STATE TOPICS.

the Southern States Inter-State Ex-

from a distance if Charlotte sub-

scribes enough money to put the

scheme on a solid footing. Charlotte

is a live town, and her people gene-

rally come to the scratch in com-

mendable projects, and if they take

hold of this matter with their usual

determination and energy we have

no doubt it will prove a grand suc-

cess. Piedmont North Carolina is a

fruitful field to draw from, and Char-

lotte a good point to draw to. Wil-

mington and the STAR take an inter-

est in this movement and will note its

Mr. J. S. Spencer, a good square

Democrat of Charlotte, who was ap-

pointed, by Mr. Cleveland, disbursing

agent of the public building at Char-

lotte, has been ordered to turn over

remarkable feature about this is that

Mr. Holland is also a Democrat and

has never been anything else. This

is a departure from the precedents

under the present administration,

and the only way it can be accounted

for is that Republicans of average

business qualifications and financial

capacity must be somewhat few and

far between in the "hornet's nest" of

which Charlotte is the capital. Or

fact that he administered a bitter

pill when he appointed J. Sims, Esq.,

as superintendent of the public

building, concluded that he would

College from its present location, in

Randolph county, to some more cen-

tral point, where the railroad facili-

ties are better, on condition that the

city which desires to secure the col-

lege will contribute money enough

to pay for the site and erect the ne-

cessary buildings. The News Ob-

server states that the trustees have

agreed to move the college to Ral-

eigh provided the sum of \$25,000 be

assured. A committee appointed by

the Chamber of Commerce has raised

\$6,000 of this sum, and it is thought

that when the regular canvass is

made, which will be at once, there

will be no difficulty in raising the re-

quisite amount. If the college be

moved Raleigh or Greensboro would

offer the most advantages of loca-

tion, but Raleigh is able to outbid

Greensboro, and will doubtless se-

Grass culture seems to be attract-

ing more or less attention now in all

of the Southern States, but we don't

believe there is one which can show

as good a record in this respect, with

the possible exception of Georgia, as

North Carolina. There are grass

farms in this State which cannot be

surpassed anywhere. Throughout

central North Carolina fields may be

seen where the clover stands five feet

high, and where three cuttings in the

season are of ordinary occurrence. If

one who doubts that North Carolina

is capable of becoming a grass and

clover growing State will take a view

county or of John Wadsworth's farm

near Charlotte, he will doubt no

more. These are but a few of many

instances that might be mentioned

but they will answer the purpose.

North Carolina has capacity for

grass culture equal to any State south

The suit of Dr. Hodge, of Wake

county, against the railroads of the

State, to which reference has been

made heretofore, has taken a new

turn. It is a question now, on which

there seems to be a difference of

opinion among Raleigh lawyers,

whether Dr. Hodge can prosecute

such a suit in the name of the State.

these lawyers holding that the At-

torney General is the one to take ac-

tion in the courts when so

instructed by the Governor.

On being questioned upon this

point Governor Fowle is quoted as

saying: "I have not authorized the

bringing of the suits by Dr. Hodge

against the railroads, neither have I

been asked to do so. The suits are

based on the idea that any citizen has

the right to use the name of the State

in an action for the penalty. If this

is so the penalty may be recovered;

if not the plaintiff will fail. The

court alone can say how the mat-

The "fire-fiend" startles us with

the statement that one hundred and

eleven million dollars' worth of prop-

erty was destroyed by fire in this

country last year. The year before the

ter is."

or north and superior to many.

like Mr. Holland.

maybe Mr. Harrison, realizing the

progress with pleasure.

There is a movement on foot in

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" 8 months " . " THE THREE AMERICAS EXPOSI-

It is proposed to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, by a grand industrial exposition of the three Americas at Washington in 1892. On the 23d of October the his books to Mr. J. R. Holland, The National Board of Promotion, composed of the Governors of the respective States, Mayors of principal cities and committees of Boards of Trade, will meet in the city of Washington, to discuss the matter. This time has been chosen because then the Commercial Congress of the Three Americas, with delegates from the nineteen American countries will be in session there, which will afford a good opportunity for an interchange of views and for getting the opinions of all interested in the subject.

This is one of the preliminary steps to forming a better acquaintance commercially and otherwise with the people on the continent south of us, and to making them better acquainted with us. Commercially speaking we know but little of them, and they know but little of us, because ou commerce with them has been strangled by a high protective tariff system, which has closed their ports to us and opened them to rival nations on the other side of the ocean. British sails whiten their seas, where American sails are seldom seen, and the British flag proudly floats in their ports where the American flag, when it floats at all, is a very lonesome sight. We buy but little from those nations, and sell them less than we buy, when, because of our proximity to them, and our ability to supply their wants, we ought to sell them everything they need. Unhandicapped by restrictive and, practically speaking, prohibitory tariff laws which blockade their ports against American shipping, we could and would. These countries are rich in agricultural, mineral and forest resources, which with genial climate, cheap lands, inducements held out by some of them to immigrants, will make them in the not distant future wealthy, populous and mighty. The acquaintance of such people is worth cultivating, trade with them worth seeking and worth

We live in an era of progress and of railroad building, and the time will be, within this generation, when the three Americas will be linked together by rail as the States of the Atlantic and Pacific now are. This is not visionary, not more so than the talk a little over a quarter of a century ago of speeding of some of the grass farms in Wake across the continent between the two oceans, behind a locomotive.

