POLITICS IN 1T. If there was no politics in the silver coinage question it would-in all probability have been decided before now, and decided, too, in favor of free coinage. President Harrison said in his message that a majority of the American people would favor free coinage if they could get it on an international basis of coin values, and he might have said with as much reason that a majority of the Amerigardless of any international understanding.

There is no more probability of such an agreement ever being arrived at than there-is of the Gulf stream-freezing over. If such a matter could be settled by an understanding between two or three of the leading commercial nations it might be done, but there is not the slightest probability of getting any Every nation will and necessarily must be the judge of the value to put upon its own coin, and while this value differs as widely as it does probability of ever getting the nations to come together and act

Some Volupuk enthusiasts live in

the belief that the time will come when the nations of all the earth will swap horses in the same language, a universal language, which fruit business, Volupuk will become the cotton grown on them. supreme, but not till then. It was proposed by some one sometime ago that the nations of the earth get together in convention and decide upon a universal coin, which would be at home in all countries and recognized at its face value in all. That would be a good idea, if practicable, a decided improvement on the international coin standard because it would not only bring silver into recognition but would totally abolish the distinctions which now exist in the coins of the nations of the earth and make them of the same value in every country. Then any piece of money issued by any government would pass current in any other country, for it would not be the coinage of any nation but of the world. There is about as much probability of that as there is of the other, but not the shadow of a probability of either.

The opponents of free coinage know that there is not the remotest probability of ever reaching the inter-national agreement that they insist upon as a condition of free coinage, and this is a mere pretence of a willingness to do something under certain conditions when they are morally satisfied that the conditions will never be reached.

There are two classes of people who are figuring actively on this question; both for and against free coinage, the money power, with the politicians who are afraid of the money power on one side, against it, and the people who want more money with the silver mine owners, and the politicians who are afraid of the people on the other. With the money power and the silver mine owners, it is simply a question of a practical business character by which their particular interests will be, in their opinion at least, materially affected for weal or for woe. The less silver is coined the smaller the volume of the currency will be and the greater the demand for the money which the moneylenders have to lend, the interest on which will be proportionately affected, while the silver mine owner is interested in free coinage, because creases the demand for the bullion out of which the coin is made. There Democrats and Republicans.

majority of them is governed althe coinage question would have on the prospects of the party to which they belong. If they were sure that free coinage | Hill. would be the popular and winning card to play, it would be a nip and tuck race between the Republican and the Democratic politicians to see which could play it first and the strongest. But there's the rub. They are not sure of that and therefore both play shy. They are both pretty well satisfied that a majority of the people of the country are in favor of free coinage of both silver and gold, but unfortunately the majority of people do not decide all elections in | was then reduced to \$150, and this being this country, for there is an institu- furnished by J. E. Reese, Mr. Chadwick tion called the electoral college, was released,

which sometimes elects the candidate who has the smaller number of votes. Under this system there are now and have been for some years certain States which are pivotal States, and whose vote regardless of the popular vote of the country at large decides Presidential elections, and it so happens now that these States are opposed to the free coinage of silver. That's where the politics comes in. These States are mighty because they hold the balance of power and the politicians are playing for them.

## MINOR MENTION.

ment for a reduction of cotton acreage may amount to something. The call of the Commissioner of Agriculture of Alabama for a convention of cotton growers, has been supplemented by the calling of a convention of Commissioners, to meet at Memphis, on the 6th of January, and by a big meeting of cotton planters, merchants, cotton factors and others at Augusta, Ga., Tuesday, in which can people would tayor free coinage the sentiment was decidedly in favor both of silver and gold entirely re- of a reduction. After discussing the matter fully the convention passed some strong resolutions, giving the reasons why there should be a reduction of acreage, and calling a convention to meet at Augusta on the 27th of January next. It also appointed delegates to attend the Memphis convention and co-operate with it in formulating some effective plan. This should not be a difficult thing to do, respectable number of nations into if the cotton planters generalit to make it amount to anything. ly honestly co-operate in the move ment. It is known what the world's consumption of cotton is, and it is also known, approximately at least, what the world's acreage is. It is among the nations there will be little known what the demand for American cotton is, and what the world must have annually, and what is left together from an international stand- after this demand is supplied. It can be easily told what per centage of reduction will be necessary to get within the mark. There will be no danger of too great a reduction. Half the acreage next year will bring the planters more money than will be spoken everywhere, and by they get for the whole crop of this everybody. When Adam comes year. The acres taken from cotton for. back, hunts around and finds his can be given to corn, oats, &c., which garden and goes again into the will be worth as much or more than

This Dr. Peters, who is down in East Africa ostensibly for the purpose of exploring, seems to be less intent on exploring than on butchering the natives who object to being plundered. It may be that he is insane, as some charitably think, but whether he is insane or not, he is not a fit man to be at large in Africa or anywhere else with guns at his command and a license to kill. A man who will deliberately sit down and tell how he shot down one hundred and twenty of those almost defenceless natives in seven hours and boast of it if not insane is much more of a savage than the people he shot down. This slaughter was committed in a portiou of Africa where the people are of gentle disposition and where hunting parties of white men, sometimes accompanied by women, have moved around with perfect freedom, unmolested and safe from harm. But when Peters explores he never carries any provisions with him, expects to live on the natives, and if they object to being plundered he shoots them down. By virtue of what right does he make this cruel warfare on these people: Has the Government which commissioned him to explore the right to authorize him to butcher? The Government that does it disgraces itself and the brute that perpetrates these butcheries disgraces the civilization that he claims to represent.

