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IS MR. MILLS SULKING?

Reports come from Washington to the effect that Mr. Mills is so chagrined at his defeat that he has become soured and has intimated pretty broadly that he will not accept the chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means if it be tendered to him, and it is further said that Speaker Crisp being advised of this will not make the tender. We hope there is no truth in either of these reports, for to show such a temper does no credit to Mr. Mills and it would be much more creditable in Speaker Crisp to make the offer than not to make, though he were sure it would be declined. In the event of a refusal to accept after the offer was made, such a display of sullenness would place Mr. Mills in very striking contrast to his more thoughtful and clever competitor.

One account of the Speakership battle represented Mr. Mills as almost dazed when the result was announced, but this was only momentary, for he shook it off and was among the first to seek his successful competitor, warmly grasp his hand and heartily congratulate him upon his victory. That was like the gallant, manly man that every one supposed Mr. Mills to be. It did him as much honor, it it was so, as an election to the Speakership could have done him, for it proved him to be above harboring resentments and that he could conduct himself nobly in defeat. But if these later reports be true it could not have been so, for in the interval that has elapsed the vanquished man who according to that report so cleverly and gallantly accepted defeat could hardly have so degenerated in-

to the sullen, irreconcilable, Mr. Mills' disappointment was perfectly natural. He felt pretty confident of election. He had set his heart upon the Speakership and both he and his friends who stood so steadfastly by him believed he had claims that should have been recognized. He made a hard fight, and it is not strange that he should have felt crest-fallen when it terminated so differently from what he expected. To what extent his indiscreet and over-zealous friends are responsible for his defeat he may not know, but there are those who believe that if they had shown better generalship and less impulsiveness in their eagerness to accomplish quickly what they had not the sagacity nor the patience to wait for, Mr. Mills, and not Mr.

Crisp, would have been the victor. Be this as it may, Mr. Mills was fairly, squarely and honestly beaten, in a fight in which he had an open field and mustered his full forces. He took his chances and should resignedly if not cheerfully abide the issue. He may feel disappointed but he has no right to be sullen, nor to sulk in his tent, any more than Mr. Springer, Mr. McMillin or Mr. Hatch has. Every Democrat in Congress had a right to aspire to the Speakership, but no Democrat in it had a right to demand it as his due, nor to feel aggrieved if his claims were not recognized by a majority of his colleagues. It is an office of distinguished honor and of high responsibility which it requires no small amount of ability to fill. In selecting the man to fill it the question of fitness and ability should be and nearly always are the test. The members of Congress who do the electing, who are responsible to their constituents, to his irresponsive acres, but to get the party and to the country for enough out of them to meet his retheir choice, are the men who are to quirements, to live comfortably, to judge of the qualifications. With see some pleasure in life and let his them it should be neither a matter of personal nor sectional preference, as it was not in this case, for the man elected exercises a mighty power in the body over which he presides, and to some extent holds the destiny of the party he represents in his hands. If he be wise and prudent it is well for the party; if he be imprudent and blunder it is bad for the party. This being so no Democrat who takes a proper and a patriotic view of this question would thrust his personality into the contest and quarrel with his colleagues, who, in their mature judgment and with their convictions of duty decided in favor of another, whom they thought better qualified to safely and satisfactorily discharge the duties of such a responsible po-

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That is why Mr. Crisp was elected | Whether it pays or not depends very

sued from the right standpoint and with the right methods it will "pay"; pursued from the wrong standpoint and with wrong methods it will not.

much on what is considered pay. Pur-

and why Mr. Mills was not, and if

Mr. Mills is pouting and sulking as

he is represented to be it will be

proof conclusive that the gentlemen

who voted for Crisp and against

ment, and it will also sustain one of

the most serious objections urged

against the election of Mr. Mills,

which was that he had an irascible un

DOES FARMING PAY!

contrasting the system maintained

on that farm with the lack of meth-

od on Southern farms. The mistake

that our contemporary makes in this

s in taking that big farm run by

capitalists as a sample of Western

farming, when it is the notable ex-

ception, for, as a matter of fact, there

is quite as much lack of method on

the average Western farm as there

is on the average Southern farm, for

there is nothing that might be called

method on the average farm of eith-

er section. They are both run on

the chance schedule, something on

the lottery plan. Occasionally the

tarmer hits, holds a winning ticket,

so to speak, but much oftener he

does not, just like the man who puts

in his dollars and takes his chances

The farmer of the West sows wheat

and oats, and plants corn in the same

old routine style that the Southern

cotton planter plants cotton, entire-

ly ignoring the law of demand and

supply, and when there is no extra-

ordinary foreign demand for the pro-

ducts of his farm, as there is this

year, he gluts the home market and

persuades himself that farming does

not pay, just as the Southern plan-

ter does who raises more cotton than

the spinners and weavers can con-

sume and comes to the conclusion

Farming is like any other business

It must be conducted on business

methods to pay at all, unless by ac

cident, and even then it will not pay

every one engaged in it nor pay al

the time, for the farmer, however

well he may manage, has contin-

gencies to encounter which he can

not foresee nor guard against, and

over which he has no control, which

the man of no other calling has.

