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ANOTHER ENGLISH OPINION. A few days ago we called attention to an address delivered in England by the President of the Steel and Iron Institute in which he discoursed on the immense iron resources of the South and predicted a great future for her iron industry. He had been in the South and seen for himself whereof he spoke.

The Duke of Marlborough is an other level-headed Englishman who travels with his eyes and ears' open. He too has visited the South and spent some time in the iron-producing sections of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, and the result is that he has become a firm believer in and an enthusiastic predictor of the magnificent possibilities of that region.

He was sent to this country as representative of some English capitalists to survey the field and report on the advisability of investing money in em properties and enterprises, and his report is one of the very best advertisements the section of the South to which it refers ever had. They have paid and are paying today thousands of dollars for adverfisements that are not one-tenth as good. In this report he speaks of the immerse and practically inexhaustible veins of iron which he saw,

and the vast stretch of magnificent timber, which seems to have filled him with admiration, and advises his countrymen to put their money in Southern iron property and other real estate, instead of breweries and other uncertain enterprises as so many of them have been doing. He advises them, also, to change the direction of their investments from South and Central America, where the governments are unstable, the people indolent, thriftless and unreliable, and everything uncertain, to the South where government is well established and permanent, where the people are industrious, intelligent, energetic and thrifty, and where everything is certain and the prospects sure for a handsome return for investments judiciously

Another opening for investment to which he calls their attention is Southern railroads which he says must steadily increase in value as dividend-paying enterprises as the iron, coal and 'timber resources are developed.

large increase in railroad mileage in the South, and the fact, too, that notwithstanding this increase the net profits of the Southern railroads are much larger than the profits of Northern roads while the traffic over them is increasing in much larger proportion than the new mileage annually added; conclusive evidence that there is still room for more roads without producing disastrous competition.

the future it promises he gave evidence of good faith by making considerable investments in Middlesborough, Kentucky, which has grown up within a few years from a cornfield to a hustling, thrifty, booming little city with four or five thousand

We have not seen the full report, but the Duke might have called attention to the fact, if he did not, that the land which bore all these iron veins, and coal veins, and magnificent timber growth was some of the best farming land in ariety of crops surpassed nowhere. All the staple crops of the countrycotton, hemp, tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, the grasses, fruits of various kinds, everything that necessity, comfort or luxury requires, is grown, which is not often the case in minethe compensatory balances of nagrowing upon it is worth, and for much less than productive lands can is forging to the front in the march be bought for anywhere in the West. of progress.

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ble as they are.

valuable and a greater source of in-

come than the mineral deposits

The report of the Duke of Marl-

borough will doubtless attract much

attention among English capitalists.

and the probabilities are that it will

result in the investment of a good

deal more of English money in

THE INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION.

The convention which met at

Raleigh Wednesday to co-operate

with the Southern Inter-State Immi-

gration Association in making known

the resources of North Carolina and

in securing a good exhibit of the

State's products for the Industrial

Exposition to be held at Raleigh next

Fall, although not large in numbers

was a representative body of the

most progressive element in the

State. All the counties were not

represented, but the respective sec-

tions of the State were. There were

a good many speeches made descrip-

tive of the industries and progress of

the sections spoken of, which con-

tained interesting and valuable facts

and figures, which, takengas a whole,

give some idea of what North Caro-

lina is doing on the line of develop-.

Among the speeches made. Mr

Tomlinson, of Durham, struck a key

note when he urged the importance

of using our best endeavor for the

establishment of home industries to

keep our young mechanics in the

State and encourage others to be-

come mechanics, making the good

point that we could not consistently

go before the world inviting settlers

which they could not find at home.

In the absence of large capital he

dwelled on the importance of estab-

within our reach, and would give

employment to the intelligent labor

which it was desirable and important

some pertinent remarks on the char-

acter of the immigration to be in-

vited, taking the position that we

have taken in these columns, that in-

discriminate Immigration should be

avoided and only the best invited or

The convention formed a perma-

nent association to carry out the

objects aimed at and elected the

following permanent officers: Presi-

dent, Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn; Vice

Presidents, Elias Carr, of Edge-

combe; D. W. C. Benbow, of Guil-

ford; Prof. C. D. Smith, of Macon;

Secretary, Jno. T. Patrick; Treas-

urer, T. K. Bruner; Executive Com-

mittee, one from each Congressional

District, Messrs. J. Bryan Grimes,

W. T. Dortch, William Dunn, H. A.

London, J. S. Carr, D. L. Saylor,

A number of resolutions were

passed; those reported by the com-

mittee on resolutions urging the

boards of county commissioners and

the county justices in their joint ses-

sions in the month of June to take

proper steps to secure a collection of

the county's resources for exhibi-

tion at the Inter-State Exposition;

urging each delegate to the conven-

tion to use his efforts to bring these

matters before the people of his

county, inviting corporations munic-

ipal and otherwise, firms and individ-

uals to co-operate with the county

by proclamation request the county

authorities and others referred to in

A resolution was also passed urg-

One, also, inviting the State Board

A resolution was also passed re-

The convention did about all it

could do, and showed by the spirit

that animated it that North Carolina

J. G. Hall, G. W. Sparger, S. R.

Mr. Southgate, of Durham, made

to keep within the State.

ment and progress

and industrial enterprises.

