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France is threatened with a crisis On the 30th of January, 1886, the term of office of President Grevy expires. Under the Constitution of France the people do not elect the President, but the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The term of office is seven years. There are several parties in France, and among them are the Orleanists and Bonapartists. At present there is not much prospect of either a Bourbon or a Bonapartist being chosen, but the Government is so strong-so centralized -so little like the American Republic prior to 1861, that it need surprise no one if in the near future a Monarchy should be the final outcome. Both Orleanists and Bonapartists are strong for the restoration of a Monarchy and they constitute an aggressive and active minority that wield no little influence in creating public sentiment. The Republicans lost heavily in the late elections and this shows the drift of sentiment. The Baltimore American says of the

"The republic is not so fond of display as a monarchy, and its expenditures splendor are meagre compared with those of a regal or imperial court. A large part of the shop-keepers of Paris, therefore prefer a monarchy to a republic. The same may be said of the wielders of the money power. Even the army contains a large umber of men who secretly-if not openly -would like to see a restoration of the empire. What the Republicans desire, then is a man whose Presidency will not be a continual menace of a coup d'etat. It situation when Marshal MacMahon was President, and a coup d'elat seemed imminent for weeks. The steady nerve and the patience of the Republican leaders at that time, particularly Gambetta, saved France from this danger, and not only maintained but strengthened the republic. But France does not intend to place herself again in this danger if she can avoid it.

The present President is a man of excellent character, of superior abilities and of moderate aspirations. He is not a revolutionist and his re-election is altogether probable.

GENS. PORTER AND GRANT. It is known that Gen. Grant a few years before his death changed his opinion as to the merits of the case of Gen. Fitz John Porter, after he had given the case a close examination. This of course was very gratifying to Gen. Porter and his friends. Indeed, the Democrats generally were glad, for Gen. Porter is one of them, and the disgrace placed upon him was more political than anything else. Gen. Grant refers to Gen. Porter as the "deeply-wronged man," and so the South has always held. Gen. Grant's letter was written to President Arthur and during the first year of his administration. The following passage is very creditable to the writer, and shows that he was capable of much more nobler and generous things than soldiers of the

Sherman and Sheridan type: "The reading of the whole of the record has thoroughly convinced me that for these nineteen years I have been doing a gallant and efficient soldier a very great injustice in thought and sometimes in speech. feel it incumbent upon me now to do whatever lies in my power to remove from him and from his family honor the stain upon his good name."

Gen. Grant urged upon the President to do what he could to secure final justice for Gen. Porter, The whole treatment of him was malignant and infamous.

It is more than doubtful if coal is not deleterious to health and inductive of diseases of the respiratory organs. It is a fact that one-ninth of the human race die from diseases of those organs, and it is unfortunate if so comfortable a thing as coal really aggravates those diseases and increases the mortality. At any rate there are facts that seem to justify the raising of the question, Is coal as healthful as wood as a fuel? Mr. J. R. Randall, of the Augusta Chronicle, in one of his recent very enjoyable letters from Washington

to his paper, writes thus: "Dr. Foster, in his pamphlet, says that New Orleans heads the list for consumption. A Creole told me that this disease had been almost unknown among his peo-ple until the introduction of coal for fuel and other 'modern improvements.' I have no doubt that the same processes, in this place, lead to similar results. It may be, therefore, that the open doors of Southern houses are really health preserving. Old Gov. Wise used to say that the man who opened a door and failed to shut it, let in angel unaware. Such is the importance of fresh atmosphere."

to the Grant monument.

THE WEEKLY STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1886.

THE LATE REV. DR. CURTIS. When a boy we read "Festus." that everybody read, and thought it strange and wonderful, Our old revered school-master. James M. for the year 1884-5. It contains a Lovejoy, who was something of a poet, was in raptures and would read it to us at recess. It had a great | the Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis, D.D." run and was greatly praised. It is which was read before the Society strange that it is almost out of print. in May last by Dr. Thomas F. Wood We have tried in vain for two or of this town. It is of real interest three years to buy a copy. Some and ought to be widely read. Dr. enterprising publisher ought to put it | Curtis was one of the most accomon his list and get out a neat \$1.25 | plished and accourate botanists in copy. It would sell for much if it is this country, and his entire writings poetry. We are reminded of this | concerning North Carolina ought to famous book by the following para- be published in one volume. He was graph clipped from a Northern ex- of European reputation and although

"Philip James Bailey, whose poem of Festus made quite a stir in the literary world a generation ago, and which had an enormous sale in the United States, is stillliving at Nottingham, England, the place of his birth, in his 69th year. He sucks sweet solace from the thought that 'Festus' is immortal."

