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tatives of the people who "honor,"

trust and delegate power to them.

Our political methods may be de-

fective, there may be too much

"machine" and too much "boss," but

to be sovereign, take more interest

in their own affairs, when they be-

come better citizens, our politics will

become better and there will be less

senseless denunciation of the "ma-

A FLASH IN THE PAN.

silver comage question held Thurs

day night by the Democratic mem-

bers of the House of Representatives

didn't amount to much as a caucus,

or conference, as it seems that those

who went there went for the purpose

of insisting upon their programme

and not to hear what the other side

had to say. The free coinage ad-

vocates went there with their heads

The caucus, or conference, on the

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MACHINE METHODS.

There is a great deal of denunciation these days of the "machine" methods in politics. There is some foundation for this sometimes and there is doubtless grounds of complaint that the "machine" does not always reflect public sentiment nor always do the thing that meets' the approval of the people whom the machine manipulators do not consult. This is one of the causes of complaint against David B. Hill, who is accused of running the New York machine and running it in his own particular interest. This may be so or it may not, but if it be so Hill is no more to be blamed for running the machine than his Democratic denouncers are for letting him run it.

No party can be successfully managed in these days without thorough organization, without men to plan and men to execute, and these men that plan and execute are called the "machine," and the man that runs it and feared, is the "boss."

In the early days of the Republic there was not the "practical politics" that we have now, and our unsophisticated fathers had a quaint notion that a "public office was a public trust," and that "the office should seek the man and not the man the office," and they didn't stand around at the corner groceries in sight of the polls waiting for some hustling vote purchaser to come along and offer them two dollars and a half more for their votes than the other fellow had offered as is so often done in these days. They didn't have any "machine" then nor any "bosses." If there had been sixty-four or sixty-five millions of people, about a hundred and twentyfive thousand offices to divide out and five or six hundred millions dollars a year to handle as current expenses of the Government, it might have been different, and they might have had "machines" and "bosses" then.

But, seriously, if the "machine" and the "boss" have attained undue influence and importance in American politics, whose fault is it? If the people took that interest in public affairs which they should take, could a few men get control of the party organizations? If the people took that interest in their local and county and State conventions which they should take, would we hear so much about political rings and slates? If the people took that interest in the elections which they should take wouldn't fewer unfit men be elected to office and wouldn't fewer unfit men aspire to office? There are a good many men in the State of New York, and in the city of New York who work themselves up into a frenzy of indignation thinking about Tammany and its methods, which according to them are the culmination of political crookedness, and yet there are in the city of New York over thirty thousand of these politically virtuous citizens, among the most substantial in the town, who don't think enough of their citizenship to go to the polls to vote and when they learn from the election returns in the papers that sombody was elected whom they didn't want elected they console themselves by cussing out the "machine" and the "bosses." They have been doing this so much that it has become chronic with them and they are never happier than when they are miserable. They swear and resolve, and when the next election comes around they forget all about these swears and these resolves and go right along and do the same thing, that is, keep out of the conventions and away from the polls,

while they do the growling.

be parties, two or more. the man who becomes such without the volume of currency as to make brains or character becomes so be- the passage or non-passage of a free | poses.

to lose.

WEEKLY STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1892.

As a prolific earthquake producer Japan takes the lead. Her record A Tough Competitor in Japan Rice-The terested in it only in so far as they during the past three months was think it may add to the volume of 2,388. The people over there don't pay much attention to them until they shake the houses down and kill tolks, and then those who escape wait until the shakes cease and build their houses again, if they are able.

> Senator Cullom, of Illinois, says he is not doing anything to boost himself for the Pesidency but feels very confident that if the tussle be confined to himself and Benjamin Harrison he will lay Benjamin out. There is nothing like having a sanguine temperament, with which Senator Cullom seems to be pretty well snppled.

A West Virginia hermit has invented a flying machine, but what does a West Virginia hermit want with a flying machine?

THE PEARSALL MURDER.

Wightman Thompson Convicted and Sentenged to Be Hanged the 14th of April.

The trial of Wightman Thompson, for the murder of W. W. Pearsall, wife and two children, in Wayne county, near Goldsboro, December 23rd, 1891, took place in Smithfield, Johnston county, this week, and was concluded Thursday, the jury finding the prisoner guilty.