Owing to the abundance of timber GRUSHED TO DEATH. Mr. J. C. Walton testified as to the n the South there is yet but little identity of the boy. value set upon it, and yet as a matter of fact it is a question whether it | FEARFUL FATE OF A YOUNG WHITE may not in the future prove more

Run Over and Killed by an Omnibus-The Negro Driver Held for the Action of the Grand Jury.

buried beneath it, great as they are Liston Chadwick, a white lad about known to be and inestimably valuatwelve years of age, was run over and killed yesterday about half-past twelve o'clock, near the corner of Second and Market streets, by an omnibuf from Southerland's stables, driven by a colored man named Kit Huggins. The boy was running across Market street, and fell, and before he could get up the omnibus, on its way to Market Southern iron properties, railroads dock, came around the corner from North Second street. The driver, it is said, was looking at the Cape Fear fire engine, which was crossing Market from South Second street, and did not see the boy in time to check his horses. The lad tried to roll out of the way; had turned on his back and partially turned on his left side, when the fore-foot of one of the horses struck him about the right shoulder; the front wheel of the vehicle passing between the boy's feet ran over his body and head and the rear wheel followed in the same track.

The unfortunate boy was picked up by Mr. Wm. Bonitz and taken into the Bonitz Hotel, where he died in a few minutes, before the arrival of physicians who were hastily summoned. Blood was flowing from his mouth and ears, and it was found that his neck was broken and his skull crushed.

The driver of the 'bus did not stop, but passed on a short distance, and turning around drove back to the stable, where he reported the trouble, and afterwards went to the City Hall and surrendered himself and was locked up.

Coroner Walton was notified of the occurrence and immediately summoned a jury, consisting of Messrs. Jno. Ennis. T. J. King, T. A. Shephard, S. W. Holden, J. B. Farrow and M. McCall. The jury assembled at the Bonitz House at 2 p. m. and viewed the body and then adjourned to the Court House where the investigation began at 3 o'clock Solicitor B. R. Moore of the Criminal Court being present and conducting the examination of witnesses.

and mechanics to come while our Mr. Wm. Bonitz was the first witness. young men were seeking other fields He testified that he was standing in front for the remunerative employment of his hotel; saw the boyfall in running across the street, and at the same time the bus came around the corner; hallooed at the driver and ran towards the lishing small enterprises, which were boy; the 'bus was going at good speed, the horses in a swift trot; witness' whole attention was given to the boy and could not tell if the driver was giving attention to his horses; it seemed to him that the driver turned his head as witness called to him. The boy was about ten feet in front of the omnibus when he fell. The turning of the horses in the slightest to the left would have cleared the boy. Did not see the fire engine. Picked the boy up after the omnibus ran over him and carried him to the hotel. The driver of the omnibus did not stop. Dr. Lane was present when the boy died; but made no

Mr. O. M. Fillyaw saw the boy fall in the street; the horses of the omnibus were in about ten feet of him when he fell; it seemed reasonable to witness that if the driver had seen the boy and turned to the left a few inches the accident might have been avoided; the fire engine was coming into Market street from South Second street just as the omnibus came down North Second and turned down Market; the 'bus was out

of the way of the engine. Mr. Norwood Huske saw the accident; was standing in front of his store; heard the gong of the fire engine as it came into Market street; saw the boy start as if running out of the way of the engine; he fell headforemost and the bus came around the corner from North Second street and ran over the boy; the bus seemed to be going at the usual pace. The driver checked his horses and looked over after he ran over the boy but did not stop, Don't think the driver could have held up his horses in time to avoid running over the boy. The engine was about the middle of Market street.

