat

CANADA.

enced for Years. thanked the Conference for the honor conferred upon him. The caucus adjourned at 12.80 without transacting any other business.

The Republican caucus nominated Senstor Sherman for Presidential Succession bill is to be introduced at the beginning of the session and passed.

QUEBEC, Dec. 5.—One of the fiercest snow and wind storms experienced here for years has been in progress since early this morning. About two feet of snow has fallen on the level, and all the country roads are becoming blocked up with drift snow, in some places eight feet deep. Up to noon the various trains on different roads were on time.

ALABAMA.

Prightful Hallroad Wreek-A Brake-man Killed and a Conductor in-

CHATTAHOOGA, TENN., December 3.—A north-bound train on the Alabama and Great Southern Railroad, while running at a high rate of speed, broke in two this morning near Portersville, Ala. The two

Spirits Turpentine

— Durham Reporter: Rev. W. D. Coook, pastor of the colored Methodist church of this town, while on his return home from Conference this morning, on the train from the west, was robbed of ten dollars in money by another preacher who was in the same car. The fact was reported to Cook by an sye-witness, and when the train arrived here the thief was arrested and lodged in jail. The ten dollars was recovered.

— Asheville Citizen: The wheat acreage of this section is larger than usual. Many farmers are not yet done sowing. — The work of road building and road opening is going on apace. About twelve miles of road in the direction of Clingman's Peak in the Smoky Mountains have been completed. When finished Mr. Whittier proposes to build a town on the summit, to be known as Sky Land. This will be the most elevated town in the Atlantic States, being 6,660 feet above the sea level.

— Charlotte Democrat: Bishop Keener, who presided at the Methodist Conference in this city, is the best presiding officer we have seen since the day of Judge Rebert Strange of Fayetteville. — It is reported that there was a considerable aprinkling of snow and elect between this city and Shelby on Wednesday morning. — It is said that the cranberries of Westerd North Carolina are far superior to those cultivated at the North. The same is positively true of buckwheat. One pound of pure mountain buckwheat flour is worth four of the Northern stuff.

Greensboro Workman: The mangled remains of some poor unfortunate was found this morning on the R. & D. Railroad near the cattle guard, in front of the residence of Mr. Jesse R. Wharton. The body had been so mutilated by the train that it was scarcely recognizable. Beside the corpse lay the badge of his unfortunate death—a broken bottle of whiskey. The unfortunate, on examination of some papers in his pocket, turned out to be David Eaton, of Jamestown, this county. He came down on the train yesterday morning and paid John Bartley's tax to Sheriff Wheeler. During the day he got under the influence of whiskey and went to the depot at 9 o'clock at night. - Greensboro Workman: The

— Rockingham Rocket: Ross Hagin and Edmund Reeves, both colored, were out squirrel hunting yesterday, when the latter was accidentally shot with his own gun. The whole charge of squirrel shot was driven through the fleshy part of the fore arm, fortunately, however, missing the bones. — For the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1885, the Register of Deeds for this county has issued 94 marriage licenses, 41 for white and 58 for colored couples. — Mr. A. L. McDonald, Register of Deeds, informs us that very few old deeds are being brought in for registration. Is it possible that our people have no old deeds, or do they not realize the importance of having them registered? - Rockingham Rocket: Ross Hathe importance of having them registered? The time allowed by law for their regis-tration expires January 1st, 1886.

- Charlotte Observer: Bishop Charlotte Observer: Bishop Keener, who presided at the late Conference, still remains in the city and is at the Central Hotel. He is to preach in Chester, S. C., next Sunday, and on next Tuesday he will open the South Carolina Conference at Columbia. — Rewards to amount of \$250 are offered for the arrest of Robert Bishop, who shot and killed Town Marshal Turner, at Black's Station, a few days ago. Bishop is believed to be hiding somewhere in Union county, S. C. — It seems that some one, in a desire to set the two burglars free, is going considerably "out of one's way." A responsible citizen of Iredell county yesterday informed an Observer reporter that a party has been circulating a petition in his neighborhood for signers asking the Governor to pardon Anderson Davis and Nelson Stewart, the two burglars now under sentence of death in Meck

