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gan and Butler are known neither their sincerity nor the motives which actuate them are called into question, but their proposition is regarded by thoughtful people as unfortunate because it is liable to misconstruction, and for the further reason that it is inviting the agitation of a ques tion the settlement of which will be retarded by agitation. All the legistion in the world would never settle satisfactorily a question like this. It is one of these questions which time and circumstances will settle and by methods with which legislation has nothing and can have nothing to do. The negro himself will take a more active part and be more instrumental in the settlement of it than the white man and he will do it peaceably and voluntarily.

That there is a race prejudice in the South no candid man will deny. It is not confined to the white race, for the negroes have their prejudices not only against . white people, but against mixed bloods of their own race. But race prejudice does not necessarily imply race conflict in which one race is hankering for the scalp of the other. The race conflict shows itself only where the incendiary partisan makes his influence felt, and where the negroes have been made to believe that some great wrong has been perpetrated upon them and that other great wrongs are

contemplated. For years it was the studied effort of the leaders of the Republican party North and South to make the negroes believe that it was the purpose of the white people of the South if the Democratic party ever got back into power to reduce them to slavery again, and thus by playing upon their fears built up an antagonism based upon falsehood. But this antagonism was not against the Southern white man as such, nor against the former master as such, but against the men who contemplated, as they were told, reducing them to slavery again. There never was any trouble between white Republicans of the South, some of whom owned slaves, and the negroes, although, as a matter of fact, the negroes received fewer fabenefits from them than they did from their old masters who were Democrats, and there never was any trouble between the negroes and the white Democrats which was not inspired and which could not be traced to some designing or malicious partisan who laid the foundation of it, and even then it seldom came to an open rupture unless there was some pretty bad whiskey laying around loose somewhere in the neighborhood. This gives proof of the assertion which we have made that race prejudice does not necessarily imply race conflict for there is as much or even more prejudice against the negro amongst the white Republicans of the South than there is amongst the white Democrats and yet they pull together, the colored brother doing the voting and the white brother holding the offices, when the colored brother's vote is strong enough to win them, and raking in the emoluments. If there were any real grounds for conflict it ought to be between the negroes and the white Republicans, who make the negroes do the voting while they appropriate the spoils of office, and ignores in the division the negroes whose votes did the work. While there may be, owing to local causes,

local clashes occasionally between

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such thing in the South as a race conflict in a general sense, although Radical politicians have been doing and are now doing their level best to

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REPUBLICAN STATESMEN.

The Republican statesmen of to-

38888888888888888 day as they appear in the halls of the National legislature and elsewhere, will take their place when they are duly measured and sized up by impartial judges among the colossal frauds of the age. Both branches of Congress are controlled by a Republican majority, the executive chair is filled by a Republican President. He has been in office nearly eleven months, and within that time the only thing he has become conspicuous for, is his disregard of his former declarations in favor of civil service reform, his alertness in providing offices for kinsmen, his ability in disgusting his fellow partisans, and in his success in geting up a racket between himself and the spoils grabbing Republican Senators as to who should have the say so in the distribution of the spoils. If President Harrison has distinguished himself for anything else, except the hand he took in the Montana conspiracy, the Dudley blocks-of-five infamy, his Sunday excursions in Wanamaker's yacht, and shooting the colored brother Wooten's pig in Virginia we have failed to discover it. Anything else that he has done or said in his capacity as President has been done at the suggestion or command of the party leaders, or as the echo of their dictation. He is not the leader of his party. He is a negative not a positive character. He follows where others lead. He had the opportunity to make great reputation and a name for himself, but lacked the genius to see and grasp it, lacked the moral courage to step out of the beaten sectional party rut, and became a ciper instead of a living, looming reality. He is not esentially a bad man, he is simply a machine President run by the party machine, a man who confounds obedience to party dictates with patriotism, and the schemes of the party manipulators with statesmanship. In this,

> There is no living man who could look down from the galleries of either House of Congress and point out a Republican representative who can lay just claim to the reputation of statesman, or rise above a party dead level in discussing any of the issues in which the American people are interested. This may seem to be unfair and the inspiration of political prejudice, but it is not. The scope of their intellectual effort and statecraft seems to be to retain party ascendancy, and to this every consideration of the public weal is subordinated.