Mr. J. B. Farrow testified that it struck him that the driver of the 'bus was very careless in getting out of the way of the

authorities, and that the Governor Mr. W. A. Franch testified that he was standing in front of Mr. Yates' store. on Market street, and hearing the gong of the engine stepped to the curbstone to see it pass. Saw the boy fall, and at the same time the omnibus came around the corner; the horses seemed to be excited by the engine; the driver appeared to be trying to restrain them; as he ran over the boy he checked up, looked over and drove on; felt provoked at the driver that he did not stop to see what harm had resulted. The boy, after he fell, seemed to make an attempt to get up and fell over on his looked over at the boy and then drove

> Mr. Wm. 'Struthers, who has charge of Southerland's stables, testified that Kit Huggins drove the omnibus; it was sent to Market dock to go across the river to run on the causeway; told Kit to hurry up. He drove off at a pretty good trot; soon came back, and said he had struck a boy on Market street; asked what he should do. Told the driver to go on about his work, and he (witness) then went down to the hotel; saw the boy was badly hurt and reported the matter to Chief of Police Hall, who told him to stop the boy, and he went down to Market dock and brought his back. Kit went to the City Hall and surrendered himself. The bus was going at ordinary

speed-about four miles an hour. Dr. Shephard was sworn and testified to the injuries on the boy's body which caused his death. The boy's neck was dislocated and the skull at the base was fractured.

This concluded the testimony, although there were several other witnesses who had been summoned in at-

Solicitor Moore then instructed the jury that if they found that the omnibus was driven over the boy intentionally, it was murder; if through careless driving it was manslaughter, and if it was unavoidable, then the driver was excusable

The jury retired and shortly afterward returned and rendered a verdict that the deceased, Liston Chadwick came to his death from the wheels of an omnibus, driven by Kit Huggins; the said omnibus being driven in a careless

After the finding of the jury Huggins was removed to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury of the Criminal Court, which convenes to-

The body of the boy was taken in charge by Mr. Woolvin, the undertaker, by direction of Mr. Jno. C. Davis, and was prepared for burial and afterwards carried to the home of the mother, on Wooster street between Third and Fourth. It will be taken to Onslow county to-day for interment.

Mrs. Chadwick is a widow, and Liston was her only child. Her husband died about twelve months ago and left her in destitute circumstances. She was, of course, greatly distressed when the sad intelligence of the death of her child was announced to her.

## RIOTOUS NEGROES.

EXCITEMENT ON THE STREETS LAST NIGHT.

Culmination of Threats Made by Negroes to Release the Hack Driver Huggins from Jail-A Posse Summoned by the Sheriff-The Light Infantry Under Arms-An Immense Crowd of Turbulent Negroes Gathered in the Vicinity of the Jail-Numerous Arrests Made by the Police.

streets last night, created by well authenticated reports of threats made by a few irresponsible negroes to attempt to release Kit Huggins from jail. Between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock squads of negroes passed in front of the jail, stopping occasionally, when they were ordered off by Sheriff Stedman and his regular and special deputies Finally, a crowd of 150 gathered at the intersection of Fourth and Princess streets, very near the jail. Sheriff Stedman notified Chref Hall, who reported promptly with a strong detachment of police. They fell into line, and with the Chief at their head marched straight for the negroes. No violence was resorted to, but it was found quite difficult to disperse the crowd, yet they were

It was not believed that any attack would be made on the jail, but the Sheriff was there with a posse of cool and determined men well prepared for

Other preparations, not necessary to nention here, were made to meet any emergency that might arise

Some of the negroes were very insolent, both in their manner and their language; but it is not thought that any very considerable portion of them in the city at large endorsed or sympathized with the conduct of those assembled

P. S .- The excitement culminated about 1 o'clock a. m. Large bodies of negroes marched up and down Princess street, passing the jail repeatedly. The gathering at the corner of Princess and Fourth continued to increase in numbers; and it not being thought prudent for the Sheriff's special deputies to leave the jail, or for the small number of police officers present to resort to extreme measures, Mayor Ricaud, after consultation, ordered the prearranged signal to call out the military to be sounded. This was ten taps of the firealarm bell, and was turned in at 1.10 a. m., from box 27. Then there was a mighty hurrying to and fro. The gallant boys of the Wilmington Light Infantry quickly responded, and assembled at their armory, where, under command of Capt. W. R. Kenan, they awaited

In the meantime, the ten taps of the alarm had produced a most salutary effect. A great many of the negroes left the scene, and a marked change took place. The police soon arrested some twelve or fifteen of the more turbulent negroes, and the crowd gradually grew smaller, and finally dispersed.

Singular Accident An accident of a very peculiar character happened on South Water street, in front of Tom Miller's bar-room, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. One of Mr. Springer's coal carts passing through the sfreet ran over and exploded a pistol cartridge that some one had dropped or thrown into the street. back. When he saw the 'bus it was too The ball from the cartridge struck a near the boy to avoid running over him. | colored man on the sidewalk, cutting a The driver stood up on the box and I hole in his coat near the shoulder and bruising the flesh pretty severely.

