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LITTLE WHEAT LAND LEFT.

Mr. Erastus Wyman, of New York, in an article in the North American Review, calls attention to two facts which he thinks worthy of serious consideration and of vast importance. One is the extent of the exhaustion of the arable soil of this country, and the other is that the area of wheat producing lands is now about all taken up The inference from this is, that with the exhaustion of the soil going on and the wheat lands taken up, in time, and that no very long time either, this country will have about all it can do to raise wheat enough for home consumption much less to export.

It is doubtless true that in some sections of the country our arable lands if not absolutely exhausted, have left but little of the fertility they once had, which is demonstrated on sight by the oft recurring "old fields" in the South, and by the extent of country in the West, where twenty-five years ago large crops of wheat were grown, where now but little, comparatively, is grown.

Still there is nothing in all this to be alarmed at, for even at the present rate of increase of population it will be a good many years before there will be people enough between the two oceans to consume all the wheat that can be raised, in an ordinarily favorable crop year, on the present wheat growing area. And then it is estimated that there are on the plains at the foot of the mountain ranges in the West one hundred millions acres of what are called arid lands, which may be reclaimed and made productive by irrigation. It thas been further demonstrated that by a thorough system of irrigation even the productive lands may be made four or five times as producarid lands vastly more productive than some of the best lands in that

section are without irrigation. It may be true that the territorial limits of the wheat-producing area have been reached and the lands taken up. Geographically the new area may be exhausted, but productively its capacity has not yet been tested. There are millions of acres of land in this country capable of producing fine crops of wheat upon which a grain has never been sown. and there isn't an acre upon which wheat is or may be sown which cannot by intelligent cultivation be made to yield double or treble the

crops they now do. There has been a great deal o shiftless, so-called, farming done in this country, North and South, which accounts in part for so much of the exhausted arable lands that Mr. Wyman speaks of. This shiftless farming is attributable to two causes; one the ignorance of so many of the men who live on the farms and think they are "farming"; the other, the cheapness of the Government lands. The owners of land in many cases found it cheaper to sell for a trifle the lands they had worked for years and move West to new farms than undertake to restore the fertility of the lands they had permitted to become exhausted. These are some of the causes. Another is the reckless denudation of the forests, especially along the rivers and water courses, causing the washing away of the plowed grounds into the

When the causes are known the remedies suggest themselves, and it would be a severe imputation on the common sense and intelligence of the American people to suppose that these causes will continue until their wheat lands are utterly destroyed. Necessity, if not choice, will force them, when there is no longer room to spread out, to take better care of the lands they have and to realize the folly of "killing the goose that lays the golden egg."

Our opinion is that on the whole the farming that is done in this country to-day is far superior to the farming that was done twentyfive years ago, and that the farming which will be done twenty-five years hence will be far superior to the farming that is done now.

The organizations among the farmers within the past ten years have done much to stimulate pride in the calling, study, and the adop-

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The fact is that the farmers of this

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country are going through a sort of educational training, the result of which will in the near future be seen on the farm, in the multiplied products of the farmer's acres. MINOR MENTION. It seems that the reciprocity in progress of arrangement between

this country and Germany provides for something more than the admission of American pork in Germany. It also provides for a reduction of German tariff duties on wheat, rye, oats, corn, flour, corn meal, butter, salted and pickled pork and beet, in consideration of which German sugar secures continued free admission into this country. The German sugar is beet sugar, of which this country has imported about 30,000,000 pounds annually. If the Reichstag accepts these terms the reciprocity will go into effect February 1st. It is a pretty good trade for the United States as it opens the German ports to many of our farm products on much more favorable terms than heretofore, while it opens our ports to the admission of German sugars, which will have more or less influence in keeping the price of sugar down. The only persons in this country who will find any fault with it, (if they should), will be the sugar makers, especially the beet sugar makers, but they have no right to complain, as they get a bounty sop to placate them. Now the question arises, if reciprocity with the countries south of us on this hemisphere and with Germany be a good thing for the American people, why wouldn't reciprocity with other nations which buy American products be also good? If not, why not? The high tariff advocates rail at the Democrats as free traders, but re ciprocity is nothing more nor less than conditional free trade.