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Mr. Joseph Cowen was the Irish nember who was singled out by Mr Parnell for political ostracism, and all Irishmen were urged to vote against him. But he was elected from Newcastle-on-Tyne. He is a man of ability, is an Irishman, and will doubtless support the Liberals in Parliament. He has issued a manifesto to his constituents. We quote passage in which he favors the

Gladstone plan for Ireland and says: "It is impossible for England to consent to protective tariffs for Ireland, to the confiscation of the property of landlords in Ireland, or to allow the Irish members to legislate on the home affairs of England in addition to having their own Parliament. With these exceptions, I approve of home rule for Ireland. Paper guarantees for the representation of minorities, the equitable partition of all imperial charges, and the unity of the empire, in my opinion, are useless. The best security against a disruption of the union is the mutual interest existing between England and Ireland."

All sorts of suggestions are made as to the moving principle of Mr. Gladstone in dealing with the Irish question. The latest is the following which comes from London:

of his career shall be either death in the nighest office of the realm or voluntary rerement from that office without the humiliation of being driven from power by the adverse verdict of the people upon his policy. With this as his incentive Mr. Gladatone is employing every resource of his fertile mind, full of the expedients suggested by a long and varied experience of public sentiment. Victory under the present circumstances would indeed be a crowning achievement."

A friend writes us that Clinton feels bereaved. Only the other day its noble citizen and conscientious jurist, Judge Mckoy, passed away in peace, and now his youthful success sor on the bench, Judge Boykin, is sorely bereaved in the death of his noble Christian wife. Mrs. Boykin was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and was in her 30th year. Her husband was holding his second court, and at his home when the great loss fell upon him. Many will sympathize with him in the acute sorrow that fills his soul.

Claverius is in poor health it i said. It is probably temporary. His devoted aunt has paid him a visit of several weeks. A Richmond letter in the Baltimore American says:

"Before leaving, she remarked to friend that she did not expect to come to the city again; that she had done all she could for her nephew, and had reached her end—conveying the impression that she had spent all she had for his defence. The parting between Mrs. Tuntstall and Cluverius was very affecting."

She lives in King and Queen

Minister Curry has presented his credentials to the Queen of Spain, and was warmly welcomed. A spe-

"Minister Curry prefaced his remarks upon the subject of international commer-cial relations with the expression of his and his Government's condolence upon the sad his Government's condolence upon the sad bereavement that had fallen upon the Queen in the death of King Alfonso. Queen Chris tina was deeply affected by the expressions of sympathy. Recovering from her emo-tion she declared her thanks for the expressions of kindness by the United States Min

An eminent Frenchman in the last century, Count Aranda, had a clear prevision of the future growth and greatness of the United States. Writing about the close of the Revolutionary War, this acute student and observer wrote thus of the new

This Federal Republic is born a pygmy A day will come when it will be a giant, even a colossus, formidable in these coun-tries. Liberty of conscience, the facility for establishing a new population on immense lands, as well as the advantages of a new government, will draw thither farmers and artisans from all the nations."

He further predicted that Florida would be secured and that Mexico would be attacked.

Prohibition has not worked satisfactorily in Iowa. State Senate Sutton says there are more salogns now than before prohibition was adopted. There were 1,806 places open before the law went into operation and there are now 1,837 open, in addition to 240 places where liquor is dispensed without authority. do not understand this. If there is a law prohibiting why does it not operate. Mr. Sutton says the law only does good where public sentiment is strong in its favor.

Gen. Toombs averaged from 1840 China and her representatives at to 1875 about \$20,000 a year. He Washington have contributed \$500 ought to have left a much larger estate than he did.

We have received the "Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society" very entertaining and instructive "Sketch of the Botanical Work of follows: It is again denied that Mr. Glad-

of Northern birth he gave his entire manhood to the service of the South and most of it to North Carolina. What Dr. Curtis teaches concern-

ing fungi (mushrooms) is worthy of general circulation. He found 111 varieties of edible mushrooms in North Carolina. He considered them delicious and an excellent substitute that forty or fifty more varieties could be found in the State. We

"And so it seems to be throughout the country. Hill and plain, mountain and valley, woods, fields, and pastures, swarm with a profusion of good nutritious fungi, which are allowed to decay where they spring up, because people do not know how or are afraid to use them By those of us who know their use, their value was ap-preciated as never before during our late war, when other food, especially meat, was scarce and dear."

There are certain species of mushrooms that are deadly poisons. But the edible kinds are regarded as s delicious by those who have eaten them that it is a matter for regret that more people do not understand their character and are able to dis tinguish between the edible and the poisonous. Dr. Curtis wrote to Rev. Mr. Berkeley, in England:

"The Lycoperaon giganteum is also a great favorite with me, as indeed, with all my acquaintances who have tried it. It has not the high aroma of some others, but it has a delicacy of flavor that makes it superior to any omelette I have ever eaten. as to adapt it to the most delicate stomachs. This is the Southdown of mushrooms."

The comment of Dr. Wood explains the meaning of Dr. Curtis.

"Could gastronomic enthusiasm run higher than to compare a devil's snuff box, that the school boy takes particutar delight in using as a foot ball to show his detestation, to the luscious mest of a South-down mutton! And then triumphantly he adds in this latitude (about 36 deg.) we can find nonths of the year, and some even the year the soil frozen solid !"

