

Spirits Turpentine.

--- Wadesboro Intelligencer: Work on the silk factory is rapidly progressing. The building will be ready to receive the machinery in a very short time, and operations will begin at an early day. --- Cousiderable improvements are being made in the Methodist Church, in this place, readered necessary by the increasing audicrees which there congregate to hear the guared preached.

-- Tarboro Southerner: The panry attached to the residence of A H ticks, Eeq , living in Nas h county, about our miles from Battleboro and Whitakers, ad been burglarized on several occasions ast Monday night Mr. Ricks was absent n Baltimore; Chas. Exum and Mr. Moore were standing guard. At 10 o'clock they were rewarded by capturing a negro who had affected an outrance, sho ting another who had run off, and placing both in jail. - Charlotte Chronicle: Some ad

ditional particulars were received yesterday of the recent accident on the Chester & Le noir Railroad. There were seven passengers, Conductor Waddell and all the train ands in the cars that went down. The engineer and fireman stood to their engine. which landed bottom side up. The engineer was able to crawl out, but the fireman had to be pried out of the debris. Rev. Dr. Bell, of Lenoir, was the only one fatally hurt, his skull being badly crushed J. E. Wilhelm, of Atlanta, was seriously hurt, having his arm badly cut, and several scalp wounds. J. E. Coffey, colored, had his aw broken. All the parties on the train were bruised more or less. The cars imm. diately took fire and the whole train was consumed in a very short time ---- The gin house and its contents belonging to R. Reinhardt, at Iron Station, on the Caro ina Central road, was burned Wednesday aight. It was the best equipped ginning outfit in that section and the loss will not fall short of \$1,500, exclusive of 500 pounds of cotton seed and about \$200 worth o' lint cotton belonging to R. S. Reinhardt.

-- Asheville Citizen: Mr. J. M. Gudger, Jr., of Madison, informs us that he sold at the Farmers' Warehouse, Monday, the crop of tobacco of Mr. B T. Treadaway, of Madison, produced on three acres measured, for \$900 00, some of it reaching as high as 76 cents per pound. Wont good tobacco pay? --- Up to the present time there has been no sleighing nor skating. The deepest snow fell the last day of October, and the intensest cold was on the 20th day of November. The winter has been generally mild with a few short, sharp periods of cold. --- Quite an interesting service of religion is in progress at the First Baptist church-sermons every night. ---- Negroes in North Carolina hold about four million dollars worth of property, real and personal. ---- At a meeting of the Quartely Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, yesterday afternoon, Mr. F. R. Shepherd was granted license to enter the ministry He leaves in a few days for Emory and Henry College. - Our community was shocked, and we believe sincerely regretted the announcement yesterday that Turner, the proprietor of Turner's Cafe, had suddenly vacated the city, leaving his restaurant and a number of friends "to mourn his loss "

- Raleigh News-Observer: There are on exhibition in the State museum some samples of canned fruits from the canning establishment of A. J. Hart & Son, Flat Rock, N. C., and they are as fine as any manufactured. There are now fifteen canning establishments in the State, every one of which is successful. --- The mayor collected \$500 for the treasury from one party who violated city ordinances Led to say that at the service of Davie Street Presbyterian church last Sabbath evening thirteen were added to the membership. The Sabbath school has increased from forty-five, with which it was organized last October to 155. The Presbyterian work among the colored people of the city looks very hopeful for the future. ---- Washington City dots: Senator Vest followed in a telling and vigorous speech in opposition to the Blair bill. The Democratic side of the Senate listened attentively to the Missouri Senator, who is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers and best talkers in the Sen-ate. — Gen. W. R. Cox arrived here Saturday from New York. He was horrified to hear that his name had been mentioned in connection with the civil service commission. He thinks he knows when he has got enough of a thing. --- Capt. Harry Skinner was here last week. He is very close to Minister Jarvis, and is roported to have said that his candidacy for the Senate is by no means certain. Many of his best friends have advised against it,

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1888.

Wm. Brown Held for Trial for Set ting Fire to his Wife's House. fooling with the humbug British Wm. Brown, colored, who is charged system. But no one is stupid enough with setting fire to his wife's dwelling to believe for a moment that the Rehouse, on the northeast corner of Red publicans are the least sincere when Cross and Sixth streets, in December they pretend to believe in the virtues of Civil Service. Bob Ingersoll denounces it, and he says if the Republicans were honest they would denounce it also. Bob has taken the licitor of the Criminal Court.

the Republicans can only carry the elections this year they will chop off the head of every Democrat in office and "don't you forget it." kitchen, and oil had been poured on

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The Northern Republican papers are in high spirits in their conviction that the Democrats have about abandoned practically all purpose to reform the Civil Service after the Radical and British plan. We would really be delighted if we were assured that such was the fact. But there are Democrats in the Congress and elsewhere who believe in the great virtue of a reform that confines itself to subalterns and never reaches the high officers, and they will make the very ulife and success of their party all depend upon the adoption and perpetuity of British life tenure - a system that removes the appointing power forever from the people, the true source of all power. The Baltimore American is one of your earnest, consistent Radical sheets. It never sees any thing wrong in its party and never finds any thing good in the Democracy. It is an organ and its music is always of the old