The harmony that it was thought the resignation of Fonseca would bring to Brazil does not seem to have come. Rio Grande do Sul which was up in arms seems to have been placated, and other States also where there were signs of dissatisfaction, but now some new trouble has broken out in the State of Rio Janeiro, which seems to be of such a serious character as to call for the threat of martial law in that State, whose Governor bids open defiance to President Peixotto. What the trouble is, whether it is a hankering for the monarchy, or dissatisfaction with the that has been done, is not stated, bu tive as they are, and these so-called the probabilities are that they war to run things their own way, regard less of the Government of which the are a part. When the Brazilians s suddenly jumped from a monarch into a republic and undertook to form a union, they undertook, con sidering the material they had t work with, a pretty colossal job.

> It is estimated that the Souther cotton planters use annually from 35,000 to 40,000 tons of cotton ties, nearly all, if not all, of which are imported or made in the North. There is a tariff duty on these ties, and on the strip iron of which they are made, which makes them that much the more costly to the cottonplanter. Thirty-five or forty thousand tons, for which there is an annual demand, is no small amount, and suggests a' fine opening for a new and thriving industry in the South. Heretofore the bulk of these ties which were not imported from England, came from Pennsylvania, but whatever Pennsylvania may have done in the past, they cannot be manufactured there now as cheaply as they can be in the South. The Southern manufacturer would have the advantage of his Pennsylvania competitor in the cost of the pig iron, which of itself would be a fair margin for profit, and in the cost of transportation, which would be another considerable item. Of all the new industries proposed for the South, we don't know of any that holds out better inducements, with more certainty of handsome profits

We know of no better paper in this country than the Baltimore Sun. In its Democracy it is as straight as an arrow, but conducted with conservatism and edited with eminent ability. while as a newspaper it has few peers and is without a superior. In this re spect it has two striking characteristics: it avoids sensationalism, for which reason it is reliable, and understands the art of condensation, giving in brief space the gist of occurrences, where papers of the sensational stripe would spread it out over many-headed columns. Another notable feature is its well-appointed, alert and intelligent correspondents, from Washington and other centers, who never let anything of interest or importance escape them. Take it all

The Czar of Russia has no fixed income, but he is pretty well fixed tion of better methods, and if and manages to get along comfortacontinued in their legitimate sphere | bly on the \$12,500,000 a year which they will do much more in this line. his lands and mines bring him in.

and in all, the Sun is a model paper.

So far we have had only two imtators of the man who demanded a million and a quarter from Russell Sage. One threatened to blow up a retired New York merchant if he didn't proceed forthwith to send him \$500. He was arrested, found to be sane and said he didn't intend to do any dynamite blowing but wanted some money mighty bad. The other was a Western crank who wanted a million dollars. But he was discouraged in the preliminary proceedings when his application was unexpectedly responded to with an instantaneous and vigorious application of boot, which disconcerted and threw him off his balance, so

Some time ago a citizen of St. Louis suggested that the wheat growers of the West contribute one or more bushels of wheat each for the benefit of the starving Russians, but this seems to have fallen through. The millers of the Northwest now propose to send a shipload of flour, about 3,000 tons, worth \$100,000 or \$125,000. They invite the 5,000 merchant millers of this country to contribute.

It is said that Fred T. Dubois, one of the U.S. Senators from Idaho, tried hard a few years ago to get a \$1,200 Government clerkship and couldn't get it. If he had been unlucky enough to have been hit by that clerkship, he would probably still be clerking and some other man would be playing Senator.

The Kansas City Times which wants the National Democratic Convention shouts out, "We've got the site, we've got the dash, and we've the hotels, too." The connection between dash and hotels is not apparent, which leads to the opinion that it was hash he meant; but whatever it is, he's got it bad.

The male denizens of Chicago protest against paying fare on the street cars when they can get no seats. They don't think it is fair and declare they will not stand it.

UNLISTED TAXABLES.