For West Point and Annapolis. At a competitive examination held on the 15th inst., at Rockingham, N. C. the successful candidate for appointment as cadet at West Point was E. N. Farror, of Charlotte; alternate, M. A. Colton, of the Western Union Telegraph office, Wilmington. For the Naval Academy at Annapolis, E. T. Walker, Mecklenburg; alternate, W. B. Walker, of Wilmington, son of the late Dr. Joshua G. Walker. The examiners were Prof. Alex. Graham, of Charlotte, Mr. H. C. Wall and Dr. J. M. Covington, of Rockingham.

- We learn with great pleasure that Mr. F. W. Clark has almost entirely recovered from his recent severe attack. Accompanied by Mrs. Clark, Mr. Clark will arrive in Wilmington this morning, which pleasant news will be very gratifying to their numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will remain in Wilmington several days as the guests of Mrs. J. D. Munds.

NOTICE.

This is intended only for subscribers whose subscriptions have expired. It is not a dun, but a simple request that all who are in arrears for the STAR will favor us with a prompt remittance.

We are sending out bills now (a few each week), and if you receive one please give it your attention.

SEABOARD AIR-LINE.

Special Rates to Charlotte and Newton. The Seaboard Air-Line will sell tickets for the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte at low rates-tariff No. 2 for individuals and No. 1 for military in uniform. The following will be the rates from common points: Henderson, \$5.60; Lincolnton, \$1.40; Maxton, \$3.25; Raleigh, \$4.70; Rutherfordton, \$2.70; Sanford, \$4.05; Shelby, \$2.10; Weldon, \$6.90; Wilmington, \$4.90.

Lower rates for military. Tickets on sale on the 18th, 19th and 20th, good to return till the 28d.

Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets to the commencement of Catawba College at Newton, N. C., at reduced rates, the following governing from competitive points: Maxton, via Charlotte, \$7.85; Rutherfordton, via Lincolnton, \$3.35; Shelby, via Lincolnton, \$1.95, Wilmington, via Charlotte, \$10.20. On sale 16th, 17th and 18th, good to return May 22d.

FAST TRAIN FOR TRUCK.

An Important Gathering of Railroad Me Looking Out for Fast Schedules.

Mr. J. M. Patterson, of the Pennsyl vania Railroad, and Messrs. J. R. Kenly and T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, were in Charleston Thursday. The News and Courier says they were there to consult with the officials of the Charleston and Savannah Railway with regard to running a faster schedule for the vegetable and truck trains. The officals are very much interested in the rapid movement of the immense crop of truck. They inquired into the prospects of the potato crop and the probable volume of the business.

Mr. Patterson went from Charleston to Savannah. The other members of the party returned to Wilmington.

THE COTTON CROP.

Mr. Alfred B. Shepperson's Estimate Quantity, Etc.

Alfred B. Shepperson, the New York cotton expert, in a circular letter says: Reliable advices from the South are to the effect that there is now much more cotton than a year ago on the plantations and in the interior towns whose stocks are not included in the published cotton statistics. In view of these advices the quantity stated as likely to come into sight after May 1 is quite reasonable. The quantity now on plantations and in unenumerated towns is purely a matter of conjecture. An important factor in the problem of the future movement of the crop is the question: How much will planters hold back until after September 1 on account of present low prices? They may keep back enough to make the crop not over 8,500,000 bales, or they may hold more than I have assumed, and by freely marketing it make the crop considerably exceed 8,600,000 bales."

FIRE AT WRIGHTSVILLE.

Macumber's Store and Dwelling Burned. The store and dwelling of Mr. James Macumber, at Wrightsville, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, When discovered the store was in flames and the dwelling soon afterwards caught. Mr. Macumber was awakened, and with the assistance of people in the neighborhood saved some of his household effects. Nothing was saved from the store. The loss, it is estimated, will amount to about \$1,500, upon which there is no insurance. t is supposed that the store was broken open and robbed, and then the place was fired to conceal the robbery. Cotton Receipts Still Increasing.

Receipts of cotton at the port of Wil mington for the week ended yesterday were 503, against 26 bales the corresponding week last year. Receipts for the crop year-from Sep-

tember 1st to May 15th-are 186,913 bales; to same date last year, 132,569increase 54,844 bales.

Cottton Crop Damaged.

Mr. J. M. Smith, of Elkinsville, N. C. in a letter to the STAR speaks rather discouragingly of the crop outlook. "Owing to recent frosts in that vicinity," he says, "cotton is considerably damaged and from, the fact that it has been very dry, it is very doubtful if a good stand can be had."

