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FACTS FOR COTTON GROWERS. The convention of cotton planters to consider the question of a reduction of acreage has been called to

meet in Memphis early in January. It is more than likely that this convention will decide that a reduction of acreage is advisable, and if it does, every cotton planter in the South, whether he plants much or little, should respond affirmatively to its decision. There will doubtless then be presented such an array of facts and figures as will leave no doubt that this is the proper thing to do and the only thing to do if the the business a remunerative one.

If cotton culture were confined to a small number of mea this would have been done long ago, if they made the mistake of letting the supply exceed the demand. It hasn't been done because of the large number of people engaged in it and beconcert of action where there are so many to be consulted, and among the number a considerable proportion who farm with their eyes shut and never bother their heads about the facts and figures which they should know and which should gov-

ern their action. That 2 and 2 make 4 is a self-evident fact, but it is not a whit more self-evident than that an overstocked market makes low prices. This is true the world over and it is true of everything, even of the metals out of which our coins are made. The history of gold and silver, which one would think should have a uniform, fixed value if anything has, will show that their prices, or value, fluctuate with the production.

Why have the grain growers of the great and fertile West been brought to the verge of bankruptcy? Simply because they have raised year after year more grain than the home market could consume and a narrow, idiotic tariff policy hampered, if it did not destroy, trade with foreign nations. The only two periods in the past thirty-five years when the farmers of the West made money were during the Crimean war, when there was a foreign demand for American grain and meat, and during the war between the States, when there was a reduced production in consequence of the large number of workers taken from the fields into the army, and the demand for supplies to feed the army. The farmers got good prices for everything then because there was a demand for what they raised. But since then the acreage has been constantly increasing by the number of new settlers and immigrants who have come to this country and gone to farming in the opened up territories of the Northwest, while the home demand has not increased in proportion, and while at the same time the wretched tariff policy pursued has more and more interfered with foreign exports. And yet it would be difficult even with these thirty odd years' experience, to convince the Western farmers that they raise too much grain, and the more difficult now, since the short crops of Europe

Some years ago a hop fever struck certain States in the Northwest. Hops were commanding a fine price, a few shrewd men engaged in the

We have another illustration of over-production in the overdone business of melon raising in Georgia, where hundreds of raisers last season didn't get returns enough from their shipments to pay the cost of transportation to market, and the orange growers of Florida are going through a similar experience now, when oranges are lower than they ever were

and packing. thing as it has need for and can pay | President started on his tour, Secre- | port News, where a fine line of | holdays.

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for, and the man that buys. whether | tary Foster issued to the company | steamers has been put on, and Galhe needs what he buys or not, is go- that had leased the privilege, or ing to get it at the lowest possible monopoly, of killing seals in the price, and if there is an abundance of | Behring sea, a permit of killing 60,anything, he is not going to be in a | 000 instead of the 7,000 suggested hurry to buy, because he knows he as the limit. Mr. Elkins, as attorcan get it when he wants it, and as | ney, was the gentleman who enginmuch as he wants, without any danger of having to pay a higher price the co-operation of Mr. Blaine, both by waiting.

If the cotton planters raised less cotton, sufficiently less to get near to | ter's eyes, and got him to sign paor under the world's demand, or consumption, the buyers would be seeking the sellers instead of the sellers seeking them, and they would be willing to pay the prices asked rather than run the risk of losing the cotton. All this is so humor and would not do anything every man who raises cotton doesn't the seals. see it.

Others besides cotton planters are nterested in this, interested in their getting good prices, for cotton growit prospers all prosper.

ELKINS AND THE SEAL BUSI-

NESS. The nomination of Stephen B. Elkins as Secretary of War was in some respects a peculiar one; peculiar in the fact that Mr. Elkins is, or has been until quite recently, it he is not now, the ardent admirer and the zealous and strong political adherent cotton planters ever expect to make of Secretary Blaine. What Mr. Harrison should want with a devoted friend of the gentleman who is his only real competitor for the Presidential nomination, why he should have selected him from a dozen or more distinguished Republican patriots who would readily have accepted such appointment is the peculiar cause of the difficulty of securing and mysterious thing which the pub-

It has not altogether escaped re-

collection, either, that Stephen B.