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told her of it. She had a talk clever, about the best Northern story with her husband the next morning about the matter. He said that we had read in some years. We praised it as it appeared from month to month. It has been published in book form, and has made a decided impression. It is out of the way and 18 strong and interesting. Some portions are particularly fresh and dramatic. It is meeting with warm praise among English critics, and most of the Northern papers and magazines have received it kindly.

novel. Mrs. Green, the scholarly and faithful wife of that eminent historian, the late John Richard Green has published a new and revised edition of his masterly work, the "Short History of the English People." She has carried out the wishes of her able husband. Macmillan has sold 126,000 copies of this unique and admirable work. Other publishers have sold edition after edition. We suppose that in the United States

not care how much Hale and his CHARGED WITH ABSON. crowd criticize the Democracy for

> last, was arrested at an early hour yesterday morning, and in the afternoon was brought before Mayor Fowler for examination. The investigation of the case was conducted by Col. Moore, So-

> > the floor. The fire was on Monday be-

fore Christmas. She was sick in bed

measure of the life tenure fraud. If Frances Brown, the wife of the prisoner, testified that she knew nothing of the attempt to burn her house except what her husband told her. Two holes were burned in the floor of the

MELANGE. Last year a Northern newspaper

man published a serial novel in Scribner's Magazine entitled "Seth's Brother's Wife." We read it with genuine interest and thought it quite

the house was old and was heavily insured and that a better house could be built for half the money; that Geo. Price said that was' the way he made money. [Brown-I did not tell you that.] Witness continuing, said that she told her husband that she wouldn't do anything like that for a million of dollars. She owned the house and it was insured in her name; did not know how much insur ance she had on it; had been married He gives the best account of newsto prisoner three years; he worked on the railroad some and occasionally paper life that has appeared in any at other places.

that if he set fire to the house he didn't know anything about it. lives in the house, testified that when he came home that Monday night he

were very much alarmed. Many of them ran out of the building, and a few were so badly frightened that they did not stop running until they reached their homes. In a few moments, however, the alarm subsided and the children returned to their class rooms. The shock was more severe at other

A sharp shock of earthquake was

felt in this city about ten minutes be-

fore ten o'clock yesterday morning.

The movement was apparently from

west to east, and its duration about

two seconds. While it was sufficient

to cause timbers in buildings to creak

and chandeliers to sway in some in-

stances, many persons did not notice

it, or if they did, ascribed its effects to

other and less alarming causes. At

Tileston school some of the children

up-stairs at the time. She did not places, and caused great alarm in hear of the attempt to burn the Augusta, Savannab, Charleston and house until Tuesday evening, when Columbia. Kate Capps, a colored woman,

An Barthquake.

A special dispatch to the STAR from Charlotte says :

"Two slight shocks of earthqual were felt here this morning-the first at 9.54 o'clock, the second eight seconds later. Signal officer Barry says the vibration was from north to south. The shock was greater in the western portion of the city. A mirror vas shaken off a mantel at Mr. P. E. Linnell's house. No other damage is reported. People are excited, how-ever, fearing another 1886 disaster."

Prisoners Sentenced.

The following named prisoners. sentenced at the recent term of the Criminal Court, were sent to the House of Correction yesterday: Wm. Walsh, for three months; Sallie Moore, three months; Georgiana Hewes, six months; Harry Jansen, Katie Capps, colored, said she three years; Larry Williams, two

lived on Bladen and Sixth streets; years; Victoria Bryant, six months; went to Brown's house Tuesday morn-Sarah Fair, twelve months. ing and met Henrietta Moore, the The following will go to the State cook, who told that she was glad to penitentiary: John Baker, (white) see her; that Brown was going to eight years; Jno. Brown, four years; set fire to the house that night. She Charles Bailey, two years; Gid Ed-(Capps) told Brown's wife, who ap-

wards, five years; Ella Martin, three peared greatly excited. She heard years; James Ingram, three years; Brown say a day or two afterwards Willson, twelve months. Willis James Ingram was convicted of forgery; all the rest of larceny. John Thomas, a colored youth who

Seriously Injured. A middle-aged man, apparently a

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Meeting of House Committee on Elec-[Raleigh News and Observer.j

The Grand Lodge resumed its sessions Wednesday morning, being called from refreshment to labor at 10 Seat. o'clock, the Grand Master presiding. The spacious Masonic Hall was well filled with delegates and attendants, composing one of the finest and most intelligent looking body of men ever seen in this city. The reception of reports was be-

Grand Treasurer William E. Anderson's report gave a detailed ac-count of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge. The excellence of this report shows the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in its selection of a Treasurer. Alpheus W. Wood, Senior Grand

THE MASONS.

North Carolina.

