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A PERTINENT QUESTION.

Mr. James G. Blaine has been doing some very interesting talking and writing lately, entirely too much for the comfort of Messrs. Harrison, Reed, McKinley et al. We have referred to his two letters written to Senator Frye in advocacy of his reciprocity proposition, in which he exploded the "home market" delusion and inferentially knocked the props from under the whole high that day he had paid custom duties protection structure when he declared that opening up new markets for the sale of American products was the "highest order of protection." That is good, level-headed business sense and it is good, levelheaded, sound Democracy, as far as the tariff goes. It has taken Mr. Blaine twenty-five years to learn it-or at least to acknowledge it-but he seems to have learned it at last Having been converted, he is now striking out to do some missionary work among the benighted statesmen of his own party who are still emerged.

When Mr. Blaine deliberately de clares that opening up new markets | fluence over the majority in the in other countries for the sale of American products is the "highest order of protection," it is logically an abandonment of the theory of protection by a high tariff, for if these markets were opened and this higher order of protection secured, there would no longer be an excuse for nor defence of high tariff protection, which can only be justified, if it can be justified at all, on the foster home industries.

This is identically the same position that the Democratic party has taken all along on this question, namely, that it was not a high protective tariff that our manufacturers need to insure them success and permanence, but more markets where the products of our fields and shops would find purchasers for the surplus over and above what the home marmen, in whom the high tariff builders seem to take such a fraternal interest, only needed protection to the extent of the difference in the wages paid in the old countries and in this. Mr. Blaine fought this as a destructive proposition and fatal menace to our "infant industries" which had still to be coddled and bottle-fed to keep them alive. What then was folly or worse, boding destruction to our in eminent champion of protection on the good that may eventually come from it.

In his second better Mr. Blaine upon a subject to which his party is also committed and in which the American people are interested-the ship subsidy question-in which he asks Senator Frye a pertenent question which shows that he has no confidence i subsidies as a means of building up our merchant marine while the high tariff stands in the way as an obstacle! We quote the paragraph containing the question with which he concludes his second better to Senator Frye. He says:

"You have recently received congratulations-in which I cordially join-on carrying the Shipping bills through the. enate. Do you not think that a line of thips generously aided by the government will have a better prospect for profit and for permanence if we can give them outward cargoes from the United States and not confine them to inward cargoes from Latin America?"

Here he is again, while professing to be in favor of subsidies, putting himself on Democratic ground and justifying the position of the Demofatic Senators who opposed the subsidy bills when they were under consideration in the Senate. They then took the position that while the high tariff existed to restrict trade and put the American trader and manufacturer at a disadvantage in attempting competition with the trader and manufacturer of those European countries where they were not so hampered was a wilful and a useless waste of money, that while subsidies might build up ships they could not build traders and manufacturers a fair ing about.

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showing in the contest with their European rivals who now have and always will have a monopoly of the trade of the Central and South American countries while the present high tariff remains to handicap American enterprise. This is identically the position that Mr. Blaine takes in the pertinent question he here asks Senator Frye.

A commerce that brings everything in and carries nothing out isn't much of a commerce to brag about, and a merchant marine that comes in loaded and goes out empty don't do much to earn the subsidies that are lavished upon it. But that's what it will do and must do, while stupid high tariff restrictions prevent it from doing anything else.

MINOR MENTION.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, talked out in meeting Friday, and told some plain truths, not very pleasant for his Republican collegues to hear, in discussing the chinaware schedule. As an illustration of the exorbitant increase of tariff rates proposed, he read a letter from a merchant doing business in St. Joseph, Mo., and Atchison, Kansas, stating that on a consignment of crockery received of \$16 50, the tariff on which under the McKinley bill would be \$57 12, and under the pending bill \$31 32, an increase of over three fold the present rate on one, and nearly double on the other. This after nearly thirty years of protection. If this increase was necessary when may the American people hope to see our chinaware industry self-sustaining? Mr. Plumb did not entertain the idea that what he said would have any effect in influencing the action of the majority in the Senate, for it had been determined to pass in the darkness, from which he has the bill substantially as it came from tection being too strong and their in-Senate too great to be successfully resisted. It was a battle between the unprotected and, as far as the majority goes, the unrepresented people on one side and the mighty and imperious manufacturer on the other, in which the manufacturer got everything he demanded, the people nothing. His Republican colleagues must have squirmed under this excornation, but they voted solid all ground of necessity, to preserve and the same. This speech will add another chapter to the interesting tariff literature for the Democrats in the coming campaign.