Dr. Curtis did more for the classifying and describing of the plants and flowers of North Carolina than all the other botanists combined, and his labors have been appreciated by able men of science in the North and in Europe. Dr. Wood has done his work well. There are other reports of interest in this "Journal" and we may hereafter refer to them.

While the mad-dog scare is filling the papers and boys and men are going all the way to Paris to be treated for hydrophobia by M. Pasteur, it is curious to see that there are sceptics in the field who take the ground that no person dies of rabies save from the imagination. In other words, that a person bitten may or may not die according to the condition of his imagination. So says "Nym Chrinkle," of the New York World, and Dr. Al Watts, of Boston, as so says Dr. Wheeler. Dr. Watts takes the position that there is no evidence to prove hydrophobia from the bite of a The Boston Post says of him:

"Dr. Watts has been bitten by hundreds of dogs in all forms of sickness and health. His cuticle is frescoed in every part by the teeth and claws of dogs and other beasts, but in all his experience he has never seen a dog or a person that had the hydrophobia. His belief in the existence of such a malady is about as vague and remote as that of the average man in ghosts. He does not assume to say there is not and cannot be any such thing, but the weight of his opinion is to

The Northern papers think that there has been some improvement during the last four months, and that the new year will witness a steady improvement. We hope that the statistics of railroads and business centres will show that there has been improvement. An increase of only 5 per cent. of business in the United States would show a large result. How much the increase, if any, may not be given in dollars and cents, but we note the fact that the papers insist that since 1st September there has been some improvement. In North Carolina there has been but little signs this way. All along the line of the W. & W. Railroad there has been complaint of dull times. Let us hope for the best and do what ve can to make improvement certain and permanent.

"An Arkansas editor was arraigned before a Little Rock magistrate for breaking the ribs of a reporter with a paste pot.

The trial developed the fact that the reporter in writing up an account of a public building that had been burned made use of the expression 'but it will soon rise Phoenix like from its ashes,' and the editor was honorably discharged, and the reporter was hung by an angry mob."—Richmond State.

Several other reporters have been ent to the limbo of incompetent reporters for daring to refer to the "fire-fiend," "the beautiful and socomplished daughter," "our city," when it had only 350 inhabitants, "a marriage in high life," and "a great social event."

The editorial correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, Mr. James R. Randall bears testimoney as to the value of Civil Service which we very heartily concur in. He writes as

"A Congressman, who professes to know, assures me that the departments here are filled with scalawags, carpet-baggers and Republicans, who claim to be from the South. The more I am brought in contact with what is ordinarily called civil service reform, the more I am convinced that it is the monumental fraud of the age."

stone's plans concerning Ireland have been correctly given. So Sir T. D. Ackland said in a speech delivered on Wednesday last. He warned his hearers against crediting any reports as they "were utterly untrustworthy." He also made the interesting statement that Mr. Gladstone did not desire to resume office at his advanced age, 76. He had had enough of office but was ready to do his duty. This statement appears to be authoritative as the speaker had for bread and meat. He thought just returned from a visit to Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, his home.

> A veteran editor of a largely cir: culated religious paper in North Carolina writes us on Christmas day: "With approval of your opposition to the Blair bill and your course generally as editor of the STAR, I remain, &c.," This is the kind of indorsement we like, as it comes from a man of education, of ability, of observa-

If Mr. Carlisle does as he is charged with purposing to do in regard to silver he will make himself unpopular with a majority of his party friends in the House. That is, arrange the Committee on Coinage, &c., with a majority in favor of suspending coinage.

In endeavoring to exhume the body of Mr. James A. Watson, at Yorkville, S. C., the coffin exploded. The body was interred in 1875. It was of course the gas from the decomposed body that caused it.

O'Hara does not take to Smalls and Smalls does not take to O'Hara, and so of them it cannot be said that they are

"Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

A daughter of Major Gilson, an x Confederate, at Kirkdale, Mo. died on a schooner at sea on its way from New York to Norfolk. She was in destitution. She took her ife with morphine.

Consul General Mueller has given offence to the German Government by reporting upon the feeling of that Government towards the United State. A diplomatic correspondence is talked of in Washington.

The Wisconsin idea of Civil Service Reform is for a Republican expostmaster to kick into the street his Democratic successor. Do you call that backing your friends?

Gen. Toombs never said he would call the roll of his slaves at the foot of Bunker Hill Monument. But the North started the falsehood and will keep it going to the crack of doom.

It is the people who read papers on Sunday and not the publishers who have the work done on Saturday, who are to be censured by the moral-

Since Prohibition was adopted in Iowa Senator Edmunds has steadfastly refused to avail himself of Greeley's advice, "Go West, young man."

The Lynchburg Advance appears in a new dress. We congratulate Maj. Glass on this sign of prosperity. Haleyon Days. The balcyon days which began a week

ago will end next Monday. The seven days preceding and immediately following the shortest day of the year or the winter solstice were called by the ancients the halcyon days. This phrase, so familiar as expressive of a period of tranquility and hap piness, is derived from a fable that during the period indicated, while the halcyon bird or king fisher was breeding the sea was always calm and might be navigated in perfect security by the mariner.