Deacon, appeared and occupied his The following appointments were made upon committees: W. P. Williams in place of H. W. Reinhart on committee No. 1, on sus-

pensions and expulsions. E. F. Lamb in place of W. B. Boyd on committee No. 2, on suspensions A. H. A. Williams presented a me norial from Oxford Lodge, No. 396, in the town of Oxford, praying for a change of place for holding the annual communications of the Grand

Lodge from Raleigh to Oxford. On motion the matter was referred to a committee with instructions to report at the next annual communication pon the advisability of a change. The following committees were appointed: On the Orphan Asylum-E.

Martin, D. A. Culbreth, A. B. Daugh-trey, C. B. Edwards and N. B. Henry. On Fraternal Dead-W. G. Campbell, W. P. Williams and A. H. Stubbs.

and expulsions.

The remainder of the morning session and the whole of the afternoon session were taken up with the reports of the various committees.

At the evening session the follow ng officers were elected for the enuing year:

M. W., Charles H. Robinson, Wil-mington, Grand Master; R. W., Samuel H. Smith, Winston. N. C., Deputy Grand Master; R. W., Hezekiah A. Gudger, Senior Grand War-den; R. W., John W. Cotten, Tar-boro, Junior Grand Warden; William E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer; Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary. Thomas A. Green was re-elected a director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for a period of five years.

Eleven o'clock Tuesday morning was setapart for the installation of Grand Officers and Geo. W. Blount, P. G. M., was invited to perform the sertions-Thosbe's Ground for Contest shown to be Worthless-Committee Decide to Report a Resolution Declaring Mr. Carlisle Entitled to his By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 -Every member itled to his seat. of the House Committee on Elections was in attendance this morning to resume con-sideration of the Thoebe-Carlisle contested election case T. F. Hallam, of Covington, Ky., appeared in behalf of speaker Carlisle, while Mr. Sypher appeared for he contestant. The Chairman appounced that the pre-

senta ion of affidavits in behalf of the contestee was in order Mr. Hallam said he took the nosition that

WASHINGTON.

sufficient cause had not been shown for a reopening of the case The action of counsel on the other side, in presenting affi davits at the la-t session, seemed to show that they concurred in that belief. Among the things stated by the contestee in his affidavit, was one to the effect that John A. Goodson, chief of police of Covington, and brother in law of Mr. Carlisle, had staed, one or two days after the elec-

tion, that the Speaker had been defeated, and that Charles Easton, of Covington, Ky., would so testify. In answer to that counsel read affidavits by both Goodson and Easton, positively denying the statement Goodson further denies emphatically the assertion made by counsel for the contestant, that some relative of Carlisle's had approached Wood, formerly Thoebe's counsel, for the purpose of influencing him. He states that he is the only relative of Carlisle living near Covington, and he declares that neither he nor any other person, so far as he is concerned, ever in any manner approtiched or attempted to approach Wood or any other person in Carlisle's behalf. So far as the affiant knew such a thing was never thought of The affiant further says that he met Eiston on the morning after the election, and Easton asked him the result. He replied that he did not know, as returns were not in Easton then said that it would be a damned outrage if Carlisle were defeated by such an ignorant man. Another affidavit by Horace Cameron, reporter of the Cincinnati Evening Telegram. was read, in which Cameron recites the sub-

stance of a conversation with the Speaker the day after the election, in which the Speaker said that he did not know whether or not he had been defeated, but if he had been he would feel a sense of personal relief, such as he had not experienced in ten years. The afflant further says that he had several conversations with Thoebe, but had never told him that Carlisle admitted that he was defeated. the contrary he had toll him that he (Thoebe), was defeated He had never sent an item to his paper declaring that Carlisle admitted his defeat, but he could not prove this by forwarding files of the paper as they had not been preserved. This affidavit was corroborated by affidavits made by John C. Benton, attorney, of Cincinnsti,

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and knew nothing of it.

says that the postoflice occupies the whole

lower floor of the Federal building, and

that to his knowledge no meeting, such as

and read affidavits by M. T. Garnett, who

tended a social gathering at the house of

A. S. Barry, and had remained there from

o'clock until 3 o'clock, and they

had then gone home to his bro-

ther's house, where Carlisle was residing.

On the night of the election Carlisle had

gone home at 8 o'clock, and gone immedi-

ately to bed. This affidavit is corroborated

had declined to participate in the meeting

of Carliale's friend, and had taken his had

and left the meeting when its object was

examined the

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postmaster, in his affidavit

The position taken by the Republicans who abstained from voting is, that while they are not convinced that Carlisle is not entitled to his seat. It is proper for the committee to refer the case and afford an pportunity for the production of any new widence that might threw light upon the contest. Under instructions of the comnittee chairman Crisp will report to the House a resolution declaring Carlisle en-

THE WAR CLOUD.

