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SHERMAN AND A PREE BALLOT

The effort of Sherman and company to put the election of mempers of Congress under the exclusive control of the Federal Government deserves condemnation from all classes in all parties who desire free and fair elections. Of course the end in view is easily seen. Sherman wishes by intimidation and false count to get a majority of Republi- by Federal taxation. The proposiknows that the South, if let alone will remain strictly Democratic as long as fools talk treason in the North, and bloody-shirters dance the war dance. Self-preservation is the law that will govern the South in dealing with the blatherskites and persecutors and slanderers.

Sherman is a great fraud. He blows hot and cold and almost with the same breath. He comes South and gushes lovingly over it. He returns to his Northern home and presto, change, he begins to curse the South and swear that it is plotting treason. He now pretends that there is no chance of securing an equal representation from the South save by putting the polls under the control of the General Government.

The truth is both Republicans and Democrats are drifting away from Constitutional standards and are den. leaning more and more to a Strong Government. This is painfully true. When Southern Democratic Conventions can unanimously adopt resolutions favoring Federal school teaching in the States by taxation, and a preference for taxing shoes, hats, blankets, clothing, medicine, etc., to taxing whiskey, beer, &c., then no one need feel or express surprise when a Northern Republican leader, or a Northern Republican Convention delivers in favor of the asserting of the power of the Federal Congress over the election of members of the Federal House in the States. They are all bad and bad alike. They show an utter forgetfulness of the aggressions in the past upon the States, the trend towards despotism, and the weakening of the great, fundamental, glorious doctrine of home rule for the people of America.

The plea that Sherman sets up is the plea of Blaine, little Foraker, the Republican leaders and newspapers generally. It is that the ballot is suppressed in the South. Every intelligent colored man in North Carolina knows that in this State the colored vote as freely as the whites. In Virginia, in Kentucky, in Tennessee, in Georgia, in Texas and other States the same may be said. It is true in some of the States the negroes do not vote with the unanimity they did under the benign and blessed times of carpet-baggery and the corporal of the guard. But they vote as they please and when they please. There is no doubt that some repression has occurred in the past in South Caros lina and Louisiana. But this is doubtless exaggerated and has been much less in late years than it was eight or ten years since. The great falling off in the negro vote in 1884 as compared with 1876, seems to give color to the charge of suppression and that there is neither a fair vote nor a full count. Other Southern States show a heavy diminution of the colored vote. But the real question is were the negroes prevented from voting? There is no proof that they were.

But this subject is so well treated by that able exponent of sound Democratic principles, the Philadelphia Record, that we copy at some length

from it. It says: "But, like other statistical methods of

in this case is the auggestion of a whole partisan falsehood of the largest magnitude.

No mention has been made of the decrease in the number of white votes in South Carolina in the same period. In 1876 Til-den had 90,896 votes in South Carolina Hancock had 112,312 votes in 1880, and in 1884 Cleveland's vote was only 69,845. Last year the Democratic candidate for Governor a South Carolina received but 83,114 votes all told, or not more than one-fourth of the

Democratic vote of the State. "Partisan organs cannot apply to this election phenomenon in South Carolina two different rules of explanation. If the olored votes have been lawlessly and violently suppressed, so also has there been the same intimidation of the white voters in almost equal degree; and this betrays the falsehood and absurdity of the whole partisan outery on the subject. Senator Sherman and his confreres should reserve a small portion of their sympathy for the white voters of the South, who are plainly as much in need of protection in their po

itical rights as are the blacks. "In Georgia, Texas and other States of the South the same electoral phenomeno is to be witnessed, though not on so large scale as in South Carolina. In many States of the North there has often been great decline of the vote when no exciting issue was before the people. The tota vote of Pennsylvania in 1884 was 899,328 and in the election for State Treasurer 1885 the total vote was 623,702-a decline of upward of 275,000 votes in one year Were all these votes suppressed, too, by intimidations? Is it necessary, also, to put the voters of Pennsylvania under the pro tection of a Federal Election law? "The truth is the ballot is as free in the

South, as a general rule, as it is in any other portion of the country. It is freen than it was in 1880, when a ticket of curious device was distributed by the Repub lican State Committee for the purpose of spotting' and intimidating voters,'

Since preparing the above we have read with interest a short editorial in the Richmond Christian Advocate that confirms what we have said about buying votes in the North and corrupting the ballot. It says:

"Albion W. Tourgee, the author of divers novels, traducing the South, in an article in the Chicago Advocate, narrates the conversation of merchants, farmers and public men in the North as confessing that they, like their neighbors, sell their votes and services in an election. Tourgee adds: The belief that political success is a mere matter of bargain and sale, trickery and corruption, is all but universal among all classes throughout the North." Here is the published opinion of a man eminent in literature opening up the moral vileness of his own people. Tourgee says that men of education and Christian profession sell their ballots, and that is the rule. In Virginis if a white man takes pay for his vote, he is set down as infamous. A man of decent station would horsewhip any person offering him a bribe. Judge Tourgee af firms that his friends, associates and fellow Christians put up to the highest bidder

#### ABSURD RESOLUTIONS.

We did not refer to the resolutions of the teachers of schools in some of the States asking Congress to educate the children in the States can members in the House. He tion is so utterly opposed to the Contitution, to the traditions of the Democratic party, and to sound governmental ideas that we let them go unchallenged. The STAR has so often and at such length discussed the dangerous plan of Paternal Pedagogy that it does not deem it essential now to go into the matter afresh. When the Congress meets the whole matter will come up again.