Elkins was a somewhat conspicuous figure in the Star Route scandals some years ago, which retired Mr. Dorsey and some other Republican statesmen who had ranked pretty high in the party councils. It is true that Mr. Elkins put in the plea of being the attorney of some of the Star Route swindlers, in which capacity he played lobbyist, shaped their tricks for them and rendered them very efficient service. Mr. Harrison should not have forgotten this but it seems he did. But perhaps Mr. Harrison considers such thing prerogatives of the attorney and that attorneys have the moral and legal right to beat the Government out of all the money they can for the men who employ them and pay them to do it. Since he has become President he took a little dab at the Treasury in the role of attorney for the Government himself when he signed a special bill to allow the firm of which he had been one a pretty big amount as fees in a case where they rendered but little service and demanded and got, by virtue of President Harrison's signature, extraordinary pay when a much smaller sum would have amply compensated them for all they did or had to do. Under these circumstances it could hardly be expected that Mr. Harrison would consider anything done by Mr. Etkins as an attorney as a cause to disqualify him for a seat in his Cabinet.

But Mr. Elkins' connection with the Behring sea seal business is fresher than the Star Route affair, although there is a great deal in that which the public do not know and which they never will know if it be left for Mr. Elkins, or his friend, Mr. Blaine, to tell. This, too, makes the appointment somewhat pecular. It will be remembered that about the time the President started out on his Southern and Western junket last Spring, rumors appeared in the newspapers stating that the British Minister at Washington had made certain propositions to Secretary Blaine concerning the Behring sea complithis year have made a good demand | cation, to the effect that if this Govat high prices for all the wheat that | ernment would agree to limiting the number of seals to be caught for the remainder of the year to 7,000, the British Government would join this Government in declaring it a closed sea, until the question in dispute culture and made money and then | could be considered and adjusted by | to cause depreciation, for even if all their neighbors concluded there impartial arbitrators. Blaine gave this product were all coined was a fortune in hops. They went | the British Minister, it was reported, | it would not add more than \$50,000,to raising hops, and about the sec- to understand that he favored that | 000 a year to the volume of money, ond year hops tumbled so low that proposition, but never paid any at- but seven or eight million ounces of it didn't pay to pick them off the tention to the matter afterwards, and this are annually consumed in other pigeon holed the correspondence. Blaine is accused of acting with duplicity in this matter, and not only with having trifled with Lord Salisbury, but with having deceived Sec-

retary Foster. The New York Times asserts that the proposition to limit seal killing on the breeding grounds to 7,000, and to prohibit it in the open sea was made by Secretary Blaine to and barely pay the cost of picking | Minister Pauncefote on the 3rd of April, with the strange request that The cotton planters have been do- the offer be made to appear as-coming just what the grain-growers of ing from Lord Salisbury, and calls the West have been doing, what the the attention of the U. S. Senators hop growers did, what the Georgia to the fact that on the 12th day of melon men did, and what the orange | April, ten days later, before Lord |

eered that little game through, with of whom jointly and collectively pulled the wool over Secretary Fospers that he didn't know anything

It is said that Secretary Foster was influenced to issue the permit by a statement from Mr. Blaine that Lord Salisbury was not in good apparent that it is a wonder that towards suppressing the slaughter of

when Mr. Harrison reached San Francisco, where he for the first time learned through the published teleing is a great industry in the South, grams that Lord Salisbury had made and when it languishes business gen- any propositions of that nature, erally suffers in consequence. When he promptly by telegraph revoked the permit granted, and took the correspondence into his own hands, shortly after his return agreeing to the proposition made, and getting the question in shape to be settled by arbitration. It will also be remembered that about that time Mr. Blaine hurriedly left Washington for New York to consult with his friend Elkins, and that he didn't return to his post at Washington until a few weeks ago. In this the President not only snubbed Mr. Blaine, but also knocked the company, of which Mr. Elkins was the attorney, out of a pretty big thing. This, too, makes the appointment peculiar. The Senate being Republican by a small majority, it is not likely there will be any investigation of this seal business but if there were it is said there would be developments which should prevent the confirmation of Mr. Elkins and prove somewhat damaging to Secretary

MINOR MENTION.