NO. 11

Semi-Official Statement from St. Petersburg-The Feeling of Disquiet Increased-Ranid Movement of Rus sian Troops to the Frontier-War like Feeling in Austria. Copyright by the N.Y. Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 14 .- A semi-official statenent is issued from St. Petersburg tonight, with reference to the failure of the Czar to make a speech at his New Year's reception. The assertion is made that the Czar has not been in the habit of making a political statement on that occasion. This s only partly true; both the late and the present Czar have been wont to make a short address of semi-conversational char-Yesterday evening the Czar pointedly

efrained from conversing with Gen Von cheveinitz, German Ambassador, and Count Von Walkenstein Frostberg, Austrian representative. At one period of the reception Russian Generals and Ministers grouped themselves around the Czar. expecting an important utterance. After whispering a few minutes with M. De Greis, he turned to the others and formally offered the congratulations of the season then he singled out three of his Ministers for a private talk. The incident is considered an intimation that the war party triumphs. Among the lists of honors conferred the Pan-Slavists alone were favored. The list of decorations leaves the impression in Berlin and Vienna official circles that the Czar is hopelessly under com-

mand of the aggressives. The Moscow Gazette to-night says that on the nineteenth day after the Epiphany (Russian style) the Czar will preside at a grand military fete, when he will declare his policy. The Czar's action in choosing a military fete as the occasion on which to make this declaration has increased the feeling of disquiet. In the meantime fromtier movements continue to be accelerated Division after division of cavalry pours westward into Volhynia: trains loaded with artillery and munitions occupy the railroads, and ordinary traffic is suspended. At Kieff, Odessa and elsewhere, authorities are buying up provisions and forage and along the line, of the Vistula between Dem-

blin and Dombrava, hosts of laborers are engaged in constructing redoubts. The Warsaw police have issued orders that all Austrians who have not permits to reside in Poland must quit Russian terri-

tory to-day. All Polish officers are being

removed from the frontier regiments and

sent to take commands in the interior.

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Well, the American is happy. It flatters itself that the civil service principles are at a heavy discount with the Democrats in and out of the Congress. The truth is, among genuine Democrats the imported hum. bug, with a Republican stamp upon it, has never been much in favor. The American may be discovering an abandonment that has no existence. It says, and we hope it is correct:

regulation pattern.

"Signs seem to warrant the inference that the Democrats have at length concluded to openly abandon civil service reform. Speaker Carlisle has appointed as chsirman of the standing committee on that subject an avowed enemy of reform, and a member of the Civil Service Commission is quoted as promising in the annual report an expose of the humbuggery of the system. This is more manly than the attitude heretofore assumed by the administration and will command more respect if it does not increase the supporters of the party. Anything is preferable to the covert and insidious attacks made upon civil service reform while outwardly professing the sincerest anxiety for its success

'Many believed when Dickens wrote "Martin Chuzzlewit" that he had drawn in Pecksniff a caricature, but those who have closely followed American politics in recont years can no longer doubt the reality of the creation. The skilfully worded snegyrics emanating from the White use have so painfully contracted with the enforcement of civil service principles in many States of the Union that the leaders have probably wisely determined not to prolong the wretched sham."

If Civil Service in America, the work in the main of Republicans smitten with Anglomania, shall find an eternal quietus at the hands of the Democrate, the STAR will be happy

al-0. A RADICAL AND CIVIL SERVICE. Senator Hale's assault upon the Administration and the Democratic party for its bad Civil Service record attracted unusual attention. It seems that this Republican is putting on airs about the violations of the law and the removal of Republicans. The STAR does not concern itself with the defence of the party and the President. It believes the Civil* Service theory and law to be unrepublican, undemocratic and unamerican. At is the transfer to our shores of the bureaucratic system of life tenure that pleases monarchs and lords. The STAR has no favois to show to such a system. It is a fraud, and it is admitted that now clerks in the Departments may continue indefinitely in their places. If it is right that a certain set should hold office from term to term, why not extend it? Why not overturn at once the great underlying American idea of frequent elections-that offclals are responsible to the people, and let Presidents, Governors and all hold office for life and upon good behavior? Can you have too much

of a good thing?

ore than 100,000 copies have been sold. His larger history in four volumes is a noble work, but his "Short History" is of unequalled excellence. To write in one solid octavo volume the history of a great people extending through more than a thousand years, and to do it with such artistic skill and interest is to show marked genius.

From a recent article on Macaulay

and Croker in one of the Euglish Reviews, we learn an interesting fact. The writer says that Croker "invented the name of Conservative for one party" (the Tory) and that Lord Macaulay "did more than any Brown to repeat what he had said before a witness. Soon after Henone else to affix the name of Liberal on the other" party, the Whig. John Wilson Croker was a very able man-much abler than one would be led to suppose from reading Macanlay's brilliant, slashing, one-sided, review of Croker's Edition of Boswell's Life of Johnson. Croker was a consummate writer, and we wonder that a good edition of his essays,

&c. is not made accessible to American readers. He was a close friend of Sir Walter Scott, was one of the most conspicuous Tory politicians of his time, and was in intimate association with many of the leading men of the first half of this century.