Abstract of Amounts Collected for the

The sheriff of every county in the State is required by law to give to the County Commissioners an abstract of amounts collected on unlisted taxables -which embraces Schedules B and Cdue the State for the year ending November 30th. The following is the abstract for this year, as presented to the Board of Commissioners yesterday by so-called union, or with something Sheriff Stedman for New Hanover

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Mr. H. A. London, editor of the Pittsboro Record, who was "a reporter on the spot," thus handsomely refers to our

W. W. W .: "Wilmington Welcome Week was a grand success in every particular. The weather was favorable, the number of visitors was immense, and the entertainments and amusements provided for them were enjoyed to the utmost. The display of fireworks on Wednesday night was pronounced by many to have been the most beautiful and attractive ever seen in the South. The trades' display on Thursday night was the largest and best ever seen in this State. It consisted of about sixty floats, all very attractively designed and illuminated, and the procession was so long that it took over half an hour to pass any point. Never had so many persons visited Wilmington, every train on every road being crowded, and with many it was their first visit to their State's chief city. We predict, however, that it will not be

avorably Impressed. Mai, J. W. Wilson, chairman of the Railroad Commission, was greatly pleased with his trip to Onslow, and was much impressed with the future of The Receivership. that county. The question of oyster was the fertility of the land. So well satisfied is he with the oyster outlook that he will become a stockholder in one of the companies recently organized for the propagation of the "luscious bivalve." It is not unlikely that Maj. Wilson will buy a summer home near ne Onslow coast.

- The STAR received, by mail, Thursday night, an account of the shooting of Rev. Mr. Abernathy by Mr. Grimsley, at Snow Hill, but did not print it because satisfied that the affair was very much exaggerated, and that the publication would do injustice to Mr. Abernathy and Mrs. Grimsley. The facts, as now ascertained, do not agree with the account sent us.

A Cumberland County Ham.

Col. F. W. Kerchner received vesterday from Fayetteville, as a present from some of his friends there, the baconham that took the premium at the late Cumberland County Fair. It is a whopper and no mistake-weighs 46 pounds and is well cured, sweet and sound. The porker from which the ham was cut was raised in Cumberland by Mr. Flowers, at one time engineer on one of the river boats plying between Wilmington and Fayetteville.

A PUBLIC EXECUTION.

JAMES JOHNSON HANGED AT ELIZA-BETHTOWN FOR MURDER.

Full 3,000 Persons Witness the Hanging -The Prisoner's Bold Demeanor of the Scaffold-His Statement and the Story of His Crime.

A special dispatch to the MORNING STAR, from Elizabethtown, Bladen county, N. C., says that James Johnson, (colored), was hanged there yesterday in public, for the murder of Florence Sutton, a colored girl about ten years of age, in August last.

The drop fell at exactly 12 o'clock, noon, and in twenty-five minutes the doctors present pronounced Johnson dead. Fully three thousand people white and colored, witnessed the execution, and everybody, especially the colored people, approved his sentence and the punishment he received for the brutal crime he committed.

Johnson smoked his cigar as he rode to the place of execution on his coffin ascended the gallows without a tremor. and deliberately chewed tobacco as his funeral was preached. He then made a statement, protesting his innocence, placed his hands and feet in position and died without manifesting any dread. He confessed his crime when arrested and immediately after his committal; and only denied it on the gallows.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME,

The story of the crime is soon told. Johnson lived in the same neighborhood with the girl's parents, and on the evening of Sunday, August 2d, 1891, while at her mother's house gave the child money to go to a neighbor, some distance away, and buy a quart of cider. Soon after he left the house; met the girl on her return and after criminally assaulting her, strangled her to death. The child not returning home, search was instituted, in which Johnston joined; but no trace of the missing girl could be found until the Monday following, when parties who had suspected Johnson, tracked him after a hard rain that had fallen Sunday night, and discovered the dead body of the child buried near the scene of the tragedy. Search was at once made for Johnson, but he had made good his escape, and it was not until the next day (Tuesday) that he was arrested by Mr. Frank Di Parker, at Newsom, some distance above Parkersburg. Mr. Parker saw Johnson pass his place that morning, and thinking that he looked very much like the man wanted he pursued and caught him, Johnson at first denied that he was the man wanted, but afterward said he was, and made confession of the crime in all its horrible details. He made it fully and voluntarily, and after it was written out signed it in the presence of F. D. Parker, J. P., and others. He also implicated the lather of the child in the crime. Threats of lynching were freely indulged in at Parkersburg, but were

not carried out. The prisoner was taken to Bladen and placed under a strong guard. He made another confession to Justice Shaw, implicating not only the father of his victim, but another negro, as having known of the crime-one Lawson Bryant by

Johnson was arraigned before Justices W. I. Shaw and Jas. N. Corbett, and after hearing the charge against him read. the defendant's plea was "guilty." Before entering judgment the court made a thorough investigation of the implied charges against Albert Sutton and Lawson Bryant, but found nothing against them and they were discharged.