- Raleigh News-Observer : The Atlantic Coast Line train killed a tramp at Atlantic Coast Line train killed a tramp at Weldon yesterday morning. — Yesterday final action was taken in the matter of the allowance of pensions. They were allowed to 1,089 widows and 979 soldiers. They each received \$14.75. The Board of Pensions has reserved of the \$80,000 appropriated, \$235 to meet extreme cases. — At Salisbury, before Judge Montgomery, the case of McElwee of Statesville, vs. W. T. Blackwell of Durham, has been on trial. It was for \$150,000 and costs of action, for alleged infringment of trademark. tion, for alleged infringment of trademark. The case resulted in a non-suit for McEl-The case resulted in a non-suit for McEl-wee, who has to pay all costs. — Yesterday in the U. S. Gircuit Gourt a large number of illicit distillers, who had submitted their cases, paid the costs and were discharged. — It is said that Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church. The matter will come up before a meeting of the members of the Church to-morrow evening for action. — Yesterday Kinchin Gwin was brought to the penitentiary from Greene county. He is an escaped convict, and will serve out a long term for larceuy. — Mr. Ed. M. Robinson, who has for years been connected with the North Carolina fish commission, and who is now a valued member of the United States fish valued member of the United States fish commission, arrived here yesterday with a number of German carp and a few California and brook trout. The carp were

placed in the State fish pond in this city.

The Legislature passed a law creating a board, composed of three members, to equalize taxation. In the various counties the rates of valuation differ widely in many cases. Maj. John W. Graham, Hon. Geo. Howard, of Tarboro, and Captain T. C. Patton, of Asheville, compose the committee. Yesterday they met in the office of the State Treasurer to investigate the subject of taxation and to report a bill for listing taxation and to report a bill for listing, assessing, equalizing and collecting taxes. They will examine the rates of valuation They will examine the rates of valuation of all classes of property in the various counties. —Dr. Dabney, State Chemist, in his report to the Board of Agriculture yesterday recommended strongly the establishment of an experimental farm, making at the same time some valuable suggestions as to what the plan and scope of such an institution would be. — Washington dot: The Democratic Senators will also hold a caucus this week, and whether it is decided that their candidate for President of the Senate may be chosen or not, they will select either Senator Runsom, of North Carolins, or Senator Harris, of Tennessee, as the nominee of the caucus: - Raleigh News-Observer: A few

days ago a gentleman who resides at a

days ago a gentleman who resides at a place near here received a letter postmarked Raleigh. Opening it he discovered that it was from his brother, who had died here many months ago. The letter had been 20 months in reaching him. — There were yesterday 588 pupils at the Centennial graded school. — During November the State Treasurer issued 46 drummers licenses. — There were seven appeals State Treasurer issued 46 drummers licenses. — There were seven appeals from Judge Walter Clark's decisions in the Superior Court. In all of these his judgments were affirmed. — The State Board of Agriculture meets to day. It will consider the industrial school matter and also the request of the State Horticultural Society for special aid and recognition. — As a mark of respect to the memory of Vice President Hendricks, yesterday the flags, National and State, on the capitol, were displayed at half mast, as was also the flag on the City Hall. The city bell was tolled between noon and 1 o'clock p. m. The postoffice was closed between the hours of 12 and 5. — CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 30.—The missionary meeting Saturday night was one of the finest your correspondent has ever attended. The speeches of Bishop Keener, Dr. Kelly and Rev. Charles Jones Soon, the young Chinaman who was in your city a few weeks ago, were all of a very fine type, and made a most excellent impression. The amount is the collection was 1268 49 which a most excellent impression. The amount raised in the collection was \$868.42, which, added to the collections for the year, make a total amount of \$15,768.42, of which \$11,000 is for foreign missions and the remainder is for domestic missions and for sending C. J. Soon to China. This is an advance of about \$1,500 on the previous year. Yesterday was a big day in Charlotte, and especially so at the Methodist church, where at the morning service Bishop Keener preached a grand sermon on the "Prodigal Son," giving a clearer insight into that exquisite parable than I have ever heard or read. After the sermon the Bishop ordained twenty seven candidates for deacca's erders, of whom thirteen are in the itinerant ranks and fourteen in local work: In the afternoon Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond Christian Adecade, preached a very interesting and original sermon on the hand of Providence in preparing the way for the advent of Christ, and the hand, the index finger, pointed to the ultimate triumph of Christianity over all its foes. There were ordained nine candidates to elders' orders, eight of them being to the itinerancy.