> There is no doubt of it that a majority of the people in North Carolina prefer Federal aid. The idea of receiving a few millions from the U. S. Treasury is very captivating. But they forget several things. And, First, that there is no surplus upon which to draw after the first year. The second year, appropriation must come from renewed taxation. So after all they are favoring a plan that only increases their bur-

Second, the desired appropriations from year to year will be wholly

without constitutional warrant. Third, the effects would be demoralizing upon the people at large. Fourth, it would make the States pensioners upon Federal bounty.

Fifth, it involves further aggression on home rule.

Sixth, it would in the end , break up the common school system in the Southern States. Seventh, it would destroy self-re-

liance and in a great measure self

But we waive further remarks, closing with this; that it is to be regretted that those having charge of public schools should take such a narrow view of the situation and be so ready to accept Federal aid that will inevitably, as we have no doubt, lead to Federal invasion of local selfgovernment and rights of States unthe Constitution. Teachers should stand by the organic law. The ablest expounders have declared that education by Federal taxation was not only unconstitutional but was not to be thought of.

We have concluded to allow all subscribers in arrears to pay all back dues at our reduced rate of One Dollar per year provided they pay also for one year in advance. This is a very liberal concession, and we trust all who are indebted to us will settle

A TARGET FOR MALICE. Some two or three weeks ago we noticed in one or more of our Southern exchanges a rebuke to ex-Presis dent Davis for his numerous letters and appearances before the public. They thought he was entirely too ominent and advised him to silence. It is true that Mr. Davis has for some time been conspicuous, but in most instances it has been forced upon him. Although not far from his eightieth year he is still in unim paired mental vigor, and has perhaps grown wiser with age. He is a great figure in American history and Northern prejudice and aspersion can not make him less so.

The STAR has always taken up the cudgels in behalf of Mr. Davis because of the treatment to which he has been subjected by the North and by the Government. During the war, we must frankly say, we saw the sort, the suppression of half the truth | many things of which to complain in

his conduct. But no man of fairness ever thought of questioning his motive, or his high patriotism and his unfaltering devotion to the Southern cause. It is because of that supreme devotion that Mr. Davis has given so much of his time to vindicating the Southern people and has been so often to the front in advocacy of great fundamental and imperishable

We refer to this now, to say that so far as the STAR is concerned the censure of Mr. Davis will be left to Northern newspapers and journals that can see nothing but evil in a man of the strictest integrity, of marked ability, of genuine courage, of high morality, and of distinguished fame. The STAR may not always agree with all that Mr. Davis may write or say and it may prefer that some things should be left unsaid, but it will not join the Northern maligners in condemning free speech on the part of our incorruptible and noble Southron. He is a man of admirable abilities and he is as true to his principles as the martyr who burns is to his religious convictions. The blinding effects of Northern prejudice are properly stated in the following comments of the moderate Baltimore Sun. It says:

"The curious effect of prejudice, even on the most intelligent people, is strikingly llustrated in the comments of leading Northern newspapers on the public utterances of Mr. Jefferson Davis. No matter how inoffensive, temperate and forcible i may be, any statement emanating from Mr Davis is sure to be received with derision or ingenious efforts at depreciation, merely because Mr. Davis happens to embody in himself the political principles which are characteristic of his section, and which the Republican party has striven so long in vain to crush out. The trouble with Mr Davis seems to be that he cannot be made to realize that misrepresentation and mere abuse are stronger arguments than rational appeals to the better judgment of his counfrymen, and that instead of surviving long nough to worst his most virulent critic by his persistence in reiterating the truth, e should, to please the Northern press have remained quiet under the load of cal umny, which it has sought to heap upon him. Mr. Davis need not distress himself. Whatever may have been bis rrors of judgment, he is secure in the affection of the great mass of the Southern people, who appreciate and honor his lofty rectitude of character, and his unflinching devotion to constitutional principles."

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Gov. Foraker got a letter addressed to him with a suffix -"2nd J. of P." This bothered the little fellow and at first the New York World. It, however, has given the explanation. Sunset Cox told in a speech of some wonderfully gifted long eared animals of Prinkipos. Little Foraker is J. A. of P. num-

We think the WEEKLY STAR at One Dollar per year is the cheapest newspaper in the State.

At the laying of the corner stone of the monument to be erected in memory of the immortal Robert Edward Lee in Richmond, Va., it is proposed by the Whig newspaper that the surviving corps, division and brigade commanders of the Army that fought under the peerless commander be invited to attend. A very proper suggestion, we take it.

Let your neighbor know that he can now bave the WEEKLY STAR sent him one year for One Dollar. tf

The N. Y. Times and Boston Herald, able Mugwump papers, insist that the President has extended the Civil Service law to cases that lay outside. That pleases them because the recipients were Republicans. But by retaining them good Democrats were kept out. Life tenure is "no good,"

The WEEKLY STAR is a very cheap paper at One Dollar per year. tf

Senator Voorhees says Cleveland has made a clean sweep in Indiana. The Republicans almost to a man have been driven out. That is the sort of reform Democrats are pleased with. But oh, how it hurts the Mugs and their allies to know that so many dear Rads have been decapitated.

Secretary Whitney has been doing aithful work in his efforts to lay the foundation of a navy for this vast country. He is showing proper zeal and proper caution. Both are very necessary under the circumstances.