The Senate has become conspicu-

however he is a typical Republican

of to-day,

ous for its lack of brains, the place of which has been taken by plethoric purses. In what estimate must a body be held by the honestly disposed, intelligent American whose leading lights are such men as rattle-brain, narrow-minded, sectiongauged, vindictive Ingalls, whose chief distinction lies in his venomous disposition and in his diarrhœa of caustic speech; bellewing Bill Chandler, crank Blair aud pettifogger Edmunds? Edmunds is the recognized leader, one of the master brains, old in years, old in service, old statecraft, a central figure, and a representative Republican who had achieved reputation for ability and indivituality. And yet he was not above sacrificing whatever of reputation he might have had for honesty by flying to the rescue of the Republican District Attorney in Indiana, who in defiance and contempt of the law shielded a friend of the President who had bribed voters, on which charge papers had been issued for his arrest, and defeating a resolution of inquiry into the conduct of that attorney. In doing so he came down from the pedestal of Senator to the plane of the partisan pettifogger to defend a culprit who dared not go into court to defend himself, and intimate that the letter was forged which Dudley had been defied time and again to go into court and it was not his writing. Edmunds did this not for Dudley but to prevent the exposure of the methods by which Harrison was elected, thus subordinating his duty as a Senator to his subserviency

The House is a Republican mob, with Reed the ringleader. Their work in hand now is to strangle by arbitrary despotism the opposition of the Democratic minority till they unseat the seventeen Democrats whose seats are contested, and put in their places seventeen Republicans who claim the seats, thus giving them a larger majority to enable them to perpetrate their devilment with more success. When this is done the partisan statesmen will be in position for more of the particular kind of work which they have in white men and black men, there is no hand.

to party, the partisan towering

above the patriot and the statesman.

Edmunds is a typical Republican

STATE TOPICS.

We are glad to learn from the Raleigh Call that the A. & M. College is appreciated by the farmers of the State, every seat in the class room having been taken. Arrangements are now being made for additional accommodation. This is one of the institutions in which not only the farmers are interested but the people of all the State, and it should meet with every encouragement. Willie other industries are being developed agriculture must be for many years, and probably always will be the main industry of the State, and the better it is understood and the more intelligently it is pursued the greater the prosperity of the State will be. That college will become at some day one of the great and cherished institutions of the State.

Charlotte has gone to work in earnest to secure the location of the Lutheran Seminary. A committee appointed at a meeting held Friday night to select subscriptions is actively at work. The sum to be raised is \$20,000, \$11000 of which has been pledged, and the committee hope without much trouble to raise the remaining \$9,000, which will move the location of the Seminary. We like to note the interest taken by our people in educational institutions.

Two Polish factions had a riot in a cemetery in Pennsylvania the other day over the burial of a corpse, in which stones and clubs were used and thirty or more men bonged up. The only one who didn't take an active hand in the row was the corpse, which was turned over and rolled out on the ground. The Republican press does not refer to this as an illustration of the lack of civilizing influences in that good Republican

A big trust on the cigarette has been organized under a New Jersey charter, embracing all the leading cigarette manufacturers of the country. It may end in smoke, but if it will raise the price of this little life-sapper and brain-destroyer so that the small boy can't reach it, we will strain our conscience and say good word for it, if it is a trust.

A writer who had been probably painting things too red, has discov ered that "riches take wings and fly away," and touchingly asks, "is there nothing secure, nothing certain in this world?" Yes, dear, despondent fellow, yes. Death, taxes, the grip, and Ingalls' periodic eruptions.

It is said that 2 Murat declined to marry Miss Caldwell because hefound that she didn't have absolute control of her fortune. He probably discovered also that she didn't have absolute control of her temper, but that wouldn't have made so much difference if her cash had been available.

There are seventeen men in the U Senate whose aggregate wealth foots up \$80,000,000. But they are just as prompt at drawing their salaries, their allowance of stationery, pocket knives, etc., as their poor colleagues who can't put on millionaire airs.

John Vanderbilt, a cousin of the late Commodore, died last Tuesday in New Jersey, of the grip, at the age of eighty-two. He made his living catching fish. His cousin, the Commodore, made his living and got rich watering stock.

Robert Garret, of Baltimore, whose condition some time ago was reported to be so much improved, is now said to be as helpless as an infant, and only kept out of a lunatic asylum by the clinging devotion of

Prince Albert Victor, who has een sent to India till that London scandal blows over, recently opened hospital at Lucknow. Opening hospitals is about the best use that princes can be put to these days.