Senator Ransom grow eloquent in

a one minute speech in the Senate and will probably carry his point. He wanted \$500,000 for a lighthouse burned in the floor, and asked the on Diamond Shoals, fifteen miles from Hatteras. Here is his speech: Brown had set the house on fire and "I will not detain the Senate now with intended to set it on fire again. Brown an argument in favor of the bill. I will simply say, sit, that in all human history to burn the house, in the presence of there will be few better or more famous days than the one on which the dark terrors witness. of Hatteras will be overcome by the illu Solicitor Moore said that it was unminations of human science. On all th necessary to take the testimony of wide seas there is not a mariner who wil not hail and bless that light. It will guide other witnesses for the State, the eviand save their ships in the perilous life dence was sufficient to justify holding upon the fearful coast when all the lights the prisoner for the crime of arson. of the heavens are obscured. The time Brown was unattended by counsel will come, sir, when the originators of this work and the Congress that accomplishes

the fire to any one.

it will receive the gratitude of mankind." Mr. Daniel R. Goodloe, a nativ North Carolinian of ability and an old journalist, living in Washington, writes to the Raleigh Chronicle, raking down Speaker Carlisle for his heaping honors on some States and neglecting North Carolina. He says, in conclusion:

"Mr. Carlisle is a gentleman of a high or der of talents, as well as of character; and he has the reputation of being sagacious and far-seeing; but it would seem, that from his ocation in the valley of the Mississippi, he is unable to discern objects on the Atlantic slope, over and beyond the tops of the Allethanics, where they tower highest above the clouds.

The home and library of Senator Ingalls has been destroyed by fire. Arrest him. He said that he return-ed to Wilmington Friday night and went home and kissed his wife; was

smelt something burning, and called to Brown, down-stairs, who replied, to be L. Fining, from papers found on "Oh nothing; something caught fire his person, was seriously, if not fabut I put it out." The next day he tally injured at Wadesboro Wednes-(Thomas) saw the burned places and day night, in attempting to leave the the oil on the floor. train on the Carolina Central rail-Milly Jenkins, colored, testified that road after it was in motion. As the she was employed by Brown's wife as train was pulling out from the depot, cook, a few days before the occurthe man jumped and in falling struck rence mentioned. The next morning the depot platform. His right leg -Tuesday-she met Brown, who said, was broken, and it is supposed he suf-"Cook, I am going to burn this house down, and I thought I would tell you so that you could get out." Witness

fered severe internal injuries, as when found he was bleeding protusely from the mouth and was unable to told Mr. Walter Yopp, who has a speak. Conductor Welch stopped shop in the building, and asked him the train and had the man removed if she should tell Brown's wife. Mr. to the depot and left in charge of the Yopp told her that as she was almost agent, who at once summoned a phya stranger in the house she would not sician to attend him. Fining got on be believed and she had better get the train at Charlotte.

Railroad Disaster Near Hickory.

The accident on the Chester rietta Moore, a colored woman Lenoir narrow gauge railroad, menwho had been employed as a cook tioned in the STAR yesterday, was a and wasdischarged a short time beserious one. A passenger train of fore by Brown's wife, called, and in her three cars went through a trestle one presence Brown repeated what he mile north of Hickory. The coaches had previously said-that he was gotook fire and were consumed. Nearly ing to set fire to the house again. every one on board the train was in-After Brown had left the room she jured. Rev. Mr. Beall, of Lenoir, is (Milly) told Henrietta that she was reported to have been mortally going to tell Brown's wife. Henrietta wounded. advised her not to do it; saying that

The Seismic Disturbance.

the woman was too mean to her husband anyway. Witness said that she No earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday, nor were any reporttold Frances Brown, and that night the latter quarrelled with her hused from any quarter. As bearing band about it; told him she had a upon the subject of the recent disturgood mind to break the lamp over bance, the following dispatch from the his head. After breakfast the next Rochester (N. Y.) Observatory, is inmorning, however, Brown's wife cauteresting:

tioned witness to say nothing about "Since noon of Monday, January 9th; the magnetic needle has been

much disturbed at intervals. There Henrietta Moore, colored, testified was a marked disturbance Wednesthat when she called at the house day evening about \$:39 o'clock. Du-Tuesday morning she saw the hole ring the forenoon of Thursday there was rapid motion, and between 11 and 12 there were indications of a secook about it; the latter told her that vere magnetic storm. The motion of a heavy needle a foot long was a degree and three-quarters. This extreme agitation followed the earthsoon came in and repeated his threat quake at Columbia, S. C.

H. C. Maine, of this city, reports the appearance of an extended group of sun spots on Monday and Tuesday by the sun's rotation. It is the group which first appeared in the same way December 13th and 14th. Since January 9th there have been very rapid and extreme fluctuations of barometric pressure.