Judge Connor then in an impressive and solmen manner, sentenced him to be hanged Thursday. April 14th, and admonished him to invoke the blessings of the One who alone can deliver him before he met his awful fate. The jury signed a petition to commute his sen-

tenced for imprisonment for life. Thompson is a white man about 56 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighs about 150 pounds. He was tried some years ago for killing his wife and was acquitted was convicted of stealing a coat in Goldsboro and served a term of three years in the penitentiary, and had just been released about three weeks before the house of Pearsall was hurned He belongs to a good family in Wayne county, and at one time owned considerable property. He was said to be a kind of a quack doctor. Had several of medicine, a hypod and a fever thermometer in his posses-All the evidence against him was circumstantial. No one saw the house when it was burned. Witnesses testified that Thompson said he had stayed at Pearsall's all night the night before the fire, and went with Pearsall to Bob Ham's Wednesday morning. Pearsail left for home: he staved at Ham's till 4 o'clock in the evening and then went to Goldsboro, arriving there early in the night. Witnesses testified that he was not seen in Goldsboro until 2 o'clock in the morning. Thompson went into the woods and got a valise The value was more than a mile and a half out of the way, going from Bob Ham's to Goldsboro. The valise contained a coat and vest and pair of sus enders which were recognized by witness as belonging to Pearsall, the deceased. Thompson had given a pair of ear-rings to a lady after the house was burned, which were recognized as belonging to Mrs. Pearsail. The above are the material points of the evidence. W. T. Dortch, Esq., of Goldsboro, assisted Solicitor Pou in the prosecution,

Messrs. Aycock & Daniels, of Goldsboro, and J. H. Pou appeared for the prisoner, and made able speeches.

and made a fine speech.'

BURGLARS CAUGHT.

Two of the Rocky Mount Thieves Captured-One of Them Says He is From Wilmington-The Oxford Railroad.

[Special Star Correspondence.] ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Feb. 27.-The last raid, made here Tuesday night, has been brought to light by the arrest of one of the parties in Wilson last night. He was brought here this morning on the 5.30 train. The party says he is from Wilmington, N. C., and named Albert Chesterfield, colored. When arrested he confessed and said he would not have done it but Tom Moore had told the night police he did the "break-He further says, Moore induced him to go in with him and share the spoils, as he had gone into several houses and had not been caught, and if he would do as he suggested would not be detected, but make a good thing of it. Moore waiched while he was stealing. Moore has the reputation of being a bad character; he runs a small shop, and is also a barber for colored people, and a preacher. The case has a hearing to-day at 1.30 o'clock. Rumor says it is a settled fact that

the Oxford & Coast Line Railroad will doubtless have Rocky Mount as its terminal point. It is a wise selection, as this place now a considerable railroad centre, and heavy improvements are going on daily and lastly, and by far the heaviest, is the

railroad shops on which operations will

commence when the weather settles.

Our people are very liberal and will

donate the ground for their shops and

depot when they make their survey.

In explanation of his action in resigning the pastorate of Brooklyn Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Peele writes as follows to the North Carolina Baptist: DEAR BAPTIST :- I leave the work in

Wilmington because, as you have indi cated, my strength is not sufficient. The work was never so hopeful as now and no people were ever more united on their pastor. They had but recently increased my salary; but cannot stay where my heart sees so much to do, and my hand is too weak to perform it. God bless His flock and give my successor wisdom and grace

sufficient, and so I trust and believe. I have preached more than 600 sermons during the 27 months I've been in Wilmington, and have been so busy in other ways that I did not have time to put the result in my note book. The people of every class have been too kind for any word at my command to express, and my friends are too numerous to mention. God bless Wilmington and her people temporally and spiritually. R. E. PEELE.

been formed under it has been to Cumberland County Fair.

A special dispatch to the STAR from Fayetteville says: At the annual meeting of the Cumberland County Agricultural and Mechanical Society here today the following officers were re-elected by acclamation: Walter Watson, President, Z. W. Whitehead, Secretary, A. A. McKeithan, Jr., Treasurer. The Association was merged into a stock company ostensibly for the purpose of making the fair more of an annual exposition of the Carolinas and on a grand

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

There was a long and earnest discus sion to-day in the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, with reference to the policy to be pursued towards bills providing for the erection of new public buildings. It was evident that a number of members of the committee were strongly opposed to the views expressed by Chairman Bankhead, and other members of the committee, to the effect that no new public buildings should be provided for. Opponents of the policy advised by the chairman insisted that the committee should not refuse to report favorably bills for public buildings, where it could be shown would be advanced by the erection of public buildings. They protested against a general policy adverse to all proposed new public building bills. There was very free discussion, but no conclusion was reached, the committee adjourning