The Wrecked British Barque. Parties who came up from Southport resterday afternoon, report that the British barque San Antonio, ashore at the mouth of Cape Fear river, had broken in two, and that the crew of the vessel had nearly finished the work of stripping the wreck of all that it was possible to save. The San Antonio registered 497 tons, and was built about twenty-three years ago. Capt. Troop, the master, was part owner of the vessel which was not

Excitement at Long Creek. A gentleman from the Long Creek section of Pender county, in the city yesterday, says that community was to little excited the past week at the discovery that a white infant a few days old, had been left at the house of a colored woman near Long Creek. The woman refused to surrender the foundling. and legal measures were to be taken to compel her to turn it over to the county authorities.

A Seaman Hurt. One of the men of the crew of the British steamship Merjulio, while at work yesterday on a scaffold around the smoke-stack of the vessel, accidentally fell to the deck-a distance of about twenty feet, The injured man was sent to the City Hospital. He had a severe cut on the head and two fingers dislo-

cated; but no bones were broken, and the

doctors thought he would be all right in

a few days.

WESTERN UNION'S COMPETITOR. The Postal Telegraph Company Opens its Office-The First MessageOver the New

The Postal Telegraph Company opend its office for business last evening and he first message came over the wires from Fayetteville at 7.30 o'clock. It was taken by Mr. F. A. Andrews, the elecrician sent out from New York to arrange and fit up the office. The message was as follows:

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 25, 1890 To Col. F. W. Kerchner. Wilmington, Fayetteville extends the right hand of fellowship over the new wires; barring the grippe. Answer.

WHARTON I. GREEN: The following reply was sent five minutes later: WILMINGTON. N. C., Jan. 25, 1890

To Hon. Wharton J. Green, Fayette-Wilmington welcomes the new enterorise, and congratulates Fayetteville on its close connection with the seaside city. Tell Fayetteville we give them the grip of good fellowship.

F. W. KERCHNER.

etion with Richmond, Va., wa obtained at 8.43, and with New York direct at 9 p. m., and business to that point was sent direct. The new company's lines include

commercial submarine cable, known as the Mackay-Bennett cable, and its inland lines are being extended throughout the North, Northwest and South, following State roads, and not the Naval Stores Beceipts, Etc.

Speaking of the new line as "the rival of the Western Union" in that city, January 24th-as compared with rethe Savannah News says: "The opening | ceipts for the same time last year, are as of the new office, it is predicted, will result in a general reduction of rates both local and foreign." There must be a last year, 194,826. Tar, 51,917 barrels; nistake about that. So far as can be last year, 45,085. Crude turpentine, ascertained here it does not appear that there will be any cutting of rates. On the contrary, shrewd guessers say that the Postal and the Western Union will charge identically the same rates, both on commercial business and newspaper specials. This seems to be the present outlook. What the future may bring forth is, of course, an unknown quantity.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Exect tive Council.

The following is a synopsis of the proceedings of the meeting of the Executive Council of the Chamber of Commerce, held last Thursday, as furnished for publication yesterday by the Secretary, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell.

There were present of the Council Col. F. W. Kerchner, President of the Chamber, Mr. H. C, McQueen, Mr. E. Peschau, Mr. D. MacRae, Mr. George Harriss and Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn. In the matter of the Government tel-

graph line between Wilmington and Southport, the following was adopted: Resolved, That whereas it is reported that the Government telegraph line from Wilmington to Southport is to be sold, or discontinued, it is the sense and desire of the commercial community, that the Honorable, the Secretary of War, be respectfully requested to continue the line as it now is, as it is believed that if sold to private parties it would not be self-sustaining; and our Senators and Representatives are renuested to use their influence in this

On motion, the following were appointed delegates to the National Convention of the National Board of Trade, at Washington, D. C., Feb, 6th, 1890, viz: Donald MacRae, H. C. McQueen, Eduard Peschau, Geo. Harriss, F. W. Kerchner, And it was resolved, further. "That we heartily approve and endorse the objects and purposes of the National Board of Trade.'

The following resolutions in relation to the public building were also adopted; Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives be requested to urge the further appropriation of \$150,000 to enarge the public building now in course of bonstruction in this city, or to build an additional structure suitable to the wants of the public service; as the present building is totally inadequate to supply the offices

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the services of Senator M. W. Ransom and Representatives A. Rowland and C. W. McClammy, and would respectfully ask a continuance of their good work in our

RIVER AND MARINE.