Cape Fear and Vadkin Valley Rallor witnesses. He was asked if he had road.

anything to say, and in reply said he The commissioners appointed by knew nothing of what the witnesses the Board of Aldermen to arrange had testified to. He left Wilmington terms with the Cape Fear & Yadkin because the cook told him that he Valley Railroad Company upon was to be arrested for setting fire to which the latter will agree to extend the house. He went to Burgaw, and the road to this city, were in conferthence to Weldon and Garysburg. ence yesterday afternoon for several While away he heard that there hours with a committee representing was a warrant out for his arrest for the Board of Directors of the railroad taking a watch. The watch was his; company. An hour after the concluit was given to him by his wife, and sion of the conference, the gentlehe had his name engraved on it. He men representing the railroad took admitted that he took the watch out their departure for home, by train of his wife's trunk, and said in explaon the Carolina Central which left nation that whenever she got mad here at 6.40 o'clock.

with him she would take the watch No information was furnished to from him and put it in her trunk. He denied that he was in Garysburg when officer Turlington went on to the public as to what transpired in the conference. It is understood, however, that an agreement was reached upon terms which were per- Stewards.

and Henry C. Hallom, clerk of the Count The following representatives of sister Grand Lodges were accorded Court. To meet the statements made by Thoehe touching the meeting of Carlisle's a fraternal welcome: Alabama, Donald W. Bain; Arkansas, F.H. Busbee Canada, George W. Blount; District of Columbia, Charles H. Robinson; Georgia, Donald W. Bain; Iowa, C. H. Robinson; Kansas, E. S. Martin; and a nmber of other gentlemen, who declare Maryland, H. Cowan; Minnesota, Eugene Grissom; Nova Scotia, Thomas ference or meeting. One of the signers of Kenan; Ohio, A.M. Noble; Oregon Cotten; Vermont, Samue John W. Northrop; Virginia, Wm. F. Ander-

After exemplification of the work in the Master's degree by W. P. Wiliams, Bernice Walker, Dudley Peed W. P. Oldham and A. J. Blair. the Grand Lodge was called off until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Grand Lodge assembled Thurs-day at 10 o'clock a. m. After the

edge. Similar affidavits were made by G. reading of the minutes, Eugene Gris-H. Davidson and J. C Tunnell, occupying som, P. D. G. M., introduced a resolu the remaining floors of the building. tion extending fraternal greetings to the venerable Past Grand Master Althat P. Casey, janitor of the Federal buildfred Martin, of Wilmington, who has ing, the only person who was particularly abored so zealously for the cause of named as having been present at the con-Masonry in North Carolina, and exference, and as having admitted that Cartending their sympathy to him in his lisle had been defeated, but that it had personal afflictions. been fixed up, makes an affidavit declaring An amendment to the Code, intro-

duced by the Grand Secretary, striking out that section of the law requiring secretaries to return to each annual communication the dates of the charters of the lodges, was adopted. The report on the Oxford Orphan

has the custody of the poll-books; G. Winston and William Piper, Republicans, de-Asylum, which was adopted, recomclaring that the books appeared to be cormended an appropriation of \$2,000 for the ensuing Masonic year. (This rect in every particular and the signatures in for the ensuing Masonic year. the handwriting of the election officere. J. amount is nearly two-thirds of the A. Callahan, who was sheriff of the pre-cinct, in his affidavit declares that all of the annual revenues of the Grand Lodge, and is given in addition to the annual votes were correctly returned and that he contributions of the subordinate witnessed personally the signature of the odges to this noble charity.) judge to the books; the Casey affidavit de-The committee on Jurisprudence claring that the statement was not true in

made a recommendation in regard to a change of the Code in reference to the re-installment of members excluded for non-payment of, dues as ollows:

"No member of a lodge shall be excluded from membership for non-payment of dues until he shall have been notified by a legal Masonic summons o appear and show cause for such deinquency.

"A failure to respond to said notification shall subject the offender to the pains and penalties prescribed for a violation of a legal Masonic summons.

"Your committee recommend to the odges that members who have heretofore been excluded for non-pay ment of dues may be re-instated to nembership upon the payment of such terms as the lodge may determine.

'Your committee further recommend that Masons of defunct lodges who were excluded for non-payment of dues may be admitted to membership, upon petition and ballot, as other cases of petition for memberhip accompanied by a certificate of

the Grand Secretary. The recommendations of the com nittee were adopted.

The new officers-elect were install ed by P. G. M., Geo. W. Blount. On motion of Wright G. Campbell the Grand Secretary was instructed to have eleven hundred copies of the uniform code of by-laws and amend ments to the general code printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the various subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master made the follow ng appointments: Wright G. Camp Concord, Grand Chaplain; Al pheus W. Wood, New Berne, Senior Frand Deacon; Samuel Northrop Wilmington, Junior Grand Deacon rancis M. Moye, Moyeton, Grand Marshal; Albert B. Daughtrey, Sea oard, Grand Sword Bearer; Charles F. Gilbert, Leicester, Grand Pur suivant: Robert H. Bradley, Raleigh Grand Tiler; Ara O. Edson, Tulls, an John W. Thompson, Raleigh, Grand

movements are kept a profound secret, but it is impossible to conceal the fact that there is an active passage of troops from Posen friends on election day, counsel produced au to the Silesian frontier. The first clear exaffidavit, signed by Judge Geo G Persins, positions of the situation of affairs is hoped W. W. Clery, commonwealth's attorney, for from Herr Tizs, Hungarian Prime Minister, in his reply to the interpellation of that no meeting of the kind described could have been held without their know-Herr Helfy. The temper of the majority of members of the Hungarian Parliament ledge, and that they know of no such con s ardently warlike. Unless Premier Tiszs's explanation shows that the forces on the affi lavit, Geo C. Davis, was, said Mr. the frontier of Galicia are ample to repel Hallam, the gentleman who occupied the any invasion, Deputy Preczel threatens to room in the Federal building, where the move a vote of censure. conference was alleged to have ta-

WASHING1ON.