By the decision of the Court of Appeals the Democrats have a majority in the State Senate. They had a majority in the House and now they have both branches of the Legislature. The Democrats have 16 in the Senate; the Republicans 15, with one of these in doubt. Gov. Hill knew what he was doing when he made the stubborn fight he did make over four seats which were in dispute and claimed by both parties. The Republicans boldly claimed them, had laid their plans to steal them, and if Gov. Hill had been a man of less nerve and determination they would probably have succeeded. His pluck has triumphevery additional dollar coined in- ed, and they can't raise the cry of fraud, because he has been sustained by both the State Board of Canis no politics in it with them. It is vassers and by the Court of Appeals. purely business. On both sides are | The stubborn fight the Republicans made to hold the Senate was to pre-But with the politicians it is all vent the reapportionment of the politics, and the course of the large State, which they feared if the Democrats got control of both Houses. together by the effect their The reapportionment will doubtless advocacy of one or the other now be made, and henceforth New York may be counted on as a pretty safely Democratic State. We present our compliments to Governor

> Mr. Robt. Chadwick who struck Monroe Toomer, colored, with a gun Christmas day (as published in the STAR a few days since), was called up before Mayor Ricaud yesterday morning, but Monroe not being able to appear, investigation of the case was postponed. Dr. Sheppard was sent out to Monroe's house, near Ninth and Castle streets, to

The Case of Mr. Robt, Chadwick.

ascertain the extent of his injuries. When it will be an achievement. he returned, he reported to the Court that it was only a scalp-wound and was not dangerous. Mr. Chadwick's bond

OBITUARY.

Capt. John Bragg, the Well Known Telegraph Operator, Falls a Victim to

Capt. John Bragg, Associated Press operator in the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, died yesterday evening about half-past seven o'clock, from an attack of grip, complicated with bronchial trouble. He had been suffering for some time with a severe cold, but it was not until the night of Thursday last-Christmas eve-that he succumbed to the severity of the attack and relinquished his place at the key. Since then he had been confined to his room, receiving the best of attention from his medical adviser, and Mr. C. C. It begins to look as if the move-Brown, the manager of the Western Union office here.

Capt. Bragg had been a resident of Wilmington for the past seven or eight years, and was aged about fifty years. He was a son of the late Gov. Bragg, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. During the war beween the States he served in the Army of Northern Virginia and in the army of the West. For several years afterwards he was connected with the newspaper press of this State, at Charlotte and Raleigh, and at one time was on the editorial staff of the Sentinel with the late Josiah Turner. He was a man-of marked reserve in manner, except with his chosen friends, with whom he was ever cordial, frank and open, and kindhearted and generous to a fault.

Soon after Capt. Bragg was taken sick he told Mr. C. C. Brown, of the Western Union office, that in the even of his death he wished his remains sen to Raleigh for interment. In accordance with this request and by direction of his brother-in-law, Mr. C. D. Heartt of Raleigh, who was telegraphed to, the body of the deceased was prepared for burial last night by Mr. Woolvin, funeral director, and the casket containing the remains will be taken to Raleigh, leaving Wilmington at 10.15 this morning.

XMAS AT MAGNOLIA. How the Holidays Were Celebrated-An

Unending Round of Enjoyment. The quiet little town of Magnolia certainly needs-merits-a word in the STAR. The holidays came and are passing, but not without one continued strain of enjoyment. We are graced with the company of a dozen young ladies from different parts of the State, and no better, prettier or more entertaining a lot could we have were it tried

The Magnolians are good, too Magnolian is saying so. They have tried and succeeded in entertaining their company and themselves. On Xmas day a grand parade of horsemen was given under the command and control of Mr. W. Fred. Pickett, who did honor to the "clownish" part of the

For the size of the town "we" think our parade could compete with Wilmington's "Gala Week"; no reflection on the latter, but a compliment to the former. There was something for us every night during these holidays; but especially must Tuesday night's "fancy dress festival" be mentioned; no better cause than for the benefit of the poor; no better conducted affair, having had naught to occur to mar the pleasure of

It is said that no handsomer decorations were ever seen in Magnolia than we had up at the old college on Tuesday night. The whole was ably conducted by Misses McMillan, Johnson, Heath and others, and the hearts of those ye always have with you" will be made glad this morning; and those that live to do good will be made glad. So a happy Christmas is almost over and a happy New Year here!