The House Committee on Foreign Relations has adopted a resolution turning the sessions of the committee into something akin to the star chamber proceedings-something heretofore unheard of in the House Committee. The reason for this change in the committee's policy is to be found in the desire to keep from notice the fact that there is a lively struggle in the committee over the Russia Hebrew resolutions. The sub-committee to which the resolutions were referred brought in report, recommending the adoption of a resolution expressing sympathy with the distressed Hebrews in Russia and requesting the President to use his good offices with Russia in their behalf.

is quite generally anticipated will be retion and

"These are, perhaps, cold, unpalatable facts, but it is due that they be made known. It is time to begin more active marketing of crop, if an overplus is to be avoided. Were we a planter we should sell part of our holdings now, or at some early date, at best possible prices, and retain balance until arrival of spring trade, when it is hoped conditions will improve for the better. If the crop is to be placed, a break has got to be made to get things started."

FIRE AT GOLDSBORO.

-The Losses and Insurance

GOLDSBORO, N. C., February 25 .-This morning about 4 o'clock, a fire broke out in Little Washington, in the southwestern part of the town. The fire originated in S. Grady's grocery store, burning his entire stock of liquors and groceries-\$1,800. Also, J. J. Robnson's store and all of his goods. Loss about \$500, with insurance of \$300. Grady's insurance was \$1,300. One or not seen her. two houses occupied by colored people were also burned. The fire when first discovered was so far under headway the roof was ready to fall in, and the young men sleeping in the house made a narrow escape, being aroused by the

An Accident at Hub. hurt about the head. Mr. Johnson came to Wilmington for surgical treatment.

Mr. William St. John, General Agent of the Pintsch gas lighting system, is trying to interest commercial bodies in Southern cities in a petition that is to be presented to Congress to have the sixth light house district, namely, the coast between Wilmington, N. C., and Cape Canaverel, Florida, supplied with gaslighted buoys and beacons. These buoys are in general use elsewhere in the United States, and there is no reason why this coast should not have the ben-

Naval Stores and Cotton.

ton, 500 bales; spirits turpentine, 642 casks; rosin, 65 barrels; tar, 1,524 barrels; One of the letters was dropped in the road for her. With one of the letters crude turpentine, 6 barrels.

Plowing Rice Fields.

Southport Leader: Plowing was actively going on last week at Orton and Kendal plantations, in this county. The ground is in much better condition this year than it was last, and in two weeks the plowing will probably be completed and everything ready for seeding. At Orton about twenty-five acres addi-

name of W. J. Johnson was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Sheeban on a capias received from Onslow county charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. The deputy left with his prisoner yesterday evening for JacksonWASHINGTON NEWS.

Investigation of the Pension Bureau-A Policy in Regard to Public Buildings-Star Chamber Proceedings of the House Committee on Foreign Relations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-A special committee appointed to investigate the management of the Pension Office under Commissioner Raum, to-day began its task. It was decided to hold sessions on Monday and Thursday of each week, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

that the interests of the government until Saturday without taking a vote.

trade and population, associated with Mr. Rayner, of Maryland, one of the

members of the committee who has

vigorously urged that Congress take some efficient measure to aid the persecuted Russian Hebrews, expressed in committee great dissatisfaction with the resolution reported, saying it was merely one of sympathy and was of no practical value. The matter went over until to-day when Rayner again made a speech in strong opposition to un othe members so that there was a lively discussion. Notice was then given of an intention to fight the resolution on the floor of the House if reported in the form in which it is now before the Committee. No conclusion was reached in respect to the resolution and it was sent back to the sub-Committee for further consideration, between now and next Thursday. The majority of the Com mittee is anxious that no contest should be made in the House over this question. Before the Committee adjourned one of the members offered a resoluiton which it was understood was agreed to though no formal vote was taken, binding members of the Foreign Affairs Committee to give to the press nothing relating to the proceeding in Commit-

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

Trial of Dr. Jno. A. Baker of Abingdon Va., for Poisoning His Wife-Mrs. Gilmer's Testimony.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ABINGDON, VA., Feb. 25.—The cross examination of Mrs. Gilmer in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Dr. John A. P. Baker, for poisoning his wife, was begun this morning. She stated that she was sick at the time of Mrs. Baker s death; that Dr. Baker was waiting on her professionally at the time. made no proposition to me about destroving my husband until four months after his wife's death. I did not know anything about the state of Mrs. Baker' health before her death because I had

She was asked whether she would have written her letters of condolence to the doctor's family if she had believed that he took his wite's life for her sake Answer-"I think it would have been still more my duty in that case. If he committed that crime for my sake, it was my duty to do all that I could to console him and his children.'