There is a big he in the papers bout great forests of pine in South Carolina selling for \$75 an acre. 75 cents would have been much nearer

Estimated damage to rice by a re cent rise in the Savannah river is put

# at \$400,000.

The tobacco boards of trade of the State of North Carolina will meet in convention at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., August 17, 1887, for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the trade of this State. Executive Committee: Samuel Wat-S. Lockhart, of Durham: J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro; Robert Harris, of Reidsville; A. D. Cowles, of Statesville; M. W. Norfleet, of Winston; R. P. Walker, of Asheville; R. B. Davis, of Hickory.

Scarlet Fever.

Darbys Prophylactic Fluid is unequalled n the treatment of Scarlet Fever. Used as a gargle it prevents the throat from becoming diphtheritic, allays the inflammation and subdues the pain. Used to sponge the body it allays the itching inflammation of the skin and destroys infection.

Exposed in the sick-room it will prevent the spread of contagion, and keep the atmosphere wholesome

## SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Imon Richardson Again the Target

There was a lively racket about six

The Burgiar Jones

Tom Jones, the burglar, whose sen-

tence was commuted by Governor

Scales from hanging to imprisonment

for life, will, probably, be taken up

to Raleigh this evening. But for ex-

ecutive clemency his execution would

have taken place to-day. As the

darkies say, he must bear a charmed

life. He has been three times sen-

tenced to be hanged and yet has es-

caped. A few days ago, before his

entence had been commuted, he

wrote a note to the sheriff, stating the

disposition he wanted made of his

body and requesting that his sister in

Newbern, N. C., and his father in

New York city, should be informed of

his death, and solemnly affirming

that he was innocent of the crime of

which he was convicted.

ant temperature lasts.

an Important Invention.

o'clock yesterday morning near the corner of Seventh and Nixon streets, between Simon Richardson, a well known colored man of this city, and William Hawes, Richardson's stepson. Hawes fired a pistol at his step-father, the ball striking Richardson in the right breast and glancing. passed through the right sleeve of his jasket. The wound was not a mortal one by any means, and Hawes would probably have taken another "crack" at Richardson but just at that moment he was seized by his mother, Richardson's wife, while Richardson himself darted around the corner and made good speed for a safer locality. Just at this time Officer Woebse, of the police force, came up and arrested

Hawes. The parties appeared before the Mayor yesterday morning, and an investigation was had. Richardson's wife testified that her husband was advancing on her son with a pair of brass knuckles on his hand; that Hawes warned him off, and that as he continued to advance her son drew the pistol and fired at Richardson.

The Mayor required both Hawes and Richardson to give bond for their appearance at the next term of the Crim inal Court.

During the war he was a servant o

Simon has been the hero of many hair-breadth escapes.

Mr.. Monte Nixon, and in a battle in which Mr. Nixon was wounded, was himself shot in one leg while assisting in carrying his master from the field. Two years ago Simon was knocked down and paralyed for a time by a flash of lightning that struck his dwelling and played havoc with his pans and dishes and other household

Last fall, during the stevedore troubles, Simon was shot and severely wounded by unknown parties while on his way home, and very near the place where he had the difficulty with Hawes yesterday morning. It was supposed at the time that Richardson was shot by some of the striking stevedores who mistook him for one of their bosses, a colored man named Wm. Howe.

After this adventure, a handsome Smith & Wesson pistol was presented to Simon by Chas. Walker, Esq., ex-Mayor of Lewiston, Me., and now the Democratic postmaster of that city, who was here on a visit to Sheriff Manning. It was this pistol with which Richardson was shot yesterday his stepson Hawes, and it appears to have been an unlucky gift, having been the means before of getting its owner into trouble. At that time he was standing before the Court House arguing a "pint" of law with John Evangelist, a noted colored politician; the point in dispute being that "law was common sense"-John Evangelist, Esq., taking the affirmative side of the question, and the unlucky Simon the negative. During the heat of the debate Simon, to give greater emphasis to his argument, drew the pistol presented to him by Mr. Walker, and was immediately arrested on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and bound over to appear at the Criminal Court. Upon trial he was convicted and had a fine and the And yet Simon treasures that pisto

as the "apple of he eye."

## Small Schooner in a Perilons Situ-

A correspondent writing from Shal otte, Brunswick county, gives an account of a small coasting vessel, the schooner Mary, being driven'upon the shoals, the loss of part of the cargo and the final extrication of the schooner from her perilous situation through the skillful seamanship and bravery of Capt. Styron.

The schooner Mary, Capt. Styron, sailed from Shallotte on the 5th inst., for Wilmington, loaded with 250 barrels of spirits turpentine, tar and rosin. When near the bar the wind died out, the current drifting her for the shoals on the eastern side of the bar. The captain had to let go his anchor; the windlass being insufficient, it gave way, and the schooner drifted upon the shoals, where she remained until low water the seas washing over her. Capt-Styron, seeing that it was impossible to save the vessel without casting off the cargo, threw over his deck load, He then ran out his anchor, and as the tide arose, the chain parted and the anchor was lost. The vessel then swung around, broad-side on the shoals. The captain then set his mainsail, and the schooner headed south; then the foresail and jib were set, and she beat across the shoals through a boisterous sea, and came back to Shallotte, having sustained but little damage. Nearly all the

County Students.