Sol Haas on the Southern Situation. Mr. Sol Haas, traffic manager of the Richmond and Danville system, and a former citizen of Wilmington, says that the South is not as bad off as some people say it is. - Cotton is low, but the South has made up for the loss on cotton by raising all the grain and meat it needed. He believed the South owes less money to-day than it owed ten

About one-quarter of the cotton remains to be moved. The South has increased wonderfully in manufactures and general business in the past few years, and on the whole Mr. Haas believes that next year will be a good year for the Southern railroads and the people. He predicts a big year for

## AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

The treasury department is determined to enforce the provisions of the Act of Congress approved February 21, 1891, relating to the marking of vessels' names on their bow and stern and providing for the marking of draughts. The Act in question is as follows:

"Section 4,178. The name of every documented vessel of the United States shall be marked upon each bow and upon the stern, and the home port shall also be marked upon the stern. These names shall be painted or carved and gilded, in Roman letters in a light color on a dark ground, or in dark color on a light ground, and to be distinctly visible. The smallest letters used shall not be less in size than four inches. If any vessels of the United States shall be found without these names being so marked the owner or owners shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each name omitted: Provided, however, that the names on each bow may be marked within the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one. "Section 2. The draught of every reg-

istered vessel shall be marked upon the stem and stern post in English feet or decimeters, in either Arabic or Roman numerals. The bottom of each numeral shall indicate the draught of that line. "The owner, agent or master of every inspected sea-going steam or sail vessel shall indicate the draught of water at which he shall deem his vessel safe to

be loaded for the trade she is engaged in, which limit as indicated shall be stated in the vessel's certificate of inspection, and it shall be unlawful for such vessel to be loaded deeper than

stated in said certificate."

No River and Harbor Bill, The Democratic leaders in Congress concur in the opinion that there will be no river and harbor bill, or if there is one it will be limited to take care of such works only as are absolutely indispensable. The public building appropriations, too, will be limited, and in every way possible the majority will seek to get back to the landmarks of the last House they controlled. If they do thus

"What de precher talk bout to-day, brudder Julius?" "Oh, he telled bout Samson beat dem Philistines, en, you know I mose cry to tink dem poor creeters couldn't get no Salvation

FROM THE NORTH TO FLORIDA.

The Atlantic Coast Line's Special Service for Tourist Travel-The Finest Trains

in the World. On January 4th, 1892, the Atlantic Coast Line will put on another through train from New York to Florida, leaving New York at 9.30 a. m., arriving at Jacksonville 7.00 p. m. next day (only one night out,) making three through fast trains per day, with through Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars from Boston to Jacksonville; New York to Tampa and Port Tampa, (alongside steamer for Cuba); New York to Jacksonville; New York to Thomasville; New York to

On January 18th the magnificent "New York and Florida Special," running through to St. Augustine, Fla., will also be added, making in all twenty-four trains each way per week, the most complete service ever offered to Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Florida and Cuba.

The equipment and general character of train service over this line is equalled by few and excelled by none, while the "Florida Special" is without doubt the finest train in the world. The beautiful drawing-room cars, the "Ideal" and "Superb" will, as heretofore, form part of the equipment of these trains. They are the only complete drawing-room cars ever built, and are run exclusively over the Atlantic Coast Line.

This line is so situated that two hours south of Richmond tourists encounter the influence of the Gulf Stream, and all the conditions which constitute the genial and balmy Southern climate, making it the natural as well as the shortest and most popular route from the North to Florida .- Wilmington (N.

The Robeson County Homicides.

Concerning the two homicides i Robeson county last week-one near Alfordsville and one near Moss Neckthe following particulars have been obtained:

Leslie Norment, who is charged with killing a man named Robertson, near Alfordsville, is a son of "Black' Owen Norment, who was killed years ago by the Lowery outlaws. Robertson attended a party Christmas Eve near Alfordsville, and during the evening Leslie Norment went to the house and called Robertson out. There were no eve-witnesses of the affair, but Robertson, later in the night was found dead near the house, stabbed in several places and shot through the head. Norment has not yet been arrested, but he is thought to be in the neighborhood of Alfordsville

In the affair at Moss Neck, it is said that Marson Britt had on a woman's dress and a false-face, or mask. He drove up in a buggy, and without any provocation shot Powell dead. Britt hen took to the swamp, where he left his disguise and came out. He was very drunk, and told some one if he killed Powell he didn't know it. He had not been arrested at last accounts.

THE GOLDSBORO TRAGEDY. The Evidence Upon Which Weightman

Thompson Was Held for the Murder of the Pearsall Family, The Goldsboro Argus of yesterday

n relation to the murder and burning of the Pearsall family near that place.