She was then questioned about he husband's knowledge of the intimacy between her and the prisoner. The attempt was made to prove that Gilmer had connived at that intimacy. She answered that he had never sanctioned anything of the kind, although he had allowed her to receive presents from the

Here the cross-examination closed. and the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to tracing the possession of the letters till they were secured by the Commonwealth's attorney. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 26 .- In the

trial of Dr. Baker at Abingdon for poisoning his wife, the day was mainly taken up in tracing the whereabouts of letters of Mrs. Gilmer to Dr. Baker. from the time of their discovery to the time they reached the Commonwealth's just preceding Dr. Baker's attorney, Col. I. C. Cummers, formerly the Commonwealth's attorney, testified that he had received the letters, and soon after turned them over to his successor in office. That on the day of Mrs. Gilmer's arrest, he looked for the letter of Dr. Baker, but only found a scrap of paper with the letters "Sh" on it and some other words he did not now recall-all in Dr. Baker's hand-writing. A clerk from Fairmount hotel. Bris-

tol. Tenn., testified to Mrs. Gilmer's visit there, when she registered as Mrs Emma Gordan, Roanoke, Va. Soon after her arrival Baker came in and D. G. Rose, formerly assistant post-

master of Abingdon, said Baker had received letters addressed to fictitious persons. Melvina Summons, a colored girl who

once lived at Wyndham Gilmer's, had carried these letters to Dr. Baker for Mrs. Gilmer and had taken two from him. sent to Baker was a small bottle which he did not give back to the girl. This was delivered to him at Dan Merrick's

Rev. D. H. Carr visited Dr. Baker the evening his wife was buried. The Doctor seemed to be troubled, and said he had done all he could for her, and had her body embalmed, noticed nothing wrong that night, but thought the Doclittle boisterous in his conduct next morning. He paid no attention to that, however, as it was the Doctor's manner. C. A. Babist, a jeweller, was examined regarding presents. He was unable to dentify them for the reason that so

many articles of the same kind were daily sold. He had sold Baker a small gold watch for his daughter, but did not know whether the one shown here was it or not.

The Commonwealth is making as nterest is dying out.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Chatham Record: The prospects are encouraging for a good grain crop. Wheat and oats are both coming up nicely, and we hope that every farmer will reap a bountiful harvest.

- Wadesboro Messenger : The three-year old son of Mr. J. A. Carpenter, of the Deek Creek neighborhood, got hold of an old knife last Thursday, and while playing with it fell out of a door and stuck it in his throat to the depth of an inch. The little fellow came near bleeding to death before the hemorrhage could be checked.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

SPECIAL RAILROAD MAIL FACILITIES

Postmaster-General Wanamaker's State

ment Concerning the Fast Mail Service-

Public Building Bills and the Policy to

be Pursued Thereon by the House Com-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Postmaster-

General Wanamaker has replied to an

nquiry made by Mr. Henderson, of

Committee on Post Offices and Post

Roads, concerning appropriations for

special railroad mail facilities. After

giving a statement of the appropriations

made for this purpose during the past

twelve years, the Postmaster-General

says: "The practice of compensating a

few railroads upon a higher basis than

others, rendering the same or more satis-

factory service, has been a source of much

annoyance, which each year becomes

more perplexing to the Department, and

hurtful to the general service, because it

acts as a check to extension of the fast

mail system in sections where it would

work great benefit. The schedule to

which the special facility allowance now

applies really possesses no marked ad-

vantages at this time for advancement

in either direction of the West India

commercial mail, while it is believed it

operates to the disadvantage of com-

mercial mails between the North and

South. The mail service between

the chain of Northern cities starting

Washington into such portions of South

Carolina, Georgia and Florida as are

tributary to the Atlantic Coast Line, is

not such as the national development of

There was a two hours' struggle to

day in the House Committee on Public

Buildings over the policy to be pursued

n the committee with reference to pub-

lic building bills. The committee is

very much divided on the subject, and

when an adjournment took place the

policy which would secure the adher-

eance of a majority of the members of

the committee was very much in doubt,

The members who want public buildings

are making a strong fight and will per-

haps defeat any policy which proposes

not to recommend the erection of any

new public buildings at all; but it seems

likely that the action of chairman Bank-

head will have the effect of keeping

LYNCHED.