The United States are interested in this industrial exposition, and the Southern States are especially so, because some of these countries are near neighbors, and railroads passing through Southern territory carry passengers to the city of the Montezumas. When the meeting is held in October to discuss the movement we trust the Southern States will be well represented, and that North Carolina will be there.

Says the Courier-Journal: "Talk of the seaside and of the country! Where at the seaside, or where in the country, is there any landscape so pleasing as one of the broad, well shaded residence streets of Louisville at the decline of day?" The poet of the C .- J. has never seen the Switchback at the Hammocks or the skeleton of the whale at Carolina Beach.

Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, is now engaged in denouncing the use of money in elections. Mr. Washburn has probably repented; months ago he was charged with buying his way to the United States Senate, and it took the biggest whitewash brush in Minnesota. wielded by a Republican Legislature, to make him appear at all decent.

The snake editor of the Savannah News has "whooped up" a hoop snake about seven feet long, and that had a horn about two inches amount destroyed was one hundred long on the end of its tail. We and twenty millions. Incendiarism patiently await the returns from our is given as the main cause, and deown county of Pender. fective flues come next,

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1889. VOL. XX.

The Chicago people are very enterprising. Not satisfied with the Charlotte for an exposition of the horrible details of the Cronin murder, Piedmont section of this State in that they have "erected" a life-size wax city in October next. Mr. P. M. figure of the lamented Doctor in a Wilson, State Agent of Immigration, Dime Museum for daily exhibition. and Mr. J. T. Patrick, President of If they could only secure the murderer, decapitate him, and place his position Company, have pledged their head on a pole in the D. M., the athearty co-operation to bring people traction would be complete.

The Inter-Ocean says Gov. Hill is becoming quite an expert in the saddle, and adds: "He likely is getting ready to ride the Democratic broncho in 1892," Well, if he does mount the Democratic broncho in '92, he will stick to him as long as the Har-

The claim agents and pension attorneys in Washington are in a broad grin over the recent rulings of Gen. Bussey and Corporal Tanner. And well they may be. But it is the tax ridden people who foot the bills.

An Iowa man has invented a machine for boring square holes. There is a man in Wilmington who can bore a hole square through you if you will give him time. Like the biblical brother, his name is "Le-

Five thousand dollars is all an Indiana widow, Emma Ford, asks for laceration of heart by Dr. A. J. Smith, and his refusal to allow her to change her name. The Doctor will no doubt plead heart failure.

The Greenville Reflector wants to know how to "get rid of flies and rats." Catch 'em and hit 'em with a hammer, or emigrate to the North pole; they don't bloom up there.

The Bottom Fallen Out. The Statesville Landmark contains somewhat counteract the dose by the an extract from the Bristol, Tenn., appointment of a clever Democrat Courier, which says: "Mr. Thomas Curtin, who has just come from Johnson City, says that the bottom It seems that the Trustees of Trinof the C. C. C. railroad movement has fallen out, and 'great was the fall ity College are anxious to move the The money has been nausted, Baltimore has fallen out of line, and Col. Matson, the chief engineer, has resigned his position and brought suit for about ten month's salary; together with other moneys which he has advanced, amounting in all to some seven thousand dollars."

> Drowning Accident. A colored boy named Willie Armstrong, about 12 years old, whose parents live on Nixon, between Seventh and Eighth streets, was drowned yeserday atternoon in a pond near the otton oil mill building at Hilton. Armstrong, with two other boys about the same age as himself, went to the pond to swim. It is supposed that he struck his head on a rock in diving, as the persons who recovered his body found an abrasion on the forehead. Coroner Jacobs was notifled and gave an order for the removal of the body and will hold an inquest to day.

S. P. C. A. to the Rescue. A sick steer-some persons said it was a foundered ox-that came off a steamboat and was being driven to a butcher-pen yesterday afternoon, fell in the street near Front and Princess. The men who had charge of it tied a rope around the poor beast's neck intending to drag it off behind a cart, but were stopped by a member of the Society for Prevention to Cruelty to Animals, who threatened them with arrest. The animal was then with some difficulty

Y. M. C. A. District Convent on. At the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. held in our city last March, it was decided to divide the State into five districts for the more thorough development of the work.

placed on a dray and carried away.

The Wilmington district has decided to begin its special work by holding a convention which will occur at Maxton, June 14th and 16th. A number of Wilmington men will appear on the programme.

-A Norfolk, Va., dispatch of the 29th says: "Schr. Annie M. Estelle, Deacon, bound from Rappahannock river to Wilmington, N.C., and which was detained in this port for some time, arrived in port to-day again in distress. Last Sunday night, off Cape Lookout, she was again visited by a squall, which blew away her foresail, rigging and spars."

Foreign Exports The following is a statement of foreign exports from this port for the

month of May: Rosin-\$1,291 barrels, valued at \$34,615. Tar-1,005 barrels, valued at \$1,575.