But with all this there are some far-

mers who so manage their busin es

that they prosper while others drag

along barely able to keep their

chins above the water. But they

don't farm as the others do. They

But it might be asked what

meant by the question "Does farm

ing pay?" If it means does the

farmer get well remunerated for the

capital invested in his farm, stock,

&c., and the time and labor he gives

in raising his crops, then the correct

answer would be "no," not only for

the United States, but for the world

over. Farming is not in the strict

sense of the word a money making

calling, nor should that be the chief

aim of the farmer. His first aim

should be to live independently and

comfortably, not to wear himself

out trying to dig a fortune out of

wife and children see some, and

after that is done to earn as much

slave of himself, wife and children,

or going into debt to become the

We have known farmers who

farmed from that standpoint, and

they were generally among the best

and the most prosperous farmers.

They didn't have to ask the merchant

to "run them" till they made a crop,

and they didn't have to sacrifice what

they made to keep the sheriff from

running them. If they were asked if

farming paid their answer would be

"yes," and if every other farmer

farmed in the same way they would

doubtless give the same answer. But

if all farmers did that the question

would probably never be asked, for

slave of his creditor.

money as he can without making a

have a way of their own.

that growing cotton doesn't pay.

on the revolving wheel.

clear head is always necessary.

Mills were not wrong in their judg-

MINOR MENTION.

the timidity as they do by the rash

governable temper that unfitted him ness of their leaders, especially when the timidity causes a failure to for the discharge of the duties of that perform or attempt what they responsible position where a cool, are solenmly pledged to do. Tariff reform is one of the cardinal principals of the Democratic party. That has been the issue in several cam-The question is very often asked, paigns. The people look to the "Does farming pay?" and it is asked Democratic party for it, and that's oftener now, in the South, at least, why there is a Democratic majority than ever. It is not asked quite so in the House of Representatives often in the West as it was before now. The leaders of that Demothe big crop of this year was harcratic majority must be prudent, vested, and the short crops of level-headed, wise, and cool, but Europe made a good market abroad. prudence must not degenerate into It would be much easier to convince cowardice, which would result into the Western farmer now that farmdo-nothing-ness. The people exing pays than it would have been a pect the Democratic majority in this year ago, and yet he has no more Congress to do something, do somereason to believe that farming pays thing that means something, but they now than he had a year ago, for if it do not expect it to do nor to attempt pays this year it is not through any impossibilities. They expect relief foresight or good management of from excessive tariff taxation, and as the Western farmer, but through, much as they can get, and will not for him, a fortunate failure in the be satisfied with any little dickering European crops, which brought his or side-playing, with much chinunusually large surplus in demand music and little action. They do not and ensured him paying prices, expect to see the McKinley bill rewhich he hadn't got for years before. pealed in toto, for they know that We have just read an article in a can't be done, but they do expect to Southern contemporary giving an see salt, coal, lumber, wool, iron ore, account of the business methods purbinding twine, cotton ties, &c., put sued on one of the great Dakota upon the free list, and the tariff rewheat farms, which is owned and duced on tin-plate, cutlery, glass operated by a company of capitalists,

ware, crockery ware, and on a num-

ber of other necessaries in every day

use, on which the duties were raised

by the McKinley bill and where they

are now unreasonably high. This is

some of the practical tariff reform

which the people expect to see.