The Damage to the Schooner Martha-British Barque San Antonio a Total Loss. The schooner Martha which was run into and damaged while at anchor at Southport by the schooner Leeds, as previously reported, was towed up to the city yesterday. 'It is estimated that it will cost \$500 to repair the Martha. Captain Cramner, master of the Leeds, offered to pay half of this amount if the pilots would pay the remainder; but this the latter have not yet agreed to do. One of the pilots, in referring to the statement in the Star that the pilot on the Leeds was in charge of the vessel, said; "It is true that the schooner Leeds was in charge of the pilot, who was at the wheel at the time of the collision; but the pilot was misled by the mate. who was forward, and called to the pilot to port the helm, which the latter did and the collision occurred. Had the pilot been allowed to keep on his course, as he intended to do, the accident would not have happened."

All hope of saving the British barque San Antonio, aground at the mouth of off. A new store and a residence is bethe Cape Fear river, has been abandoned. The Signal Service observer at Southport telegraphed yesterday morning to the station here, that the vessel was still ashore, and is a total loss. The master and crew were engaged in strip-ping her of everything that could be

White Shad in Market.

Some eight or ten white shad-not the first of the season in this market, however-were on sale at Messrs. W. E. Davis & Son's fish-packing house yesterday afternoon. They were fine large fish and priced at \$2.00 per pair. From indications, the season for these fish will open earlier this year, in the Cape Fear, and fishermen are all busy getting their boats and nets in order with expectations of a good bussness.

The Signal Service observer at South-

port telegraphed to the observer here vesterday as follows: "The little twomasted American schooner Martha, bound from Charleston to New Berne with a cargo of phosphate rock, was run into about 1 o'clock this a. m., while lying at anchor in the harbor here, by the American schooner J. Howell Leeds, bound out. Both masts and the bowsprit of the Martha were knocked off, and her yawl cut in two. The Leeds lost her boat, but was not damaged her-

Capt. Cranmer, master of the schooner Leeds, came up to the city yesterday afternoon. His vessel, he said, at the time of the accident was in control of the pilot, who was at the wheel. The matter will undergo examination before the Commissioners of Navigation, and the blame fixed where it belongs.

Cross-Ties Burned. Between 800 and 1,000 cross-ties be longing to the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina Railway were destroyed by fire Wednesday night last. The ties ourned with two or three thousand more-were piled along the road a few miles from the city near the Seacoast railroad crossing. The woods are all afire in that section, as far as the Masonboro turnpike on the east and the Martindale place on the south, covering many square miles of territory.

Receipts of naval stores at this port for the crop year-from April 1st to follows: Spirits turpentine, 61,317 casks; last year, 58,804. Rosin, 208,338 barrels: 17,473 barrels; last year, 19,316.

Stocks here, as compared with stocks at same date last year, are: Spirits turpentine, 3,754 casks; last year, 1,671. Rosin, 39,363 barrels; last year, 85,806. Tar. 4.315 barrels; last year, 3,805, Crude turpentine, 1,668 barrels; last year, 493.

Naval Stores for England.

Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared the Norwegian barque Respit yesterday, for London, with 3,507 barrels of rosin and 523 casks spirits turpentine, valued at \$14,227.

German barque Antares, for Hull, with 1,750 barrels tar, 2,165 barrels rosin, and 250 casks spirits turpentine, valued at

Committed Without Bail Wm. Myers, colored, charged with ar-

son, whose case was investigated by Col. E. D. Hall, J. P., last Wednesday afternoon-as reported in the STAR-was yesterday sent to jail without bail, by direction of the Magistrate, to await the action of the Criminal Court for this county which will meet in March next. Arson is a capital felony under the laws of North Carolina.

The Wilson Affray.

A correspondent requests that the following statement be published in regard to the affray at Wilson: "Mr. Branch called Mr. Barnes a liar, and Mr. Barnes did not strike him after knocking him through the window. Mr. Sterrett was called an infamous scoundrel by Mr. Branch before he gave him

Receipts of cotton at this port for the week ended yesterday are 3,115 bales, against receipts of 2,751 for the corresponding week last year-an increase of 364 bales. Receipts from September 1st to January 24th, are 121,160 bales, against 138,249 to the same date last year, showing a decrease of 17,094 bales. The stock at this port is 15,260 bales, against 7,115 at same date last year,

British Barque San Antonio.