The tools of Boss Reed got their resolution before the Senate Friday, instructing the Committee on Rules to report within four days, some plan for limiting debate, which means the introduction of the gag in the Senate. It was proper that for the presentaket demanded, while the working tion of this resolution they selected Bore Blair, the great and unapproachable crank of the Senate. There is something also of the humorous in this proceeding when we see Blair, with a six day speech on his educational bill, delivered to empty chairs and a vacant gallery, moving to limit debate. If the gag had been in force then where would Blair have been? Can it be that he has abandoned his educational bore and his other bores and that he never expects to make any dustries is now the "highest order of | more speeches, that he proposes to protection." We congratulate this chop himself off in this way? If so even the gag, odious and indefensible his conversion and the country on as it is, would not be without its

> Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, showed his consistency Friday by offering amendments for a reduction of the tariff on earthenware, fire-brick, &c., largely manufactured in New Jersey. He is a Democrat, who believes in protection, but not in excessive protection, for which there is no need, and the only effect of which is still further to enrich the protected manufacturer at the expense of the purchaser. In offering these amendments he said that the manufacturers of his State were satisfied with the present duties, and did not ask for an increase of rates. His motions, however, were lost "by the usual party vote," with the exception of Senators Plumb, of Kansas, and Paddock, of Nebraska, who voted with the Democrats.

Boss Reed has lost control over his gang in the House, and is unable to keep enough of them in Washington to make a quorum. A press dispatch informs us that the list of absentees is daily growing larger, in spite of Reed's efforts to keep them thrown over his shoulder and a pistol together. The boss and his man Cannon are very much distressed at this and the latter gives notice that he will introduce a resolution revoking all leaves of absence, to bring the truants in. With bossism, lawless legislation, gag rules, plundering the treasury, and this wholesale absenteeism what a nice figure Reed's gang is cutting.

The Republican statesmen in the Senate are pretty solid against havup commerce to keep the ships affoat, ing their names recorded in the and the only way to do that was to Journal for non appearance at roll take off the unnecessary restrictions call. They don't want their constifrom commerce, and thus give our tuents to know how they are dodgWILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1890.

STATE TOPICS.

There is in circulation an anonymous paper viciously attacking Governor Fowle, Judge Clark, Col. A. B. Andrews and Mr. Spier Whitaker, vnom it charges with having formed a combination by which Judge Fowle was nominated for the Governorship, in consideration of which Judge Clark was to be appointed on the Supreme Court Bench, it being then apparent, Chief Justice Smith's health being very bad, that a vacancy must occur in the near future. This is the sum and substance of the attack which has nothing stronger to stand upon than innuendo and the inferrential allegations of the writer, who evidently has no love for any of the four gentlemen mentioned. The only object of this circular at the present time must be to throw odium upon Judge Clark, and prevent his nomination. but charges of this kind, the respon sibility for which the author shirks are not apt to have much influence. Generally speaking darts of this kind prove to be boomerangs. The circular is written with vim, and proves one thing, if nothing else, and that is that the author has a good deal of acid in his make-up, and that he heartily hates the men he tries to stab in this underhand

The Washington Star remarks that Mr. Blaine, forced out of the Cabinet, would be the most popular Republican in the ranks of his party. A fact. They have no notion of forcing him out, but he may find it agreeable and convenient by and by to step out, after he has made some more pertiment remarks on their tariff bungling.

Bore Blair in introducing his resolution in the Senate, Friday, calling for the gag, informed the Senate the committee, the cohorts of pro- that he was not the Bt. Peter of the Republican party. Altogether un necessary. Nobody ever suspected burg and to Augusta, passing about a mile him of being anything else than the great and original crank.

> Senator Plumb wants to know if "the time was ever coming when the American people would get some benefit from the establishment of home industries." Mr. Plumb should not ask such impertinent questions. They are highly offensive to the bosses who are running his party.

> A thrifty Republican postmaster in Wyoming concluded he would increase his income by charging five cents for two cent stamps. But that was a little more speculation than John Wanamaker could stand and he bounced him.

A Financial Panic.

The enterprising 'Squire who recent ly inaugurated a new departure in criminal jurisprudence, has ordered his name stricken from the list of subscribers to the STAR, because the STAR mildly inquired if there were any authority for holding a Magistrate's Court in the County Jail, and then answered its own question by quoting from the Constitution of North Carolina, which declares that "all Courts shall be open."