The Marine Hospital. There is no marine hospital at either Nor folk or Savannah and consequently chronic cases of sickness among seamen at these ports are sent to the Marine Hospital here. There are two patients in the hospital now from Savannah and four from Norfolk One seaman, who came here completely paralyzed in his lower extremities, about nine months ago, has improved under the treatment of the surgeon in charge so as to be able to walk a short distance without assistance.

In Aid of a Baptist Church. The ladies of Willard, Pender county, will give an entertainment at that place on Thursday evening next, for the benefit of the Willard Baptist Church. It will consist of the comedy "Widow Bedott," with tableaux and music. Refreshments will be served from twelve o'clock noon until twelve at night. We hope they will meet with great success.

Naval Stores in Savannab. The News of Thursday says: "Naval stores are again on a boom. During the past two days spirits turpentine have advanced 1c, and rosins have risen \$1 per parrel. The stock of rosins on this market is the largest ever known, and the very high prices are attributable, it is thought, to

The Canton, Pa., Sentinel of Decemb

25, has the following announcement: The Chatauqua Circle, and the commit tee having immediate charge of the ar-rangements for a lecture course, have spent considerable time and patience already, and expect to spend much more in trying to provide pleasant and profitable enter-tainments to the hearers, and have then within the limit of the purses of those who buy the tickets. The result so far has been nighly satisfactory, and if the public generally will merely abstain from patronizing he traveling humbugs and save their money for the amusing and elevating lec-tures which the Circle hope to have, the final result will also be agreeable.

The first lecture of the course will be that by Col. L. F. Copeland, on "Snobs and Snobbery," on Monday, January 4, 1886. This gentleman is well known, and has been been by the course of the course.

has been heard by many of our citizens who all speak highly of his lectures. Did you ever? Surely, "Col. L. F. Copeland" is none other than our own dear Charles Wesley Warren, who delighted the people of Wilmington, a few years since, with that same old lecture on "Snobs and Snobbery," and also with one entitled 'Chaig up the Dog." But he was the 'Rev. C. W. Warren" while here, and he was a powerful preacher as well as a lec-

We congratulate the "Chatauqua Circle" on their good fortune in adding "Col. L. F. Copeland" to their list of lecturers! He is not one of the "travelling humbugs." No, never! What, never? Well, hardly

But, seriously, we must inform our estimable brother of the Sentinel that we believe "Col. L. F. Copeland" to be identical with the "Rev. C. W. Warren" who "figured" in Wilmington some years ago; and, if so, he is one of most magnificent frauds that ever escaped penitentiary or chain-gang. If the "Chatauqua Circle" is really in love with the "amusing and elevating," they will do well to examine carefully "Col. Copeland's" credentials

Brunswick Items. A large bald eagle with a tinkling bell on its neck, has created a sensation in different parts of the county. It was first seen in October last, on Mr. Wm. Mercer's and Mr. Geo. Swain's places, on the sea coast, and was last observed at Mr. Ezekiel Skipper's place, near Town Creek. People are greatly interested and would like to know whence their strange visitor came-

Mr. Ezra Thomas, a well known citizen of Brunswick, died at his home in the county on Tuesday last, of Bright's dis

The people of the county are very anxious to have a free ferry established over the Cape Fear. They complain of the high charges for ferriage-one dollar for a horse and cart to go and come-and argue that the difference between this charge and when tickets are bought by the quantity in advance-at half rates-shows that the charge in the first instance is unreasonable and often prevents people from visiting

Cape Fear River Improvement. Capt. W. H. Bixby, U. S. Engineer in charge of the improvement of Cape Fear river, has presented the Chamber of Commerce with a framed copy of his "Progress Map" of the river below Wilmington, showing the proposed channels across Brunswick river, Logs and Big Island, and Lilliput shoals, together with an indication of the portions of the channel already dredged. There is at present a channelway of sixteen feet depth, at low water, and one hundred and eleven feet width across all three of these shoals; and this width is increased to one hundred and forty-eight feet for one thousand feet each side of the bend of the channel in Lilliput shoal. In his letter accompanying the map, Capt. Bixby says: "Until further appropriations are voted by Congress these channels must remain in their present condition. As soon as more funds become available work will be recommenced upon widening these channels to the full width of two hundred and seventy feet."

The Weather, &c. The vagaries of the weather the past few days were beyond all conjecture and past finding out. Evidently the Signal Bureau were much of this opinion, for they gave no note of warning of the cold wave that swept down on us Christmas night, after days of summer like weather. Christmas eve the rain poured down steadily, drove the busy shoppers indoors, dampened the bright prospects of store-keepers and utterly spoiled the fun of the small boy with his tin horn and fire-crackers. Christmas day was pleasant with a cloudy sky and a westerly wind that at nightfall edged around to the north, bringing the tempera ture down to thirty-one degrees by Saturday morning. A brisk wind was blowing all day yesterday and at 10 p. m. the temperature was thirty-six degrees. At Smithville, the velocity of the wind was twenty seven miles an hour.