The British barque San Antonio, which struck on the bar at the mouth of the Cape Fear river two days ago, was reported yesterday afternoon as in the same position and full of water. The wrecking party that went to the assistance of the vessel Wednesday with steam pumps, didinot put the pumps aboard, deeming that it was impossible to save the ship. From all accounts there is no doubt that the barque will prove a total loss.

The Shipping in Port. The port of Wilmington is crowded with vessels, the largest number seen here at one time in many days. There are two steamships-one British and one American; twenty-six barques and three brigs -British, Norwegian, German, Italian, Swedish and American; and fourteen schooners-American and British, Making the total 45 vessels, as enumerated above, and not including tugs, river steamers and coasting vessels of less The Town of Tomahawk, "Tomahawk" is the name of a station

on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, between Wilmington and Fayetteville, which was accidentally overlooked when other stations were mentioned in the STAR a few days ago. It is in Sampson county, forty miles from this city and forty-two miles from Fayetteville. The place for the depot was selected a few days since, and town lots were laid

8.05 p. m., going west, and at 1.15 p. m. going east. Bonds all Delivered. The last instalment of the \$150,000 of bonds subscribed by the city of Wilmington to the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad was delivered to the officers of the company last Wednesday

by Mr. W. A. Willson, city treasurer.

The amount was \$24,000, for which 240

ing built at the place. Trains on the C.

F. & Y. V. railroad pass Tomahawk at

shares of stock of the railroad company was received by the city. - Messrs, Ino. D. Williams, D. M. Williams, Alex. Bass, Jr., and Maj. J. L. Robinson, of New York city, are at the Orton plantation on a gunning expedition.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER

IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C. Well-to-do Farmer Shot and Killed

Near Louisburg. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.-A special o the News & Observer from Louisburg, gives an account of a sensational murder in Franklin county, night before last. Ransome Gill, a well-to do farmer, living about three miles from Franklinton, was a juror in court and was going home from Louisburg in his buggy late in the evening, when he was mysteriously shot. He was found next day six miles from Louisburg with a bullet-hole through his head. His horse was found unhitched and tied about three hundred vards away. Gill was found lying on his ace with his overcoat on and both hands in his pockets. The ball had apparently been fired from a 38-calibre revolver Robbery was evidently not the object of the murder, as Gill had some money on his person when found. The affair is enveloped in profound mystery.

APALACHICOLA RIOTERS.

Arrest of Ringleaders-Troops on Ground and Citizens Under Arms. APALACHICOLA, FLA., January 28 .-The Marianna Rifles arrived last night, thirty-seven strong. Guards were posted throughout the town, and every white man not on duty slept with arms withiu reach. Thirty-five ringleaders of the negro strikers were arrested to-day, but the chief one, Sanches V. Thomas, cannot be found. One negro was shot

o-day while fleeing from arrest. The trial of some of the prisoners commenced this afternoon. Intense excitement prevails among both whites and blacks. Negro women are violent n denunciation of the action of the whites, and are thronging the streets. The citizens are worn-out with fatigue, out feel confident that the situation can

It is generally believed that the arrest of the ringleaders will have a quieting effect, but some think the negroes will attempt to make further trouble to-night. The whites are well prepared, and this act, it is hoped, will have a restraining nfluence upon the negroes.

ADAM FOREPAUGH.

The Veteran Showman Dies of Pneumo nis-Leaves a Fortune of \$1,000,000 to his Wife and Son.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28.—Adam Forepaugh, the veteran circus manager, nant features of the new rules. died last night at his residence in this city. Mr. Forepaugh had been ailing for some time past. He was attacked a week or two ago with the prevailing influenza epidemic, which three or four days ago developed into pneumonia. Mr. Forepaugh was originally a butcher, but many years ago he embarked in the circus business, in which he was very successful, getting together a most extensive circus and menagerie, with which he amassed a fortune which is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. He was a large real estate owner. Forepaugh was sixty-eight years old He leaves a wife and one son, Adam, Jr., who will succeed to his immenso circus property.

THE POPE.

The Rumor of his Death Entirely Unfounded-He is in Excellent Health. ROME, Ian. 23.-The rumor widely current yesterday that the Pope had suddenly died, proves to have been entirely unfounded. His health is admirable, and at the very time the rumor was gaining in strength in passing from mouth to mouth through the city, His Holiness was giving spscial audience to a number of prominent prelates.

TROUBLE IN THE G. A. R.