The circumstances that surroun Weightman Thompson and that guided the coroner's jury very properly in holding him to answer for the murder of Pearsall and his family are these in brief Thompson was the last man known to be with Pearsall before the crisp remains of the latter were found in the burnt dwelling. Thompson had gone nome with him that evening from Rob't Ham's, and Pearsall carried with him from Ham's a suit of clothes and a pair of suspenders that he had purchased in this city on Monday and had left at Ham's on Tuesday till a more convenient time to carry them home, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon in company with Thompson. Pearsall's home and himself and family were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. These clothes and suspenders were found hid away in the woods in Thompson's valise subsequent to the burning, and he claims that he purchased them in Halifax; but the clothes and suspenders are thoroughly identified as being the ones purchased by Pearsall in this city and the same that he left Ham's with Wednesday; so there is no question of Thompson's felonious possession of the clothes.

Some statements of Thompson, very damaging to him, were testified to by witnesses, but as they were conflicting we withhold them.

A woman's earrings were found in Thompson's possession, but as yet they are unidentified, and as he has made no statement in his own behalf under oath or on the witness stand, we defer comment on this point.

Successful Hunt.

Dr. J. E. Matthews and Mr. B. G. Empie had a fine day's sport in Duplin county last Saturday. It was a partridge hunt, of course. It was after 10 o'clock a. m. when they reached the point of attack, and from then until after sundown they had all the fun they could reasonably ask. They found sixteen coveys and bagged fifty-two birds; and it was a sight to see "Cousin Gwath." marching down Front street, Saturday night, with fifty-two partridges swung over his shoulders.

Of course, there were many interesting incidents during the hunt. At one covey each hunter discharged one barrel as the birds rose and brought down five, and each killed two with one barrel out of another covey. The birds were nearly all found in or near the woods, having apparently deserted the

fields that were cropped this year. Additional Mail Facilities Needed.

Mr. J. T. Foy, of Scott's Hill, who was in the city yesterday, is in charge of all moneys which he has, or may have, a petition to be forwarded to the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., asking that a daily mail be established between this city and Jacksonville, Onslow county, by way of the W., O. & E. C. Railroad. Strange to say, although the road has been in operation for nearly a year, it has not yet had a mail contract. There have been two mails a week, carried over a Star route: that is. by the dirt roads. The people are clamoring now for better mail facilities, and no doubt they will get them.

The Receiver Here. Mr. W.S. O'B. Robinson, Receiver of the First National Bank, arrived last night to enter upon the discharge of his duties. His arrival is gratifying to all who are interested in the affairs of the

suspended bank.

A DISASTROUS ENDING.

A Hunting Party Comes to Grief-Its Boats and all Equipments Burned. The party of hunters who started out rom this city last week under such glorious auspices to slaughter bucks and does in the wilds of Pender county, met with disaster yesterday while in camp at Bordeaux's Landing on Northeast river near Castle Hayne, all their boats, camp equipage and other effects being destroyed by fire, which broke out about 11 o'clock yesterday morning while the members of the party were on a deer drive.

The fire was first discovered by Simor Richardson, the colored engineer of the steam yacht Boss. He had left the landing at 7 o'clock in the morning in a row boat and with one of the hunters of the party went up the river to a stand. Rich ardson remained in the boat and seeing a large volume of smoke in the direction of the camp, rowed towards it and found both the yacht Boss and the gondola in a blaze. He attempted to get on board the gondola to save the effects of the party, but some of the supply of gunpowder on the burning craft exploded, and hurled him back into the water. He caught on the edge of, the row-boat he had left and which had overturned, and clung to it in a semiconscious condition until he was rescued by Mr. James Bordeaux, living in the neighborhood, who was attracted to the place by the noise of the explosion. He was assisted in his efforts to rescue Richardson by Capt. Ino. H. Daniel, of the party, who had arrived in a row-boat, It is supposed the fire originated in the cabin of the gondola from the stove. All the effects of the party were de-

stroyed, including a deer which was killed by Sheriff Stedman last Saturday. The Boss, a small steam yacht, and the gondola, both belonged to Gen. S. H. Manning, and were valued at about \$5 000 with the fittings and equipments. They were insured, but not for an

amount sufficient to cover the loss. The party consisted of Mr. Geo. L Morton, Sheriff F. H. Stedman, Gen. S. H. Manning, Capt. Jno. H. Daniel and Capt. B. H. Russell. All returned to the city last night by train, with the exception of Gen. Manning and Capt. Russell who remained to look after the row-boats and a few other effects that were saved.

The party had excellent sport and brought back one deer with them which was killed yesterday morning by Capt.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Meeting of the Board-Tressurer Hewlett's Bond-Liquor Licenses Granted The Board of Commissioners met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Present: H. A. Bagg, Chairman; B. G. Worth, E. L. Pearce, Jas. A. Mont-

gomery and Roger Moore. The chairman announced the purpose of the meeting, to confer with the Commissioners of Pender county in regard to Northeast ferry.

The two Boards discussed the matter of establishing a free ferry over North-

On motion, it was ordered that the matter be referred to attorney Junius Davis, and the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Pender county, Mr. J. T. Foy, was requested to furnish the attorney with all papers-applications, petitions, etc .- relating to the ferry, and that Mr. Davis look into the legality of establishing said free ferry and report.