Spirits turpentine-119,019 gallons, valued at \$43,480. Lumber-553,000 feet, valued at

Shingles-160,000, valued at \$934. Total value of foreign exports for the month, \$88,857.

Naval Stores Receipts. Receipts of naval stores at this port for the crop year-from April 1st to June 1st-as compared with receipts for the same months last year, are as follows. Spirits turpentine, 8,924 casks; last year, 8,772. Rosin, 32,418 barrels; last year, 38,504. Tar. 11,359 barrels; last year, 8,888. Crude turpentine, 2,549 barrels; last year, 2,149.

otton Movement. Receipts of cotton the past month at this port were 324 bales; the same month last year, 903.

Receipts for the crop year to June 1st are 151,808 bales; to same date last year, 167,524. Decrease, 15,721 bales: The stock at this port is 585 bales, against 2,582 bales at the same time last year. WASBINGTON.

The city fathers will soon be wantng to know who put that catfish in the drinking fountain on Market street, near Front. There was one there yesterday about the size of a yearling trout and as fierce as a bulldog pup. Police officer Grant stirred him up with his club and the catfish bit at it as though it was a bologna sausage. The officer thought of his nippers and an arrest for disorderly conduct, but concluded to wait for instructions from headquarters before proceeding to extremities. If the man who put the fish there doesn't call, prove property and take it away, it may be confiscated and put in the cage with the chicken-hawks that grace the campus at the City Hall. Persons in the neighborhood say there are a half dozen catfish in the pool, and that they came from the river via the water works main. They hope that the city authorities will let them remain to form the nucleus for an aquarium.

Why Not Have an Aquarium?

The Weight of Cotton Bales. The question of payment of the rebate on jute bagging raised an interesting point as to the comparative weight per bale of the cotton shipped from the different ports, it being held that where the bales were heavier there was more bagging used, and hence the rebate might be proportionately greater. The following table shows the average weight per bale of all cotton at the Southern ports for the ten years from 1878-'9 to

 

 Savannah
 476.74

 Norfolk
 473.68

 Wilmington
 437.83

 

The average in New York for the past three years is 477.84 pounds to

Funeral of Mrs. Hill. The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Hill who died at Maxton, N. C., last Wednesday, took place yesterday morning at half-past nine o'clock from St. James' Church. The remains arrived by train on the Carolina Central railroad, and were escorted from the depot to the church by Messrs. W. N. Harriss, T. B. Harriss, Walker Taylor, Jno. L. Boatwright and Edwin Northrop. Bishop Watson and Rev. services. The pall bearers were Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Mr. George Harriss, Mr. R. J. Jones, Mr. B. F. Mitchell and Mr. A. J. Howell

From Wrightsville Beach. Among the new houses opened on the Ocean View Railroad, Wrightsville Beach, is the restaurant of James A. Hewlett & Co. They furnish fish, crabs, sandwiches, beer, &c. Mr. Hewlett is the champion fisherman of the Sounds, and will not often be "left" on fish.

The "Switchback" is nearly ready for the riders, and lots of fun may be expected when the cars arrive. The number of visitors to Wrightsville and the Hammocks is increasing as the weather grows warmer.

Pleasure Trip.

Mr. Pembroke Jones and Mr. Fred Kidder left Monday night last for an extended trip through the Western States. Theywill be met at Jersey City, N. J., by Mr. Benedict with his yacht Oneida. At New York they will take the private car of Mr. H. M. Flagler, to Chicago, then to Duluth, thence to Colorado, to visit mines in which Mr. Flagler has an interest. From thence the party will go to California. Mr. Jones expects to return to New York by the 26th of June, where he will be met by his family and with them sail for Europe. Mr. Kidder will return to Wilmington. Messrs. Jones and Kidder will be guests of Mr. Flagler on their trip out west.

- There is a pious old darkey in this city who has a decided aversion to anything like work, and when called upon to do something he dislikes, always advances a Scriptural reason for not doing it. Being told to water the garden one day during the recent "dry spell," he declined, saying "The Bible says, Paul may plant and 'Pollus may water, but the increase comes from God." The same old darkey strongly rebuked a group of boys who were playing marbles on the sidewalk, telling them it was a sin, and being asked why it was a sin, replied, "The Bible says, Marvel

He Says It Was a Mistake. "Doctor Alfred Moore, formerly of Cumberland but for the past eighteen

months a resident of Maxton," writes the STAR that he is "very much astonished after a practice of forty years, that he should have been mistaken for Doctor Bill Moore of Wilmington," (commonly known as Long shanks.) W., O. & E. C. Railroad.

The construction corps of the Wilmington and Onslow railroad are going ahead rapidly with the grading, beginning just beyond the track of the Seacoast road, east of the city. The surveyors have staked out line to the river through the rice field

just below Kidder's saw mill, which

it is said has been selected for the

permanent location of the road.