Coming in the midst of the "dull sea son," this unexpected blow has cast a deep, dark shadow of impenetrable gloom over the financial department of the STAR; diminishing its revenue twelve cents per week, and bringing to view the awful possibility of a "busted" exchequer next Saturday unless its friends rush nobly to the rescue of its imperilled pay-roll.

"Farewell, Brother Crawford!" Goodbye, 'Squire! You have acted without reflection; for you surely did not realize the immensity of the damage you were inflicting on a mild-mannered newspaper when you withdrew from the bank account of THE MORNING STAR YOUR plethoric contribution of twelve cents per

Oh! how sad. Boo-hoo-oo-oo!

Bryan Gaston. Bryan Gaston is still cooling his heels in the city prison. Yesterday Mr. Z. Costin appeared before Mayor Fowler and testified to seeing a man resembling Bryan Gaston on the turnpike a week before the Fails murder. The man had a pistol and his behavior was suspicious. He passed Costin in a few minutes the latter and heard a pistol shot. When he reached the toll house he found Mrs. Patton very much alarmed at the actions of the negro, and she prevailed upon Mr. Costin o remain until Mr. Patton arrived. While Mr. Costin was at the toll house, the negro came back and went down the road towards the city, and was met by Mr. Patton and others.

In the afternoon a colored woman named Elsie Miller and her son Winslow Miller appeared at the City Hall and identified Gaston as a man who had followed them on the road about four protruding from his pocket.

Naval Stores For Europe.

Messrs. Robinson & King cleared yesterday the Norwegian barque Frey for Cork or Falmouth for orders, with a cargo of 1667 casks of spirits turpentine, measuring 82,539 gallons and valued at \$34,-

Mesers. Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared the Norwegian barque Livingstone for London, Eng., with 1,000 barrels rosin and 2,027 casks spirits turpentine, valued at \$40,771.

- The British barquentine Lydia, which grounded off Battery Island shoals last Friday, floated at 6.30 p. m. that day, and proceeded to sea yesterday morning.

THE FAILS MURDER.

A Preliminary Investigation in the Case of a Buspect.

A preliminary investigation into the case of a colored man named Maynard arrested some days ago by the county authorities on suspicion of complicity in the murder of Nathan Fails, was held yesterday in the County Jail, before R H. Bunting, J. P., and in the presence of Col. B. R. Moore, Solicitor of the Criminal Court. There were, besides, three or four persons from the Sound supposed to have been present as witnesses, but what testimony was given or whether they could furnish any evidence bearing on the case or not was a close secret. One of the witnesses-Jno. A. Barker-who was brought up from the workhouse-said he had been summoned to testify as to a pistol he had repaired for Maynard. He said that the pistol in question, however, was a big old-fashioned thing that carried a ball much larger than the one that killed Suspicion was directed to Maynard because it was known that he had been

a tenant of Fails' and had been driven off by the deceased, who accused him of killing his hogs. This goes to show that the county detectives are working upon the theory that Fails was killed out of revenge and not by an ordinary highwayman for his money.

THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Its Proposed Extension to Augusta, Ga The Augusta Chronicle mentions the arrival in that city of General Manager Harry Walters, of the Atlantic Coast Line, accompanied by Col. Warren Weldon railroad, and Col. Fleming Gardner, Chief Engineer of the Coast Line, for the purpose of making arrangements with the authorities of that city for the right of way and a depot site for the proposed extension of the Atlantic Coast Line to Augusta.

"Our plans,' said Mr. Walters, "contemplate reaching Augusta from Manchester. S. C., a small town the other side of Orangeburg. It is known as the Manhattan & Augusta railroad and leaves the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta railroad at Sumter, then down to the Santee river and through to Orange from Aiken. The road has been surveyed and is graded for most of its length. At present an angle is described going to Wilmington. This will be cut off and a saving of sixty-1wo

SERIOUS AFFRAY IN GREENSBORO Between Two Young Painters Said to be From Wilmington-One Man Fatally

The Greensboro Times gives an account of a fight in that town last Thursday between two young painters-Tom Pleasants and Jos. James-who came to Greensboro from Wilmington a short time ago-Pleasants inflicting wounds upon James from which it is probable latter will die. The quarrel over a board bill. lames becoming exasperated at some remark made by Pleasants, seized a piece of cantling and struck him a murderous blow, knocking him down. As Pleasnts got up he drew a barlow knife and ishing upon James began cutting him to pieces. One thrust of the knife en-

sides and abdomen After the cutting Pleasants walked up street and told officer Whittington that he had cut a man badly, in self-defence, and wanted to surrender himself after the man had been attended to. Whittington went to see after the wounded man and Pleasants walked around to the Mayor's office and waited until he returned. He was lodged in

tered the chest and penetrated the lung.