Ex-President Hayes who is one of the trustees of the Peabody visited the South a short while ag and while on his tour talked some on the negro problem, and talked very sensibly, too. Speaking of the negro as a political factor, he believes that if the negro was educated he would find it to his interest to act in political harmony with his white fellowvoters, rather than being arrayed in solid-political front against them. He remarks that if it is to the interest of the South to be Democratic, then it is also the interest of the Southern black men as well the white man that she should be Democratic, but the reason why the negro pulls against the white man and is discontented, is because he does not recognize this fact. He further remarks that if it is to the interest of the South to be Republican, the only way to make her Republican is by educating the negro, and thus removing the prejudice against him

and enabling him to act intelligently. Mr. Hayes evidently don't believe in the efficiency of such measures as the force bill to settle this problem or to bring the South over to the Republican side. There is nothing original in these views, for they have been expressed time and again in other language by thoughtful men, who had studied the race problem, but coming from a Republican ex-President they are worthy

As an illustration of the material progress of the south since the war the Augusta Chronicle cites the facts that while there were invested in the various business interests of Georgia at the beginning of the war \$661, 000,000, at its close only \$120,000,000 was left. Now the personality and realty in that State are valued at over \$402,000,000, an increase of over \$280,000,000 in twenty-five years. Within this time there has been \$25,000,000 invested in manufactories and railroads. While Georgia is one of the most favored of the Southern States materially, in point of resources, and geographically, from its central situation, it is not an exception, most of the other Southern States keeping well up in the march of development and material progress. As great as the showing for the past twenty-five years has been it will be nothing in comparison to the tale that will be told at the end of the next twenty-five. There is a great and a glorious fu ture for this favored section.

When the hungry Europeans have been duly initiated into the mysteries of American corn bread, they will conclude that this is really a great country.

The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette says "it costs only \$100 to hang a man according to the Ohio plan of penitentiary executions." Well, if that is so, why in thunder ain't there more Ohio men hanged?

The bank of England holds in its vaults \$125,000,000, and the bank of Germany \$200,000,000. If they will enter into correspondence with T. Reed, ex-Czar of the 51st Congress, he can tell them how to expeditiousthere would be no occasion to ask it, I ly get rid of that surplus.

MAILING CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Instructions to Senders-Circular from

the Post Office People.

The postoffice employes are beginning to feel the movement of the holiday business. It is a little early yet for the rush of gifts, but the mails for the last three weeks have been loaded with Christmas correspondence and orders. The postoffice people and those who Parties sometimes lose as much by use the mails always have a good deal of trouble during the holiday season about letters and packages reaching their destination, and a good deal of this trouble is owing to a lack of proper directions and making up of the packages. The postoffice instructions on this line are very plain. The Department has sent out the following cir-

"The season is approaching when the mails will be filled with holiday presents, and a great many are unnecessarily lost, delayed or damaged each year because of the indifferent manner in which they are prepared for mailing.

"Newspapers or other thin paper should never be used for wrapping, and packages as ordinarily wrapped where ourchased are not sufficiently secure for

orwarding in the mails. "Use strong papers, make a solid package that will not crush easily; tie well with good twine; address legibly and correctly with ink on the lower right hand corner, and very few packages will fail to reach destination in good condi-

"It is always advisable to place the name and address of the sender on the upper left hand corner of all packages, etc., sent in the mails, so they may be returned in case the addresses cannot be found. Postal statistics show that more delays result from incorrect addresses than from errors in distribution by pos-

"In case of loss or delay, report the same to your postmaster with all the in-

formation that can be given." RICE CROP ESTIMATES.

the Circular of Dan Talmage's Sons-Prices Now About One Cent

Below The Foreign Article. Dan Talmage's Sons, of New York, in circular dated December 10, give a statement of the rice crop and requirments of the United States, showing the annual cousumption in barrels and bags

North Carolina..... Georgia..... 40,000

800,000 The circular goes on to say that the history of the rice crop is nearly the same every year. It is an "old, old story," and those of the trade who have a good memory, large head and long purse, profit thereby. As receipts become free and enlarge, stocks gradually accumulate and prices steadily fall

It matters not whether the crop is abundant or scant, planters with maturing liabilities must sell. Low values are thus brought about and prevail until January. The advance once begun rarely ceases until the opening of the subsequent crop. December prices of this year are % to 1 cent below the foreign article,

A "DANDY" SCHEDULE.