Work of the Committee on Elections By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

described, had been held, nor could any such have been held without his knowl-WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 -The House Committee on Elections has disposed of the application of A. E. Redstone, to be adnitted as a party to the contest in the Fifth Mr. Hallam called attention to the fact California District. Redstone was a candidate of the United Labor party, and the returns show that he received 470 votes. He alleges that all of the 32,000 votes cast for Felton and Sullivan were fraudulent. and that he is therefore entitled to the seal now occupied by Felton. As he served no that he had never attended such a meeting notice of the contest and filed no evidence the Committee on Elections has decided that there is not sufficient foundation to In answer to the statements impugniog the correctness of the poll-books of Verona warrant a contest, and will so report to the precinct, Boone county, counsel produced

touse. The Committee this morning set the fol owing dates for the consideration of the other contested election cases: Lowry vs. White, Indiana, January 17th; McDuffin vs. Davidson, Alabama, January 21st Worthington vs Post, Illinois, January

EARTHQUAKE.

Slight at Raleigh-People Frightened at Savannah-Accompanied by Loud Detonations at Columbia. By Telegraph to the Morning S ar,

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12 .- A slight shock of earthquake was felt here at 9.55 this morning.

Advices from Charlotte report a shock here and the people greatly excited, fearing a repetition of the disaster of 1886. There was also a strong shock felt at Shelby and other points.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 12 -The earthuake shock this morning was generally elt throughout the coast country and as far west as Augusta. No damage has been eported at any place.

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 12 - A distinct earthquake shock felt here at 932 this morning. Houses were shaken and many people were frightened, but no damage was by affidavit from Henry E. Queen touch-ing Sypher's statement that R. W. Nelson The duration of the shock was about five seconds. It seemingly passed from west to east.

> COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 12 .- A sharp arthquake shock, the first in many months, startled the citizens of Columbia at 9.55 this morning. Buildings were soverely shaken and doors, windows, crockery and lassware rattled in a lively manner. Peoble sleeping were rudely awakened, and many rushed into the streets. The direction of the wave seemed to be from north to south. The vibrations continued about ten seconds and were accompanied by loud detonations.

CHARLESTON, January 12 .- Dispatches to-night show that the earthquake shock this morning was felt at Georgetown, Conway, Beaufort and Newberry.

VIRGINIA. The Ridenour Murder Trial at Wi

chester.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WINCHESTER, Jan. 14 .- This was the welfth day of the Ridenour murder trial. The prosecution closed ycsterday. The defence placed E. B. Hay, professional expert from Washington, on the stand to day. He testified that the signature of T. A. Ridenour on the pote found near the body of Andrew Bray, the murdered man, and the endorsement thereon of Horndorff,

in view of the certainty of Senator Ransom's re-election. -Charlotte Chronicle: At Gastonia, last Tuesday, one of the boldest cases of horse stealing on record was perpetrated. Mr. W. R. Holland was standing by the roadside, holding his horse, when a fellow named Rhodes came along, jetked the bridle reins from Mr. Holland's hands, mounted the animal and galloped away. He was out of sight before Mr. Holland had recovered from his astonishment. The thief was captured yesterday and the horse was returned to Mr. Holland. -The gin house of Mr. F. F. Stearns, located one mile from Pioneer Mills in Cabarrus county, was destroyed by fire on the evening of he 7th inst. The building caught fire from a spark from the engine. Together with the house and machinery, eight bales of seed cotton were totally burned, and fifteen bales that were standing in the yard were partially burned. The loss is \$1,500

upon which there was no insurance. A serious affray occurred yesterday afternoon at the Charlotte Cotton Mills between two operatives, Baxter Bird and John Perdy. In the altercation Perdy was stabbed in the back with a knife in the hands of Bird. The wound was just under the left shoulder blade, and was three inches deep. Dr. Bobbert Gibbon was called to attend the patient and dressed his wound. Dr. Gibbon save that the stab is a very serious

one, but the chances are that Perdy will recover. Bird made his escape. The cause of the trouble could not be learned last night.