Horse Thief. The Charleston News and Courier of the 25th says that a dapper-looking gentleman hired a horse from a livery stable in Summerville, S. C., Wednesday morning and has not since been seen. The owner, suspecting that the chevalier had sold the horse and left for a colder clime, came to Charleston on Wednesday and telegraphed the authorities at Wilmington to stop the "excursion party returning home." Nothing, however, has yet been heard of the missing horse or the fugitive.

Cotton Receipts and Exports. The receipts of cotton at this port for the week ended December 26th, 1885, foot up 2,292 bales, as against 2,660 bales for the corresponding period of 1884, a decrease of

the corresponding date in 1884; a decrease this year of 5,106 bales. The total exports from this port since September 1, 1885, are 65,882; for the same period last year 66,488 bales.

The receipts for the crop year to date foot

A Mammoth Collard. Our friend Mr. Alrich Adrian, of the firm of Adrian & Vollers, of this city, was the recipient of a Christmas present in the shape of a mammoth collard, raised upon Masonboro, Sound which measured across its top about four feet.

- Capt. Savage gave an old-fashioned Christmas dinner to the inmates of the county Poor House and House of Correction-twenty-four inmates of the former and some eight or ten prisoners. Turkeys, pork and pies were furnished in abundance and were greatly enjoyed.

OYSTER WAR.

Maryland Dredgers Resist a Police Steamer-A Flerce Fusilade Kept up for Some Time-Cannon Shot Used by the Steamer-Result of the Fight

Baltimone, Dec. 24.—A special from Easton, Md., says a fierce battle took place in Popiar Island Narrows, Tuesday night, between a fleet of eight dredge boats and one of the oyster police steamers, probably Captain Griffith's boat, the Gov. Thomas. The steamer came into the Narrows about 11 o'clock at night, found the dredgers at work, and attempted to arrest them. They resisted and opened fire on the ateamer, which was returned at first with small arms. A flerce fusilade was kept up some time. The dredgers made it hot the steamer until her captain opened on them with his cannon. This silenced their fire and put them to flight. They started off down the bay, pursued by the steamer, firing cannon shot at them, and passed out of sight of the spectators on shore, many of whom had been aroused from sleep by the noise of the battle. The witnesses of the fight from shore could not tell what damage was done to either side, but the firing was so fast and furious and lasted so long, that they think there must have been some killed or wounded.

NEW MEXICO.

War of Extermination to be Waged Against the Apache Indians. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

DENNING, December 24.-Leading citi zens of Silver City met on yesterday to devise means for prosecuting a war of extermination against the murderous Apaches It was at first thought that the Governmen would purchase forty or fifty blood hounds to track the Indians; both Generals Crook and Bradley favoring the proposition as the only really available means of pursuing the red butchers. Word was received from Santa Fe that the army officers were willing to recommend the employment of bloodhounds, but thought it would be several months before the War Department would act upon their recommendations, learning this, the citizens called a meeting and determined to raise money by subscrip tion for the purchase of a pack of bloodhounds, and for again equipping and put ting the local militia in the field. Wealthy ranchmen in attendance pledged over \$600 for the purchase of blood hounds. was also determined to raise a picked com pany of three hundred experienced Indian fighters from several districts in the Territory, who will immediately take the field and campaign the remainder of the winter.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Strike Situation in the Mononga-

hela Valley. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.! PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—There was no new evelopments in the miner's strike. The situation along the Monongahela Valley this morning is quiet and no trouble is an-First and Second Pools met in Grove to consider the advisability of returning to work. It was the largest gathering since the inauguration of the strike; fully 150 strikers were present and considerable enthusiasm prevailed. After several speeches, mostly in favor of continuing the strike, a resolution to stand for three cents was carried almost unanimously. A general convention will probably be held at Monongahela City early next week. On Monday next a mass meet ing will be held at the Alliquippa mines, for the purpose of trying to persuade working miners to come out for an ad-

COLORADO.

Recovery of the Bodies of Miners En tambed by a Snow-Slide. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) DENVER, Dec. 24 -A special from Silerton says; The bodies of Burke Hovye and J. Scales, the two miners who were imprisoned in the Product Son Mine Tues day, by a snow slide, were found at a late hour last night at the bottom of the shaft. Both bodies were packed in snow as in a mould. Hovey was found standing upright on a piece of timber, six feet from he bottom of the shaft, while Scales was found standing at the bottom of the shaft The latter had a candle in his left hand, and was shading his eyes with his right and looking up as though to see what was coming down the mine. From appearances their death must have been instantaneous Scales was from Orange, Tex., and Hovey from Woodstock, N. B.

WISCONSIN.

Republican Postmaster Refuses to Surrender His Office to President Cleveland's Appointee. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.-Among President Cleveland's appointments before the neeting of Congress, was that of Dr. Everhard as postmaster of Ripon. The appointee received his commission but failed This to qualify before Congress convened. morning Dr. Everbard a ppeared at the office, presented his commission and the discharge papers of the old postmaster, and demanded that the office be turned over to him. His demand was ignored and he was kicked into the street by the present in-cumbent of the office, who has held the position for the past four years. The U.

he will go to Ripon this afternoon GEORGIA.

fudge Clarke's Decision in the Atlanta Contested Election Case.