What the S. A. L. Thinks of Doing for the Carolina Central, Wilmington and

Charlotte-"One of the Finest." Though not yet "passed both Houses' and "approved by the President," it will interest the readers of the STAR to know just what sort of a schedule is under advisement for the Carolina Central Ratl-

If adopted, there is to be but one passenger train between Wilmington and Charlotte, leaving here at 3.45 p. m., arriving at Charlotte at 10.25 p. m.; leaving Charlotte at 5 a.m. and arriving here at

Under the present schedule business men can reach Wilmington at 7.40 a. m. remain in the city all day and leave on the return trip at 7.15 p. m Under the proposed schedule a fellow can come to Wilmington, take a couple of cocktails, eat his dinner, and then rush right back home to digest it. Or he can go to Charlotte, drink "Tom and Jerry" an hour or so, take a "cat nap," get up before daybreak and reach home in time for breakfast. These be trans portation "facilities" the like of which have not been known since the locomo-

Passengers leaving here for points west of Charlotte will be allowed to lie over in that handsome city only about eighteen hours, which is painful to contemplate, as no ordinary man can "do up" the Q. C. in less than two days. It is given out that this new move-

ment has been inaugurated for the purpose of reducing expenses; and it is hinted by outsiders that steps will be taken immediately to prevent any inringement of the rights of the inventors of the S. A. L. Economizer. The new schedule, if adopted, will b

a "dandy," and "don't you forget it," National Bank Notes.

Mr. Alden, the examiner, will not complete his labors in the First National

Bank until some time next week. A Receiver has, no doubt, been appointed, and may be daily expected.

This is the construction the STAR places upon the Associated Press telegram printed yesterday: The condition of the bank is such that the interests of creditors require that a Receiver take charge at the earliest possible moment.

The STAR does not share in the opinion now quite general, that creditors will suffer any material loss. In fact, from general information, it seems fair to conclude that, with prudent management, they cannot lose more than 25 per cent., and they have a fair chance of receiving the full amount of their claims.

Bishop Watson Sick. Rev. N. Collins Hughes. D. D., writes to a triend in Wilmington that Rev. Dr. Watson, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, was quite sick at Chockowinity. He caught a severe cold last week at Durham's Creek, and has had fever ever since, being confined to his bed much of the time. In consequence he has thought it best to cancel all of his appointments. Mrs. Watson is with him, and the Bishop, who is now somewhat better, hopes to return to Wilmington in a few days.

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 who are interested in a further decline your attention.

IN NEED OF LABOR.

Georgia Turpentine Men Seeking Lo Rates for North Carolina Help.

The naval stores men of Georgia are n correspondence with the officials of the railroads leading into Savannah, says the News of that city, in the interest of securing a special rate for turpentine hands coming south from December to March. Owing to the enforcement of the North Carolina law against soliciting labor emigration the naval stores men will not be able to go to North Carolina to bring down their own labor after the holidays, as they have granted that, in accordance with all predone heretotore.

As there will be no difficu ty about securing laborers if the opportunity is offered the negroes to come, the naval stores men think that if the railroads will give them a very low rate they can secure all the labor needed.

There is no doubt the naval stores men will be in need of more labor than they will be able to secure if they cannot manage to import labor from North ture is now considering the passage of a labor law similar to that passed by the North Carolina Legislature with the same end in view, to prevent coming into the State and carrying off the labor. The naval stores men may be compelled to cut down their operations for

The Cat Out

The Charlotte Chronicle of yesterday has an article headed "Let There be a Strong Kick. Railroad Changes that Will Greatly Inconvenience our People.' It refers to a contemplated change of schedule on the Carolina Central Railwas requested to defer any comment, as the change might not be made after maturer consideration. Our contemporary 'at the other end of the avenue" is assured that if the proposed changes are made all the patent kickers down this way will join it in the fight, and if necessary forty thousand Kentucky mules will be pressed into service for the war. It is hoped that old Aunt S. A. L. will put on her "thinking cap" again.

The Orange Crop.

The Savannah News says the prospect for cheap oranges is very good just now. The fruit dealers report the fruit selling very low, with a big crop to be disposed of. Oranges are now bringing from \$1.25 to \$2.00 a box at retail, which is

One of the reasons given for the low rices is that last year Northern and Western buyers went heavily into the Florida market, buying the fruit in the fields and running the prices up on each other. The consequence was that they lost thousands of dollars, and this year they have held off. A leading fruit dealer said vesterday that the orange growers would not realize an average of 75 cents a box for their oranges this

The First National Bank.

There have been no recent developments as to the status of affairs at the First National Bank of Wilmington, which since its suspension has been in the hands of Mr, Alden, bank examiner, But last night an Associated Press dispatch was received from Washington. D. C., which says:

"The Comptroller of the Currency today received a telegram from the examiner in charge of the First National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., saying that the bank is practically insolvent, and suggesting the appointment of a receiver to wind up its affairs. The Comptroller will appoint a receiver in a few days -probably to-morrow.