Found Dead in Bed. Coroner Walton was called yesterday to view the remains of an old colored man named Lot Stokes, who was found dead in bed yesterday morning at his house on Ninth between Church and Castle streets. No inquest was held. Dr. F. W. Potter, who was called to

assist in investigating the matter, gave

it as his opinion that the cause of death

was old age and heart trouble. - Spirits turpentine sold yesterday at 851/2 cents per gallon; rosin was quoted firm at \$1.291/ for Strained, and \$1.2716 for Good Strained.

OUR TROUBLE WITH ITALY. CHILIAN STEAMER ITATA

RUDINI AND THE FINDING OF THE

NEW ORLEANS GRAND JURY. No Suggestion of Arbitration Made to the U. S. Government-An Alleged Plot to Assassinate the Mayor and Other Citisens of New Orleans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, May 14.—It is said at the State Department that there has been no suggestion of arbitration of difficulties between Italy and the United States, growing out of the New Orleans tragedy, as was reported in a special dispatch from Rome. Arbitration is the last resort after diplomacy has failed, and as Secretary Blaine has promised to consider claims for indemnity it cannot be held that the diplomatic stage has been passed.

The rather indiscreet utterance of the Italian Consul at New Orleans relative to the conspiracy to kill the mayor and other prominent persons causes some amusement at the Department, but as they have not taken an official shape, no notice will be taken of them by our

At the Department of Justice to-day there was no inclination to discuss the assertions of the Italian consul at New Orleans that there was an intention on the part of Italians there to kill the mayor and other prominent citizens, and which he prevented.

ROME, May 14.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Signor Quintieri, after acknowledging what he termed the strict legality of Premier Rudini's action in the dispute with the United States, and the moderate character of his demands, asked whether in view of the verdict of the New Orleans grand jury it would not be more dignified to renounce the matter and leave the responsibility for the lynchings on those olerating them. Signor Cayaletto expressed his regret

it the rupture in relations between the United States and Italy. He thought that little should be said about the affair as it was a very delicate matter. He begged Premier Rudini to use every endeavor to bring about a settlement of the dispute, which, he said, ought not to be

allowed to linger, Rudini explained that the foreign policy generally of the Dreibund' aimed o maintain European quiet unbroken It was undesirable, he said, that the foreign policy of a great country should be discussed often. [Cries of "Hear!" "Hear!" Alliances were not made or renewed on the caprice of the moment. On the contrary, it was essential that a great nation should pursue a constant ine of action in order to be able to

gather the fruits of its own policy. Exaggerated importance ought not to be given to the New Orleans affair, nor a question essentially judicial converted nto one of national dignity. The recall of Baron Fava was a protest against the conduct of the United States Government in declaring itself irresponsible in the matter. The question seemed to be entering a new phase. "Judicial proceedings had been commenced against the lynchers," continued the Premier, "but I cannot say to what extent the proceedings are serious. Nevertheless, I am certain that Europe approves of our action. Our consul at New Orleans has been recalled, partly because the Government wishes to obtain the fullest information in regard to the matter, and partly because we fear that some of the communications which

the consul published or permitted to be published, were inopportune.' Referring to Italy's commercial relations. Premier Rudini declared that he had held to the policy of treaties and would try to conclude such treaties with the neighboring States as would be to Replying to a question relating to the grand jury and Signor Corte, Italian Consul at New Orleans, Rudini added, that he had learned through newspapers of the incident regarding the Consul. I the news were true, the matter would of

itself suffice to prove the necessity of the recall of Consul Corte. The discussion was then adjourned.

MURDERED AT GREENVILLE Redmond Blair Killed by George Dudley. [Special Star Telegram.]

GREENVILLE, May 15 .- Redmond Blair, colored, died here to-day from the effects of a knife-stab, inflicted by Geo. Dudley, colored, over a game of cards, last Tuesday night. Dudley has fled; a reward is offered for his arrest.

FLORIDA'S LEGISLATORS. A Fight in the Caucus Over the Balloting for U. S. Senator.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. TALLAHASSEE, May 15 .- On the 77th ballot, last night, the vote was-Call, 52; Mays, 44; Bloxham, 2. When the name of Saulsbury, of Citrus county, was called he sent to the clerk's desk and had read, a petition from Hernando county, addressed to A. S. Mann, representative from that county, asking him to vote for Call. He said that this petition had been sent to Mann by registered letter, and that Mann had refused to take it from the postoffice and that citizens of Hernando county had asked him to have the petition read in the caucus.

Senator Kirk, of Hernando, replied to Saulsbury, and becoming excited, denounced a number of Call's friends and supporters, directing his epithets chiefly at Frank Clarke, of Polk county. Clarke replied to him, and Kirk again taking the floor and advancing towards the centre of the hall, called Clarke a liar. Clarke jumped from his seat, rushed at Kirk and dealt him a powerful blow behind the ear, which sent Kirk sprawling over the press table. He held Kirk down with his left hand and was dealing him some hard blows with his right, when the two were sepa-rated by the reporters. Considerable disorder ensued. Finally quiet was restored, the roll call was concluded and the caucus adjourned.