Caused by Colored Delegates to the Encampment at Augusta, Ga. AUGUSTA, GA., January 24.-The departmental encampment of the G. A. R. was held in Augusta to-day, at the headquarters of Augusta Post No. 2. Charleston, Savannah, Macon, Atlanta and Tallapoosa Posts were represented. Colored delegates from Beaufort and Savannah claimed admission to the encampment from colored Posts which they represented. The Committee on Credentials submitted majority and minority reports—the former against and the latter in favor of seating the colored delegates. The majority report recommended the formation of separate encampments for colored Posts. The minority report was adapted by a vote of 18 to 4, whereupon, I. D. Crawford, Commander; H. Burns, adjutant, and Philip Heidensfer, representing E, . Jones, Post No, 6, of Macon, withdrew from the encampment, under instructious of their Posts. Augusta Post will give a banquet to the encampment to-night, to which colored delegates 'are

HANGING IN ALABAMA. Execution of Green Braxton for the Mur-

der of Lewis Pugh. By Telegraph to the Morning Star MONTGOMERY, January 24.-Green Braxton, negro, was hanged in the county jail here to-day, for the murder of Lewis Pugh, an aged white farmer in this county, in May of last year. The drop was sprung before the black cap had been put on, and deputy sherif Charles E. Parker fell with the negro. The deputy sheriff was painfully hurt by the fall to the iron floor.

Lewis Pugh, who was murdered, was a well-to-do farmer, and was murdered for his money. He was assassinated at his home in the southern part of the county, being shot down in his bed-room. A little grandson, who was with him, was also shot, but recovered from his wounds, and was the main witness in the trial.

SOUTH CAROLINA TRAGEDY. for Losing a Pair of Shoes, and Then Attempts Suicide. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., January 25 .- A

Daily Register special from Abbeville says: A. N. Nelson was shot and killed by his wife, who then attempted suicide by shooting herself in the head. She is still alive, but in a critical condition, Their five-year old boy saw the tragedy which resulted from a trivial cause. Nelson had bought his wife a pair of shoes and lost them on the way home, while under the influence of liquor. His wife sent him back to hunt for them, and upon his return unsuccessful, she killed him in her rage.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death at the hands of unknown parties, the evidence being meagre, but the woman admits the killing. The weapon used was a shot-gun.

WASHINGTON. Another Dividend for Creditors of Exchange Bank of Norfolk-Report the House Committee on Elections. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Comp roller of the Currency has declared the

ixth dividend of five per cent. in favor

of the creditors of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Va., making in all fifty per cent. on claims recorded, amounting to \$2,892,219.

The majority report of the House committee on Elections was submitted in the House to-day in the contested case of smith vs. Jackson, from the Fourth district of West Virginia. Jackson ob-tained the Governor's certificate and now holds the seat, both of which were con-

tested by Smith, who claims that he was entitled to the seat in the first instance according to the votes legally cast. The report says that it is very plain to the committee that the contestant was elected upon the face of the returns, and therefore entitled to a certificate from the Governor. The report then elaborately and in great detail reviews the testimony submitted, and in conclusion asserts that Smith was duly elected and

is entitled to the seat. Mr. Crisp will probably submit the report of the minority the latter part of

WASHINGTON, January 24.—The House Elections Committee was in session only five minutes to-day, and did not attempt to pass upon the West Virginia contest of Atkinson vs. Pendleton, which had been set down for final disposition. The case of Smith vs. Jackson, which has already been reported to the House, will be called up for consideration by that body next Wednesday, if the committee can secure the floor. Next week will be devoted by the committee to hearing arguments in the contested election cases of Mudd vs. Compton (5th Maryland), and Threet vs. Clark (1st Alabama.)

. WASHINGTON, January 24.—The De mocratic members of the House were in aucus for two hours to-night, with Mr Holman in the chair. The subject under discussion was the new code of rules now in course of preparation by the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Carlisle, the Democratic member of that committee, explained in detail the nature of the principal changes proposed to be made in the old code, and briefly stated those that were particularly objectionable to the Democratic

There was a long discussion over the proposed changes, which failed to result in the advancement of any practical scheme for amelioration of the repug-

were talked over, and Mr. Crisp told of the purpose of the Republicans to call It was generally agreed that the intention of the Republicans is to unseat as many Democrats and seat as many Republicans as will give them a fair working majority, insure a quorum, in order to force through the rules. Although no formal resolution was adopted, it was a matter of understanding among the Democratic members when the caucus adjourned that this Republican plan should be resisted to the utmost, and that the minority should exercise all of its constitu tional rights to prevent its success. In other words, the determination is to fight the rules legitimately when obnoxious sections are reached, and to refrain voting and leave the House without a quorum if an attempt is made to unseat Democratic members before the rules are

The Senate committee on Nava Affairs held a meeting to-day, at which after considerable discussion the committee decided upon the policy which will govern it during this Congress in the work of building up the navy This is, in brief, that a great line of battleships like the English ship Benbow should be constructed at once. Mr Chandler and Mr. McPherson, however are not in accord with the decision reached, and minority and majority reports will be submitted to the Senate.