Dun's review for the past week describes the business situation and prospects as bright and encouraging, and states that "money is plenty and cheap." We suppose this has reference to the money centers in the East, for it is anything but plenty or cheap in the South. It is more plentiful, and therefore, probably, cheaper in the West than it has been for some time on account of the immense shipments of wheat, which is bringing a pretty good price, and giving the farmers more money to pay debts and use as their necessities or convenience may demand, than they have had in years. But unfortunately the staple crop of the South, upon which she depends for the bulk of her money, hardly brings the cost of production, and consequently it isn't a good thing either to market or to bank on. It very often happens that money is plenty and cheap at the money centers when in the South and West it is as scarce as hen's teeth and proportionately dear, and this will continue to be the case while the present tariff and financial systems prevail, and until some system is devised for a better and more equitable distribution of money, and of a kind that may be regulated in quantity by the business demands of the respective States and communities remote from the Eastern money centers. A State banking system is what is needed.

A Washington correspondent of the New York World says on what he calls good authority that the Democratic leaders in Congress favor the passage of a silver bill which will provide for the free coinage of the product of the mines of this country. It this be so, then it is in the nature of a compromise. The principal objection made by the anti-free coinage men was that there would be a rush of silver into this country which would so increase the volume that depreciation would result and the parity between silver and gold be destroyed. But if free coinage be confined to the product of our own mines there can be no such inflation ways, so that there would not be much over 40,000,000 ounces for coinage purposes, an amount which could be very readily absorbed without the slightest monetary derangement. Under the present law it is necessary to purchase six or seven million ounces annually to coin the full amount required. With a bill providing for the coinage of the product of our mines only, there would be really less coined than under the present law, and there would be no necessity for the purchase of any bullion from abroad.

Several of our Southern ports are destined at no distant day to begrowers of Florida are doing. The Salisbury had time to consider the come great grain exporting ports. world will buy just as much of any- proposition, and just before the Notably among these now are New-

veston and New Orleans, neither of which has a regular line of steamers yet, the carrying trade being done by ocean tramps and other vessels chartered for that purpose. Both Galveston and New Orleans are building elevators to enable them better to handle large quantities of wheat, for want of which their export business has been seriously interferred with, but notwithstanding this both have made marked proggress, especially New Orleans, where the shipments of breadstuffs for the past five months amount to \$8,427,-554 as compared with \$1,151,947 for the corresponding period of 1890, nearly seven fold increase, about twice as great as the increase in exports from any other port. This is an indication of this growing It will be remembered, also, that trade which will in time extend to other Southern ports which are now making efforts in that direction.

> Edward M. Field, of New York has been judicially declared a lunatic, some banking firms having testified that they have for some time declined to do business with him because they did not consider him mentally competent to attend to business. This decision gives the Field family a lunatic, but relieves it of a

Dr. Keely says the reason why he does not make the formula of his bi-chloride cure public is that "the barkeepers would only use it to sober their customers up." Another good reason, perhaps, is the \$1,500,000 or so the Doctor is said to be making in doing the sobering up himself.

capitol a few days ago and neither spoke. It was not the first time, however, that these two distinguished citizens nearly collided. Blaine has got on Sherman's track several times.

Uncle Jerry Rusk announces that improved weather forecasts will be issued after Jan. 1. Well, we have been doing pretty well in the weather line down this way, but if Uncle Jerry will improve it in other sections we will not object.

It is said that 2,125 acres of land near Paris supply vegetables for nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants of that district and that a considerable quantity is shipped to London. That shows what gardening or farming on the intensive plan will do.

The daughter of the late Dom Pedro, is said to have such a fine and well trained voice that she could it she would rival the leading vocalists upon the stage. If she ever gets pressed for cash she can go out and raise a few notes.

A pretended clergyman, whom the New York police took in a few days ago, had his wardrobe equipped with the necessary robes to play minister, priest or rabbi, as circumstances or the demand for his services might

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Work to be Begun in January-A Big Thing for Wilmington.

The announcement made in the STAR of kriday morning of the close of the negotiations for the purchase of the Street Railway by a wealthy syndicate, was a nice Christmas present to the people of Wilmington, and one they must have appreciated very highly if their expressions of approval may be taken as a fair index. It was all the more gratifying because the impression had become almost universal that the negotiations had already failed.

The exact terms of the sale have not transpired, but this is a matter of small moment to the general public compared with the known fact that the sale has been effected, and that the work of putting in the electric plant will be begun

The STAR is glad to state, and it must be very gratifying to the people of this city, that the purchasing syndicate is composed of gentlemen of wealth, and that the movement is full of commercial possibilities beyond the construction and operation of an electric railway. This, of itself, will be of untold benefit, giving quick and cheap transportation to all parts of the city; but the owners of the road, who can command millions of dollars, once thoroughly identified with the interests of Wilmington, will seek other investments for their money, thus infusing new life into trade and resulting in

benefit to our entire population. The new organization will assume charge in a few days, and will continue the present horse-car system while the work of transformation is going on, so that the people may not be entirely deprived of facilities of transportation. They will make such changes, however, as may be necessary to give a prompter and better service.