An accident that might have been atended with very serious results happened yesterday morning about nine o'clock, at the residence of Mr. A. F. Lucas, on Tenth and Market streets. Two children of the family-Chauncey, aged six, and Ida, aged two years-were together in a room, standing near the fireplace, when the little girl's dress caught fire from the open grate and she was soon in a blaze. Both children screamed and the mother and several other persons rushed into the room and tore the burning clothing from the child. The only person reported as having sustained any injury was the little boy, whose right hand was slightly

- Mr. William Moncure, Superintendent of the Carolina Central, is here for a few days.

burned in trying to save his sister.

- Mr. C. J. Elwell, of Laurinburg, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

ous friends and relatives.

to keep him posted.

- Mr. Louis Marines, of Onslow Stocks of Naval Stores at the Ports. county, was among the buyers who call-Stocks of naval stores at the ports at ed on wholesale merchants yesterday. the close of the week are reported as - Mr. J. Q. Bell, of Rocky Point, an old subscriber to the DAILY STAR, Spirits turpentine-Wilmington, 3,196 is in Wilmington visiting his numer-

Rosin-Wilmington, 29,015 barrels; - Mr. J. H. Dosher, keeper of New York, 22,035; Savannah, 103,003; Baldhead lighthouse, was in the city Charleston, 13,505. yesterday. It is a little lonely down (or up) there, but Jim has the DAILY STAR Tar-Wilmington, 3,977 barrels; New

COTTON FACTS AND FIGURES.

- Augusta Chronicle: The fallacy of

the one-crop idea has never before been

so forcibly impressed upon the farmers

of the South as it has this year. From

all sections come reports of a prosper-

city of money. The South alone suffers

for want of money. The enormous cot-

ton crops of the past years have ex-ceeded the demand, and the price has

fallen disastrously low. In contrast to

crease in the cost of food products, and

the Southern farmer is to-day paying

more for his provisions than his cotton

is bringing him. Instead of money coming into this section for the pro-

ducts of our farms the people are pay-ing out more than they make in order

to live. This is the situation in the

States that are richest in natural re-

- The Liverpool Post, after referring

"Nothing remains, therefore, but to

wait the developments of the crop

movements. In the meantime those

take good care that the market is well

posted, not only in what is taking place,

but in what is likely to take place, and

they are not very scrupulous as to the

means adopted for giving influence and

currency to their advices. * * *

Aside, however, from the speculative

reports calculated by parties who have

an axe to grind, the known facts of the

situation are not of an exhilarating char-

acter. The actual movements of the

crop are shaking faith in all estimates

under 8,000,000 bales, and (in the words

of the oft-repeated formula) there will

be no change of opinion on this point

until the deliveries from the plantations

begin to shrink. It is true that prices

are very low, but low prices do not of

themselves encourage buyers; on the

contrary, they are rather apt to encour-

age sellers, and it may be taken for

vious experience, buyers will not be-

come eager operators until they are

strongly of the opinion that the article

they want to purchase is about to ad-

RAILROAD NOTES.

ble for the following: A young American lady, whose husband was killed in a

ailroad accident and who had been in-

learning that a passenger who had lost

a leg in the same wreck was paid \$20.

000, went to the company to complain

you pay \$20,000 for the loss of a leg and

have only given me \$10,000 for the loss

of my husband?" "Madam," respond-

ed the polite official, "the reason is very

simple; \$20,000 would not provide the

poor fellow with a new leg, whereas with

10,000 you can obtain a new husband

whenever so desiring, and he may be an

young woman blushed furiously and re-

tired, well pleased with the explana-

- Savannah News: One hundred em-

ployes of the Central Railroad shops

were discharged last night. The dis-

charges were made in accordance with

instructions from the headquarters of

the Richmond and Danville system, or-

dering a reduction of 25 per cent, in the

shop employes of the entire system.

the only sufferers. Wherever the Rich-

mond and Danville has shops 25 per

cent, of the working force was cut off

last night. The discharges here were in

the machine shop, blacksmith shop, car

shop, paint shop and the other smaller

shops of the road. The list of men who

had to go by the board was made up

yesterday, and Master Mechanic Antz

had them notified verbally in the

afternoon. This morning the discharg-

ed employes will receive their checks.