A FIGHT WITH BURGLARS

At Youngstown, Ohio-Two Police Officers Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

PITTSBURG, May 16 .- A special from Youngstown, Ohio, to the Chronicle-Telegraph, says Officer Wm. Freed is dying and Officer Jacob Peterie will probably lose his left arm as a result of a fight after midnight with a gang of burglars. The residence of Dr. Mc-Curdy was entered and a sealskin sacque and money were taken. Officer Peterie arrested a stranger on suspicion; the man broke away and fired a revolver at the posse of officers in pursuit. Freed was shot in the abdomen and Peterie in the left shoulder. The police captured the man and tound stolen articles in his possession. The other burglars escaped. The man captured gave his name as William Sherman, of New | ville, Tenn., was burned yesterday with a York, aged 19, and claims to have a loss of fifty thousand dollars worth of

been a reporter and telegraph operator. I freight.

SPIKITS TURPENTINE.

- Weldon News: Mr. H. J. Pope, supervisor of the State farms near here, has about 220 convicts at work-about the same number he had last year, but has much more land in cultivation. One thousand acres are planted in cotton, and there are one hundred and twenty acres of wheat three feet high and head-

NO. 27 - Red Springs Farmer and Scottish Chief and Furmer: An old settler in forms the Chief that an absolute failure of all the crops in one year never occurred in Robeson county. If the cotton crop was short the corn was good, and RUMORS THAT SHE HAS BEEN SUNK in a majority of years fine crops of every variety usually grown. In some instances they were phenomenally good. And from present indications there will Washington and by the Mexican Aube no starvation this year.

BY THE CHARLESTON.

Discredited by the Navy Department at

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. Louis, May 14 .- A special dis-

patch from the City of Mexico says:

Persistent rumors are in circulation that

the U. S. cruiser Charleston overtook

the Chilian vessel Itata on the high seas

and a naval engagement had been fought,

in which the latter was worsted and

WASHINGTON, May 14.-There was

no news of the Itata or Charleston at

the Navy Department this morning. No

credence is given to the report that the

Charleston has sunk the Itata. In the

first place, it is said that news of such

an event could only be received through

the arrival of the Charleston at some

port connected with telegraph lines.

which has not so far occurred. In the

second place, nobody supposes that the Itata would resist the Charleston, for

she is totally unprepared to do so. and even if she attempted it the

Charleston could readily subdue her

force without resorting to the extreme

measure of "blowing her out of the

It is apparent the Navy Department

officials are somewhat puzzled to ac-

count for the lack of news from the ves-

sels and are obliged to content them-

selves with the theory that the Charles-

ton is not pursuing a straight course, but

s steaming easily to and fro, over-haul-

ing and examining merchant steamers and looking around the islands off the

CITY OF MEXICO, VIA GALVESTON,

May 14.-The Government denies that

any Chilian ship touched at a Mexican

port up to a late hour last night, or that

any conflict took place near San Blas,

as rumpred and published by the Anglo

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Queer Doings in the Pension Bureau-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Pensions and assistant chief clerk in the

Pension Bureau, has resigned, and his

resignation has been accepted. For

some time past rumors affecting the offi-

cial conduct of Raum, Jr., have found

their way to Secretary Noble, but not

until just before his departure for St.

Louis about a week ago did he come

into the possession of facts that would

warrant him in taking official action in

the matter. He then learned that Raum,

Jr,, had been a party to certain irreg-

ular and unlawful proceedings in

connection with three appointments

to minor positions in the Pension Bu-

reau. A temporary appropriation to his

the demand for his resignation, but hi

father, the Commissioner, requested i

A story is published to the effect that

vertised in the daily papers here offer-

place in the Government service at a

Raum, using a colored man who

had formerly been a servant in the

Smith's appointment to a place in the

Pension Bureau and received his re-

on, Raum connived at Smith's promo-

tion to a \$1,200 clerkship, by having a

pension clerk named Jackson personate

Smith in the civil service examination

For this Raum is also charged with re-

ceiving pay. The South Carolina Pen-

sion Clerk-Jackson-and the negro.

in the meantime have also been dis-

missed from the Pension Office. The

clerk was in some way connected with

U. S. CRUISER CHARLESTON

No News of Her or the Chilian Steamer

Itata Received in Washington.-A Ves-

sel off Acapulco Supposed to be the

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The same re-

ply-"no news"-was given by acting

Secretary Ramsay this morning to

from the Charleston or Itata.

into Acapulco a day or two ago.