Johnson was then placed in the custody of an officer, and under strong guard was sent to Elizabethtown jail His trial followed some weeks afterwards, and he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

WILMINGTON'S WELCOME WEEK.

Citizens Endorse and Continue the Execu-

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of representative business men of the city of Wilmington held last night in the Mayor's office at the City Hall, to endorse the action of the Executive Committee of the Welcome Upon motion, Mr. R. M. McIntire

was called to the chair and Mr. Walker Taylor was requested to act as secretary. On motion of Mr. J. H. Watters, a resolution was adopted, endorsing the Executive Committee, as it now stands, and that the Welcome Week be considered as permanent. It was decided, also, that the first week in December should be the time fixed for holding the annual festivities of Wilmington's Welcome Week.

Under the new regulations, it seems, culture was of special interest to him, as the Receivership of a National bank is not such a "fat" office as has generally been supposed. Instead of a commission, as formerly, a salary is now paid which is about equal to that of a bank cashier. If this information, which was given a STAR reporter, is correct, the Receivership of the First National bank of this city will probably not be worth more than two thousand dollars per year. It seems to be the impression that Mr. W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, will "receive."

Lucky Young Man.

A bright young man of Mecklenburg county has just celebrated his 21st anniversary. His mother's present was a handsome gold watch, "as a reward for his having reached manhood's state without ever having used an oath, taken a drink of whiskey or a chew of tobacco." Lucky boy! Now, suppose, instead of being a rural rooster, he had been a denizen of Charlotte, holding a responsible position on the Chronicle or News? In lieu of a watch he would have been presented with a twenty-five cent bible and the latest edition of Sam Jones's sermons.

- Mr. C. A. Cook, U. S. District Attorney, was in the city yesterday, registered at The Orton.

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.

THE MONEY QUESTION

A Superabundance of Capital in New York, but a Great Scarcity in the

The Savannah News, while evidently realizing the fact that money is very scarce in the South, seems disposed to take a somewhat hopeful view of the general situation, as may be seen by the following:

The banks in New York city have more money than they know what to do with. It is accumulating in that city much more rapidly than is usual at this time of the year, and this fact is a source of considerable anxiety to New York capitalists.

A president of a prominent financial institution on Broadway is quoted in a New York letter to the Philadelphia Times as follows: "During the past few days we have been compelled to do drumming up customers to borrow from us our surplus cash. Any person who can give good security need have no difficulty in obtaining loans at a moderate rate of interest. The principal demand for capital at present comes from

It seems a little remarkable that money should be plentiful and so cheap in New York and so scarce in the South. The South had good crops last year and has good crops this year. The amount of coton that is now finding its way to market is unprecedentedly great, and, al though the price received for it is low, it ought to make money easier in all parts of the South. And the rice crop in this State and in Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana is a good one, and Florida will have the biggest orange crop in her With such a condition of affairs

money ought to be more plentiful in the South than it is. Perhaps a little later on, when the greater part of the cotton crop will have been sold, there will be ess reason to complain of the scarcity of money. And as confidence in the financial stability of the country becomes firmer New York capitalists will be less averse to investing and loaning their money in the South. There is already noticeable a disposition on the part of New York financial institutions to loan money on good real estate security in Southern cities at 6 per cent. The Morning News mentioned one of them the other day that was loaning money in this city at that rate. The outlook for a marked increase in the amount of money in circulation in the South is certainly promising.

Southport Items. The surveyor for the Brunswick, Western & Southern Railroad has completed the survey from Wilmington to Southport and General Manager Dougherty of the road tells the Leader "that if the county votes the bonds for the railroad, Southporters will see lively work in their town in a few weeks."

Large numbers of ducks are reported in the marshes back of Oak Island. The canning company are making large shipments of clams, oysters and

clam juices nearly every day. The application of the Cape Fear & Cincinnati Railroad Company for a subscription to its stock, of \$100,000 by the county, was formally withdrawn by the vice president, Geo. B. Morton.

The Industrial Works.

The Industrial Manufacturing Company are having the biggest sort of a boom. The works are now run to their full capacity, having orders for their products sufficient to keep them constantly engaged for several months. They are filling orders now principally for tinned butter dishes, orange boxes, banana crates and fish boxes. An enlargement of the plant seems to be a necessity. Entirely Successful.