The cut affects mechanics earning from

\$3 per day down, and Mr. Antz said \$2

would be a fair average to put down for

the wages. This is a loss to Savannah's

workmen of \$200 a day-\$1,200 per

week. "Is the cut necessitated by lack

of work?" Mr. Antz was asked. "No; it

is for the purpose of cutting down ex-

penses. Still, at this season of the year

we can manage to get along and do the

work with 300 men, because all the

stock is in fairly good condition. Of

course, the same amount of work can-

not be done as with the full force, but I

feel sore over the situation, from the

reneral manager down, but of course we

have to obey orders." The wholesale

discharge of the mechanics is a hardship

just at this time of the year, in the

midst of the holiday season, when the

men were least expecting it. The re-

duction is in the line of the retrench-

ment by the Richmond and Danville

There is an evident weakness in the

dog market. A colored citizen from the

Black river section has been here two

days trying to sell a canine of the femi-

nine gender. She is a nice little com-

pound of terrier and hound. Of course,

the owner came to this office. No fel-

low ever has a sick dog or offers one for

sale in Wilmington that he is not

sent post haste to the field edi-

tor of the STAR. It does not

seem to be known that he buys only

about four dogs every year; and, more

remarkable still, these curious cultiva-

tors of canine cusses are utterly oblive

ous of the fact that our D. D.'s prescrip-

tions are warranted to kill without hav-

But, to "return to our mutton," the

brother in black from Black river, with

the black-and-tan dog assured us she was

on 'possums. He said Mr. Burruss, of the

Wilmington Fox Club, told him we

wanted a deer dog, and while his dog

was not "'sperienced arter deers he

knowed she would dearly love to run

'em if she had a fair show." Black

River wanted to sell his dog for \$5.00;

but the best offer he could get from our

field editor was fifty old newspapers and

the original copy of a piece of "declined"

Spring poetry of the usual pattern. At last accounts Black River had dropped

his price to \$2.50, with no buyers in

casks: New York, 888; Savannah, 13,753;

sight. Dogs is dull

Charleston, 1,812.

ing to use the second barrel.

management.

hope the cut is only temporary.

mprovement on the one lost."

\$10,000 for the loss, afterward

The Corre de San Luis is responsi-

vance in price.

to increased crop estimates, says

sources and agricultural lands.

ous year, abundant crops and no scar-

Senator Vance's Assignments to Senate Committees-Propositions to Contest the

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- As Hill and Vance have not yet taken their seats on the Senate committees, the places intended for them were temporarily assigned to other Senators, with the understanding that they resign them in favor of the absent Senators when they

Mr. Hill will serve on the following committees: Inter-State Commerce Territories, Immigration, Relations with Canada, and Expenditures in Public

lumbia, and Privileges and Elections.

demnified by the company in the sum tion vacant. The foundation for the story touching Mr. Brice's seat seems (so far as the Senate is concerned) to be confined to a few remarks made by Senator Sherman of the injustice done her in the settlewhen credentials were presented. ment. "How is it," she asked. "that

As to Senator White, of Louisiana, cannot be learned that there is any intention on the part of the Republican leaders to make a contest based upon

The newly appointed House committee on Rules has not vet had a meeting but expects to get together before the House reconvenes on Saturday to agree upon a resolution fixing the member ship of committees. There are severa select committees, principally to conduct investigations, which were appointed during the last Congress, that will be lopped off this year. It is said to be probable that the membership of a number of more important committees wil be increased. Members of the Rules committee are in favor of making a uniform rule fixing fifteen as the num ber of members who shall constitute im-

portant committees. The Senate in executive session to day confirmed a large number of recess nominations but owing to the failure to adopt the usual notice of confirmations to be sent to the President the confirmations were not made public. The nomination of Mr. Elkins, to be Secretary of War, was referred to the committee on Military affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Some of Mr Mills' close friends assert positively that he has been tendered by the Speaker and has declined the second place on the Committee on Ways and Means with the chairmanship of another im portant committees. The Speaker feelng that the matter is not proper for discussion at this juncture, declines to say anything upon the subject and Mr Mills is equally reticent at present although it may be that the correspond ence will be made public hereafter. It is quite certain that pressure is being brought to bear upon the Speaker by persons not heretofore identified with Mr. Mill's aspirations to cause his appointment to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Commit-

As far as can be learned the Speake

On a Railroad Train Near Birmingham Ala.-One Man Killed and Anothe Wounded

drunken passengers, when Bass Wood, a farmer, opened fire at Price, killing

READING'S JAIL.