ATLANTA, Dec. 24.—This morning, in the Superior Court, Judge Marshal J. Clarke decided the contest growing out of the recent prohibition election, and held that he could not take action on a bill which is not yet a law, because the result on the election has not yet been declared He held also that he could not interfere with an election. He, therefore, dissolved the injunction, and the ordinary who was in the court room immediately declared the result to be 228 majority for prohibition. The case will be appealed, and other litigation is in prospect.

INDIANA.

The Hendricks Monument Association will Not Ask Ald from the General Government. Indianapolis, December 24.—The Executive Committee of the Hendricks Monment Association has been discussing a oggestion in the newspapers that Congress appropriate \$10,000 in aid of the construc tion of the memorial. The result of the liscussion was the unanimous adoption of a resolution that no such appropriation should be expected or asked, but that the association should depend alone upon vol-untary donations by the people for the

VIRGINIA.

Deficit of \$50,000 or More in a County Treasurer's Accounts. HARRISONBURG, Dec. 24.—The sureties on the official bond of S. R. Sterling, treasurer of this county, held a meeting today and closed the office. The county court this morning gave Sterling until Monday to give a new bond. His failure to do so will cause the appointment of a new treasurer. Sterling has been sued by the State Auditor for \$87,000 back taxes, and after partial investigation the deficit in the county funds was placed at \$20,000, making a total of \$50,000 to \$60,000. Sterling has been treasurer of the county for about fourteen years, and had the absolute confidence of the entire community. His friends claim of the entire community. His friends claim

On Christmas day, about eight miles from Union Court House, S. C., Henry R. Fowler was shot by B. B. Goings, after a short altercation which grew out of a grudge of long standing. Both men are white and of good standing.

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FOREIGN. The London Times Suggests Extreme Measures for freland-German Americans to be Expelled from Schleswig-Cholera in Cayenne.

S WY JUNYOR

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, Dec. 24 .- It is reported that the Government intends to prosecute one of the recently elected Irish members of Parliament for a speech he made at a Land League meeting at Cork, on the ground that the language used on the oc-casion tended to incite his hearers to com-

It is reported that cholera is raging in Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Foreign Office has notified Mr. Pendleton, American Minister, that it is intended to expel German-Americans residing at Schleswig who emigrated to the United States just before becoming liable to military service and re-turned after being naturalized. The recent order of expulsion of other German-Americans remains suspended.

London. Dec. 24.—The Times, in an

editorial, without advocating any extreme measures, suggests that the Irish difficulty could be solved in three months by the ex-clusion of Parnellites from the House of Commons and a proclamation of martial law in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Pont Predd, Wales, this morning, says that seventy-five corpses have been recovered from the Ferndale pit, where the explosion occurred vesterday, and it i feared that others are buried in the debris. The scenes in the vicinity of the mine are pitiful At day-break this morning s resh body of volunteers began exploring the pit, and are working manfully in the attempt to recover the bodies.

ILLINOIS.

Many Persons Injured by the Burning of a Christmas Tree at Festivities in Chicago-A Dynamite Scare. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 .- It is stated at the counhospital this morning that at least two undred and fifty persons received injuries at the burning of the Christmas tree at the festivities yesterday, but that most of the burns and bruises are of a trivial nature. Among the more painfully injured are Mrs. A. A. Carpenter, of No. 88 Cass street, who had a rib and her collar bone broken and her face and hands scorched. A. C. Bartlett, who was severely burned, and Commissioner Van Pelt, whose face and hands were scorched. Mrs King, of West Congress street, and three little children, are still at the hospital, all being quite severely burned. Two of the women who jumped from a window to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet, injured their backs, but whether seriously or not is not

CHICAGO. Dec. 26 .- A little after i o'clock this morning a package of peculiar construction was found on the front purch of Judge Lambert Tree's palatial residence No. 24 Cass street, by his coachman, who tenderly picked it up and carried it into a vacant lot in the rear and then started on the run for the Chicago Avenue police station. He was pale with fright when he reached there, and telling Lt. Shephard that he had found it, asked that an officer be sent down to investigate Officer Gallagher was sent back with him and together they took the mysterious can to the lake shore at the foot of Chicago Avenue and touched s match to the foot of the dynamite fuse which was wound about the can. The explosion made a terrific noise which was heard distinctly at the station, and the earth was torn up for several feet. When the can was first found it was standing under a door way; the fuse was charred at the end, showing that it had been lighted

Thus far the police have no idea of the parties who are responsible for the contemplated outrage. It is not known that any motive existed for the commission of such a barbarous act. There have been no arrests made. The Tree residence is one of the most elaborate, and costly houses in the city, occupying C. e-fourth of an entire block in the fashionable residence district of the city. The building probably represents \$200,000 with its valuable contents.