- Raleigh News-Observer: Yesterday Mr. Rufus Powell, formerly a deputy sheriff, living a few miles in the country, met with a very painful though not serious accident. Mr. Powell was very badly crushed and bruised by the fail and weight of the horse. His head was terribly cut and one of his hands badly sprained. He

was insensible for some time and it was at first thought that his injuries would prove - On Wednesday evening last, fatal. Chief of Police Heartt, of this city, received a telegram from Norfolk, asking him to intercept aud arrest May Perry White, a young white woman about 19 years of age. The telegram stated that the young woman had obtained a gold watch and chain under false pretence in Norfolk. and very soon afterwards had left that city in company with a man by the Norfolk & Western train. - Hon. John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, writing to Secretary Bruner, of the State Agricultural Depart ment, says: "I am assured that the funds for the Experimental Station will be amply provided for in the Urgent Deficiency bill. This deficiency will be hurried through Congress in a few days." --- Officers Executive Committee of the State Fair for 1888: President, W.G. Upchurch, Raleigh. Vice Presidents, permanent-Hon, K. P. Battle, LL. D. Hon. B. H. Smith, Captain John S. Dancy, Colonel Thomas M. Holt. State at large-Captain S. B. Alexander, Capt. B. M. Collins, Gov. A. M. Scales, A. T. Mial, G. W. Sanderlin and H. E Fries; Judicial Districta-1st District, W. S. Carter, Esq.; 2nd, Dr. W. R. Capehart; 3rd, Col. Jordan F. Jones; 4th, Daniel Stewart, Esq.; 5th, J. Van Lindley, Esq.; 6th, G. Z.

Mr. Hallam next turned his attention to the affidavit of Jno. J. Pierce, of Cincinnati, to the effect that, with the exception of one precinct, all of the returns of Carroll county appear to be in the same handwriting. To meet this he produced the affidavit of R. F. Harrison, county clerk, who is custodian of the pollbooks, exhibits them to the committee and firms the correctness of the vote. Mr. Hallam declared that an examination of the papers, which could be made by the committee itself, would satisfy them that the signatures to the returns were not in one handwriting. E. Vance, register and cashier of the bank and

explained to him

Republican in politics, makes affidavit that he had returns, and declares that the names of the voters in the books appear to have been made by the clerks of the various precincts who sign the returns A. T. Lech, Knight of Labor of Carrolton, declares that he was present in Thoebe's interest when the vote of Carroll county was counted and that he found the returns to be fair and beyond

question as to correctness. J. T. Lewis, Republican and ex-postmaster of Carrolton, affirms the correctness of entries in the

whole or in part, and that he did not know of any attempt to count out Carlisle, nor did he believe that any such conference, as was alleged, had been held. Mr. Hallam said that an obscure charge had been made by one Charles Maunder that on the night after the election Carlisle had been seen figuring about Newport, in the vicinity of the ballot boxes. engaged in conversation with Hatch. In reply to this charge he read the affidavit of W. Queen, that on the night of the election he, his brother and Carlisle had at-

amount of money and notes valued amount of money and notes valued at between two and three thousand sin. So far as we are concerned, we do	tions for the Republicane. He is one of that number of tricksters who indorsed Grant in every usurpation, and left no stone unturned to per- petnate the curse of Radicalism in the South. When he undertakes to rebuke the Democracy for false pledges and bad conduct, it is only another instance of Satan rebuking sin,	This ended the hearing, and the may or ordered that the prisoner becommitted to jail on the charge of arson. The construction of a railroad to the sound. The sound three miles from to south the sound the sound the south the s	and which it is expected will prove acceptable to the city authorities and meet the approval of the public. It was agreed that the subscription of \$150,000 by the city shall be paid to the company in money; the city to market its bonds for the amount at such rate of interest as may be agreed upon by the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance; and it was further agreed, that the construc- tion of the road is to begin at Wil- mington. The commission will make its re- port to the Board of Aldermen at a meeting to be held next Monday night. — All right, Senator Voorhees, You can now be forgiven that semi-protec- tion speech in Atlanta several years ago.—	leigh for courtesies shown. Thanks were extended to Grand Master C. H. Robinson for the very able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge having concluded its labors at 12 o'clock, at the sound of the gavel, its deliberations were brought to a close. INDIANA . Destructive Fire in Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Jen. 14.—A fire which broke out here last night burned out the following firms: D. P. Erwin & Co., dry goods; George W. Stout & Co., wholesale grocers; Tan- ner's Sons, overalls; McKee & Bran- hama, boots and shoes; Pearson & Witsell, queensware. The loss is	voted with the Democrats, so the motion was lost. Another motion was made to declare Thoebe entitled to his sest, and on this vote four Republican members were excused from voting, the remainder voting with the Democrats against the proposi- tion. Then came the final vote on the mo- tion affirming Mr. Carlisle's right to his seat. All of the Democrats voted in favor of this proposition, and with them stood Messrs. Cooper, Powell, and Johnson of Ind., making the affirmative vote 12. Messrs. Lyman, Houk and Lodge, Repub- licans, were excused, so there was no nega-	- Charlotte Hornet: Did you ever notice the difference in the appear- ance of a business house that advertises liberally and one that does not advertise at all ? — Miss Etta Smith, a pupil at the Female College, died at 11:20 to-day of pneumonia. The deceased lady was a daughter of W. A. Smith, Esq., of Wades- boro, and was an only child. The young lady was a communicant of the Episcopal	hundred. — It is reported that Mr. A. Garrett, of this city, has given Rev. R C. Pearson, the evangelist, a residence lot, in the vicinity of Mr. Garrett's new hotel in South Asheville, or Victoria; that Mr. P. will at once build a home for himself and family and make Asheville his headquar- ters in the future; and that he will spend
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