Numerous wounds were inflicted on the

Pleasants says that as he arose after being knocked down with the piece of scantling, James rushed upon him with a drawn knife and inflicted an ugly cut on his hand. He shows a wound on the hand, and his head and arm are badly bruised where James hit him.

NAVAL STORES.

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Stocks at this Port

The monthly statement of the movement in naval stores at the port of Wilmington shows a large increase in reeipts for the present crop year, beginning April 1st, as compared with the same months in 1889, as follows:

Spirits turpentine, 30,279 casks; last vear, 25,952. Rosin, 108,037 barrels; last year, 74,232. Tar, 16,804 barrels; last year, 16,698. Crude turpentine, 7,054 parrels; last year, 6,847.

The stocks at this port, August 1st, as compared with stocks at same date last vear, are as follows:

Spirits turpentine, 8,415 casks; las vear, 3,680. Rosin, 4,704 barrels; last year 40,268. Tar, 5,572 barrels; last year, 1,855. Crude turpentine, 891 barrels; last year, 663.

Prains on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. By the new schedule on the Cape

Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad, which will go into effect August 4th, the north bound train, No. 1: will leave Wilmington daily except Sunday at 8,45 a. m.. arrive at Fayetteville 12.25 p. m. and at Mt, Airy, 8.25 p. m. The southbound train, No. 2, daily except Sunday, will leave Mount Airy at 6.00 a. m., arrive at Fayetteville 1.50 p. m., leave Fayetteville at 2.15 and arrive at Wilmington at 5.45 p. m.

SEVENTH DISTRICT. Democratic Congressional Convention at Salisbury.

A special dispatch to the STAR from Salisbury says that the Democratic Congressional Convention for the Seventh District met in that place yesterday. Hon. John Henderson, of Rowan, was was: Henderson, 145; Leazer, of Iredell, permanent Chairman of the Convention. | await an investigation.

BRYAN GASTON.

More Developments-Identified as the Highwayman Who Attacked Mail Carrier Capps-His Confession-Supposed Connection With the Fails Murder.

With each day's developments the belief strengthens that Bryan Gaston, alias Ed. Phifer, is the murderer of Nathan Fails. But there is nothing to connect him with the crime beyond the fact that he is known to be a desperate criminal, who has by his own confession attacked people on the highway, that he was known to have had in his possession a 32-calibre pistol, and that he stoutly denies that he has ever been on the turnpike road, where Fails was murdered, while it is certain that he was seen on the road before and after the murder by several persons. Yesterday he was again brought be-

fore the Mayor and interrogated. Manly Capps, the mail carrier, who was attacked by a highwayman on the 17th of June last, was present and identified Gaston as the man who stopped him and Mr. Kedar Bryan on the day mentioned and attempted to rob them. Mr. Capps said that he and Mr. Bryan were walking behind their cart, on the Newbern road, in Pender county, about twenty-two miles from Wilmington, and overtook a negro whom he recognized to be the prisoner. That the man demanded their money, and Mr. Bryan drew a pistol and attempted to shoot the negro, but the pistol failed to fire, and that they both then ran to the cart and the man fired at them with a pistol. Gaston at first denied that he was the man who attacked them, but upon further ques-Elliot, President of the Wilmington & tioning he admitted that he fired at them, alleging as a reason that they had brief, that frauds and violence prevailed attempted to shoot him.

A colored woman named Hagar

Cromartie, gave some important and is not entitled to his seat. evidence. She had been hunted up by the police, who found her at a house in a section of the city beyond the Carolina Central railroad, known as "Dross Neck," and peopled altogether by negroes. She produced a ragged blue cloth coat and a pair of checked pants which she said Gaston had changed at her house for the suit he is now wearing, shortly after the Fails murder. She also told the Mayor that Gaston, while handling his pistol in her house had accidentally discharged it. and that the ball striking the chimney rolled to the floor and was picked up and put on the mantel. She was sent with an officer to search for it and it was found and given to the Mayor. It was a 32-calibre ball-the size of the bullet that killed Mr. Fails. As stated Gaston denied stoutly that he had ever been on the Wrightsville turnpike, except to cross it on one occasion, near the Mineral Spring; but there were witnesses present at the examination yesterday who swore positively that they had seen him on the road. Robert Bowens, colored, saw Gaston near the Mineral Spring a few days before the murder of Mr. Fails. Mr. Patton, who keeps the second toll house, testified that he saw a negro repeatedly

murder, just after dark, a negro resembling Gaston passed them on the road to the Sound with a pistol in his hand. Mr. A. J. Yopp and Mr.W. D. Burkhimer met a colored man on the turnpike who resembled Gaston, the night that Mr. Fails was murdered, but it was too dark for them to be able to identify the prisoner as the man.

on the road whom he recognized as the

prisoner. There were others who testi-

fied to seeing a man resembling the pris-

oner on the pike, among them J. Walton

and Frank Todd, of Masonboro, who

testified that a few days before the Fails

COMMUNICATED. THE FAILS MURDER.