The Fayetteville Observer says of Wilmington's Welcome Week: "We are glad to know that Wilmington's 'Welcome Week' was attended with the most gratifying success, creditably illustrating the enterprise and good taste of its citizens, and delightfully emphasizing its wonted generous hospitality. The Fayetteville people who went down, were, without exception, delighted with all that they saw and enjoyed during their

The Charleston rice market is said to be "not as bright" as it ordinarily is at this season. Although the local demand for rice is very good the prices are lower, by a half a cent a pound, than they were last season at this time. It is hoped that the January prices will be more satisfactory to both sellers and

Up to last Saturday the rice movements in Charleston were as follows Receipts this year 419,067, last year 454.876. Pounded 168,689, last year 267,465. Stock on hand 250,378, last year 186,911.

Notwithstanding the small crop low rices have prevailed during the entire season. The weakness of the market is accounted for by the large stock of foreign rice now in America. It is thought that the small stock of domestic rice will eventually command better prices than at present.

- The "king." kommonly kalled kotton, has a serious attack of the "grip." It is the grip of the bears.

LIGHTING CAPE FEAR RIVER. tion to the Wilmington Pro-

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, held yesterday, a communication from the Light House Board on the subject of lighting Cape Fear river was read as OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE BOARD,

WASHINGTON, D. C.; Nov. 14, 1891. Hon. Z. B. Vance, U. S. Senate. Wash-

ington, D. C .: SIR: Referring to your reference to this office, on Feb. 2nd, 1891, of a letter from the Wilmington Produce Ex-change, dated Wilmington, N. C., 9th anuary, 1891, together with a request for the extension and improvement of ights in the Cape Fear river, the Board has the bonor to inform you that this matter was considered at its session held on 10th November, 1891, when it was decided to take the proper measures for obtaining an appropriation for this purpose. Respectfully yours,
GEO. W. COFFIN,
Commander U. S. N., Naval Sec'y.

Cutting Scrape.

A German sailor named Charles Deman got into a row with Jos. Bryan, another seaman, at Mrs. Bryson's boarding house on Nutt street yesterday afternoon. Bryan used a knife with which he cut a gash about two inches in length in Deman's back and slashed the fingers on one hand severely. Police officer William R. Smith was called in and arrested Bryan, who was found in a room up-stairs in the building and who acknowledged doing the cutting, alleging as a reason that

Deman had been "talking about" him. Bryan was taken to the City Hall and locked up to await an investigation of the case, and Deman to a physician who dressed his wounds and pronounced them not dangerous.

U. S. Commissioner's Court.

Mr. G. F. Blizzard, charged with robbing the postoffice at Keith's, Pender county. N. C., of ten dollars' worth of postage stamps, who was traced to Florida by Deputy U.S. Marshal Hunt some pretty lively work in they way of and back to Lake City, S. C., where he was captured a short while ago, had a next or subsequent meeting of the yesterday, and was required to give bail to appear at the U.S. District Court in the sum of \$300. Being unable to give bond he was placed in jail to await a hearing at the next term which will be be held here in May.

> A Groundless Report. The Charlotte News of Friday afternoon amounces the failure of Mr. Frank W. Thornton, of Fayetteville. This is a mistake, and the STAR takes pleasure in correcting it. If such a misfortune had befalien Mr. Thornton it would have certainly been known in Wilmington, especially at the offices of The Mercantile Association of the Carolinas and R. G. Dun & Co., at neither of which has any such information been

Assignment. The announcement, made late vesterday afternoon, that Messrs. Alderman & Fianner, dealers in hardware, &c., had made an assignment was received with surprise and regret. The preferences, with exemptions, amount to about \$15,-000. The First National Bank is the largest preferred creditor, the amount being \$6,500. The stock is estimated to be worth about \$25,000. Liabilities not known. Mr. Junius Davis is the

Who Will Receive.

It now appears that the chances for the Receivership of the First National Bank are about equal between Mr. W. S. O'Brien Robinson, of Goldsboro, and another North Carolina Republican whose name has not been made public. It is intimated that the latter might decline the appointment, if tendered, on the ground of inadequate pay. The genial and bright William, it is thought. would then have a "dead sure thing."

Business Failure in Sampson County.