- Mr. H. W. Carroll, of Bennettsville, S. C., was in the city vesterday.

- Dr. E. W. Gasque and J. C. Mace, of Marion, S. C., were in the city

- Mr. John L. Wescott, of Brunswick, is reported dangerously sick at his residence in Southport. - Mr. H. Sharp, of Rocky Point is in the city, enjoying the Christmas

THE STREET RAILWAY.

Sold to a Company of Northern Capitalists Who Will Put in an Electric Plant -A Promising Outlook for the City's

Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr., President of the Wilmington Street Railway Co., returned last night from New York city, where he has been for several days past negotiating with parties who proposed to purchase the Street Railway. He was met upon arrival by a STAR reporter, who was informed by Mr. Bellamy that the negotiations had been completed, the contract closed, and the road sold to capitalists who will take possession of their new purchase on the first day of January next.

The members of the syndicate making the purchase are all millionaires, and their being thus identified with business interests in Wilmington must redound to its welfare and prosperity; and if in their efforts for its advancement they are met with the cordial co-operation of its citizens, the staid old city will start on the biggest boom it has ever experienced.

The new company will put in the finest electric system in the South, costing \$250,000, and will make large expenditures in other directions.

Western Union Rates.

The Charlotte News of the 23rd has the following:

The Western Union Telegraph Company has made a big jump in its charges or the transmission of messages. fact it has doubled its charges. To all points in this State, a message can be sent at the old rates, ten words for 25 cents. But under the new schedule, it costs 50 cents to send ten words to points outside the State. The rates on newspaper specials has also been No reason is given for this unprecedented action by the Western Union, but it is a matter that should be at once be taken in charge of by Con-

The above may apply to Charlotte, but the manager of the Wilmington Secretary Blaine says he has not office, who was called upon by a STAR declared for Foraker, and yet he and reporter, says the only change in the Mr. Sherman nearly collided in the tariff here is an increase of five cents and Sumter, S. C., making the present eost thirty cents.

Nimrods on the War Path.

The Boss, a steam vacht owned by Gen, S. H. Manning, left her wharf yesterday, towing a gondola, and on board the gondola were a festive hunting party bound for pleasure and pelts. This party, each one of whom had powder and lead in his belt and blood in his eye, consisted of Gen. S. H. Manning, Capt, Jno. H. Daniel, Hon. A. M. Waddell, Sheriff Frank H. Stedman, Capt. B. H. Russell and Mr. Geo. R. Morton. Simon Richardson was captain

of the convoy. The larders of the boats were lined with everything the inner man delights in and the magazine was prepared for a seige. Besides these, there was a library for tired hunters ito indulge in while enjoying their siestas and other sundries of liquid character for snake bites.

The following order they have agreed to fill, viz: Deer, 13; Asiatic buffalo, 11; squirrels, 742; ducks and geese, 13,102; quail, 00.

Presentation Ceremonies.

At the closing of Cape Fear Academy for the holidays, a pleasant and significant ceremony occurred, not in the usual line of such affairs. It was pleasant to both teachers and pupils and significant of the respect held by the latter for the former.

The students of the Academy testified their appreciation of their teacher by the presentation of a gold headed cane to Professor Catlett and gold pens each to Protessors Seawell and Scales Messrs. Tom Davis and Henry Peschau made the presentations in felicitous little speeches, which were gracefully

Receiver Appointed for the Clinton Bank From the Clinton Caucasian it is earned that Judge Whitaker appointed Mr. Eugene S. Martin. of this city, receiver of the Clinton Loan Association, which did a banking business, but Mr. Martin declining the Judge appointed W. A. Dunn, Esq., of Scotland Neck.

The Caucasian then goes on to say "If Mr. Dunn does not accept some one else will be appointed who will take charge at once. If the people in this county ever needed a bank it is now, and a new one must be started to come to the rescue of the people who are indebted to the old one.