The Greensboro North State says Maj. Duffy has all the experience no cessary to [make an acceptable and thorough newspaper, up to all the demands made upon a modern paper. The STAR, we predict, will assume new shape and be improved as a daily newspaper. We welcome Mai. Duffy on his return to labor in a field where he will have an opportunity to show

his splendid ability." - Fond lover, after a long delayed proposal—Perhaps I've been too sudden, darling. Darling girl, regaining her composure with a mighty effort—Yes, George, it is very, very sudden, but— (and here she becomes faint again) it is not too sudden.—

Texas Siftings.

Trouble with Great Britain Over the Behring Sea Pisheries Generally Dis-By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Washington, May 30—The warlike dispatches from British Columbia with regard to the expected trouble between the United States and Great Britain, over the

Behring Sea seal fisheries, are generally dis. credited by officers of the Navy Department. It is pointed out that no officer of rank sufficiently high to make him ac-quainted with the English government's purposes would, under any circumstances, be so foolish as to talk in the manner stated in the dispatch from Victoria. A pre-micent naval officer, in speaking on the subject, said that if such talk did occur the speaker was some subaltern who had drank too much and lost his head, and had by high talk given his auditors to believe asomething startling was going to take place, and that he knew all about it. The United States had no reason to apprehend any difficulty. Great Britain assuredly would not commit any overt act of violence in case her sealers were arrested without warning this government rested without warning this government of its intentions. The warning that Great Britain would by force dispute the sovereignty of Behring sea had never been communicated to the United States, and this alone showed the improbability of the story. It might be that the three vessels named were going to Behring sea, though that was by no means certain. Their dottes there, however, would probably consist in nothing more than keeping watch on the situation to prevent their citizens from being wantonly ill-used and giving scalers good advice. If our vessels attempted anything that was unwarranted, it might be that the British officers would feel called upon to interfere. The United States sent vessels to the New Foundland fisheries each year to look after American interests, and he British vessels probably had a similar mission in Alaskan waters, presuming that they would go there.

The United States naval force at present

available at Behring sea consists of the Bear, the Thetis and a revenue cutter. These vessels are of no use for actual warfare and are simply policemen of the sea. The war ships Adams and Iroquois are now at Mare Island, and they could be sent to sea at short notice if circumtances demanded it. The Charleston ialso at San Francisco, but it will be some time before she will be ready to go into commission. She has demonstrated, it is said, that she is an excellent boat, but has not yet fulfilled contract requirements, and some changes are necessary in her machine ry before she can come up to the conditions of the contract. Even if these requirements were waived under stress of an emergency, it would take some time to fit the Charleston out for service. As bas been already stated, however, naval officers do not think the situation alarming or even threatening. The Behring sea fish-eries they are confident will not precipitate a conflict between the United States and

WASHINGTON, May 81 -State Department officials absolutely decline to discuss the Samoan Conference or the Behring Sea the expectation of a speedy conclusion of the Conference, comparatively unimportant details only remaining to be adjusted treaty has yet been drawn, they refuse to talk further than to say that the rublic must receive its information respecting the treaties in the usual course, namely, after action upon them by the United States Senate, to which body all treaties must be submitted for approval before they become operative. The obvious reason for this course was in the fact that important amendments are often made by the Senate after treaties have been arranged by the diplomatic officers of the treaty powers. So radical are the changes, in fact, that they have caused the failure of pending treaties. as the notable instances occurring in the

last Congress. So far as can be learned there is no new phase in the Behring Sea matter. The President's proclamation appears to have closed the history of the case, and it cannot be learned that there has been any corthe United States and Great Britain on the subject. According to the position taken by the United States government, by Congressional declaration, the jurisdiction of the United States over the waters on the Alaskan side of Behring sea, is not admitted to be a subject for negotiation. Our government simply asserts its absolute right, and admits the existence of no question for negotiation.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—It is estimated at the Treasury to-day that there has been a decrease of \$8,000,000 in the public debt during May, notwithstanding disbursements of nearly \$12,000,000 during the month on account of pensions. The Treasury surplus is now stated at \$54,000,000. Secretary Windom to-day signed the sailing orders of the revenue steamer Bear, one of the vessels designated by the President to assist in the enforcement of laws for the protection of the Alaskan seal fisheries. The revenue steamer Push is also detailed for service, and is expected to sail from San Francisco for Behring's sea today or to-morrow. Orders to the Bear are identical with those of the Rush, issued about a week ago and published at the time. The Bear is ordered to sail upon the receipt of the orders, which were mailed to day. It is said at the department that instructions to the commanding officers of the Rush and Bear in regard to the seal fisheries are practically the same as those under which they acted last year.

WASHINGTON, May 31.-Orders have been issued to make ready the Amphitorite, another uncompleted monitor, lying at the Harlan & Hollingsworth ship yards, at Wilmington, Del., to be towed to League Island. She will be completed at that navy yard, greatly to the disappointment of the Virginia people, who have been endeavoring to have the work done at Norfolk, to make good the loss of

WASHINGTON, June 1.- The resignation of F. M Stockslager, Commissioner of the Land Office, which was tendered March 5th last, was to-day accepted by the Presi-

dent, to take effect June 30th. Gen. Schofield, acting Secretary of War, has asked Gov. Beaver, by telegraph, what the War Department can do to aid the sufferers by the floods in Pennsylvania. He says the Department has no tents, all the extra ones having been sent to Charles ton during the earthquake, and have never

The President to-day made the following appointments: George B. Fisher, of Delaware, to be Fourth Auditor of the Treasury; J. N. Patterson, of New Hampshire, to be Second Auditor of the Trea-

CHICAGO.