The hostility of the German press to the Samoan treaty is still outspoken Comments of the leading conservative papers and also of leading liberal papers

n Berlin have been capped to this city

OCEAN PERILS.

teamers, Arrived at New York Report Unprecedented Heavy

NEW YORK, January 25 .- The steamer California (Ger.), which arrived to-day from Hamburg, reports heavy westerly gales and tremendously high seas throughout her voyage. On January 17, latitude 45, longitude 50, took a hurricane and stopped the engine and hove to under small sails. Oil was used and saved everything about the decks from being washed away. On December 19 burst the steam pipe and was obliged to return to Queenstown for repairs. The chief engineer, third engineer and storekeeper were badly scalded. Capt. Baur says the weather this voyage was the worst he ever experienced in his ninety-four voyages to he westward.

The steamer Rhaetia, (German), Vo gelgesing, from Hamburg, reports exceptionally heavy weather. On January 17th the decks were almost constant covered with water, and the ship would not answer her helm. Oil was used for twelve hours with great effect. On January 22nd she put into Halifax for

THE WORLD'S FAIR. Another Lively Debate in the House Con

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-There was

mother protracted struggle in the House Committee on the World's Fair to-day, out of which the New York party came victorious. The battle began as soon as the sub-committee reported to the full committee, that it did not recommend either proposition referred to it, and asked permission to frame a bill providing for a fair in 1892, and leaving the question of its site for future settlement. This was finally adopted after a lively discussion

Mr. Hill has signified an intention to introduce in the House a resolution providing for a selection of the site by ballot, and instructing the committee, which he will ask to have increased to thirteen members, to report within three

EARTHQUAKE.

Heavy Shock at Bellfoot Lake, Tenn.-Th People Greatly Frightened.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 25 .- The officers of the steamer City of Baton Rouge, passing up last evening reports a heavy shock of earthquake at Belfoot Lake, Tenn, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. A vertible panic ensued among the inhabitants of the locality, who have not forgotten the results of the great earthquake of many years ago, when New Madrid and much of the adjacent territory sunk beneath the Mississippi,

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Carthage Blade: Died, Tuesday night last, at his home, four miles west of here, Mr. Robert Dawson, aged about 30. — On the 15th inst. Dr. Colin Bethune, of Keyser, aged 53, was found dead in the road near Keyser, and heart disease is thought to have been the cause of his death. party of Northern men passed through here last week en route to the gold mines in the upper end of the county, where they contemplate purchasing

property.

— Raleigh News and Observer. Yesterday morning a negro by the name of James Burch had made an attempt to enter the private residence of Mr. Geo. W. Johnson, who resides on South East street, and was engaging in other deviltry. The police were notified and officer W. W. Willis was sent to capture the rascal. The negro attempted to escape and was pursued by the officer and several boys and was captured. He had served a term of five years in the penitentiary for larceny. - The number of cases of "la grippe" is something astonishing. The complaint has not taken any serious form, however,

and there is no cause for alarm. - Durham Sun: Judge Armfield received a telegram this morning, con-veying the sad intelligence of the death at her home in Statesville, of Miss Carrie Bell Cowles, the betrothed of the Judge's youngest son, Mr. J. B. Armfield. — Mr. J. P. Parrish is the yard coupler of the R. & D. railroad at this place. This morning about half-past nine o'clock he was engaged in his duties, and when attempting to couple a very long train on the west side of the depot, near the water tank, his right foot was caught between the guard rail and the track, and before he could extricate it, the backing freight cars came upon him, and two of the truck wheels passed over his body, and commencing at the hip, literally ground that leg and portion of his body to a pulp.