The Receivership

Mr. W. S. O'B. Robinson, whose appointment as Receiver for the First National Bank has been announced, is expected here Wednesday. The amount of his bond has been fixed at \$35,000. Mr. Alden, the Examiner, will remain here two or three days to give Mr. Robinson the benefit of his experience, and will then leave for his home in Pennsyl-

Homicide on the U. F. & Y. V. B. R. It is reported that on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad train which arrrived here last evening from Mount Airy, a fight in which one was shot and killed by the other. The murderer jumped and made his escape while the train was running at a speed of about 40 miles an

Complete returns from Brunswick county show that out of a total registered vote of over 1,900 only 656 votes were polled in favor of the subscription of \$100,000 to the B., W. & S. Railroad This will probably be the last election of the kind that will be held in Brunswick county during the present century.

Holiday on the Wharves.

All places of business on the wharves, except a few retail stores and shipping and insurance offices were closed yesterday, and Water street had more the appearance of Sunday than Saturday. The Exchange was closed, and no market reports were received or sent out.

RAILROAD NOTES.

- Baltimore Sun: A gloomy Christnas will be the portion of hundreds of the employes of the Richmond and Dan-ville Railroad, under the order for a reduction of 25 per cent. in the shop employes of the entire system which was ssued last week. In Savannah alone one hundred men were discharged. This wholesale discharge of mechanics is a hardship at this time of the year, in the midst of preparations for the holiday season, when the men were least expecting it. The managers say the reduction is in the line of necessary re-

- The Richmond and Danville has abolished extra fares on its "limited" between New Orleans and New York, via Atlanta and Washington, Beginning Sunday, fares on the vestibule trains will be the same as on other reguar trains. This will amount to a considerable saving to the travel, as the extra are between Atlanta and Washington s \$2. A further improvement in the service will be made by running the trains through to New York instead of stopping at Washington as at present. A through Pullman car is now carried from Washington to Augusta by this schedule, and if the travel warrants it will be extended shortly to Savannah.

- The Central Railroad employes will have plenty of time in which to enjoy Christmas, if they can enjoy it under the circumstances. A local order has been issued ordering the closing of the shops of this division from 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, until Monday morning, Jan. 4, 1892. This will give the employes just eleven days rest, including Sunday, without pay The order further stated that there will be no freight trains from 6 o'clock Thursday night, Dec. 24, until 6 o'clock Sunday night, Dec. 27, and from o'clock Thursday, Dec. 31, until 6 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 3, 1892. This will give the train hands six days holiday altogether for Christmas and New Year, without pay. Superintendent Dill, who was seen, said that such orders were customary at this season of the year. He said similar orders had been issued upon all divisions of the Richmond & Danville system.

COTTON FACTS AND FIGURES.

- There is a strong disposition on the part of factors to advance less money to planters for next year's cotton crop. It is believed that the adoption of this plan will certainly result in a decrease of

- The New York future market closed easy yesterday with sales 163,500 bales; December opened at 7.60 and closed at 7.43; January 7.63, and closed 7.48; February 7,80 and closed 7.65; March 7.97 and closed 7.80.

- Cotton receipts at Wilmington for the week ended vesterday 5,855 bales: the corresponding week last year, 3,802. Receipts for the crop year, 131,443, against 142,883 bales to same date last year-a difference of 11,440 bales.

- Augusta Chronicle: A mill president said last night: "This is the first time I have ever known the price of cotton goods to follow the price of cotton In 1884 when cotton goods were so low cotton was high, and in 1886 when the price of cotton goods went up cotton was low. Usually they move in this contrary way, but this year the price of cotton goods has steadily gone down with the price of cotton-in my experience an unprecedented thing.

- New York Bulletin: Bleached cottons have been in regular request as the result of the revision in prices the last three days, and through the many orders that have been given for shipment agents' holdings have undergone a large reduction and in some instances have increased the orders against arrivals The low grades have attracted considerable attention on the part of Southern buyers, and of desirable brands some have been cleaned out and orders for early delivery have been located. Print ing cloths reflect the strong market of late reports, and in proportion as the stocks have been reduced, manufac turers are more unwilling sellers of 64 guares at 3c and 56x60 cloths at 2 9-16c

- The Savannah correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution has interviewed the leading cotton men of that city with | the doctor, that he may wisely regulate regard to the outlook. He found them all awaiting the developments of the new year with much anxiety. If the receipts continue proportionately as heavy as they have been up to this time, the market will be swamped and prices will tumble from seven cents, the present quotation for middling, and the lowest in forty-five years, down, perhaps, to five cents. Then it will be a case of "stand from under," as a factor expressed it, and few people will want to have the staple even at that figure.