Shocking Orgies. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

READING, Dec. 19 .- Ex-night watchman of the county prison, Rhoades, was on trial to-day charged with releasing from jail Beatrice Collins, a female counterfeiter, and John Miller, burglar, when the case suddenly terminated by Rhodes pleading guilty to gross negligence, after which he made a statement describing the most shocking orgies and drunken carousals, in which female prisoners and jail officials participated at night. The court immediately entered a rule on the warden of the jail to show

Monday. was in the city yesterday.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

of fitting up the tabernacle, etc., the money raised for the Fife meeting reaches nearly \$1,500.

the penitentiary are daily being made. Six convicts were added yesterday, three

from Richmond and three from Duplin

counties. —The attendance at the Agricultural and Mechanical College is

daily increasing. It will soon be one of

the most progressive and prosperous in-stitutions in the South.

- Greensboro Workman: Col.

Thos. B. Keogh, of this city, has been

ppointed Chief of the Forestry Divi-

sion of the World's Fair. This will place

important divisions, and one which the

South and North Carolina in particular,

- Asheville Citizen: The late T.

P. Hamilton had insurance upon his life

aggregating \$40,000. - A drove of

thirty-seven turkeys for the Christmas

market was driven through the streets

to-day and attracted much attention.

The turkeys were raised on the farm of

Mr. G. S. McCanless, who lives near

Burnsville, in Yancey county. Mr. Mc-

Canless drove the turkeys from his farm

to Asheville, forty miles, in a little over

- Raleigh Chronicle: In some way

rumor became current vesterday that

Rev. J. T. Abernethy, who was shot at Snow Hill, had died. — Mr. W. G.

Allen, superintendent of the work house,

says there are now fifty-two county con-

victs. These are at work on the Tarboro

road, and on Christmas Eve will finish

the macadamization of that thorough-

fare. A reporter walked over the road

from St. Augustine's school to the town-

ship boundary and found it to be in fine

- Concord Standard: Mr. G. W.

Patterson has discovered on his Codelle

Creek place most excellent iron ores.

He has taken specimens to Charlotte to

have them tested. Mr. Patterson thinks

Raum pension claim No. 1,059,082 in

favor of David Jackson, of Flow's store.

The question naturally arises, "are we

going to pension the United States?"

t looks as if this pension business

- Greenville Reflector: Sunday

afternoon while returning from Sunday

School, two colored boys began throw-

ing brick-bats at another boy of the

same persuasion. One of the bricks

took effect in the forehead of the boy

who was being used as a target, and it is

said his skull is slightly crushed in.

unknown colored man was found in the

river near Penny Hall on Sunday. It

was not known who he was or how long

the body had been in the river. A bot-

tle of whiskey and a carpenter's rule

were the only things found in the

pockets of the dead man. The parties

who found the body took it out and

- Charlotte Chronicle: Will Brown

was caught in the saws of J. Watt Kirk-

patrick's gin Wednesday and his arm

Columbus Morris died at his home four

miles east of the city yesterday at 11

o'clock after a week's illness with the

grip. Deceased was 55 years of age and

Policeman Gudger, of Asheville, arrived

here vesterday to take in custody Ed

Moore who was arrested here Wednes-

day on the charge of obtaining money

under false pretences in Asheville. He

changed figures on checks and passed

them off, in one instance changing the

check from \$2.50 to \$45, which he passed

- Salisbury Herald: In addition

to the report of the R. & S. election

resterday. Monroe voted a majority of

16 in favor of it. Mt. Pleasant cast a

small majority for it. The chances now

are that the road will be built on that

line. - A little four-year old son of

Mr. J. Q. Foreman, while playing in a

baby carriage yesterday morning, acci-

dentally fell from it and broke a bone in

his nose. The little fellow is suffering

severely from his injury. --- The re-

cent attempts at burglary have benefit-

ted the hardware dealers, who are sell-

ing numbers of pistols. Last night there

was a rush of people purchasing these

weapons, and those who already posses-

sed pistols were hauling them out of the

drawers, rubbing off the rust, getting

the cylinders in working order and load-

- Raleigh News and Observer:

The Governor yesterday granted a re-

spite to Alfred Dawns who was to be

hanged December 18th till January 15th

in Charlotte for burglary. He was re-

prieved till January 15th at the earnest

solicitation of a number of the citizens

of Charlotte and elsewhere. - Gov.

Holt yesterday granted a reprieve to

Caroline Shipp, who was under sentence

to be hanged for murder December 18th

in Gaston county, A respite was grant-

ed her to Friday, January 22nd, upon

the statement of the sheriff that the

physical condition of the condemned

s such as to fully warrant a respite.

the Egypt Coal Company, was in the

City yesterday and informed the News

and Observer that the fire in the mine

which was mentioned in our special dis-

patch yesterday marning was a very dis-

astrous one to the company, and the

mine is now being allowed to fill with

water and will have to be kept in an in-

dated state for some time in order that

- Charlotte News: It is said

that Gen. A. M. Scales is scarcely eyer

conscious now, and during his lucid

moments he suffers intensely. - The

air has been full of rumors to-day con-

cerning the turning down of Capt. J.