The assignment of Messrs. D. F. Caldwell & Co., dealers in general merchandise at Harrell's Store, Sampson county, was announced yesterday; Mr. Frank Lewis, of Harrell's Store, is assignee. No statement of the firm's liabilities and assets could be obtained, but both are believed to be large, as the Messrs. Caldwell carried on an extensive business, having branch stores at Blands and Hampton, in Sampson county. It is understood the larger part of the firm's indebtedness is in Northern markets, with a few thousands scattered among wholesale dealers in Wilmington.

Not Rev. Geo. R. Stuart.

The Charlotte News mentions a rumor current in that city that Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, well-known as Rev. Sam, P. Jones' assistant, had died at Bristol, Tenn., from an attack of typhoid dysen-

Mr. Stuart assisted Mr. Jones in the meetings held in Wilmington a short time ago and was held in the highest esteem by many of our people. They will rejoice to know that the report of his death was incorrect, as is shown by telegram to the Raleigh Chron from Bristol, Tenn., which says: "Rev. George Stuart, of this place, died today. He was not Rev. George R. Stuart."

HOMICIDE. Fatal Affray Between Negroes-One Man

Killed and Another Seriously Injured.

ROSEBORO, CUMBERLAND Co., Dec. 12.

Editor Star :- On the morning of 11th inst., while Bill and Octave Simpson were on their way to their work, they were met by Sam Simpson, who told Bill that if he did not stop talking about him he would shoot his brains out. Bill told him to shoot and be -. Sam took him at his word and shot him, the whole load taking effect in Bill's face, making an ugly though not dangerous wound. Octave thinking his father was killed, engaged Sam in a rough and tumble fight, when the "proverbial steel" of Sam was

brought into use, completely disem-boweling Octave, who died this morning at 10 o'clock. The parties are all colored and live

FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced in th Senate and Referred to Committees Another Move on the Treasury by Pension Sharps-The House Not in Session By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Among the documents laid before the Senate by the Vice President and referred were the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury and a number of memorials from and resolutions by various religious bodies against opening the Chicago World's Fair on Sundays.

Among the bills introduced and reerred were the following: By Mr. Paddock, to prevent food

By Mr. Harris, to provide for better enforcement of quarantine laws and to establish a National Board of Health. By Mr. Stewart, to provide for free coinage of gold and silver bullion. This bill was laid on the table, so that Mr. Stewart can call it up at any time.

By Mr. Gray, to transfer the revenue cutter service to the Navy Department. By Mr. Pasco, to punish officers for summoning jurors with reference to their political or religious affiliations.

By Mr. Curion, to suspend the com ing of Chinese laborers to the United States; also, to reduce letter postage to

By Mr. Turple, to amend the Constitution, so as to provide for the election of Senators by the people. This bill was laid on the table, Mr. Turpie giving notice that he would address the Senate ipon it next Thursday.

By Mr. Pepper, to amend the immigration and naturalization laws; to grant service pensions with additional amounts to prisoners of war; to provide means for their payment and to repea. Section 2 of the Pension Act of June 271 1890; to reduce the number of pension ratings to ten; to abolish pension agencies and to lessen expenses of examining boards.

By Mr. Call, to authorize the President to open negotiations with Spain as to the island of Cuba. By Mr. Vest, in reference to the export trade in cotton. (The latter bill was laid on the table, with notification from Mr. Vest that he would call it up at the

By Mr. Plumb, to provide for the retirement of National bank notes; free coinage of silver and promotion of international free coinage of silver.

By Mr. Mitchell, to reduce letter postage to once cent per ounce; also, to amend the Constitution so as to have U. S. Senators elected by the people. By Mr. Hawley, to revive the grade of lieutenant general of the army of the

United States. Mr. Pfeffer offered a resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee, directing that committee to inquire and report as soon as practicable as to the actual expenses attending the business of money lending as conducted in the United States by bankers and other persons, both as to short loans and long oans, the object being, as declared in the resolution. "to ascertain approximately the actual and relative cost of conducting the business of lending money without reference to the value of the amount loaned. The committee is to have power to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths and to visit any part of the country by sub-commit-The preamble recites that "complaint is made that money, when loaned,

yields larger profits than industrial pur-Mr. Plumb offered a resolution declaring that Congress desires the removal of the remains of the illustrious soldier and statesman, Ulysses S. Grant, to and their interment in Arlington National cemetery and that the President be requested to convey to the widow of that lamented man such desire, tendering to her on the part of the nation all necessary facilities for such removal and interment. The resolution was laid on the table, Mr. Plumb giving notice that he would call it up at a convenient

The Senate went into executive session, at which recess appointments were laid before it and were appropriately reported, and then at 2:30 p. m. the Senate adjourned till Monday.