Mr. H. A. Bagg, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has received a letter from Hon K. P. Battle, President of the State University, notifying him that the Legislature has repealed the act authorizing "County Students," but stating that indigent students may give their notes for the amount of tuition, \$60. and that the sons of preachers, and those proposing to study for the ministry, may enter free of tuition. The teachers' course is free. All must, however, pay \$10 per collegiate year.

Exports Foreign. German barque Erna cleared for Liverpool vesterday with cargo kins, of Henderson: W. A. Bobbitt, of 2,200 casks spirits turpentine and Oxford; S. P. Arrington, of Warren- 2,041 barrels of rosin, shipped by ton; W. T. Lipscomb, of Raleigh; J. Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, and valued at \$35,000.

Swedish barque Heidi cleared for Riga, Russia, with cargo of 3,850 barrels of rosin, shipped by Paterson, Downing & Co., and valued at \$4,126.

Trade Dollars.

amount.

Holders of trade dollars should remember that they have only until September 1st to present these coins for redemption at their face value. After that date the trade dollar will be worth only its bullion value. The total redemption to date amounted to less than \$8,000,000, and so few are now being presented that the aggre-

gate is not likely to exceed that

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Assistant Secretary of State Porter this morning conveye to the President an invitation from the peo-ple of Nashvil e and Middle Tennessee, t visit that city, and another from the Cham ber of Commerce of Knexville, to pay that city a visit. The President, it is under stood, will visit Nashville, but has not de termined upon the time. He has taken th Knoxville invitation under consideration and will determine whether time and publi business will make it possible for him

The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that the barque Ada Grav, from Havans, arrived at Delaware Breakwater this morn ing with one case of yellow fever on board The applications received at the Treasur Department to date for prepayment of in terest on registered bonds are as follows Four per cents, \$2,446,250; 41 per cents \$271,000, and Pacific Railroad bonds \$88

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9 .- A state There was a general "scratching ment prepared at the Interior Departme around" for covering yesterday mornshows that from January 16th, 1886, to July ing when the wind shifted to the East. 1887, there were 265 Civil Service appoint ments made in that department, exclusive What is the matter with the clerk of of 27 transfers and 1 reinstatement. Of the weather? First he drops us into a this number 24 were from Pennsylvania; temperature as hot as sheol, and now 22 from New York; 21 from Illinois; 19 it is something arctic in comparison. from Indiana; 17 from Ohio; 11 from Tennessee; 10 from Maryland, and 10 from District of Columbia. There were 7 each But we are not hoggish, and know when we have a good thing and wont from Massachusetts, Kentucky, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri, Virginia and Wisconsin; kick as long as the present pleasand 6 each from Mississippi, Michigan, Alabama and Texas.

The cool wave is caused by a very high barometric pressure which developed in the Northeast is travelling towards a depression in the West. It will pass off in a day or two, the Signal Service men say, followed by warmer weather. But we have promises that the back-bone of the real hot weather is broken.

Applications for prepayment of interest to \$1,343,000; making the total to date

We were shown by Mr. Thorpe yesterday the models of a new car coupler, in full working order, which promises to yield a fortune to the owners of the invention, of which he is one. There is probably no article in the railroad service that has received so much attention by inventors as this problem of car coupling, and the solution has, as yet, not been found, although as far as ean be seen from the models this last device seems to meet all the requirements. It is automatic in its action, strong, simple in construction, and works like a charm. It is far ahead of the couplers now in use. For instance, it connects by a gentle pressure, not requiring the cars to be struck together as is now the case. It provides four Massachusetts just at present. The President is seriously considering

brought into use by the turn of a The inventors are T. W. Talbot and J. Lucco Farmer, two machinists of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad at Florence, and is the outcome of years of study. It is already

The models were exhibited to the executive officers of the Atlantic Coast Line, who subjected them to a searching investigation with a very satisfactory result. They recommended that it should be submitted to the Master Car Builder's Association, who are now making various experiments with couplers. If it proves successful, as is confidently claimed, and is ap parent to even a casual observer from the models, it will be a big fortune for the owners. The models can be seen at the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line.

independent couplings, so that in case

of accident to one, another can be

Exports Foreign. Messrs. DeRossett & Co. cleared the Swedish barque Herman yesterday, for Hamburg, Ger., with a cargo of 2,904 barrels of rosin, valued at

\$3,239.44. Mr. Edward Kidder's Son cleared the brig Onalaska for St. Pierre, Mar-

tinique, with 352,367 feet of lumber,

#### valued at \$5,922.79. WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION. CLINTON, N. C., Aug. 8, 1887. Conference opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. P. Jerome, of Bladen circuit. The minutes of yesterday were

read and approved. The Conference went into the se lection of a place for holding the next session, and Richlands, Onslow county, was selected.

The hour for the election of dele gates to the District Conference having arrived, that work was enter ed into with the following result: A J. Johnson, of Magnolia; D. A. Cul breth, of Clinton; P. Parker, of Bla den; and J. C. Davis, of Fifth Street Wilmington. The following were elected as alternates, W. M. Parker, J. L. Nicholson, D. B. Nicholson J. L. Nicholson, and W. J. Parker.