Elijah Hewlett, County Treasurer, presented his official bond in the sum of \$70,000, with the following sureties: W. H. Chadbourn justifying for \$15,000; J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., for \$75,000; Nathaniel Jacobi for \$5,000, and John Wild-

er Atkinson for \$25,000. On motion, the sureties being satisfactory, the bond was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

Applications for license to retail liquor were then taken up and the following were granted, viz: Adrian & Vollers. Front and Dock streets: Geo. H Brown, Sixth street; J. M. Bremer, Front and Nun; Wm. Genaust, Fourth and Hanover; J. D. Dosher, Third and Harnet; J. H. Boesch, Fourth and Brunswick; Thos. Gore. South Water; Bridgers & Rankin, North Front; Glaymeyer & Kuck, North Water; L. Vollers, South Front; J. G. L. Gieschen, Front and Dock; J. W. Duls, South Front; D. Stelges, Sixth and Castle; G. W. Linder, Front and Dock; M. Schnibben, Market and Water; I. B. Rhodes, Second and Princess; J. D. Stelges, North Water; J. W. Fuches, Front and Orange; M. F. Croom & Co., North Water; M. F. Croom & Co., Mulberry and Water; D. N. Chadwick, Market; B H. J. Ahrens, Seventh and Market; F W. Ortmann, North Second; J. Heart & Bro., South Front; J. D. Oldenbuttel Tenth and Market; J. W. Rulfs, Front and Walnut: Wm. Ulrich. South Front; The Purcell House; M. O'Brien, Nutt and Red Cross; C. L. Horner, Ocean View; H. Haar, Seventh and Chesnut; J. M. Mayland, North Front; B. Bellois, Market: H. T. Duls, Eighth and Chesnut; Geo. H. Heyer, North Fourth; C. Richters, Fourth street; C. F. VonKampen, Fourth and Church and Seventh and Castle; A. C.

Wessell, Market and Second; M. Rathien, Sixth and Swann; J. O. Nixon, Nixon street; C. Schulken, Fourth and Nixon; Peter Mohr, Twelfth and Market; W. H. Bell, South Front. E. D. Frey's application was laid over until next Monday.

In the matter of the Dawson Estate, application for reduction of assessment on the National Bank building-the valuation was reduced from \$30,000 to Ordered, by the Board, that the Sher-

iff of New Hanover County turn over in his hands belonging to the county of New Hanover, by virtue of his office as Sheriff, to Elijah Hewlett, Treasurer of New Hanover County, aforesaid. Fire Near Cronly.

Last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, the dwelling, store and stables of Mr. J. T. Lamb, near Cronly, were destroyed by fire, together with the stock of goods in the store and most of his household effects-only one trunk and part of the bedding in the house being saved. The horses and mules in the stables were saved with much difficulty. Mr. Lamb says he had only small insurance on his stock, etc, The fire is supposed to have

been caused by an incendiary. - Mr. A. B. Pearsall and L. D. Pearsall, of Red Springs, N. C., were in FOR FALSE PRETENCE.

The Case Against John C. Davis Cailed for Preliminary Hearing. A large crowd-fully 800 people-

gathered at the county court house yesterday morning, all eager to know the outcoming of the case of false pretence against Mr. John C. Davis. At 10.55 o'clock the defendant entered he court room accompanied by Jailor King and a deputy sheriff. All eyes. eager to catch the first glimpse, were turned toward the prisoner as he walked crect and boldly, occasionally stopping to shake hands with some friend and bowing to many.

He still wore his black Prince Albert suit and seemed in appearance as well as usual, with the exception that some marks of care could be traced upon his countenance by careful discernment. In the court room he was given perfect liberty. He moved about, talked to several members of the bar, and finally took a seat beside his counsel, Col. Thos. W. Strange. At 11 o'clock the deputy sheriff proclaimed silence, and his Honor, John J. Fowler, devil. called the case. Col. A. M. Waddell for the State, said that he was ready, and Col. Strange asked that the Court indulge the defendant for a few minutes so that he could have time to send for Mr. J. D. Bellamy, Jr., the associate at-

eason had not made his appearance. The Court took a recess for ten minites, and at the end of that time Col. Strange said that the defence would not onger ask the detention of the Court, but would waive an examination.

torney for the defence, who for some

The defendant was required to give a bond of \$750 for his appearance on the first Monday in January, 1892, at the Criminal Court of New Hanover county. The witnesses bound over were Mrs. E. J. Fanning, Miss Lou Way, Sol. C. Weill, and the Register of Deeds, John

Haar, Ir.

Mr. Dayis failed to give bond and was recommitted to jail.

The charge in this case was by Mrs E. J. Fanning for false pretences; but there is another by her for perjury, and there are others by Mrs. Dixon, a widow lady, for false pretences, forgery and

Several persons called on Mr. Davis at the jan yesterday morning before the hearing, among whom were Dr. Swindell, Presiding Elder, and some ladies He talked with all and seemed to be in good spirits.