Missouri Mob Wreaks Vengeance Upon

a Child-Murderer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

MASHFIELD, Mo., February 27 .- At a

secret meeting night before last it was

decided to lynch Dick Cullen, and last

to the jail, and the sheriff was over-

powered. The mob got the man, march-

ed him to the square and asked him if

he and his mother were guilty. His

He was at once drawn up over a limb

nine feet high, and the command given

to "pull away, boys." In a few minute

Cullen was dead. Cullen's crime was a

days old was found at his step-father'

heinous one. Four years ago a babe ten

door. Young Cullen lately thought it

was meant for an heir by adoption. Last

Monday night he tied a car-link to the

neck of the child and threw it into an

His mother was arrested as an accom-

plice, on account of her indifference and

evasive answers. The coroner caused

the body to be cut down and taken to

MARINE DISASTER.

The Spanish Ship Albano on Hog Island

Shoal Almost a Total Loss.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Super

intendent Rich, of the Life Saving ser-

vice, informed the Treasury Department

by telegram to-day that there is no hope

of saving the Spanish ship San Albano,

wrecked on Hog Island. He says that

the vessel is under water and the cargo

is being washed ashore. She went on

the shoals on the 22nd inst., got off, and

shortly after went on the beach six miles

from Hog Island Life-Saving Station.

The surf-men fired several lines across

the vessel, but they parted one after an-

other, until the morning of the 24th,

when one held and the life-car was rig-

ged and the crew of twenty-six men

safely landed. The life-savers nearly

lost their boat and their lives while en-

deavoring to reach the vessel in a surf

boat. They describe this as the roughest

The value of the ship is about \$100.

000, she is insured for \$80,000. The

value of the cargo which is composed of

cotton, oil cake wheat, etc., is about

\$120,000; insured. A large proportion

of the cotton will probably be saved,

while other parts of the cargo will be a

experience of their lives.

total loss.

the court house. The lynchers dis-

answer was "Pull your damned rope.

down appropriations to a narrow limit,

railroad progress, warrants."

New York and extending via

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

- Rockingham Rocket: Court closed with nine prisoners in jail. One of these goes to the penitentiary for five years. - Mrs. Nancy Morrison, aunt of Postmaster Morrison, died at her home near Hoffman on the 16th inst. The deceased was 92 years of age. -The colored people of Hoffman had a regular Sunday row over there recently. Guns, razors, pistols and mean liquor all got mixed up and made the woods howl. One of the parties is now in fail North Carolina, chairman of the House

in this place. - Asheville Citizen: E. T. Greenlee, a young lawyer who moved to Asheville from Marion some time ago, died vesterday afternoon at his residence on Church street, after an illness of three weeks. - Chief J. H. Hampton, of the Hampton detective agency, vesterday arrested a colored man on suspicion of being the thief who entered H. F. Johnston's store, on court place, last week. The man was Ephraim Perry. He was taken before Justice A. T. Summey for a hearing. The evidence was conclusive enough to warrant the holding of Perry, and being unable to give bond he was

placed in jail. - Newbern Journal: Mr. Charles Hallock, who has been identified with the Smithsonian Institute for the past thirty-two years and is an accepted authority, on ichthyic fauna, states that the curious fish exhibited at the Fair and spoken of as "all mouth," is scientifically known as lophigus, the angler, owing to its manner of feeding. It lies flat on its belly in the water with open mouth, and projects its two feelers, or antennæ outwards and forward, after the manner of an angler fishing, and these being provided with what resembles something eatable, attracts little fish, which innocently swim into the trap so ingeniously set, and are caught and devoured.

- Charlotte News: How long will the bars of Charlotte, remain closed? is a question frequently heard. It is a pretty hard one to answer. Some people seem to think that the mandamus proceedings before Judge Bynum next week will result in a speedy opening of the saloons, but those who count on anything of that kind will be badly mistaken. There is sure to be an appeal to the Supreme Court, should Judge Bynum decide in favor of Roessler. The appeal would not be heard before next May, and even should such decision be sustained, it would be well along in June before Capt. Roessler could open his saloon. That would bring things up to about the time for electing a new board

- Charlotte News: E. A. Abernathy & Co., racket store men, of Hickory, have made an assignment, with Mayor Whitener assignee. Their nominal assets are \$5,000 and liabilities \$4,000. - As train No. 11 pulled into Salisbury yesterday at noon, it was announced that a gentleman was aboardin a dying condition. A messenger was dispatched for a doctor, who on arriving night at 10 o'clock one hundred and found the man dead. The gentleman's fifty determined men were halted on the name was W. A. Lacy, of Orange, N. J. He had been suffering for some time west side of the square. A rope was with consumption, and was on his way produced, and the men quickly marched to Asheville, hoping to recover his health. - On Monday night a negro took a perilous leap from a rapidly moving train on the railroad near Winston. A railroad contractor was taking a carload of hands to Greensboro. This negro, not being a member of the party and having no ticket, was triphtened by the approach of the conductor. He ran out upon the platform and sailed off The train was crossing a trestle fifty feet high as the lead was made, It was stopped and crew and passengers went back to pick up the corpse. But instead of finding the negro dead, they found him at the foot of the trestle hunting for his hat and growling because he couldn't unused well. His guilt was certain. find it. The contractor said that a darkey who was too tough to kill by a jump of fifty feet, was the very kind of a hand he was looking for, hired him, paid his fare and took him on.