At this point the Conference ad journed for preaching by Rev. F. L Reid, of the Raleigh Christian Advo During the evening session resolu tions were adopted establishing what

are to be known as "Fifth Sunday Conferences To carry out the object of these Conferences the District was separ ated into three divisions-in each of these divisions a Conference is to

be held on each fifth Sunday, to be attended by all the ministers in that division, together with two delegates rom each church. consideration of The hour for the the support of the Ministry having

others. The usual resolutions of thanks were adopted by a rising vote. Oh! how they have fed us! Oh! how we will shrunk" after returning home. The following ministers were ap pointed to fill the pulpits on Sunday At the Methodist church—at 11 a. m. Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates; at 8.15 p. m. Rev. Dr. Dixon. At the Baptist church—at 8 p. m., Rev. D. H. Tuttle. At the Presbyterian church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. Dixon.

At 3 p. m. a Sunday School mass

meeting was addressed by Rev. F. L

arrived, able speeches were made by

Rev. Dr. Yates, D. B. Nicholson and

Reid, Rev. A. G. Garett, W. M. Parker and J. C. Davis. successful conference. Many pleasant memories will live in the minds of ministers and laymen of the District Conference of 1887, at Clinton Heaven's richest blessings rest upon Clinton and her generous people, is the prayer of every recipient of her bounty. By the way, a few "old roosters" were left to crow us a glad

preachers wended their way to the

places crowing, "I'm g-l-a-d you-r-e

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WASHINGTON.

The President-Yellow Pever from Havana-Applications for Prepayment of Bonds.

000 Total, \$5,269,250.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that smallpox and yellow fever are raging in Havana, Cuba. During the month of July there were 104 deaths from yellow fever and 112 from small pox. The latter disease is sup posed to have been introduced by a conlingent of soldiers landed at Havana early in the month from the Spanish mai

under Secretary Fairchild's recent circular were received to-day on bonds amounting

Invitations continue to pour in upon th President and almost the entire time of one of the clerks at the White House is occupied in scheduling and recording them He has been invited to visit almost every city in the West and South, including San Francisco, New Orleans and Galveston It would be almost impossible for the Pres ident to accept them all, even if he devoted the balance of the year to that purpose So it will be seen that some places will have to be slighted. Among the invitations received to-day was one from Gov. Gray, of Indiana, urging the President to make a stop at Indianapolis on his way through that State A telegram was also received from Providence, R. I., asking the President to visit that city on his rumored trip to Mation, Mass,, where Mrs. Cleveland is visiting; This was the only one of the invitations answered to day. Col. Lamont sent a short reply to the effect that the President had no intention of visiting

the best use he can make of the limited time he has allotted himself for his Western and Southern trip, and he will take the route which will enable him to visit briefly the principal representative cities of the two sections of the country. He has about made up his mind that he will not go farther west than Kansas City and very little if any further south than Atlanta. He does not now intend to be absent from the capital more than twenty days, but delays and unavoidable circumstances may prolong his absence five or ten days more. He will begin the preparation of his annual message to Congress upon his return to Washington, and other important matters which will then claim his personal attention will prevent his extending his visit much beyond the first of November.

weeks. None of the invitations not already acted upon will be answered until that is arranged. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-Five million four hundred and sixty-two four and a half per cents were offered at the Treasury o-day, at prices ranging from 110 flat to 112 Secretary Fairchild this afternoon accepted the offer of the Suffolk Savings Bank, of Boston, to sell \$260,000 registered 41 per cent, bonds at 110 flat. All of the other proposals were rejected, as the rates

expected that the programme for his trip

will be prepared within the next two

were not considered favorable. By direction of the Secretary of War Major Daniel N. Bash, paymaster U. S. A., is relieved from duty and ordered to his home to await further orders Major Bash is the officer who was robbed of \$7 .-300 at Antelope Springs, Wy., March 18, 1887, by Charley Parker, a cowboy, no part of the money ever being recovered. The robbery was perpetrated while the Major and his escort were at dinner, and he is held not to have taken sufficient pre-

caution to protect his friends Washington, Aug. 10.-A. N. Damrell, U. S. Engineer, submits the following estimate for expenditures upon river and harbor improvements in his district next year: Warrior river, Ala., \$35,000; Tombigbee river, Ala, and Mississippi below Vienna, \$6,000, Tombigbee, below Vienna, \$12,-900; Black Warrior, \$200,000; Old Tower creek, Mississippi, \$7,000; Voxabee river, Mississippi, \$10,000; Pascagoula river, Mississippi, \$55,000; Pearl river, Mississip pi, between Edinburg and Carthage, \$11,-000; Pearl river, Mississippi, from Jackson to Carthage, \$29,000; Pearl river, Mississippi, below Jackson, \$30,000; harbor at Biloxi Bay, Mississippi, \$37,500; Mobile harbor, \$444,000. Of Mobile harbor he says: Improvments began in 1827, there being then 54 feet of water through Choctow Pass. There has since been expended by the general government \$1,379,000. A eventeen foot channel has been obtained from the city to the sea. It is too narrow, and should be widened by at least 100 feet. The postoffice at Danville, Va., will beome a free delivery office October 1. The President to-day assured Senator Harris that he would visit Memphis.

Tenn., during his contemplated western and southern trip this fall. SOUTH CAROLINA.