A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

Three Young Men Arrested for a Deadix

Marshal Kerman, Mike Dowling and Walter Galloway, all under 21 years of age, were arrested about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon last Thursday night on Mr. Wm. Grant. The case was called at 10 a. m. before

Mayor Ricaud. Dr. Shepard, one of the physicians attending Mr. Grant, said that the condition of the latter was critical, and it was very doubtful if he would survive the injuries received.

Testimony given by witnesses of the unfortunate occurrence showed that on Christmas Eve Mr. Grant, with two companions, passed five young fellows on the corner of Seventh and Chesnut streets, when a difficulty arose between Grant and Mike Dowling, one of the crowd. Soon after the row began Marshall Kerman ran around the corner. pulled a board from a tree fender, and (he claims) as he came back Grant started at him, and he struck Mr. Grant with the board on the side of the head. Dowling stated that he struck Grant with a stick about his shoulders just before. The witnesses for the State said that as Mr. Grant was engaged fighting one of the crowd, another ran up behind and struck him on the head, and that only one lick was struck and that with a board.

Kerman and Dowling were required to give bond in the sum of \$500 each, for their appearance at the Criminal Court and Galloway's bond was fixed at \$250. They were committed to jail in default of bail. But later, Galloway secured bondsmen and was released.

COTTON FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Cotton nominal at 71/6c for middling; quotations same date last year,

- Savannah News: Cotton growers ought to begin to see that there is not much prospect of a very great improve ment in the price of cotton as long as the supply is greater than the demand for it. It begins to look as if the present crop would go considerably beyond 8,000,000 bales. Bradstreets' latest estimate is 8,490,000 bales. In the face of the heavy receipts at the ports an improvement in the price of cotton cannot be reasonably looked for. It is a very difficult matter to get cot-

ton growers to plant less cotton. The more such a course is urged upon them the less inclined they seem to be to adopt it. They all agree that they cannot afford to grow cotton at the present price, but each seems to think that the other will give less attention to cotton next year, and that therefore there will be a short crop, and consequently a better price. The price of cotton was low during a large part of last season, because the crop was so large, but in the face of the unprofitable price we have another enormous crop. It really looks as if the cotton growers intended to supply until forced to reduce it by their lack of means to plant as many acres as

they have in the last two or three years. -Augusta Chronicle: Farmers in this section are specially hurt by the situation, because the low prices come on top of a short crop, so that while cotton is selling unprecedentedly low they have only a small quantity to sell even at the low prices, while their guano and other bills are as large as usual. Their liabilities are as large as ever, but their receipts are greatly curtailed. In Texas they are not so badly hurt, because they have comparatively no fertilizers to buy, and they have made a tremendous crop. Though prices are very low they have so much to sell that their income is large anyhow, but here prices are low, and the farmers have very little to sell.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the Liver be inactive, you have a Bilious Look, if your stomach be disordered you have a Dyspeptic Look, and it your Kidneys be affected you have a Pinched Look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alterative and Tonic, acts directly on these vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blotches, ALABAMA OUTLAWS.

Citizens Aroused and Determined to Exterminate the Outlaws.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 27.-Terrible scenes are being enacted in Choctaw county. The citizens are wrought to such a pitch of excitement that a war of extermination is being waged against the Simsites. Since Christmas two more of the deluded people have been hoisted to death at a rope's end. A special to the Register from Shubuta this morning tells of the lynching on Saturday night of John Sims, brother of Bob Sims, and of Mosley Sims, Bob's nephew. According to the last reports received, a crowd was in full pursuit of a negro who is reported to have taken part in the McMillan massacre of Dec. 28rd. When caught he will be strung up. The most alarming thing about the situation is that brother of Bob, and who rescued Bob from the deputy marshal

at Bladon Springs, in Choctow county, in August last, is still at large and determined to avenge Bob's death. Neal is a desperate man. He firmly believes that his brother was a prophet from God, and had divine sanction to kill off the law's agents, namely, officers of the

A special dispatch to the Register says that Neal Sims has collected a party of Simsites and sent word Sunday that he intended to assault and burn the village of Womack Hill before night of that day. The people are greatly excited and all were massing at Womack Hill to detend the place. The enraged people, on Sat urday morning, after the lynching of Bob Sims and his four followers, wrecked Sims' house and burned it to the ground, and then killed every living thing on the place except members o his family who escaped to a neighbor's house, and who were moved as soon as

REDUCE THE ACREAGE. Convention of Cotton Planters and Factors Called to Meet in Augusta, Ga.