Monument to Policemen Killed in the Baymarket Riot. CHICAGO, May 80 .- At one o'clock this fternoon the memorial monument erected by citizens in honor of policemen who were killed by an Anarchist bomb in the Haymarket riot on May 4, 1886, was unveiled. The ceremonies were very simple. consisting of a presentation address by the chairman of the Citizens' Committee; ceremony of unveiling by Master Degan, son of officer Degan, the first of the policemen who died from the effects of the explosion; an address accepting the monu-ment on behalf of the city by Mayor Cregier, and a historical address by F. N. Head. In view of the large number of processions to the cemeteries, it was decided not to have a procession in connection with the unveiling.

- Kansas tramp: "Mister, could you do a little something to assist a poor man?" Stranger: "You don't look as though you were unable to work. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to go around this way. You are a disgrace to humanity. Why don't you go down to the river and take a beth and try to earn a living?" K. T. (pathetically): "Take a bath! Ain't it enough to have to drink the stuff?"-Merchant Traveler.

THE POTOMAC FLOOD. Great Damage Daused in Washington

by the Rising Waters. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Washington, June 1.—The Potomac is booming here, and the gravest fears are entertained by property owners along the river front; also in the lower sections of the city. Last night after a fall of rain almost equivalent to a cloud burst, the lockgate at the end of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal was carried away by the rising water and washed several canal boats into Rock creek, where they were destroyed. Since then the river has been rising very rapidly and the flood waters from Harper's Ferry and the upper tributaries are swelling it every mo-ment. Along B street, north, in the neighborhood of the Central market, the country produce venders are driving off early in the day, and the street was turned into a lake, floating chicken coops, market trucks and all sorts of odds and ends Urchins exact toll from people who were obliged to pass between south Washington and the business of the city by building temporary bridges. Cellars were flooded and much damage to property resulted among the commission houses. II n Georgetown the scene along the river front was exciting. The docks were under water, and lumber, coal, cement, provi-sions, and all kinds of property had been carried away. Hundreds of men were acively at work trying to save merchandis by removing from the mills and warehouses o a high ground. Swarms of river men loated about in water craft seizing and carrying off the treasures of the flood. The shipping has so far escaped serious lamage, but the situation is full of danger. At the Long Bridge the water at sunset was

Several barges had already struck and sunk, and the railroad men If the statements made by the officer are true, it would seem that Great Britain are making every effort to prevent the means to resort to force rather than wait accumulation of drift against the bridge. for a diplomatic solution of the scal fishing The water is still creeping up, however, lifficulty. Late vesterday the Admira and the bridge is in a precarious condition. neard of the statements made by the officer If it is carried away to-night, which is by and at once ordered him under arrest. no means improbable, the result will be Strong efforts were made to keep the matserious and long interruption of railroad traffic between the North and the South. ter secret, but it leaked out and caused great excitement. He has communicated The coffer dam at the Long Bridge has o the British Admiralty authorities by been greatly-injured, and much of the work which had been done upon the Potomac OTTAWA. May 30 .- The Department of flats, at the expense of millions of dollars, Marine and Fisheries is yet without any will be undone

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

How the Orders for British Men of-

war to Proceed to Hehring's Sea were

Without Information on the Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW OBLEANS, May 30.—A special dispatch to the Times from Victoria, B. C.

says: The startling revelations concerning

he tenor and extent of the orders issued

by the Admiralty authorities to Admiral

Henesge, Commanding the Pacific Squad-rons, and under which the British men-of-

war Swiftsure, Icarus and Amphion, now

t Esquirmalt, will proceed to Behring Sea

early in June, were made yesterday by an

cere attended the luncheon given by local

alub men, and before the affair came to

close all were very much under the influ-

ence of champagne. At the height of the festivities, the officer, in responding to a

coast of "The Navy," said in substance

hat there would be some fighting soon in

Behring Sea if the American authorities at-

empted to prevent Canadian sealers from

hunting there. No attention would be paid to the President's proclamation, he said.

and the Admiral would not only dispute

can cruisers should take into custody Ca-

recapture them. He said, further, that the

dmiral commanding the North American

squadron had sent the British cruiser

Suzzard from Bermuda to New York, and

while there orders were received from the

Admiralty to act at once and send two war

ships from the North American station to

reinforce those now under orders to pro-

official information as to the dispatch of

VIRGINIA.

One of the Largest Tannery Estab-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

lishments in the South Destroyed by

ALEXANDRIA, May 30 .- Shortly after

nidnight a fire broke out in the engine

coom of the entensive tannery of C. C.

smoot & Sons, and before the flames could

e subsided the entire structure, covering a

quare of ground, was destroyed, together

and most complete in the South, and the

buildings were principally of brick. The

loss, which is not yet fully ascertained, is

heavy, and is partially covered by insu-

ALEXANDRIA, May 30 .- The launery

has been established for three quarters of

century, and has been estried on by father.

son and grandsons. Houses and sheds

covered ground, 246 by 300 feet, with all

the most improved apparatus for cressing

skins, grinding bark tanning leather, etc.