WASHINGTON, December - 12.-The

Senate was not in session. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The session of the House to-day was merely a formal one. The Speaker announced appointment of the following

On Accounts-Rusk, Md.; Cooper, nd.; Dickerson, Ky.; Moses, S. C.; Seerley, Iowa; Pearson, Ohio; Quackenbush, N. Y.; Griswold, Pa.; Cutting, Cal. On Mileage-Castle, Minn.; Crawford, I. C.; Kendall, Ky.; Caldwell, Ohio; Flick, Iowa. An adjournment was then taken until Wednesday.

BRAZIL.

Public Meeting at Rio Janeiro-Resignation of the Governor of the Province. By Cable to the Morning Star.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 12.-A public neeting was held in this city yesterday at which strong protests were made against imperial honors paid by France to the late ex-Emperor of Brazil on the occasion of his funeral in Paris Thurs-

Gov. Potella has finally decided to accede to the request of the Government that he resign his position as Governor of the State of Rio Janeiro, and he has accordingly sent in his resignation. He will be succeeded by Admiral Silveira.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

Attended With Alarming Fatalities at Wheatland, Minn. By Cable to the Morning Star.

WHEATLAND, MINN., Dec. 12 .- A diphtheria epidemic is here. Sever deaths have already resulted from it. One family lost three children-all they had; another, three which were buried together. All died the same day. The school is stopped. There are four more families down with it. They seem to be effected as much in the head as in the throat. Doctors here cannot do anything for it and it is still spread-

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

The Mechanics Mill, Attleboro, Mass. was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$40,000; in surance partial. The Italian steamer Calabria, from

Genoa for Naples, exploded her boiler and sank; twenty-three persons were on board, and twelve of these were saved. The pigeon shooting match for the championship of the world at Woodlawn Park, N. I., yesterday, was won by Ful-ford against Brewer. Score for 250 birds—Fulford, 228; Brewer, 216. SPIRITS TURPENTINE

Smithfield Herald: Mr. R. H. Blackman died at his home in Ingrams townships, Johnston county, November 28th, in the 86th year of his age.

- Kinston Free Press: Mrs. J. A. Jackson, a prominent and highly esteemed Christian lady of Vanceboro, Craven county, died Sunday morning from neuralgia.

- Henderson Gold Leaf : Mrs. Mary Clarke, mother of Mr. J. E. Clarke, of this place, died at her home in War-ren county, Thursday, Dec. 8rd, in the 86th year of her age. - Salisbury Truth: Mr. M. S.

Brown closed his doors this morning and made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Assets about \$28,000; iabilities about \$22,000. - Statesville Landmark: Mrs. Frances Hill, wife of Capt. J. F. Hill,

died suddenly at her home in West Front street last Saturday. Mrs. Hill was a native of Lincoln county, was 80 years old and had been married - Wilkesboro News: Mr. Ambrose Wiles, who resides about six miles from this place on the Trap Hill road,

while driving home on the running gear of his wagon, was dangerously hurt. Both legs were broken just above the ankle against a stump. - Charlotte News: The Texas car was at the Trade street depot to-day. and attracted a great deal of attention The car is a travelling advertisement for Texas and is a most interesting

affair, all the productions of Texas soil being displayed in an attractive way. - Wilson Advance : A horse was stolen last Thursday night from the stables of the Planters Warehouse. It belonged to Capt. T. M. Anderson. On Sunday it was found about three miles from town. It is thought that the search proved so vigorous that the thiel turned

the animal out in the road. - Gastonia Gazette: The execu-Shipp by hanging will take place on the premises of the poor house property about one mile from Dallas, on Friday December 18. The effort for commutation of the sentence of Ellen Laurens has not yet been successful. The sheriff has summoned the Gaston Riflemen to

attend in arms on that day. - Salisbury Herald: The man who killed himself at Newton Monday was Purnell Elliott instead of Joe as first learned, and the shooting was the result of carelessly handling a pistol. It was therefore accidental. - Early this morning the city was saddened by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Charlotte C. Brown, at her home on east Inniss street. She died last night at 1 o'clock, after a week's sickness with the grip, which changed to a violent form of oneumonia several days ago. Mrs.