Highly Favorable Reports from the Cotton, Corn, Rice and other Crops. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, Aug. 9.—Reports from ownship correspondents to the State De-

partment of Agriculture, covering every county, shows August 1st: Cotton, which is two or three weeks earier than last year, has a full crop, and if the season continues propiteous the largest cron ever produced in the State will be made. The plant has shed some on account of rains. Droughts and catterpillars are noted in some localities. The crop was

better than for years up to the date of The corn crop is reported generally est ever grown. The early upland s matured and secure from injury. corn has had rains nearly sufficient to bring t to perfection. The yield will be

argest on record. Reports of large rice crops still continue avorable, and if it has not been injured by the floods since the date of the reports. will be the largest for a number of years. The condition of the minor crop is as ollows: Sorghum 67 per cent.; sugar-cane 92; peas 98, with large increase in acreage; frish potatoes 97, with crop in fine order and the acreage increased two per cent.

## VIRGINIA.

That Interminable Laugston Murder Trial-Burial of the Remains of the Widow of Col. Stiles, of Georgia, in Stonewall Cemetery.

PETERSBURG Aug. 8.—Court and jury.

awyer and prisoner, met this morning re-

reshed after a day's rest, and proceeded with the seventh day of the trial of Langston for the murder of Ruffin. The jury were taken to the colored Presbyterian farewell on Monday morning. As the church for worship Sunday morning and in the afternoon to a negro baptizing Dr. depot others came from secure hiding Bryant's testimony as an expert was concluded this afternoon. His opinion in brief was that Ruffin's wounds were necessarily fatal, and death would have resulted without the surgical operation, but that the operation was not attended with the strict care and complete arrangements necessary for such a case. Dr. Bryant ; will probably conclude the long list of experts who have occupied the attention or the Court for six days, when the witnesses will be introduced for the prosecution. It has not yet been intimated what testimony outside of that bearing upon character will be introduced by the defence.

TEXAS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GALVESTON, Aug. 7 .- The election re

turns received last night were meagre and

came in slowly. Those received up to

midnight did not increase the majority

against the Prohibition emendment con

tained in yesterday's report by over 3,000,

making the total majority thus far against

CHICAGO, Aug. 7 .- A Times special

from Fort Worth, Texas, says: Last night

down; he cannot recover. Two other

PINE LANDS.

Vearly 100,000 Acres in the South

Bought by a Northern Syndicate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

South. The lands are along the southers

line of South Carolina and Georgia, most

of if being in the latter State. The price

paid was \$700,000. The deal was made

through a prominent real estate firm in this

not to develop the lands, but to hold them

as an investment until the advance in the

price of lumber greatly increases their

THE WOOLFOLK TRAGEDY

Funeral of the Nine Victims at Macon

Ga .- Heart-Rending Scene at the

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Aug. 7 .- The funeral of

the nice victims of Thomas G. Woolfolk

took place here to-day at Rose Hill Ceme-

tery, in the presence of three thousand peo

abrupt termination by the arrival of Mrs

Edwards, own sister of the murderer, who

was in Athens at the time of the commis-

sion of the crime. A heart-rending scen

followed, bringing tears to the eyes of

every spectator. Woolfolk was carried to

Atlanta early this morning for safe keep-

THE CROPS.

lugust Report of the Department of

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CEREALS.—The prospect a month

central corn region, however, in the val-

leys of the Ohio and Missouri, where two-

thirds of the crop is grown and the com-

mercial supply is procured, a very heavy

reduction bas taken place which has made

last month. The cause is the long contin-

ued drought which has been severest in

Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michi-

gan. Nebraska has been scorched on the

southern border, and Iowa and Missouri

have escaped with comparatively light loss.

as have the more northern States. The

seven corn surplus States stand as fol

lows: Ohio 82. Indiana 64. Illinois 65.

The condition of spring wheat, reported

very low last month, from the ravages of

chinch bugs, is not improved in the August

returns, but has fallen off very slightly, the

general average being 78.8, two points less

than the August returns last year. Dakota

has made a slight gain, and stands highest

in condition. Average for Wisconsin 79

Minnesota 74, Iowa 72, Nebraska 77, Da

kota 88. In the extreme east and on the

Pacific coast the condition of spring wheat

orable to cotton, except that the rainfall

early to obtain results of the threshing.

nearly an average yield.

rages about 93 in condition.

Iowa 90, Missouri 80, Kansas 60, Ne-

ing. He continues to deny his guilt,

ple. The services were brought to an

Close of Services.

Previous Month.

Agriculture

The intention of the purchasers is

Injured.

the amendment 78,000

fatally burned

Spirits Turpentine. The Vote on the Prohibition Ameu - Goldsboro Argus: In an alter ment-Fatal Accident at Fort Worth, cation which took place yesterday mornin near the section house on the N. C. R. B in Celebrating the Victory-Three Boys Killed, and Two Seriously

Charlie Johnson was knocked down by blow on the head from a shovel hands of Daniel Biggs. Both men are col ored section hands on the road - Pittsboro Record: We hea that Mesara. F. N. Strudwick and Calvin Parish will soon begin the publication of newspaper at Hillsboro.

much success, and gladly welcome them to the editorial fraternity. If Mr. Strudwick writes as well as he speaks his readers my expect a richstreat. - Charlotte Chronicle: The Char lotte Baseball Association yesterday issued

a number of men and boys were collected on the public square, engaged in firing anvils and discharging fireworks in honor twenty-seven shares of its new slock at \$25 per share. Only a few shares remain of the victory won in the State by the Anti-probibitionists, when an accident ocleft, as the capital is limited. curred that has already resulted in two Mr. Shaeffer, of Cabarrus county, is deaths and in all probability another will dangerously sick at his home in Mt Pic - At Hamlet, on the Carolina follow. A keg of powder had been se-Central road yesterday, an unknown colcured for the occasion, and one of the boys ored man was run down by the train and seated himself thereon, when some one his body was terribly margled. At the from the other side of the square fired a coroner's inquest, witnesses appeared who rocket which struck the keg of powder, stated that the deceased was an unknown causing a terrific explosion. James Lazae colored man who had made his appearance by, 17 years old, was blown several feet in that neighborhood Sunday, and who nto the air; he was burned on every part of his body, and expired this morning. was undoubtedly crazy, as his queer be Wave Hatchell, aged 16 years was burned havior indicated. nearly as bad as Lazaeby; he died this af-ternoon. Gus Hatchell, aged 11 years.