> - Charlotte Chronicle: Capt. Torrance, tax collector, says taxes are coming in at a snail's pace; that there are \$30,000 on the books yet uncollected. - On Wednesday evening Mr. Robt. Lemmonds and her four-year old daughter were badly burned at their home on Dr. Orr's farm two miles from the city. Mr. Lemmonds was preparing his garden for planting, and had piled some old palings up and set fire to them. The little child was playing around the fire and her clothes caught. She ran towards the house screaming. The mother, in her attempts to extinguish the fire in the child's clothing, had her own clothes nearly burned from her body, and her skin was in some places burned to a crisp. The child is now at the point of death and ho hopes are had for its recovery. The mother, while badly burned.

is resting pretty easy and may recover. - The section of country in Cabarrus county lying between Rocky River and Anderson's creek, which empties into the river in the extreme southwestern part of the county, has long been noted as one of the richest mining regions in the State, and many large nuggets have been taken from the veins. In fact, one of the largest pieces of pure gold ever found in the world, weighing twentyeight pounds, was found in the old Reed mine in this section. A reporter was told yesterday that a large Northern syndicate was being formed to buy a large portion of this territory and work it for all it is worth. The syndicate represents many thousands of dollars and

may do some big things. - Red Springs Farmer and Scottish Chief: Dave Brown, a colored boy who lives a few mile from town, accidently shot himself yesterday morning by "monkeying" with an old rifle. But the strange thing about it is, Dave didn't know it was loaded. His father, Alex. Brown, killed himself the same way two years ago. - Archie Graham, a young man of St. Paul's neigborhood, accidently lost his life last Saturday on the Short Cut Railroad. He was guarding convicts and in attempting to get on a train loaded with material his foot' slipped and he fell under the wheels. Death was almost instantaneous. -About 8 o'clock last Saturday night a most brutal and cowardly murder was committed at Taliaferro's saw mill in Blue Springs township by Will McKinney, a young negro. He had had a misunderstanding with John McAllister another young negro, about a watch he had sold him, the latter refusing to pay for it but offering to give it back. Saturday night they both repaired to a shanty near the mill. McKinney having procured a thirty-eight calibre pistol, demanded pay for his watch and said if he could not get it in money, he would have it in blood. So saying, he deliberately fired two balls of his pistol at McAlister, the first one striking him in a vital spot and causing almost instant death, and the second entering the side of the house. McAlister escaped into the dark and came to his sweetheart's house near Red Springs to spend the remainder of the night. He was pursued by several negroes from the mill who surrounded the house and guarded it till day. He was arrested early Sunday morning and brought here where he was bound in

chains and carried to Lumberton and

lodged in fail to await trial.

ROANOKE & SOUTHERN. The Road Leased to the Norfolk & Western R. R. Company. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 27. - The Nor-

folk & Western Railroad to-day leased the Roanoke & Southern road for a period of 999 years. The latter road runs from Roanoke to Winston, N. C., and will make the Norfolk & Western a competing line with the Richmond & Danville. The lease will have to be ratified by stockholders of the Roanoke & Southern, who will have a meeting here on March 16th. The amount paid is not stated.

THE THIRD PARTY. elected as the Place for the N

inating Convention. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25,-The joint com-

mittee in whose charge the matter was placed by the Industral Conference just ended here, met this morning, and after an all day session selected Omaha, Neb., as the place of holding the Nominating Convention of the newly born Third Party. July 4th was last night selected as the date, and that action was reaffirmed, and a formal call was issued.

A Memphis despatch says: Judge Dubose has admitted Lillie Johnson to bail in the sum of \$10,000, on the ground that her health is being impaired by confinement in jail. A Dedham, Mass., dispatch says Jas.