Great interest and much excitemen have been created in this community growing out of the recent murder of Nathan Fails. On day before yesterday an adjourned examination of the facts found to be connected with the homicide was concluded before R. H. Bunt ing, Esq., and the judgment of the Magistrate's Court was to the effect that the prisoner Charles Maynor be held for the action of the grand jury at the next term of the Criminal Court, and that in the meantime he be committed to prison without bail until then.

The facts connected with the homicide have been brought to light, after a patient, quiet, and (as such investigations should be conducted) as secretly as possible. The public did not know what was going on, and every movement was carefully kept from publication in the newspapers or otherwise, so that the witnesses themselves, nor eyen the officers engaged in the investigation, did not come to the knowledge of what each other knew, until the chain of circumstances was put together before the committing magistrate.

These proceedings were set on foot y Solicitor Moore eight hours after the homicide was made known. The Sheriff's officers under the direction of Mr. Shaw, aided by a detective from Northern city, have quietly and persistently worked the case up under the general direction of the Solicitor, until the result above mentioned has been ac-

The murderer of Nathan Fails known; he is in prison and the necessary evidence to convict him of the crime is in the possession of the proper officer who will not disclose it until the proper times arrives. This may be stated, however, that the leaden missile that killed Nathan Fails was not such a pistol ball as is known as a thirty-two calibre.

Who Stole the Sheep ? Complaint was lodged at police head-

quarters yesterday, by Mr. Jno. F. Garrell, that a sheep, dressed and prepared

for market, had been stolen from his slaughter house. Upon information given a search warrant was issued, and the missing mutton was found by police officers at the house of Emanuel Truesdale, colored. on Tenth and Bladen streets. Truesdale affirmed that a colored man had brought the meat to his house and asked him to cook a part of nominated on the first ballot. The vote | it. He gave the name of the man and a | ty just now. The receipts of both spirwarrant was issued for his arrest, Trues-125. Mr. Bradshaw, of Randolph, was dale being locked up in the meantime to

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Mr. Blair on his Motion for the Adoption of the Previous Question Rule-The Arkansas Contested Election Case. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, August 1.-Senator Blair, in speaking of his resolution introduced this morning, instructing the Committee on Rules to report a rule to limit debate by the operation of the previous question, or some other method, said that he believed it to be the opinion of a majority of Republican Senators that the time had arrived for the adoption of a rule by which debate might be controlled, He would not admit, however, that he was acting by direction of a caucus. He was not, he said. the St. Peter of that party,-that body by whom what was bound in the caucus should be loosed in the Senate, and what was loosed in the caucus should be loosed in the Senate. He said that it was apparent that not one of the twenty-five important measures on the calendar could be passed without a change of the rule as proposed in this

The House Committee on Elections to-day made another ineffectual effort to dispose of the pending Clayton-Breckinridge Arkansas election case. There was not a sufficient number of Republican members in the city to make up a quorum. So the Democrats refused to help the majority out of the delemma, and by remaining in the hall of the House, leaving Representative Maish present to watch the proceedings in the committee, vented the attendance of a quorum. Chairman Rowell will make an effort to secure an attendance of the Republican absentees at the next meeting to dispose of the case. The report of the majority has been prepared and submitted to the minority for its guidance in making its report, but it has not been formally adopted. Its conclusion is, in in the district to an extent sufficient to warrant the committee in declaring that Mr. Breckenridge was not legally elected

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Thirty-eight Houses in a Mining Town Burned-Loss \$100,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PITTSBURG, July 31,-At 3 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the Hungarian settlement in the east end of Braddock, an iron town nine miles up noticed by boatmen on Fox Bluff, on so weak that he had to sit while the the Monongahela river, and thirty-eight houses were consumed. Among them were some dozen brick residences owned by Americans, but the others were frame houses of two stories and occupied by Hungarian laborers. The thirty-eight houses contained one hundred and twenty-five families, embracing four hundred people. The flames were confined to two acres of closely packed buildings. The loss is \$100,000, chiefly on buildings, as the foreigners saved everything of value. The fire was started by a Hungarian woman who, finding her bed infested with vermin, carried it out into an alley and set fire to it and everything else within two squares.