MICHIGAN. Polish Catholics Rioting in Detroit. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Early this morning the Polish Catholics of St. Albert's church gathered about that building, but dispersed without doing any damage. Later in the morning the crowd once more began to ether and by 10 o'clock fully 2,000 people had gathered around the church They were quiet and orderly, except when John Lemkie was seen; and then he was hooted and jeered. About 11 o'clock the crowd started on a run towards the grocery of Thos. Zoetowalski, who has been leadin a spirit of opposition to Father Koclasuski and the feeling against him is very bitter. Three wagons of police were sent out to reinforce those already on duty. The crowd eached the grocery in advance of the po appeared at his upper window with a shotfrighten them away. contrary effect, and the windows were crushed in immediately with bricks, stones and frozen mud. The uproar was deafening and was only slightly abated when the police arrived. Just before noon a brick went through the hat of Sergeant Nolan, when he ordered a section of the crowd to disperse. A patrolman attempted to arrest the man who threw it, and was floored with a snow shovel. The crowd became massed at this point and it was only after a hard fight that the police extricated them - Raleigh News-Observer: Mr, elves and the prisoners they had captured. Jas. M. Harris has had a stroke of paralysis. Three others were arrested later. The police seem unable to disperse the crowd.

Word was received at 2 o'clock that the rowd had not yet been driven away. MISSOURI.

which exhibits a spirit of defiance and

answers all orders with jeers and shouts.

frouble Between White and Colored

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BEVIER, December 26.-Much apprehen sion was felt among law-abiding citizens yesterday in regard to the white and black On Christmas eve the negroes had a dance at the stockade, and many of them were intoxicated and revolvers were frequently flourished. Several fights occurred mong them and all night long there was ooting going on, without fatal effect, wever. The citizens claim that all the shooting was done by the negroes, and the negroes claim that some of the white miners did the shooting. Yesterday the negroes emained in the stockade, drinking heavily. There was also a great deal of drinking among the white men, and frequent fights occurred on both sides. A large number of both white and black miners went to facon county to-day and the authorities there were somewhat alarmed and took extraordinary precautions to prevent any trouble by enlisting extra police. Several prevented a riot.

RHODE ISLAND.

Shipping Disaster - Gale and Snow. PROVIDENCE, December 26.—The Point Judith Life-Saving crew put out in their life-boat yesterday for the scene of the collision between the schooner Willie DeWitt and another unknown vessel, and have not yet returned. A northeast gale prevailed yesterday and to day with snow flurries and thick weather this morning. A dispatch from Point Judith to-day says it is supposed the crew reached Block Island harbor. The government cable to Block Island is inoperative and their fate cannot be definitely known until a steamer can get through to Newport. The Revenue cutter has been ordered to search for them.

The Pope of Rome is suffering from kidney complaint, and has been ordered by his physicians to take complete rest.

- Chadbourn Times: Not far from Lennon's X Roads, in Robeson county, one Miss Pitman was so badly burned by her ciothes taking fire that it was thought she could not live a day. She is still living, however; three weeks after the accident.

Spirits Turpentine

Laurinburg Exchange: Engine 29, the second new engine built entirely here, was taken out of the shops and run to Wilmington to be weighed this week. Capt. Maglenn, seconded by the assistance of his able foreman, Mr. T. L. Shaw, and others, proposes henceforth to build all the new engines the company may need.

- Graham Gleaner; One day ast week some of the authorities of the Richmond & Danville Railroad syndicate visited Company Shops and discharged over thirty of the hands employed in the railroad shops at that place. Carpenters, machinists, blacksmiths and others who have done faithful service, some for twen-

- The law makes November 30th the close of the school fiscal year, and requires the county treasurers to make immediate report to the State Superintendent of receipts and disbursements of school funds. The penalty for delay in not complying with this requirement is severe, and ought to be, because it involves delay in the Superintendent's report. It is now the 22nd of December, and sixteen tressurers have not reported. Why this delay I do not know, but it is to be hoped that this com-plaint will not only cause the delinquent treasurers to forward their reports at once, but will prevent delay in the future.—S. M. Finger, Superintendent of Public In-

- Winston Daily: Seventeen convicts escaped from the stockade at Dalton Sunday night. It was planned for all to escape. They had axes hid for the purpose, and when they knew there were only two guards on duty, one at each entrance, they rushed to one entrance, which atcted both guards to this one, and immedistely the convicts rushed to the other entrance, and before the guard could interfere with an axe be had picked up, seven teen of the convicts made their escape by chopping through the door. They were fired at, but no one was hit. [Dalton is in Stokes county. The convicts were part of the force of 150 at work on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad there.—Raleigh

-- Rockingham Rocket: A Baptist preacher who was before the Federal Court at Charlotte last week on the charge of selling "crooked" whiskey, proved a good character and came clear, but con-fessed that he occasionally "chipped in" fessed that he occasionally "chipped in" with some of his neighbors in buying a keg for "home consumption." He was re-leased. — We failed to hear his Honor's charge to the grand jury last Monday morning, but we are informed that he made pointed reference to the late lynching and condemned the same in unmeasured erms; at the same time instructing the jury fully as to their duty in the premises. It imparts increased enormity to the act that it should have been perpetrated just on the eve of court, which point his Honor the event of the court, which point his Honor the court is familiar to the court of the court in the court is the court of the court is the court of the court in the court is the court in the court is the court in the court in the court in the court is the court in the court or took pains to stress in forcible language.