The flames extended very rapid'y and in a

few hours the roofs were gone, the walls

had fallen and great masses of leather were

burned. Sheds and michinery are de-

stroyed, and the entire place, except some

sheds and a small trick building on the

corner of the block, was a mass of ruice

below which lay more than 100 vats full of

tan liquor and containing 10 500 sides of

leather, valued when completed at about

\$70,000. A portion of the finished stock

of leather and office books were saved. The

loss is estimated at from \$36,000 to \$50,-

000, which may be increased to \$100,000,

if the leather proves a loss. The insurance

THE SIORM.

A Great Down-Pour of Rain all Over

the Country.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

section has lingered around the Great

Lakes and Western New York and Penn-

the observer at Harper's Ferry, show that

the Potomac has risen seven feet above low

water mark at that point and that three feet

of this rise occurred between 5 and 7 p. m.

Both the Shenandosh and upper Potomac

are rising rapidly, and indications point to

a big freshet in the latter river below Har-

per's Ferry. At Harrisburg about 44 inches

of rain has fallen to-day, and a flood may

Destructive freshets are also in licated

Railroad traffic has been seriously inter-

fered with, and no trains from the West

Virginia and the Middle Atlantic States.

result in the Susquehanna.

Reports received at the Signal office from

to make the record complete.

s about \$12,000.

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with a large quantity of leather, and,

eed to Behring sea.

they express themselves.

Le caiab

the claim of Americans to exclusive sover-

eignty in the disputed waters, but if Amer

nadian sealers caught fishing therein,

British men-of-war would take steps

officer in high rank attached to the flag-ship. He and a number of other naval offi

It is not yet possible to estimate the losses suffered by merchants and werehouse men. out one individual has lost \$30,000 worth of coal in one dock.

A FEARFUL FLOOD

at Johnstown, Pa,-Two-Thirds of the Town Under Water and Scores of People Browned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PITTSBURG, PA., May 31.—A sudden freshet is reported in North Fork river east of Johnston, Pa, in the Alleghany moun tains. Two-thirds of Johnstown is said to be under water, and railroad and telegraph lines are washed out. It is said that the reservoir above the town broke about five o'clock this morning, and an immense volume of water rushed down to the city, with it death and destruction Houses with their occupants were swept way, and scores, probably hundreds of people were drowned. There is no communication with Johnstown but the telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania railroad tower at Sang Hollow, twelve miles this side of Johnstown sava at least seven. ty-five dead bodies have floated past. The wires are all down, and no trains are running east of Blairsville junction, which is about twenty-five miles west of Johnstown. There is no way to get to the scene of the disaster and full particulars can hardly be obtained to-night, although every effort is being made to do so. There will be no trains through to the East before to-morrow.

PITTSBURG, May 31 -The latest infors through the Pennsylvania railroad officials who aver that over 200 dead bodies have been counted floating down the stream at the point nearest Johnstown alone, while along their line many additional lives have been lost. It is asserted houses there are but two Johnstown proper entirely above the water-line. A special train bearing Pennsylvania road officials and a large number of newspaper men, has left this city for the scene. Telegraphic communication is entirely cut of

A special from Greensburg says: A renort has just reached here that the greater portion of Johnstown has been flooded and that hundreds of people lost their lives. Houses are floating about and people who are free are panic stricken and are fleeing to the mountains. At a point near New Florence eighty-five persons have been seen floating down the river on drift wood. One report comes that but two roofs of houses in Johnstown can be seen. Cove Town and New Florence's bridges have been washed away, and all buildings along the Conemaugh river between New Florence and Johnstown have been carried away. Railroad towers have been abandoned by the operators.

PITTSBURG, May 31 -A special from Greensburg, Pa., says: Johnstown is completely submerged, and the loss of is beyond estimate. Houses are going down Conemaugh river by the dozen and people can be seen clinging to the roofs. At Coketown, a village of several hun-

dred inhabitants, houses are almost entirely covered, and a great many dwellings at Blairsville are submerged. iwelling in Snag Hollow can be seen. SNAG HOLLOW, PA., May 31 .- The railroad operator officially reports that before dark they were able to count 119 persons clinging to railways, wreckage or drowned and floating in the current. If this information is to be credited the damage in the town proper must be in the nature of

As early as 1 o'clock an alarm was sent o Johnstown that there was danger from the dam. Railroad officials were notified and in a very short time began to carry people from town to places of safety on egular trains and hastily improvised res cuing trains. The reservoir or dam at South Fork, which

s said to have burst with such terrible reults, is described by a gentleman acquainted with the locality, to be an immense body of water, formerly used as water supply for the old Pennsylvania canal. It has been owned for several years by a number of Pittsburg gentlemen who used it as a

VIRGINIA.