- Wadesboro Messenger - Intelligencer: From all reports there is more pork in Anson county this year than has been any year since the war, and if it is not spoiled by the warm weather, our people will at least have meat and hominy if they do not have plethoric pocketbooks. —Anson's big hog was killed last Thursday, and the other counties in the State can take a back seat. The hog belonged to Mr. Jas. R. Moore, of the Madra neighborhood, and weighed 812 pounds gross, and 740 pounds net. It was only two years old, and those who saw it say it was as big as a horse. — Some one left a dynamite cartridge at the house of Hanna Lyde, a colored woman living near town the other day, and last Saturday she concluded she would investigate its contents. Accordingly she began picking it with a hair

pin, when it exploded, lacerating her hands so badly that Dr. Ed. S. Ashe found it necessary to amputate three fingers on one hand and one finger on the other. - Fayetteville Observer: The Fayetteville Cotton Mill is now running day and night, by steam and by water. - At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the county Sunday School Association on Monday, it was decided to hold the county Convention

on Tuesday, February 18th, in Fayette-Directors of the Fayetteville & Aberdeen railroad is called to meet in this city Wednesday next, the 20th inst., for the purpose of taking steps looking to the building of said road. Lauchlin Shaw's grist mill and cotton gin, located in the vicinity of St. Paul's, were destroyed by fire last Friday night at midnight. The loss will run up into the thousands, though partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. — Great improvements have recently been made in the gas works. The buildings have been enlarged, and the capacity of the plant about doubled, with the addition of new and improved machinery.

- Chatham Record : Nearly every

man you meet is an applicant for the position of census enumerator. -Mr. Hiram M. Paul, from the northern part of Maine, has spent a few days here examining the land around here with a view of purchasing and locating. -The lumber kiln at Mr. Nooe's mill was accidentally burned on last Tuesday, destroying ten thousand feet of flooring and ceiling that was drying therein. - Mr. Edgar L. Haughton is making preparations to build a large flouring and grist mill, at this place, to be run by a thirty-five horse-power steam engine - Our former countyman. Hon. John M. Moring, who removed to Durham about ten years ago, will return to this place next Tuesday and practice law here. — For the first time since Chatham county was organized, in 1770, one of her citizens has been made a Judge, That honor was conferred by Governor Fowle, on Thursday of last week, upon our townsman, Thomas Brown Wo

mack, who was then appointed Judge of

this (the fifth) judicial district.

- Raleigh News and Observer The finishing touches was added to the sewer system yesterday. --- Fertilizer license was issued to Wilcox & Gibbs Guano Company, of Charleston, S. C. to sell their "Truck Farmers' Special Guano" brand. — The fact has now come to light that the present winter is not an unprecedented one. There was a phenomenally mild winter seventy three years ago, equally mild as the present one. — The regular term of the Superior Court begins on the first Monday in February, which falls on the 8d. The examination of applicants for license to practice law will be held on Friday, Jan. 81st. We regret to hear that Mr. L. H. Adams who has been for many years one of our most prominent and successful business men, having invested his means very largely in real estate and being called upon to make some heavy payments which he could not conviently meet, made an assignment of his property on vesterday for the benefit of his creditors His real estate alone in the city of Raleigh cost him and is worth twice as much as his indebtedness. W. H. Pace, Esq., is the trustee and the amount of the liabilities is about \$35,000; value of property conveyed about \$70,000. - Charlotte Chronicle: The reve

nue officers have made two seizures in Gaston county. On Saturday, the still of Alonzo Rhyne was seized, and on Monday that of a man named Forbiss - A telegram was received here yes-terday announcing the death of Mrs.

Alexander, wife of Capt. S. B. Alexander. Mrs. Alexander died yesterday at the residence of her father, B. J. Perry, in Franklin county. The telegram only bore the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Alexander, and gave no further particulars. - Mrs. M. J. Morrow died Tuesday night at 11 o'clock; at her residence No. 210 South Myers street. Mrs. Morrow was a daughter of Gov. William Hawkins, of this State, and wife was 72 years of age, having been born at Warrenton in 1818, Mrs. Mor row died of pneumonia, and from the effects of her recent fall. She leaves two children, H. C. Morrow and Mrs. Matilda Williamson, widow of the late Dr. Robert Williamson. - The emigration agents have been doing their work in this section quietly, but effectively, during the last few weeks. William Alexander has charge of the field, with headquarters in this city. He is assisted by John Henderson, colored, who told a *Chronicle* reporter yesterday, that he had already secured 22 colored families from the country around Charlotte. Two white men, Messrs. Ferral and Chistenberry, are also engaged in working up Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties. The emigrants from this section expect to start on or before the