Roessler's application for liquor license

and more especially in reference to the

scale of prices which he presented to

the board. Whether or not anything of

a serious nature will come out of these

rumors is difficult to determine, but

from the present outlook if the rumors

are founded on the truth. Char-

lotte will have a big sensation.

— Incarcerated in one of the cells at

the guard house is a pitiful sight, a man

crazed by drink and without the slight-

est hope for a brighter future. During

the night the police "run in" a young man named E. T. Moore, he was locked

up, and this morning when the officer

went to carry Moore before Mayor

Brevard he was to some extent startled

to find that Moore during the night had

made desperate attempts at suicide. He

had torn the blanket to pieces so as to

procure something that would act in the

lace of a hangman's rope, but shrouded

in darkness and with no tools to accom-

plish his purpose he evidently gave it up as a bad job and has decided that life is

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

Excitement in Guatemala-Barillas! Ad-

ministration Nearing Its End.

CITY OF GUATEMALA, December 19 .-

Great excitement exists in this city.

Don Lorenzo Montufar, candidate for

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

preferable to hanging in a prison cell.

the fire may be entirely extinguished,

- Mr. Sam'l A. Henszey, President of

ing them ready for use.

off on Mr. Swatzburg, of Asheville.

a prominent man in this section.

and hand almost torn off.

- We are told that the body of an

would bankrupt us.

buried it.

shape and a credit to the township.

will have great interest in.

- Raleigh Visitor : Additions to

Oxford Day: Counting the cost

STEPHEN B. ELKINS NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY OF WAR.

Col. Keogh in control of one of the most Seats of Senators Hill, Brice and White.

Departments.

Mr. Vance will retain the committee

places which he occupied in the last Congress, as follows: Woman's Suf-frage (chairman). Contingent Expenses of the Senate, Finance, District of Co-The published statements that Republican Senators have virtually decided to contest the seats of Senators Hill, Brice and White attracted some attention among Senators to-day. Careful inquiry fails to disclose anything like an organized movement in that direction and, in fact, it appears that Republican Senators have as yet given the subject little thought. So far as Senator Hill's the quantity is very large. — J. C. Gibson has received from Commissioner seat is concerned, it is believed that when he presents himself to take the oath of office, an objection may, be forthcoming from his colleague, Sena-

tor Hiscock, based on the charge that Senator Hill has lost the title to his seat by abandonment. The question so raised would be fairly legal and some of the Republican Senators who would be required to pass upon it as members of the committee on privileges and elections, say it would be disposed of, if presented, without regard to political consideration. Republican Senators to-day said the contention in regard to Hill's case will be substantially as follows: that his continuing to hold after the fourth of March, 1891, when he was entitled to be Senator, an office admittedly incompatbile with the Senatorship, operated as renunciation of the latter; and that if it has not already done so an important question is presented as to how long a person thus situated could hold the Goyernorship and keep the Senator's posi-

charges of illegal voting

has not yet committed himself to the appointment of any member to this chairmanship and as Mr. Mill's reply to his tender is said to be couched in such terms as to warrant the assumption that he would not reject the place, the entire matter appears to be still subject to harmonious arrangement. The Speaker to-day said that he expected to be able to announce the committee appointments when the House meets next Mon-

A BLOODY RIOT.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 19 .-There were grand demonstrations and a torch-light procession given here last night in honor of Gov. Jones, who is a candidate for re-election. Special trains prought in hundreds of miners from neighboring towns and settlements after midnight. While one of the trains was returning to Blossburg a bloody riot occurred in one of the cars. When the train was near Brookside, Clifford Price attempted to restore order among the wounding James Glover. Wood came near being lynched, but a posse of officers hurried him off to jail here.

Prisoners and Jail Officials Engage in

cause why he should not be removed and ordered a full investigation for

- Mr. Kelly Sessoms, of Stedman,

the presidency, has armed his followers and is preparing to declare himself elected. Montufar is one of the most prominent men in Guatemala having been minister to the United States for some time and has a large following. President Barillas is very much alarmed and is taking extra precautions for his personal safety. Troops have been sta-tioned at the President's residence and the guard at the National Palace has been doubled. It is thought by many that Barillas' administration is nearing