Five Men Killed and Seven Other Badly Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. DANVILLE, May 30 -A terrible accident occurred here to-day. J. G. Penn was building a large brick tobacco factory on Bridge street, nearly two hundred feet long and six stories high. The wails had been completed and the carpenters were at work on it. The wind was blowing hard and about 2 o'clock this afternoon the entire building came down with a crash. Robert Praitt, Wm. Young, G B. Jones, Buck Hooper and D. N. Collie were Henry Oakes will die and six others were badly injured. It is the worst accident of the kind known in this city. Several men were buried in the ruins and onsiderable time elapsed before they were extricated.

NO YELLOW FEVER

in Fiorida, and no Prospect of Outbreak this Summer. MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 30.—Dr. Jerome Cochran, State Health officer, of Alas sama, has returned from a trip to South Florida and Havana. He went to investigate the yellow fever situation. He reports that there has been no yellow fever in Florida since January except one case reported in April at Sanford.

In Havana he found a little fever, only s dozen to twenty cases a week. He says the general health of the people is exceptionally good, and gives it as his opinion that there will be no fresh outbresk of yellow fever in Florida this summer, unless there is a fresh importation of the disease.

Spirits Turpentine.

- Greenville Reflector: The hog nuisance is to be abated. - Files are the next worse things to rats that have struck us. Any suggestions as to how they may be gotten rid of effectively will be gladly received.

- Lenoir Topic: The Methodist congregation is having put in the church a handsome chandelier and pulpit lamps.

The work is still progressing on the brick making and the foundation digging NO. 31

or the furniture factory. - Raleigh News - Observer: The French Broad Hotel at Asheville was burned Monday. It was fully covered by insurance. — Since the Hodge suit has been instituted several railroads have ap-plied to the Governor for blanks upon made Public-Canadian Authorities which to make out their reports as required by the statute. A fresh supply of blanks have just been printed, and some of them were sent out yesterday to railroads which had applied for them.

- Raleigh Call: The cotton actory directors are in active correspondence with various parties with a view to securing a manager for the factory.

Eight new convicts arrived at the penitentiary this morning-six from Robeson and two from Alamance county. — Capt. W. A. Darden, of this city, this morning received informatian of the destruction of his barn in Greene county by fire, entailing loss of about \$400.

- Murphy Advance: We were nformed one day this week that Mr. Harris, of Persimmon creek, has a boy baby not quite six months old that weighs 45 pounds. He is healthy, vigorous and can crawl. — W. H. Wilson, of Peachtree, owns a curiosity in the way of a rooster without a craw. About one year ago the craw of this rooster rotted away and the aperture was sewed up by Mr. Wilson. Since that time the rooster has been running gaily as ever minus his sand bag.

- Dunn Courier: Several buildngs are going up in Dunn, - The fruit crop of this section promises to be large this year. — Mumps is the latest agony in Dunn. — Nearly every day brings some one to Dunn in search of a location for business or work of some kind. -Young Bros. are getting material in place, and will soon commence to erect a brick store 80x100 feet, two stories. — We are pained to announce the very sudden death of Mrs. William Byrd, of Keys, which occurred at her home on the 20th inst.

- Elizabeth City Carolinian: The saw and planing mills at Elizabeth City are all busy and are manufacturing an immense amount of lumber. - Our farmers appear more hopeful—rather encouraged than otherwise. The small grain crops are looking well, and both corn and cotton are growing rapidly. — As amusing incident occurred on Road street on Saturday morning. A a countryman, probably under the influence of a drink or two, had a turtle which he was fondling and holding war ships to Behring sea, by either England or the United States. No significance is attached by head officials to the dispatch in close proximity to his mouth as if to kiss t, when it suddenly fastened to one of his lips. On jerking it away a part of the integument went with it. He didn't caress of these steamers. At any rate that is how

it any more. - Reidsville Review: The brick walls to the cotton factory are as high as the front window. If work had not struck off ten days, the factory would now be ready for roofing. — The late refreshing rains have started tobacco planting in a hurry. — Wild strawberries go beg-ging on our markets, — Dr. Balsley has just returned this Monday evening, from a pretty general drive through about six miles area; he says the planters in all directions were hard at it putting in tobacco-not a plant had been set till now, but they are making up for lost time since the wheat is excellent, and a royal crop is promised. The peach crop is heavy, the

rees fairly bending under the fruit. Corn - Rockingham Rocket: They are to have a cotton seed oil mill at Gibson's Station. Already \$20,000 has been subscribed. — The contract for building he academy was last Saturday awarded to Robert L. Steele, Esq., for the sum of \$2,-200. The building will be of brick, 30x60 feet, two stories. - Mr. B. F. Harris. of Pee Dee village, has the public sympathy in his bereavement over the loss of two children, one dying in Montgomery county week before last, the other last Friday. The first child was dead and buried before the sad intelligence reached its mother - The cotton crop prospect is said to be very gloomy in upper Richmond. Some of the farmers had such poor stands that they ploughed up their fields and replanted, but the weather has been so dry that the second planting has not come up. Corn is more promising, and the wheat and oat

crop is very good. In some sections of the - Asheville Citizen : The mill house owned by Mr. Mark L. Reid, and located on the Swannanoa river, near Best, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, involving a loss to the proprietor of about \$1,500. — Joseph Chambers and Alfred Washburn, of Little Ivy township, were WASHINGTON, May 31 -A heavy rain mey yesterday, to answer to charges of ildistilling and retailing liquor