FATAL AFFRAY.

One Man Killed and the Other Seriously Wounded

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, July 31 .- The Picayune's Greenwood, Miss., special says: Our city was thrown into great excitement to-day by the firing of fifteen or twenty shots near the Delta Bank. On reaching the spot Walter Stoddard was found lying on the sidewalk dead, and J. D. Money, a prominent planter, and brother of ex-Congressman Money, was sitting on the curbstone shot in one leg and a flesh wound in the other-both shots below the knee. The trouble grew out of charges of corruption made against the city government, and illus-

trated by a local artist. THE BAY DISASTER.

Fourteen Deaths Known to Have Result-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BALTIMORE, July 31 .- The work of dredging the Patapsco river in the neighborhood of Fort Carroll, for bodies drowned by the collision on Monday night off the excursion steamer Louise and the Norfolk steamer Virginia, was continued to-day. Two additional bodies were recovered in the forenoon, Willie Hawse and Maggie Eller, a boy and girl. The latter belonged to Washington. All of the missing are now accounted for. The number of deaths now known to have resulted from the collision is fourteen.

HOMICIDE IN RALEIGH.

Negro Desperado Killed by a Police

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 2.-This af-

ternoon a negro named Julian Jones had a difficulty with a white man on the principal business street, and knocked him down. Policeman, Hogue called on William Utley, a well known newspaper man, to assist in quelling the disturbance. Jones knocked Utley down, and in a scuffle with Hogue got his club and was about to use it when the officer drew a pistol and fired three times at Jones in quick succession, the last shot proving fatal. One shot struck a clerk in a neighboring store in the leg. Some feeling was exhibited among the negroes at the killing of Jones.

Savannah's Naval Stores Market.

The Savannah News of Saturday says The spirits turpentine market seems o be rather weak. During the last hece days there has been a decline of 1/2 cent. A count of the stock was made vesterday, and it was found that the actual stock on hand was only 14,170 casks. This included yesterday's tween the actual and the running count, the actual stock being 4,380 casks less The error, however, had no visible effect on the market, as after the closing call sales were made at one-half

There are orders still for turpentine, notwithstanding the fect that the July "shorts" have about all covered their contracts. It is believed the weakness of the market is due to the scarcity of 'spot" freight room for direct ports. There is some demand for "spot" vessels, but none are to be had, and it is said that this lack of vessels will con-

cent less than the price bulletined at

4 o'clock.

tinue during August. The rosin market is stiffer, and prices all around have advanced very materially. Rosin is considered good properits turpentine and rosin have thus far kept up well. The outward movement has been very good so far, and there has been no banking up of stocks.

AN ENGINEERING FEAT.

Difficulties Attending the Construction of

a Railroad.

Baltimore American.

One of the most difficult and in-

eresting pieces of railroad construc-

tion imaginable is on the line of the

Ohio Valley railroad, from Bellaire

south along the west bank of the

Ohio to Marietta. Just after leaving

Bellaire high hills extend along the

river a distance of twenty miles, and

bottom land whatever, the slope of

the hills originally extending right

into the water, and now only being

separated by a beach a few yards

wide, occupied by the county road.

In excavating for this road in

years gone by, solid ledges of

imestone and sandstone rock, the

former underneath the latter and rest-

ing on a vein of coal, were discovered

and in some places these ledges

form a solid cliff twenty to forty

feet high. To make a bed for the

new railroad, the engineers ran their

line parallel with the county road.

the line of the grade coming right

on top of the coal vein, underlying

the strata of stone. The result is

that every foot of roadbed has to be

blasted out of the solid cliff, and an

immense amount of labor is in-

volved. The earth is first cleared

away from the top of the cliff, and a

line of holes drilled down to the

level of the coal vein, and as far

back from the edge of the cliff as

the width of the roadbed required.

Then these holes are charged, and

from five to twenty of them "shot"

at once. Immense masses of rock

being hurled into the river. By one

blast, fired Friday, a mass of rock

forty feet long by eighteen feet

deep was loosened in one mass.

When the rock has been removed,

the coal is excavated, and a fill of

earth made on which to lay the rails.

DRILLING FOR HONEY.

A Mine of it Struck at a Depth of Eighty-

five Feet.

Boston Transcript.