possible to another State. The body of

Bob Sims and the three Savages were

taken down Saturday and thrown over

the wall into the graveyard. John Sav-

January 27th. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

age still hangs suspended.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 29 .- An important meeting was held in the Augusta Exchange to-day, to discuss plans for reducing the cotton acreage. Remarks were made by a number of cotton factors and other leading business men, emphasizing the necessity for curtailing next year's cotton crop. The following resolutions were adopted, "WHEREAS, The Augusta Exchange desires in every practical way to foster the interests of farmers and thereby promote the general advancement of the South; and, whereas, it has become self-evident, that the production of cotton by Southern planters exceeds the demands of the world's consumption, at remunerative price; be it therefore "Resolved, That a convention of cotton planters, Alliance men, merchants, cotton factors, presidents of the several agricultural societies, commissioners of agriculture in the cotton States, and members of cotton exchanges in

ton States, be called to meet at Augusta on the 27th of January, 1892; the purpose of the convention being to coperate with and assist planters and Alliance men in formulating some effective plan to curtail the cotton acreage and relieve the burden now resting upon the agricultural interests of the South. The meeting was earnest and was argely attended. Three delegates were elected to the Memphis meeting, to be

Georgia, the Carolinas, and other cot-

held January 6th. The date for the onvention was selected with a view to securing the benefit of special railroad rates given to Augusta's annual carnival-one cent a mile for 250 miles, and one fare for the round trip for greater distances.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE. Decision in the Court of Appeals on Con tested Election Cases. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29 .- The decis-

ions in the Court of Appeals in Senator-

at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Decisions appear to have this effect, so far as Democratic and Republican counsel agree. In the Onandago Senatorial and Assembly districts, the Democratic canlidates will get certificates. In the Steuben Senatorial district, the Court holds that Sherwood, (Rep.) is melligible, but Sherwood's attorney, however, says, the Court holds that the Board cannot give a certificate to Walker, the Democratic candidate. In the Rensselar, Washington, Senatorial district Derby, Republican candidate, will get the certificate. In the Dutchess county district, Judge Cody, counsel for Deane, Rep.) says the Court holds the decison that while the "Mylod" certificate could be canvassed, so far as regards its form, yet allegations as to its truthfulness and regularity on behalf of the Republicans have not been met by the Democrats, and therefore the State Board of Canvassers should await another return from Dutchess county.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.-The Democrats have won. They already had control in the Assembly, and to-day the decision of the Court of Appeals and State Board of Canvassers gives two of the four disputed Senatorial districts to the Democrats, thus making the Democratic vote 16. The Republicans have 15, but there is one in doubt.

KANSAS SENATORSHIP. Disgraceful Scramble After the Lat Senator Plumb's Place. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30,-A special from Topeka, Kansas, says: The struggle for the appointment to the vacancy in the U.S. Senate, made vacant by the death of Senator Plumb, has developed into a disgraceful scramble. The contest has not been a very dignified degenerated into a fight, is quite as disgusting to the Governor, who will make the appointment, as it doubtless is to people of Kansas and the outside world Each candidate has established headquarters and maintains them as if there was a whole Legislature to work upon instead of one poor Governor. The various candidates hold conferences to armuch after the fashion of a hot political election. The Governor says he now understands that he made a mistake in offering each man an opportunity of stating his claim to him. He ought, he where her father was, when her clothing says, to have made the appointment before the candidates had an opportunity to organize their forces and contest the appointments so bitterly.

There are very few new developments to-day. The Farmers' Alliance, through the chairman of the executive committee, sent a written demand to the Governor this morning that he call an extra session of the Legislature to choose a of his contract with the North Carolina successor to Plumb. The fact that the present Legislature is controlled by the Farmers' Alliance, and that Gov. Humphrey is a Republican, places an extra session out of the question entirely.

"Perched upon a bust of Pallas," or better yet, on some handy shelf, the sensible housekeeper has her bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and when the Bolls and gives a good complexion. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store, 50c. of croup she cures the little one in no per bottle. the city yesterday and registered at The at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store, 50c. of croup she cures the little one in no

## SPIKITS TURPENTINE.

- Charlotte Chronicle: There are one hund of students from North Caroina at the Baltimore Medical College, Of this number eight are from Stokes

county. -Salisbury Ferald: Messrs. Eames Earnhardt, furniture deale s, made an assignment of Christmas day for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities of the firm about \$2,000. Assets will not reach that amount.

- Lumberton Robesonian: W. earn from Mr. W. A. McKinnon, conractor on our court house, who left Rockingbach last Monday morning, that there were two assignments in Rockingham that day: Mr. A. M. Long and Mr. Caudle. The assets and liabilities are not known. Mr. T. J. Gathrie s assignee for Long.

- Goldsboro Argus: The only casualty the Argus has to report from the Christmas jollifications in this city is that Pomp Pearsall had his right eve blown out and his ratht hand so badly lacerated by the explosion of a cannon cracker that two of his fingers had to be amputated. He was just in the act of throwing the eracker when it exploded with such painful and distressing dam-

- Greensboro Record: The window of I. H. Harris' shoe and harness store was broken open Saturday night. and \$25 or \$30 worth of shoes and leggins stolen. The police found the winlow broken about 2 a. m., and notified Mr. Harris. The rogue was evidently frightened away, as he failed to get all the goods in the show case. It was a bold robbery, as it was in full view of the bright electric light only one hundred feet away.