storm has prevailed here since noon yesterday, and to-day rain has come down in torients, sweeping through the streets in out license. The evidence against them sheets. The total precipitation for the was not sufficient to bind the defendants day stood at 24 inches at 10 c'clock, with over to the federal court and they were distwo hours of down-pour to be heard from charged from custody. — Dr. Broyles exhibits quite a curiosity. It is the iron The present storm originated out in Colohook with which the body of Prof. Elisha rado, and sweeping costward spread over Mitchell was pulled out of the pool on Black Mountain, in which he lost his life Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, doing much good to crops in those States. Had it not been for the storm the probabilities are while surveying the peak which bears his same, over thirty years ago. - The that there would have been an extensive Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Can-ton, Ohio, gets the contract for the buildarea of low temperature in the Lake region, and that a killing frost would have badly ing of the toll bridge across the French damaged the crops. A section of the storm Broad, as projected by the West Asheville moved down to Tennessee and hovered Toll Bridge Company, of this city. The around that part of the country long enough bridge will cost \$14,000 completed, and the contract will be signed at once. The bridge to fill up the mountain streams on which lumber is sent to mill. It then moved s to be finished and completed for traffic northeastward, and afterwards apreading by September 1 next. coast. It is now raining from the Gulf as far north as New York. Another

- The Board of Trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, at their meeting July 11th, 1889, will elect the following officers and professors: A. President, who shall have executive management, together with such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees; salary \$2,000, and residence, or \$300 equivalent. A Professor of Agriculture, Live Stock and Dairying; sal-ary \$2,000. A Professor of Horticulture. Arboriculture and Botany; salary \$1,500. A Professor of Pure and Agricultural hemistry; salary \$1,800. A Professor of English; salary \$1,800. A Professor of Practical Mechanics and Mathematics; salary \$1,800. An Assistant Instructor in Practical Mechanics, who will be particuarly required during the first year to teach drawing and give instruction with hand tools; salary \$1,000, lodging and board. A Superintendent of Farms and Gardens: ary \$800 and dwelling house. A Steward; lary \$600, lodging and board, A Matron; salary \$300, lodging and board. All correspondence and testimonials regarding the bove positions should be addressed to W

- Fayetteville Observer: Work as already commenced on Major T. S. Lutterloh's new and handsome residence at Rosenvie. - Mr. G. McMillan, of Red springs, now of the U. S. Navy, has returned to New York with his crew from a cruise around the world. — The North bound passenger train on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. ran into a crazy woman between Hasty and John's Station yesterday, carrying her about forty yards before the train could be brought to a standstill. - Mr. J. M. Lamb's little 7-year old son, Crawford, was shot in the chest here last Monday by a colored boy. A physician was summoned and he probed for the bullet but without avail. No cause can be assigned for the negro's recklessness and he has dis-- Ere this issue of the Obappeared. server reaches its destiny the railbetween the towns of Rowland pleted and Fayetteville will thus be connected by rail with Charleston, S. C., via the Alma and Little Rock Rallroad, a distance of only about 200 miles. —The Fayetteville Cotton Factory has shipped to date about one hundred bales of their manufactured goods to the Northern markets, and are making shipments twice a week. New machinery is to be added and the present capacity increased by the use of steam, when Maj. McKethan tells us, the factory will run day and night. —Mr. Pope
Washington, of Goldsboro, having failed to
pass a successful examination before the
Examining Board at Anapolis for a Naval Cadetship, Mr. A. A. McKethan, Jr., of this city, receives the appointment by reason of having been appointed alternate by the Board of Examiners at Warsaw recent-

came in over the Baltimore & Obio Rail-Southern trains were unable to leave Pennsylvania station owing to washouts along the roads, and railroad traffic from the South was at about a standstill. The afternoon train over the Washington . Primrose, President of the Board of run on account of the flooded track. VIRGINIA. Crope Damaged by the Storm-Sudden Death of Dr. S. P. Moore at Richs

mond-Part of Richmond Flooded by a Rise of the James River. By Telegraph to the Morning Star STAUNTON, May 31. - The storm of Tuesav in the Northwest reached here Thurs day and continued till this morning. For fteen consecutive hours rain fairly poured down, accompanied by a strong wind, and

damaged. HARRISONBURG, May 31.—There was reat storm in this section last night. The wind blew a perfect hurricane.
was blown down, trees uprooted, Wheat unroofed and fences laid low. The damage

much wheat has been blown down and

RICHMOND, May 81 .- Dr. S. P. Moore, who was Surgeon General of the Confederate States, died suddenly at his residence in this city this morning, of congestion of the lungs.

LYNCHBURG, May 81.—James River at this point is twenty-five feet above the or-dinary tide, and all communication is cut off on the Richmond & Alleghany Railroad. On the upper river there has been heavy rains for the past two days, and in-cessant rains have fallen since last night up to 12 o'clock to-night. The river is rising rapidly and much damage has been done in the lower part of the city. The water works are full of water and the city is in dark-

Patent leather shoes for business wear are growing popular,