A successful boring for honey has

been made in North Tennessee. For

many years swarms of bees have been

The bluff is 170 feet high

the Cumberland River, near Frank

and the river's channel runs directly

under it. The bees have been ob-

served about a big fissure near the

centre of the bluff, and the opening

could not be reached from above or

below without danger of being stung

to death. As the bees had never

been robbed, it was believed a large

amount of honey was stored in the

cliff. Recently a well-borer visited

the the bluff, and was at once im-

pressed with the idea that he could

reach the wonderful honey store-

house with his drill, After some

coaxing, he persuaded a number of

farmers to undergo the expense, and

a three inch hole was bored from

the top of the bluff. At a depth of

eighty-five feet the drill struck the

honey. Barrels and tubs by the

score were filled and carried off to

neighboring farms, and the syndicate

has sent to Louisville for more re-

YOU TAKE IT.

The Last Joke of the Great Joker.

Joseph Jefferson, in his autobio-

graphy in the forthcoming August

century, relates what was probably

When the famous wit lay dying in

Southampton he was attended by his

devoted friend, Tom Robertson, the

"Just before Ward's death," writes

Mr. Jefferson, "Robertson poured out

some medicine in a glass and offered

"Ward said, 'My dear Tom, I can't

"'Come, come,' said Robertson,

irging him to swallow the nauseous

drug, 'there's a dear follow; do now,

for my sake; you know I would do

"Would you?" said Ward, feebly

tretching out his hand to grasp his

"'I would indeed,' said Robertson.

"'Then you take it,' said Ward.

The humorist died a few hours after-

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- Many persons are afraid of their

rials. It would be wiser to fear their

-Beauty, unaccompanied by vir-

-The greatest happiness which

-Sometimes, to unkindness and

- Beyond all other extravagances

of folly is that of expecting or wishing

- Leave not off praying to God;

for either praying will make thee leave

off sinning, or continuing in sin will

make thee desist from praying.-Fuller,

race in this world does not consist in our

being devoid of passions, but in our

- When men see in us the hand.

the heart, and the love of Christ, they

will believe in the brotherhood of men

and the fatherhood of God,-Bishop

much more difficult than desiring and

4 God has given man two eyes

if he lose one he hath another. But

man hath only one soul; if he lose that

- Never be afraid of criticism or

ridicule; always remember that opposi-

tion and calumny are often the brightest

tribute that vice and folly can pay to

the loss can never be made up again .-

-The happiness of the human

to live in a great number of hearts.

njustice, silence may be softer than

ven the soft answer which turneth

we can feel in this life, is that of com-

ue, is a flower without perfume. - From

riend's, perhaps for the last time.

the last joke of Artemus Ward.

friend of Jefferson.

it to his friend.

ake that dreadful stuff."

inything for you."

ward.

the French.

Whipple.

resolving.

Chrysostom.

virtue and wisdom.

for service. - Advance.

orting others.

ceptacles.

- Lincolnton Courier: Deputy sheriff Miller now has eight boarders at his establishment, (the jail), three white and two colored.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

.— Asheville Journal: Dr. E. S. Inman and J. A. Dick got into a quarrel last night while in a ball room in the village of Turnpeke, this county. J. A. Dick was seriously cut, receiving three NO. 38

> - Statesville Landmark: Mr. Abraham Moses died at his residence, corner of Water and Mulberry streets, last Thursday about 1 o'clock. He had been confined to his room about three weeks and death was due to pneumonia occurring in typhoid fever. Mr. Moses was 32 years of age and came to States-

ville in 1874 direct from Germany. - Charlotte News: The question as to removing the consolidated shops of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company to Charlotte is practically settled at last. Charlotte gets the shops. - Parties who came in from Paw Creek township vesterday brought news for fully half this distance there is no of a serious shooting affair in that section, in which Mr. Chas. Cox, Mr. Jas. Hinson and a tramp were involved. The tramp was chased and shot at twice and

Mr. Hinson was shot in the mouth. - Carthage Blade: Crops seem to be fine everywhere. All along the line of the railroads from here to Clinton the prospects for an abundant harvest of both cotton and corn are very promising, and the farmers are wearing a broad -- It was feared by many that the recent wet spell would materially damage the cotton crop, but we have interviewed quite a number of farmers on the subject, and the general opinion is that the crop has been injured but lit-

tle, if at all. - Durham Sun: One John Rollenson, colored, who for some time past has had charge of the books, moneys, etc., of one of the colored churches in Durham was recently called upon for a statement of the affairs of the church. It is said that John refused to make any statement, and actually destroyed the books: whereupon an action was brought against aim by the authorities of the church. John was arraigned before 'Squire J. A McMannen, and bound in the sum of \$50.00 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

- Winston Daily; The colored olks have another excursion billed This one is announced to run from Winston to Wilmington on August 25th. - A white man who gives his name as George W. Fine was arrested in South Fork township last night upon the charge of creating considerable disturbance in that neighborhood. Fine claims to have escaped from the Mortganton Insane Asylum nine days ago. Whether his words are true or not his actions are strongly indicative of a lunatic. He is now in jail and at times breaks out with his silly preaching, songs, etc.