- Maxton Union: "There is but a step from the sublime to the rediculous, was stripped of his clothing from his hips was forcibly illustrated in last Friday Wilmington STAR. In making up the forms the printer blended one of Bro. boys, Sam Johnson and William Saskaberry, were terribly but not necessarily Blount's oriental articles with a political paragraph from the Cincinnati Commercia The effect was startling. Speaking of the STAR, the mathematician at the Post-offic says he hopes they won't start another pa per in Wilmington soon. He says that the STAR's circulation has more than doubled at this office, and he calculates that the ad-PITTSBURG, Aug. 8.-A syndicate of ditional work in distributing it will amount to three days of ten hours each, in a year New York and Pittsburg capitalists have ust closed transactions, by which they be-The STAR is a good paper and descree come owners of nearly one hundred thousthis appreciation. and acres of the finest pine forests in the

- Charlotte Chronicle: The tron. ble at the Broad River bridge on the Air Line road is ended at last, and the pas. senger train last evening came nearer on schedule than since last Monday Prof. Chas. D. McIver, of Peace Institute who has been conducting the Sparta State Normal, passed through the city last night on his way to Winston. The school was a decided success, the attendance being more than five hundred. - Prof. M. E. Hyan who is the discoverer of the pretty mour tain plant, known as Hyams' sparkling shortia, which created a great sensation throughout the botanical world, has recent y discovered another plant within a few miles of Charlotte called darbya umbellata which for many years botanists have in vited this State to find, but only to meet with disappointment. The late Rev. M. A. Curtis once found a specimen in Lincoln

thing and everywhere is flooded, but the damage to crops and bridges cannot be Several washouts on the railroads are reported; one near the Fair grounds. Country bridges on the small streams have been numerously sweat away. Hendricks creek bridge remains but it is so twisted and uneven that for vehicles it is impassable. Reports from the country come in slowly, but they are all unfortunate. Conetoe is flooded. Capt. Agriculture-A General Reduction E. E. Knight reports that he has 75 scres in Averages as Compared with the in cotton which is three feet under water. Mr. Cornelius Staton reports that the water the road at his canal WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 .- The following a mile wide, that his and the farmer s the August report of the Department of around him are flooded. The track of the cloud burst, for such it was, even if it was so long bursting, was from east to west At Kill Quick not near so much rain fell, rate of yield above the average. Its condiwhile at Sparta 41 inches was the fal tion in all of the States of the Atlantic Farmers are exceedingly blue, and are esticoast is now unimpared and of very high mating the damage all the way from runspromise. In Texas and Tennessee the tion to 25 per cent condition has declined materially. In the

- Raleigh News-Observer . The executive committee of the Agricultural and Mechanical College have engaged, at a stipulated price, the services of Mr. Chas. Carson, of Baltimore, as architect for the national average 80.7, instead of 97.7 the building. It is the purpose of the com mittee to have plans drawn for buildingst cost \$50,000 when completed, though they will be only partially constructed. -Mt. Holly, where the Grange Encapmen is to be held, is a little town on the righ bank of the Catawba river, in Gaston cour ty, and on the Carolina Central Railrone near Charlotte. It is the centre of one of the richest agricultural regions in the State It is beautifully situated and is beautifuling gentlemen met here Friday to take steps to open books of subscription to the Greens boro & Raker City Railroad. This road was recently incorporated and its propose route is by way of Yanceyville and Roxboro to Ciarksville, Va. It will join at Danville the Atlantic & Danville Railroad soon to be built from Norfolk to Danville.

- Raleigh News-Observer : The is high. There is no report of winter chairman of the Board of Agriculture was wheat for the present month, as it is too requested to express to Dr. Dabney the ap eciation of the committee of his service In the oats crop there is no change. to the State, their high estimate of him at part of the breadth was harvested at las a gentleman and a scientist and their regre report. The condition averages 85.6 at losing him. The committee directed that Dr. H. B. Battle, first assistant chemwhich indicates a crop slightly under the The barley crop promises to yield rather better than was feared last month, The eastern product averages a higher condition, but has reduced slightly since the last report. The average is 86.2, indicating The buckwheat area appears to be practically the same as last year and the ave-POTATOES .- There is a great reduction since the 1st of July in the condition of potatoes, almost entirely the result of the drought. Their is no material decline on the Atlantic or Gulf coast, but the injury

severe in the West. The loss during the month, as reported, is fully 20 per cent. of FRUIT.—The fruit crop is very poor. There will be few apples outside of New England and New York. There will be a partial crop in Michigan. In the Ohio river States the harvest will be nearly a insensible by the force of the blow but HAY.-The hay crop is also greatly reluckily he clutched a post near by, instead duced in the West. The general average is of holding on to the rope of a block and tackle he had been handling, and saved COTTON.—The last month has been fahimself from what would probably have