- New York Bulletin; There probably a more general inclination to assume that after Christmas the volume of movement will really commence to fall away, with strength to come into the market proportioned to the measure of shrinkage, but past experience makes all hands rather careful about depending upon small receipts until so revealed by actual record at all points. So far as can be learned, the actual consumer remains as a very indifferent operator, and there is said to be some very attractive tenders from the South meeting with neglect. The spot movement is light and no change in quotations has been con-

- Extract from a letter of A. B. Shepperson to W. W. Gordon & Co., cotton factors, Savannah, Ga.: To secure any marked improvement in the price of cotton, the chief essential will be to give to the world some certain assurance that the present large stocks will be diminished in the near future, and not again augmented by another large crop in 1892. If such action should be taken at the South as to induce the belief that the acreage of the next cotton crop would certainly be materially reduced, a liberal advance in prices would almost certainly ensue. Spinners and merchants would not wait for the stocks to be actually largely diminished by reason of a reduced crop, but would discount the fact months in advance of its actual accomplishment.

Mr. C. C. Morse Dead.

Mr. C. C. Morse, a well known citizen of New Hanover county, died at his home on Greenville Sound last Thursday night. He had a stroke of paralysis some two years ago, from which he never fully recovered. He was about 68 years of age. The remains of deceased were buried yesterday in the grave-yard at Lebanon Chapel, Wrightsville Sound, Rev. Dr. Pritchard conducting the services. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. H. Northrop, W. P. wife, Clara L. Field, was appointed to rhage was finally checked and he is now Oldham, H. C. Evans, and Jas. I. Metts. I take charge of his person and estate.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

INFLUENZA-LA GRIPPE.

The Appearance of the Malady-Its Cause

rience with previous influenzas, all o

contrary to the course of its predeces-

sors, this disease which has prevailed so

generally throughout the western world

since the winter of 1889-90, came rap-

idly into Europe-it is now confidently

stated from Bokhara or Central Asia-

and was first carried into Russia. Much

of the country in Asia and all of

lower Russia had in 1889 suffered from

frequent floods, and the winter found

the people surrounded with every con-

dition to rapidly fertilize and spread the

seeds of such a disease as the influenza.

No doubt the increased facilities for

rapid communication and the increased

travel everywhere, afforded the means

for the dissemination of the malady, and

after it had found victims by the hun-

dreds in all Europe, the quiet trust of it

being delayed another year before we

were to make its acquaintance was rude-

Its progress in the United States since

its first advent is a matter of history-

but the tenacity with which it has lived

and reasserted itself is still a surprise

and a source of deep concern. It seems,

at present, that the violence of the

former years has been largely spent, and

that the character of the disease as re-

gards its dangers and its spread in com-

munities has been ameliorated. How-

ever, it is not to be understood that care

is no longer necessary on the

part of individuals-either to escape the

will be a painful

and the magnificent sunshine of our

cleaner and care for the health of the

and their safeguard against sickness

and it is equally the duty of the health

officers to set in order the streets and

ern Russia the epidemic of influen

za received its violent character and

gave it force enough to maintain its

the future existence of this calamity.

"Trust no future however certain".

tul sanitation will secure us against a

well; or set their outdoor life under such

rule that they may escape from the

tediousness that has made convalescence

as painful a period as the days of the

A passenger coming in on the Caro-

lina Central Railroad informed a STAR

reporter last night of two murders

which occurred Christmas day in Robe-

son county. One was near Moss Neck.

A white man, named Marson Britt, shot

Jim Powell, colored, twice, killing

him instantly. Britt was rigged

up as a cooner and the shooting re-

sulted from an old difficulty that oc-

curred several years ago. It was said

that no words passed between them this

time; that Britt rode up to Powell, dis-

The other murder reported is, that

Lester Norment shot and killed a man

by the name of Robertson, near Alfords-

ville; both are white men. It is said it

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

resulted from whiskey drinking.

mounted and shot him down.

put all

forts.

acute attack.

Two Murders

ly shattered by its appearance in the

northern cities of our own country.

Physician.

and Effects-Careful Sanitation May Re-

- Raleigh News and Observer: Grand Secretary Bain, of the Grand Lodge of Masons, announces that the 105th annual communication will assemble in Raleigh January 12th. —Com-missioner Godwin, of Tennessee, has telegraphed Commissioner Robinson urging him to be present at the Convention of Commissioners of Agriculture of the Cotton States to be held in Memphis January 8th. Commissioner Robinson will probably be present.