- Durham Globe: Yesterday Squire C. B. Green united in marriage, in Oak Grove township, Mr. Lemuel B, Hudson, of the tender age of seventyfive years, and Miss Emiline Anderson aged fifty-five years. Mr. Hudson was tleman on the train this morning informed us that the continued rains were proving very disastrous in the Raleigh Coming as it did in the very flush of the shipment of grapes, the wet season has caused them to rot, and what promised to be a golden harvest will prove almost an utter failure.

- Greensboro Patriot: As Ruby Glascock, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr, J. T. Glascock, of South Greensboro, was standing by an open window last Sunday afternoon she heard a hissing noise above her head. She paid no attention to it and a few minutes later she turned from the window. As she moved away she struck the window shade with her head, and a venomous snake, known as spreading adder, fell from the folds of the shade to the floor at her feet and struck at her. Members of the family heard her scream and ran into the room and quickly killed the snake, which was an unusually large one. How the snake came to be in the window, nobody has yet been able to

discover. - Rockingham Rocket: Messrs. W. R. Hawkins and Wm. Harrison have invented a water cooler which will probably prove a bonanza for them. It is an arrangement which, by the use of certain chemicals, ordinary well or spring water may be reduced 10 to 12 degrees in a few minutes. In other words, their process will quickly reduce the temperature of any water to 50 de-

grees, which is as cold as it ought to be drunk, A patent has been applied for. - The colored people are preparing to build a church. -- The streams in English playwright, who was also a this section are considerably swollen from the continued rains, and it is feared that crops on bottoms and lowlands have been damaged by overflows. ----Mr. W. R. Hawkins informs us that a telephone exchange is soon to be established in our town. The requisite number of subscribers has already been secured, but others may join the ex-

> - Weldon News: On Thursday last a company was organized here which will at once begin the manufacture of brick on a very extensive scale. - Capt. Day has sweet potatoes that will measure ten inches round and six inches long. - Some of our farmers say this will be the biggest crop that has been made since 1840. Walters, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, announces that the survey has been completed for the extension of the Scotland Neck and Greenville branch of the road to Washington, N. C., and the right of way for constructing the line will be secured at The work on the large mill is still in progress. The carpenters are busy and the company has begun to excavate for the foundation. The machinery will be put in as the mill is built. The capacity of the mill will be 2,000 bushels of corn a day. Besides the mill the company is also at work on a grain elevator. It will be three stories high, and contain four iron bins with a capacity of 12,500 bushels of grain each. The grain will be taken direct from the cars into the elevator, and from there carried to the mill by machinery as it may be needed.

- Greensboro Patriot: At last the nystery surrounding the disappearance of Shinall from the neighborhood of Mt. Airy has been cleared up, and Percy Fry has been vindicated and discharged. At the preliminary trial of Percy Fry, being charged with the murder of Shinall, who had mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood of Mt. Airy some days ago, learning to command them. From the story told by Mr. Fry. It was clearly proven that the blood on the floor, pulpit and window of Oak Grove Church came from wounds inflicted with a knife upon Joe Tilley by Fry. The evidence showed that Fry and Tilley became involved in a fight over a game of cards - If we could only live as well as played in the church, and that during the fight Fry cut Tilley with a knife. we wish, what happy and prosperous lives we would have. But doing is very for desecrating the church, fled, Tilley for desecrating the church, fled, Tilley going to Pulaski City and Shinall to the mines in Carroll county Va. Fry was promptly acquitted and discharged. - A thirteen-year old son of Rev. Wm. Philips, a well known Baptist minister, who lives three miles from Mount Airy, accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday. He was alone with the younger children of the house and took down a gun for the purpose, it is sup-posed, of cleaning it. The gun was discharged and the entire load entered the breast of the lad tearing his heart to - Never suffer the social interests | pieces. The father was at work a short of the church to interfere with the distance away and heard the report of spiritual. The church is not a club; it | the gun. He hurried to the house and s an avenue of Divine grace, an agent | found the remains of his son just outside of the door.