been a fatal fall. He is confined to his has been unequally distributed in point of room as the result of his accident but his time, drought threatening at one period and damaging floods following. In the eastern belt an excess of moisture predom inates as a factor of depreciation. The weed is therefore large and sappy, and fruit fall appears in some fields seriously, and in some cases rust appears. In Louisians similar conditions have prevailed, and only very partially in Mississippi. Texas has been too dry, though the drought has not as yet been disastrous or severe. The prevalent status of the crop is very good for the first of August, while reporters recognize this as a critical time and fear the effect of subsequent drought upon the green and succulent condition of the plant. In a comparison of ten years, the August condition is only exceeded by that of '82 and 85, one producing a large crop, the other an under medium yield. The general average condition is 93.3, which is lower by over three points than that of July. The state averages are: Virginia 94, North Carolina South Carolina 95, Georgia 94, Florida 96, Alabama 93, Mississippi 96, Louisiana 94, Texas 87, Arkansas 97, Tennessee 95. The first brood caterpillars has appeared in several States, but is not generally mentioned in the returns. It is reported in rg and Berkley, S. C.; in Calaoun, Taylor, Dooly and Laurens, Ga.; in Hale and Dallas, Ala.; in Starkey, Newton, Issaquena and Oktebbeha, Miss.; in Redriver, Bossier, Richland, Natchitoches and Iberville, La.; and in Stephens, Camp, and Jackson, Texas. The ball worm is much

less frequently mentioned. Tobacco.-The tobacco crop is in high condition in the seed leaf States, averaging early 100, except in Wisconsin. shipping and cutting districts of the West make a unprecedented report of low condition-Tennessee 70, Kentucky 59, Ohio 55, Indiana 56, Illinois 52, Missouri 60. In view of the heavy reduction in acreage only a small fragment of the usual crop may be expected. The official investigation of the area, now in progress, will etermine authoritatively the breath cultivated the present year.

Thesday night's storms, which broke the drought in Wisconsin to some extent, did not reach Michigan nor the southern portion of Wisconsin, northern Illinois and Indians. Affairs there are still as bad as well can be.

county in fruit, the same as found by Pro - Tarboro Southerner: Every

and will give Greensboro a through rout to Norfolk

ist, be appointed to take charge of the station from the date at which the resigns tion of Dr. Dabney takes effect, until the regular meeting of the board in December at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. Prof. W. Withers who had been placed in charge of the experiment farm, was again place in the office as third assistant chemist, and Mr. Milton Whitney was requested to resume charge of the experiment farm. -At a meeting of the Governor's Guard held last night, Dr. J. A. Sexton was elected Surgeon of the company. Joe Bernard was elected Second Lieutenant, and R. K. Williams was elected Jun 2nd Lieutena -Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. James N. Cole, of West Martin street, nar rowly escaped death. Mr. Cole is a carpenter and while at work in the waler lower, a colored man, a new hand, accidentally let an iron rod slip from his hand which, in its downward course, struck Mr. Cole on the head. Mr. Cole was rendered

hurt is not a serious one. — WASHING-TON, N. C., Aug. 6.—D. C. Way & Co. lumber mills and dry kilns, on Pungo river, in this county, were burned yester day. Loss total. Partially insured. - Raleigh News-Observer: The local travel over the N. C. road is reported to be heavier just now than ever before in its history. — Kerr Craige, Esq. has resigned as a director of the N. C. Railroad on behalf of the State, and Gov. Scales has appointed A. W. Graham, Esq., of Hills-boro, to fill the vacancy. — Col. Carle ro, to fill the vacancy. -. Woodruff, U. S. A., of Leavenworth Cansas, is in town. As our readers know he has recently been elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Cemplar of the State. white man drove an ox into Market Square and commenced looking up a heef dealer with whom to make a trade. He had stolen the ox from a Mr. Strickland, in Nash county, and driven it here to sell. representative of Mr. Strickland identified the property. The man has not yet had a hearing on account of the absence of the mayor. - Mr. Chas. E. Johnson, of this city, who has been in Europe for the past two months, arrived in New York on last Friday on his and is expected to arrive here to-day

This morning at 10 o'clock a rumo which seemed to be well founded, wss heard to the effect that a new syndicaie had been formed headed by the Kimball House of Atlanta, to raise the purchase hid for the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead 10 per cent. The bid recently made was \$18,100. The property originally cost between \$50,000 \$60,000. Nothing definite can be learned. It is said, however, that several members of the new gendless. of the new syndicate went down to More head to-day. —Premiums were awarded to exhibitors at the grape show as follows. fows: Largest number of pounds by one fows: Largest number of pounds by one exhibitor, S. Otho Wilson. \$20; largest number varieties, Col. J. M. Heck, \$20; number varieties, Col. J. M. Heck, \$20; best best display, B. P. Williamson, \$20; best Concord, Womble Bros. & Batchelor; best plate Ives, B. P. Williamson; best plate Martha, B. P. Williamson; best plate Marcha; Womble Bros. & Batchelor; best Moore's Womble Bros. plate Moore's, Womble Bros. & Batchelor; best plate Catawba, S. Otho Wilson; best plate Delaware, S. Otho Wilson; best plate Delaware, S. Otho Wilson; best plate Perkins, Womble Bros. & Batchelor.