- Durham Snn: Mrs. R. A. Par-

rish, relict of the late Col. D. C. Par-

rish, died last night about 10.30 o'clock,

at the home of her son, Capt. E. J. Parrish, on Dillard street. She was in her 74th year. — G. W. Farrington was before the Mayor this morning, charged strict Its Ravages-Good Advice from a The reappearance of "the grip" with with obtaining H. C. Jones' check from the Globe Warehouse under false prethe appearance of cold weather bears testimony to its epidemic character and tenses. The amount was \$16 and some its probable origin from a specific germ. cents. He represented himself to be The STAR readers all know with what ones, got the check and drew the noney on it. He was bound over to the complacency they read the telegrams Superior Court in a bond of \$200. two years ago which told of its spread Newbern Journal; Mr. F. I. through Russia first, and thence rapidly Hardison finished a bored well yesterday for Dr. N. H. Street which will supply over all Europe and Great Britain. This water for his two houses adjoining Cen complacency was begotten of an expetenary M. E. Church, The well is 56 feet deep-16 feet being through solid which had travelled slowly, many of rock and ending in sand and gravel at them prevailing a whole winter in Euthe bottom, from which source an abundrope, only to find a new field to range in ance of excellent water is obtained. These wells are coming more and more this country in the following year. But, into use and giving general satisfaction

> purity of that which the wells yield. - Charlotte News: James Mc-Carthy is a young white man who was sometime ago convicted of robbing a store in Pineville and sentenced to three years on the chain gang. His time would have expired next April. Mc-Carthy behaved exceedingly well and was made a "trusty." Three months ago a woman named Farrington was placed on the chain gang for an offence against the laws. The "trusty" lost his nead on the woman and they planned a Christmas elopement. Last night Mc-Carthy unlocked the woman's cell and together they put out on their honeymoon, direction and destination un-

as the intervening rock excludes all sur-

tace water and is an assurance of the

- Raleigh Chronicle: The Sureme Court Wednesday adjourned for he term. --- Wagons loaded with cotton seed were here by the score yesterday. The owners said they had disposed of nearly all their cotton. - Auditor Sanderlin says that there has this year been remarkably little trouble with the pension warrants, 5,000 in number, and that not over half a dozen have been re--A tall and old white man named D. Gooch is in jail. He was caught yesterday at Mo-risville selling moonshine whiskey, his barroom being on wheels-a buggy. The whiskey thus unlawfully vended was the worst kind. Gooch could not give \$200 bond, so

went to jail. - Raleigh Chronicle : The Pullman Palace Car Company have sent to ax assessed by the Railroad Commission upon their property in transit in North Carolina property worth \$130,--Contrary to the rulings of the Railroad Commission on January 10th on the Western North Carolina Railroad a rate on cotton was put into effect at a considerable increase over the rate n effect for two years past, which increase would have seriously affected shipments from Raleigh and other points over the road. On calling it to the attention of President A. B. Andrews he at once promised to have it corrected and restore the old rate.

- Chatham Record: The revenue officers made a raid in this county on ast Friday night and captured about three miles north of this place, twelve or fifteen hundred gallons of "beer" which was just ready to be made into blockade whiskey. - Chatham has lost another venerable and respected citizen in the death of Rev. T. C. Moses, which occurred on last Sunday. He was about 83 years old and for some time had been a superanuated minister of the North climate is to do the work of the street Carolina Conference. — The many friends of our former countryman, Dr. W. A. Hayes, will regret to hear of his their premises in order. It is their duty death, which occurred on last Thursday at Wilkesboro, to which place he had recently removed. He was about 72 years old, and was highly esteemed by alleys. In the damp dirty towns of East-