- Raleigh News Observer: A day or so ago a negro man named Robert Har-ris fell through an elevator hatchway, at the store No. 14 East Martin street. He fell from the third floor to the cellar, striking on his back. The distance was nearly forty feet. It was remarkable that he was not killed at once, yet his injuries were not of a critical character, and he is rapidly recovering. — Lawyers say that the now being held in the case of S. A. Dupree vs. the Virginia Home Insurance Company of special interest to the profession and o parties to insurance contracts. It is excted that this decision, dealing as it does with many points, will both prevent litigation and expedite the collection of such claims. The Dupree case was commend uary, 1880; tried in August, 1883 erdict for plaintiff: verdict set aside: tried again in August, 1884; verdict for plaintiff; appeal, heard in October, 1884. An advisari was taken by the court; opinion filed at the February term, 1885. Defendants filed petition to rehear, which was allowed The petition was argued on two distinct occasions. The judgment was affirmed, and so ended one of the most hotly contested cases tried here for many years.

- Charlotte Observer: Prof. Ba-

ker, our local weather prophet, is de-

moralized. He missed it straight along for

22 days out of this month. - The telegraph line between Charlotte and States ille, along the A. T. & O. Railroad, is now in successful operation, with offices open at Davidson College and at Mooresville. —— Master Jack Kirkpatrick, after two months service as deliverer of ten cent letters in this city, has resigned, as the profits were not sufficient to cover the wear and tear of sole leather. — News reached the city yesterday afternoon, of a fatal collision of freight trains on the Western North Carolina road, resulting in the death of one engineer and two firemen, and the probable fatal injury of another engineer. The accident was apparenty due to the carelessness conductor and engineer in charge of one of the trains in not strictly following out train orders. An official of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company gives us the following particulars of the collision: Two freight trains, Nos. 5 and 6, collided four miles east of Old Fort at 2:45 o'clock a. m. The cause of the accident was a miscalcuation of time on the part of conductor Drake and engineer Perkins of train No. 6. Marion was the regular meeting point of these two trains, and conductor Trott and ngineer Jack Edwards, running No. 5, arrived at Marion on time, and after wait-ing their delayed time for No. 6, proceeded on their delayed time for No. 6, proceeded on their rights, and when within four miles of Old Fort they met No. 6. Conductor Drake's watch had stopped and was wrong; but engineer Perkins had compared his watch a few minutes before leaving Old Fort and he and his fireman both had standard time. Engineer Perkins and his fireman, Jim O'Neal, were killed on their engine, and fireman Asheley McIntosh jumped and was killed by spinal concusion. Engineer Edwards was slightly hurt The engines and five cars were damaged but not seriously.

At Durham Monday evening Mr. Dan'l Albright's boarding house, a two-story wooden building, was burned. Persons had to jump from the windows on the floor to escape the fire. No one was injured. The loss was some \$3,000, with \$1,500 insurance. — The penitentiary authorities have information to the effect that three of the seventeen convicts who escaped from the stockade near Dalton, in Stokes county, have been recaptured at Yesterday evening a mule ran away with a buggy in which were a Mr. Smith and Mr. James Chappell, of Wake. The atter was thrown out at the corner of East Hargett and South Blount streets and striking a bridge received bad injuries of the ip. — Hendersonville, Dec. 22nd, 885.—To-day at 10 oclock the last rail on thus connecting Asheville and this place with steel rails. — HAMILTON, Dec. 28rd. — The warehouse belonging to the R. N. & B. Steamboat Company, including 29 the Asheville & Spartanburg road was laid, & B. Steamboat Company, including 29 bales of cotton and 26 sacks of peanuts, was burned here to-day; loss \$3,500, partly in-sured. The fire originated about 10 o'clock, p. m., and is thought to be caused from the hands of an incendiary. — Barks-dale vs. Commissioners, from Sampson no error. [This is the case in which the late Judge McKoy ruled that the school tax in excess of the con-Court sustains that ruling. It is an important and serious matter, as other counties, which have levied special school taxes, are interested. Boards of county commissioners cannot, for school purposes, exceed the limitation prescribed by the poll-tax clause of the constitution.) —— In the case of the State vs. Smith, from Buncombe county, yesterday decided in the Supreme Court, to which allusion was made yester-Court, to which allusion was made yester-day, the question of the constitutionality of the "drummers' license tax," (section 28 of the revenue act) was raised and argued. The defendant was convicted below of a violation of the law and appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the judgment, thus adjudging the constitutionality of the law imposing the tax; but the point not being technically presented in the record, the court did not discuss the constitutional question. The income annually derived by the State from this license tax being so large (over \$86,000), any case affecting the question is a matter of public concern.