question as to whether he had heard

known at the Department that the Chil-

ian Insurgent Cruiser Esmeralda put

appeared there late in the evening and

was not so far as known warned off by

the Mexican authorities, but slipped

out of the harbor and disappeared be-

A long cable dispatch was received at

the Department to-day in cypher, from

Admiral Brown on the cruiser San

Francisco, from some Chilian port. In-

formation as to its contents was refused

at the Department further than that it

was an answer from Admiral Brown to

instructions cabled him last week. This

is an indication that even in the event

of failure of the Charleston to catch the

Itata the latter vessel will not have

escaped all danger, and will still have to

run the gauntlet of the U. S. vessels

SAN DIEGO, CAL., May 15,-The

cruiser Charleston is reported as having

passed Point Lama, Cal., last evening

INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION.

A Committee Appointed to Invite Presi-

dent Harrison and Cabinet to Visit

the Southern Exposition to be Held at

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 15 .- At the

Industrial Convention which closed in

this city yesterday, a resolution offered

by Dr. Foote was adopted, providing

for the appointment of a committee to

act with a similar committee of the State

Immigration Bureau in extending an in-

vitation to President Harrison and

members of his Cabinet to visit the

Southern Exposition. The following gentlemen were named members of the

committee to visit Washington: Gov.

Thos. M. Holt, Senators Vance and

Ransom, Col. Burgwyn, Col. A. W.

Shaffer, Dr. W. R. Capehart, Col. John Nichols, Col. G. Z. French, Capt. Bene-

han Cameron, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Capt. Nat Atkinson, Col. T. B. Keogh, Dr. W. R. Wood, and Messrs. B. M. Col-

The depot of the East Tennessee,

Virginia and Georgia railroad at Green-

lins, James Boylan and J. T. Patrick.

now on the Chilian coast.

going north.

Raleigh.

the above described transaction.

WASHINGTON, May 15.-Green B.

Commissioner Raum's Son Forced to

upper Mexican coast.

American.

water," as it is rumored she has done.

blown out of the water.

thorities.

- Sanford Express: Last Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henley were called up to read a telegram an-nouncing that their son, Charles Spurgeon Henley had been killed the evening before by a dynamite explosion. He; was overseer of a large squad of hands grading a railroad near Laurenceville, Ga. On Wednesday, the 6th of May, while he was preparing a dynamite cartridge, it exploded, throwing him fifty feet, blowing his head entirely

- Fayetteville Observer: Mr. H. O. Shedberry has been elected Town Treasurer to succeed the lamented Jon. C. Hiah of spotless integrity and character.—In the case of the State against Archie Smith, the convict "trusty" charged with a criminal assault upon a highly-respected lady of Rockfish, the grand jury last week found a true bill and the defendant was remanded to the penitentiary authorities, and was placed under a bond for his appearance at the next Superior Court of Cumberlan, when his case will come up for

- Greensboro Record: About ten flat cars went north to-day loaded with oak logs-straight as an arrow, and about 40 or 50 feet long. The logs were about 20 inches at the butt and 10 at the top, and occupied the length of two flat cars. — Some one last night cut a fine horse with an axe, which may result in its death. The horse is the property of Mr. Henry Reece, a worthy young man who lives near McLeansville, and is valued at \$150. Dr. A. P. McDaniel was called to dress the wound and found two ribs were severed with the blow of an axe which was found near by.

- New Berne Journal: The first shipment of new potatoes from this section was made Wednesday last by Mr. McGee, of Oregon, South Creek, Beaufort county, to New York. Mr. W. J. Wallace, of the steamer Bell Haven, the boat that received them, tell us they were fine, large potatoes. —A huge snake was killed at Congden's mill yesterday. It measured 5½ feet long and 514 inches around. It was pronounced a vile specimen of the horned tribe by some, while others said it was only harmless and inoffensive snake that loves chickens.

- Salisbury Truth: Zeb Brown, an employe at the railroad shops, took three bottles of laudanum which resulted in his death. He came up town from work after it began raining vesterday morning, and procured and took two bottles of laudanum before it was discovered. He was seen taking the third one. Every effort was made by the physicians to save him, but it was impossible from the start. He died within an hour after taking the last bottle. He sometimes got under the influence of liquor, but of late has been quite free from drink. He leaves a wife and three small children.