ill who knew him - Laurinburg Exchange: A week ago last Sunday evening Frank Harllee, colored, who was living on Mr. Hugh stronghold on the civilized world, and L. McLaurin's farm, near McCall, S. C. its birth and early nurture serve as a disappeared with his wife. Afterwards fruitful lesson, if we will profit by it. to Sunday night Frank saw her son and aid us in fixing some definite limits to told him to tell Mr. McLaurin that his wife had run away, and he was going to look for her. Up to last Friday, neither The present promise of a mild epidemic having been seen, Mr. McLaurin's susmay be suddenly broken and only carepicions were aroused, and, with another of his hands, he instituted a search, and continuance of disease and its consefinally found her dead body in Gum quent embarrassments and discom-Swamp, near the run of the swamp, Its serious inroads upon When found a coat and pair of pants health, and its apparent propensity for covered her body. Under the coat was searching out the weak spot in one's make-up, make it doubly necessary for shawl tied around her head. The shawl and bruises on her body indicated the more delicate of our people, espethat he first tied the shawl around her cially the aged, to preserve as far as poshead to keep her from hollowing, then sible the best health attainable, and it tied her to a tree and beat her to death, the disease overtakes them to send for then loosed her from the tree, laid her dead body down on the ground and left the treatment and what probably is it as it was found. What a foul-hearted quite as important, provide proper saledemon! Frank hasn't been seen since. guards against a relapse after they are

- Monroe Regester: The Hessian fly is doing considerable damage to the small grain in Lane's Creek township. - Mr. E. S. Harkness, a well-known magistrate of Vance township, died on Sunday night after a lingering illness with consumption. - There is talk of the organization of a new Building and Loan Association in Monroe, with a State charter. --- Mrs. Sarah A, Lemmond, wife of Thomas W. Lemmond departed this life at 2 o'clock a, m Tuesday. She had a severe attack of the grippe last March, and this ran into consumption, resulting in her death -On Monday night Mr. Tilero Wentz, who lives on the public road near Conder Stinson's gin, in Vance township, went to a neighbor's house after some milk for a sick child. As it was some distance Mr. Wentz rode mule-back, and as he was returning he met a man in the road who deliberately fired at him three times with a revolver. One of the balls struck the bottle containing the milk, which he held in his hand against his breast. This probably saved his life, as the ball was on a line with his heart. It was very dark and Mr. Wenz could not tell who the man was.

- Wadesboro ' Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. Charlie Warner, aged about 27 years, died at his home in Gulledge's township yesterday, of typhoid fever. Benjamin Teal, a prominent citizen of Morven, was committed to jail last Saturday for three days by W A. Pennington, J. P., for contempt of court. - Mrs. Sallie Ratliff, wife of Mr. Wat Ratliff, died at her home in Gulledge's township last Monday, of consumption. Mrs. Ratliff was about 36 years old. — Died, at the residence of Mr. A. G. Bruner, in this place, on the 19th inst., Mr. J. B. Wolfe, aged about 80 years. — Mrs. Jane Sykes, widow of the late Berry Sykes, died at the residence of S. S. Shepherd, in this place, on the 10th inst. Mrs. Sykes was 82 years old. - The new Methodist church is being covered this week with tin shingles. This building, when completed, will be one of the handsomest church edifices in the State, - One night last week a lamp was knocked from a table at the residence of Mr. N. B. Stutts, who lives near Mangum, Richmond county, and broken. The oil ignited and Mr. Stutts, in his efforts to extinguish the flames stepped on the broken lamp and cut his foot almost off -he was in his bare feet, having retired before the accident. Mr. Stutts came

The U. S. Cruisers San Francisco and Charleston En Route to Chili, SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—The cruisers San Francisco, flagship of the Pacific squadron, with Reer Admiral Geo. Brown on board, put to sea from this port this afternoon. It was stated the cruiser might put into Monterey bay for gun-practice, but the fact that the cruiser has an unusually large quantity of guns and ammunition aboard, added to the fact that a number of sailors and marines left here on the Pacific Mail Company's steamer San Jose, last Wednesday, for Acapulco, where, it is understood, they will be drafted into the cruiser Charleston's crew when she arrives from Honolulu, leads to the belief that the San Francisco is on her way to join the Charleston at Acapulco, whence these vessels will proceed to Chili. At a special term of the Supreme Court of New York Judge Dykman ratified and confirmed the finding of the

sickness, or having received the poison to rashly disregard the experience changes of weather that always exist at this season in our latitude, it is necesthese, and the accommodation of dress and person to the variation of temperature will go along ways toward securing an immunity from an attack of the inther discussion; as its meaning is clear enough. But it does become necessary to urge upon the health officers to push forward all means at their command to keep the town clean and wholesome. Let no one suppose that a good hard freeze will serve as a barrier in the progress of an epidemic wildly prevalent in our midst. Crisp wintry air may quicken our energies and in the ap parently purified atmosphere seem to disease at rest in the fresh ness of the days and nights, but sion if the officers of the sanitary corps should seek a rest, too, i the hope that a little frost and ice