- Raleigh Chronicle: The revenue officials yesterday received advices of the seizure at Gilbert, Moore county, of an illicit distillery. - The site of the Baptist Female State University is now fully decided upon. It is the one on the Pullen and Adams property,near the capitol, chosen over a year ago. Considerable payments have been made and last Thursday the payment for the Adams property was completed (\$2,000). The Adams house is not purchased. The trustees say they do not need that. They will raise more money quite rapidly now.

- Asheville Citizen: A. P. Rheinhardt an Asheville carpenter with his wife, mother, brother and a man named Spivey, were walking on Charlotte street the night before Christmas when they met a negro man. The negro insisted on having the larger part of the sidewalk, when Spivey jokingly observed they "would have it made wider for his especial benefit." The pegro, who was in liquor fired off a pistol into the party, the ball striking A. P. Rheinbardt on the right side of the neck, penetrating the neck, and narrowly missing the carotid artery. The negro was not recognized and after the shooting ran

- Durham Sun: Jerry Walker, a well-to-do colored man, living at Hickstown, was in the city Thursday and that evening about 11 o'clock undertook to walk home on the R. & D. R. R. In crossing the Carr street trestle he fell in. it is presumed, headforemost, a distance of some fifteen feet. His skull was fractured and he was found Christmas morning where he fell, dead, - Some three thousand people, of all ages, colors and conditions, assembled in Roxboro Saturday to witness the public execution of Badger Lawson, the negro who murdered a family in that county and then set fire to the house some months ago. He was hanged at the Poor House of the county, some

three or four miles from town. - Lexington Dispatch: We are sorry to chronicle the sad and sudden death of Mrs. W. F. Benson, which occurred at her home three miles south-- Rev. A. R. Holtshouser informs us that some one broke in his house recently in broad day-light, while the tamily were from home, and stole a good silver watch and several other things. Burglaries are getting to be very numerous. - Dorcas Lewis an old colored woman of our town, died on the 15th inst., and was at the time of her death exactly 100 years, 11 months and 20 days old. Besides the children she has out West, she had 12 children,

89 grand-children, 64 great-grand-childrea and 6 great-great-grand-children, making a sum total of 91. - Charlotte News: For several days past railroad circles have been intensely stirred over the fact that another attempt has been made at train-wrecking at Bostian's bridge, near Statesville. Last Thursday night an unsuccessful attempt was made to wreck a passenger train at this same bridge. Two crossties had been placed between the rails on the bridge in such a way that the engine of the east-bound passenger train would mount them and leave the track It happened, though, that a west-bound freight train, an extra, passed half an hour before the east-bound passenger train was due. The pilot of the freight engine ploughed under the upright ends of the crossties and threw them from the

bridge. There was a sharp shock, but

none of the wheels were derailed, and

the freight passed in safety. - Charlotte Chronicle: A serious shooting scrape occurred in Statesville Christmas day about 11 a. m. Clay Chambers, a very respectable colored man, was rather boisterous on the street. even for Xmas, and Chief of Police Mills ordered him to be more quiet, and finally arrested him. Chambers resisted arrest and struck the officer, who used his billy freely. Jim Chambers, son of Clay Chambers, who was standing behind and very near the officer, fired three pistol shots at Mills. One struck the right shoulder, lodging under the blade, a second passed through the right arm while the third missed the officer and lodged in Clay Chambers' neck. While lim was firing his three shots a centleman by the name of Williams, who was close behind Jim, pulled a trigger on him three times but the pistol failed to explode. Both are in jail in default of bail, and there is some fear of lynching to-night. Capt. Mills is not supposed

to be in grave danger as the balls have

been extracted.

- Raleigh News and Observer Mr. Perrin Busbee, the third son of the late Mr. Perrin and Mrs. Anne Busbee. died at Denver, Col., on Christmas day in his 42d year. - The Governor has commissioned W. Simms, of Wilson, Captain of Company F, of the Second Regiment. -Mrs. Adeline Webb, mother of Rev. R. S. Webb, of Statesville, and Prof. W. R. Webb, of Tennessee, aged 80 years, died at Oaks, N. C., on the night of the 25th inst. She was daughter of Hou. Richard Sta who represented this district in Congress many years ago. -- Sunday afternoon the little daughter of Mr. Joe Correll was playing about the room caught fire at the hearth and was quickly in flames. She would have been badly burned if Mr. Correll had not promptly seized a quilt and thrown it around her, thus extinguishing the blaze. Her clothing was considerably burned, but she received no injuries. --- We are pleased to learn that Mr. John T. Patrick has so far complied with the terms Agricultural Society as to have paid the residue of the money required to pay the crop premiums and interest on the Society's bonded debt for one year. The coupons due January 1, 1890, will be paid on presentation at the Citizen's Na-

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tional Bank.