own use of \$72 belonging to the Gov-ernment is also charged against him. - Raleigh News and Observer Young Raum was not inclined to meet Out at Major Tucker's farm, Waverly, three miles west of Raleigh, they are now cutting clover and making hay and of him, and the father himself took the shearing sheep. The clover crop is said son's resignation to the Interior Departto be unusually fine, and it is a fine sight to see the mowing machines at work. - According to instructions from the a South Carolinian named Smith ad-Tobacco Association of North Carolina to appoint a committee on exhibit of ing to pay \$200 to any person who leaf tobacco to be made at Morehead ould procure his appointment to a City on the 5th of August, 1891, John S. Lockhart, president of the Associasalary of fifty dollars monthly. Young tion, makes the following appointments: W. A. Davis, Oxford; H. A. Reams, Raum family but was then employed Durham; E. M. Pace, Wilson; E. C. Edmonds, Winston; J. P. Taylor, Henin the Treasury Department, secured derson; W. L. Walker, Asheville. Only farmers will be allowed to compete for ward, less a bonus to the negro. Later

- Asheville Citisen: Yesterday afternoon Charlie Goodwin and Napoleon Bonaparte Johnson were arrested for stealing some marbles from the store of . N. Morgan & Co., on Court place. The boys were taken to jail where they remained until this morning when they had a hearing before Justice C. W. Malone. After hearing the evidence the justice sent them back to the jail where they will probably be kept until commissioners meet, when they may be bound out. Goodwyn is a young tough, well known for his long-fingered manipulaions in several stores in this city. boys are neither over 13 years of age. - Mrs. M. J. Gherkin died at the Mission Hospital yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Gherkin had been in feeble health for some time past. She was one of Asheville's oldest residents,

having lived to the age of 72 years. - Charlotte Chronicle: W. E. Shaw and O. F. Asbury have purchased four acres of land near the Chinquepin Hill, for the purpose of commencing a large tannery. - Little Matt. the young daughter of Jerome Dowd, met with a serious misfortune several days since. Her aunt, Miss Mattie Dowd, was taking her to Newton to see her mother. At Lincolnton, while standing on the depot platform, waiting for the narrow gauge train, a dog, which formerly beonged to Miss Mary Shipp, of this city, came up to the child. She laid her hand on him to pat him, and just as she did so the dog sprang upon her and caught her cheek between his teeth. The situation was alarming as it seemed that the child's face would be torn to pieces before the dog could be called off. Bart Shipp, who was present, however, succeeded in calling off the dog and immediately shot him. The child's face is painfully torn, but it is hoped that she will not suffer fur ther from the bite.

- Charlotte Chronicle: Cutshall the bigamist who was confined to jail several weeks ago, is very sick and in a serious condition, caused by chafing so from confinement. Dr. Wilder, the physician in charge, says unless he is moved he will not live until the time of his trial in August. — A remarkable fact in connection with the recent revival at Due West, S. C., is that every student, both male and female, in the College, was converted and joined the church Of the number, thirty-five young men pledged themselves to the ministry, and twenty-five young ladies to go as foreign missionaries. — Riley and Williams, the two young counterfeiters, who were consigned to jail on the charge also of robbing the Newton postoffice, were yesterday tried before U. S. Commissioner D. G. Maxwell on that charge, but the case was dismissed as they could not be identified as the men who boarded the train at Newton the morning after the robbery. After the trial they were re-manded to jail to await trial for counterfeiting money by the U. S. Court. - When Brabham read the decision of the Supreme Court in yesterday's Chronicle, which seals his fate, he remarked that he didn't care a d-n. Several days since when discussing the probability of his being hung, he said, "well, there'll be one nigger less on earth and a stranger in hell." Notwithstanding his apparent sang froid, sheriff Smith said he seemed somewhat dejected yesterday, and he thinks he is beginning to realize at last the awful fate in

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people and growing rapidly.

the world, and would produce a ral bearing sections, for generally in ture where there is great wealth of minerals there is great poverty of soil. In the mineral regions of the West, and of the Pacific, and in Mexico and South America, the fertile lands are in the valleys, where the miner's pick is seldom driven. And, he might have said, this land where the tracts are not known to the value, can be bought for less money per acre than the timber

He had, doubtless, noticed the

Speaking of the iron interest and

the resolutions to make a ready compliance with the resolutions, and to designate in his proclamation some energetic persons in each county to confer with the county authorities and urge the importance of preparing full exhibits for the Exposition. ing greater effort in behalf of the public school system, "now inadequate for want of sufficient approof Health, the State Medical Society

and prominent physicians in the State to furnish the Southern Immigration Bureau with information on the sources of drinking water, the climatic conditions, and other information bearing upon the health and sanitary condition of North Carolina. joicing "in the fact that the American idea of government was so strongly fortified in our institutions as to warrant the belief that North Carolina will never pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercises thereof, or use its property or credit, or any money raised by taxation, or authorize either to be used for the purpose of founding, aiding or maintaining by appropriation, payment for services, expenses or otherwise, any church, religious denomination or society, or institution or under-taking, which is wholly or in part contain mineral deposits to enhance under sectarian or ecclesiastical con-