Brown was in her 69th year. - Lenoir Topic: Rev. Daniel Forbes Stewart, aged 70 years, died at Connelly Springs, Nov. 28. — Mr. Levi Earnest, aged 64 years, a prominent resident of King's Creek township, died at his home on Monday, Nov. 30 after a lingering illness. - Muskrats have been unusually plentiful the year, it is said, and have done a good deal of damage in the corn fields. A mule ridden by a traveller along the road near Fort Defiance, the other day, sunk down in a muskat hole that was tunnelled under the road and a half bushel of corn was found stored away in it. — On Friday morning John Freeman, aged about 18 years, a son of Reddick Freeman, who lives between Lenoir and Hudson, was placed in jail by acting Deputy Sheriff Richard Bush, under a mittimus from Justice D. A. Griffin, on the alleged charge of rape committed upon the person of Dovey Smith, aged between 10 and 11 years, a cousin of Freeman. The crime is alleged to have been committed Wesdesday afternoon.

has been declining in health, first suffering intensely from a painful attack of eczema in his face. Later on he was prostrated by a stomach trouble, but rallied and got up again. Soon after he was prostrated again, from which he never rallied, but his life continued to ebb out until the sad end came at 6 o'clock last Monday morning, when he peacefully breathed his last. Capt. McLaurin was 69 years old. Near Old Hundred depot, about nine o'clock last Sunday night, after returning from preaching, Lee Singleterry, col., so rebuked his brother Snowden Singleterry about his bad behavior at church, that he became enraged and picked up the ax to use in wreaking his engeance on his brother. When he did, Lee shot Snowden with a pistol, the ball entering his left breast near the nipple. Snowden then wheeled and ran, and Lee shot at him again. After running about 90 yards, Snowden fell and died in a few minutes. Lee is only 22 years old, and Snowden was 17, and

was drinking. At the last report Lee

- Greenville Reflector: The Green-

was at large

- Laurinburg Exchange: For

several months Capt. L. W. McLaurin

ville tobacco warehouse sold over 80,000 pounds of tobacco during the month of November and the weather was unfavorable for handling tobacco too,
The gin house of B. F. Crawford and J. F. Allen, which they operated together in Beaver Dam township, was destroyed by fire on last Wednesday. The fire was supposed to have originated from sparks getting into the lint room in some way. Mr. Allen and two colored men were slightly burned in trying to save machinery from the fire. Loss was fully \$500 upon which there was no insurance. -Coroner H. F. Keel received a telegram yesterday morning stating that John Gray had been shot and killed in Bethel Monday night. The particulars of the shooting, as we heard them yes-terday, are as follows: Gray was a colored boy about 14 years old. Monday night he went into the store of S. T. &J. . Carson, at Bethel. Willie Carson, a 12-year old white boy, who clerked in the store, was alone at the time. The colored boy had a double action pistol in his pocket and took it out to show to Willie. Young Carson did not know much about that kind of pistol and while looking at it pulled the trigger. Of course the pistol went off. The ball struck the colored boy in the right breast and in less time than it takes to write this he was a dead negro. -Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligen-

cer: On the night of the 26th of November the postoffice at Lilesville was entered and four watches, several pistols and five or six dollars in money stolen therefrom. The stolen money was the property of the United States and the postal authorities at once set to work to capture the thieves. As a result of their efforts Wiley Atkinson, Dave Owens and Bill Henry were arrested last Friday and taken before a United States Commissioner at Rockingham for a preliminary hearing. At the time sufficient evidence to hold Henry was not at hand and he was discharged. Atkinson and Owens were sent to jail in default of bail until the next term of the United States Court at Charlotte. We learn that after the preliminary hearing At-kinson confessed his guilt as to the postoffice robbery. implicating Henry. but when the officers went to re-arrest Henry they found that he had skipped. None of these young men are grown, Henry not being more that fifteen years old. They were all white, and were either raised around Lilesville or had lived there at different times. - Died, at her home in Wadesboro township, of dropsy, Mrs. Allen Carpenter, aged 78 years. — There are only two persons in jail here now—one crazy man, and a negro for stealing cotton. — Aunt Betsy Hughes died at the residence of Mr. John Moore, in Wadesboro township, last Thursday night. Aunt Betsy was in the 91st year of her age.