M. Trotter, colored, Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia under President Cleveland, died last night at his strong a case as on the former trial, and | home in Hyde Park, aged 48 years. He was a veteran of the civil war.

full of free comage, willing to listen to nothing else, and the anti-free coinage men' went there with their minds set against free coinage. There was about as much chance of their coming to a mutual understanding involving a surrender of anything by either as there was of oil and water mixing. the most successfully and makes his | would agree to abide by the decision power and his influence the most felt of the conference or caucus, or what-

boards until its fate is settled one way or the other.

whether in advocating or in opposing it he was correctly representing them The question might also be sub district conventions, and thus the

Democratic Representatives could be pretty accurately ascertained. If this expression of sentiment was largely in favor of free coinage, as i doubtless would be, the President elect, if a Democrat, would have less excuse for vetoing a free coinage bil if one were passed by the next Congress, whatever his indi vidual opinion might be. This would be a systematic, business way to go about it and bring it to a satisfactory conclusion, and would also avoid the long, heated and useless debate we may expect since this measure is to be forced to the front, and the pros and cons jump at it, each

In the State of Pennsylvania it is | partisan considerations or appeals,

fully handled, much to risk and much

when the people, who are supposed

It so happened that the free coinage men outnumbered the anti-coinage men, and when the inquiry was made whether the anti-coinage men ever it might be called, there came an emphatic negative, and the result was that the question remained just where it was before the caucus or conference was held. This ends the effort to relegate that question until after the next election, and the only way it can be disposed of now is to let it run and take its chances in the House. It is understood that it will come up early in April and hold the Cleveland, who isn't, and take up Gen. Palmer, about whom the De-As there is not the remotest promocracy of New York haven't said a

bability of Mr. Harrison's signing the Band bill or any other free coinage bill if it should pass both Houses this thing might have been managed much better by a little forbearance and the exercise of a little cool judgment. An agreement might have been entered into by the friends and opponents of that measure to hold it over, and in the next election submit it to their constituents and ascertain how they stood upon the question and then let each member of Congress govern himself accordingly. In doing this it would not be necessary to make it one of the issues of the campaign and defend or oppose but simply submit the question in political gatherings of the people whether they were in favor of free coinage or not, and from the expression of popular opinion thus sought the member of Congress could very soon tell whether his people wanted or didn't want free coinage. Then he would know

mitted in the primary, county and opinion of the constituents of the

might on his end of the hot iron.

cause of a low standard among the coinage bill a matter of little importance to the people, who are inpeople whose tolerance or whose votes elevate him and give him prominence and power. The higher currency and thus make money more the standard among the people and plentiful and easier to command. higher the standard will be among Thus there was much to gain by delay, nothing to gain by precipithe politicians and the better the politicians will be. The American tating discussion and action, but, politicians may not be models of unless very conservatively and careperfection but they are fair represen-

MINOR MENTION.

The Hon. Wm. M. Springer, o Illinois, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, may be a well meaning man, but we think he attaches too much importance to the views of Mr. Springer, and that he is too fond of hearing himself talk and seeing what he has to say in print. He is doubtless very anxious, as all good Democrats are, for the success of the Democratic party in the next election, and this is, perhaps, the impulse that prompts him to express his opinions so freely and give so much voluntary and unsolited advice. At the Democratic banquet in New York on Gen. Jackson's birth-day anniversary he volunteered the information that no free coinage bill would pass this Congress, and thereby made the free coinage men red hot, at what they considered a piece of impertmence upon the part of Mr. Springer, in volunteering to play the role of prophet in a matter that he knew no more about than any other Congressman who kept posted. Now he avails himself of the medium of the Associated Press to advise the Democracy of the country to drop both Cleveland and Hill and nominate Gen. Palmer, of Illinois. He gets himself somewhat mixed up on this, for he says it is well that the Albany convention was held as early as it was, in order that the Democracy of other States might

be fully advised as to the choice of New York before they expressed their preference, that the Albany convention, by an unprecedented unanimity showed that David B. Hill was unquestionably the choice of the Democracy of New York. And right on top of this ha thinks that the Democrats of other States who were waiting to find out New York's choice should turn down Mr. Hill, who is the choice, and Mr.

ed to business so strictly and

gave so little attention to other mat-

ters in which the public was interested

that he was very little known in the

city of Chicago, where he lived, out-

side of the immediate circle in which

he moved. Although the son of a

very plain, democratic sort of a man

he is disposed to be somewhat aris-

tocratic himself. When it is seri-

ously suggested to take up a man

who is so little known as Robert

Todd Lincoln, simply because Lin-

coln is his name, it is a confession,

with J. G. Blaine on the retired list,

that the Republican party is pretty

An effort is now being made to

form a combine to get control of the

small linseed oil mills, cut down the

output and raise the price of oil.

Through the operation of the Mc-

Kinley tariff, by which, ostensibly to

protect flax seed growers, the duty

hard up for Presidential wood.

word. We like Gen. Palmer; he's a rattling good Democrat and a fighter from long taw, but when Mr. Springer undertakes to boom him and kill off Hill and Cleveland he ought to revise his communications before he gives them to the Associated Press. Some of the anti-Harrison men in the Republican party think if they can't get Blaine to run, it would be a capital idea to nominate Robert Todd Lincoln, not because Mr. Lincoln has any particular merit or magnetism in himself, but because he has a name which might evoke some of the old time Republican enthusiasm and elect him. Mr. Lincoln is a very respectable sort of a gentleman, who while always voting the Republican ticket, has never permitted himself to become unduly excited over politics, but has attended strictly to business, and as a railroad attorney, in Chicago, has accumulated a comfortable fortune. He attend-

determined to hammer with all his

on imported seed was raised fifty We believe that if the question per cent, and the duty on oil from 25 were submitted to the people of the to 32 cents a gallon, which is about United States to-day upon its merits, the value of the crude oil. The oil without being mixed up with any | mill owners have absolute control of other issue, or influenced by any the business in this country, and they can, it they combine, fix not considered evidence of pure politics | majority of them, and a very decionly the price of oil, but govern the and honesty to cuss out boss Quay, sive majority, would be found in favor price of paints and other compounds but while they berate him, they keep of free coinage, but the trouble into which oil enters as one of the out of his conventions and he pro- and the danger now is, that main ingredients. Thus they levy a tax on every one who uses a pound *ceeds to run them and run the State, while it is not in any sense of paint. One of the results of this and should not be a party question, tariff tax and the combines that have The "politician" is the subject of | it is being made so by its impulsive a good deal of tart invective, but and indiscreet advocates, who wish destroy the exporting of paints which was at one time a business of the politician is a necessity in a to thrust it upon the Democratic considerable importance. The probcountry where parties are a necessity, party and make the Democratic abilities are that the combine will be and in a Republic where there will party responsible for it, whether it effected, competition cease, and then always be a difference of opinion as pass or fail to pass. If the issue had people who use linseed oil will have to public policies there must always been deferred until the next session to pay the price the combine puts of Congress some banking bill might upon it. It takes brains and character to be passed in the meantime which It is said that a Chicago wheat combine have locked up 60,000,000 become a successful politician, and would provide such an increase of bushelf of wheat for speculative pur-

RICE AND ITS VALUE.

Supply and Demand-The Fluctuations

The following extracts are taken from a letter written to a planter by Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons, ot New York, dated the 20th instant. They are worth the perusal of all the rice men of the State:

"Shall have to modify our views regarding the present and future values of rice. It were rank folly and false friendship to conceal the true situation from those who rely on us to diagnose and describe the symptoms of market from time to time. We might see no cause for alarm as regards holdings in Atlantic coast markets, as the stock is not in excess of local requirements, but in the Southwest, New Orleans, the situation is greatly different. Some people say present troubles are due to the attempt of millers to get their heads together so as to avoid ruin. Any man who blames the millers or their organization for the present condition of the market is unacquainted wit the facts. The movement is altogether too slow and greatly disappointing. The fact that the trade will

not buy is a fair superficial reason that

prices are high or as regarded. "In the first place, the visible supply: In New Orleans, 200,000 sacks; to come in at the ratio of past experience not less than 200,000 sacks more, equal in cleaned to say 175,000 barrels. Second. the movement. This at present is scarcely 1.000 barrels per day, which is, unless demand quickens, seven months' supply and only five months to harvest. Third, reasons for falling away in demand for domestics this season; (a) it arrived late and fully 100,000 bags of foreign were sold during the time that home rice ordinar.ly has full sway; (b) an open fall kept vegetables and fruits in the markets as competitors, and to a great extent interfered with the sale of foreign just alluded to; (c) in violation of the Inter-State commerce law Japan rice has been has illegally freighted through from Japan to all the larger points in the West, a distance of 7.00 miles, at less than it could be freighted from San Francisco or any Eastern point at a given distance of 2,000 miles. Japan at 41/2 and 5 cents per pound delivered anywhere is a tough competitor and accounts quite largely for the diminution in the demand in the home product. This at the moment is suspended by reason of the pressure of other and higher priced freights on Pacific steamers, but it

newed; (d) canned vegetable, fruits and competing cereals are cheap. "It were certainly unwise to the competition of Japan, for while it may not be at present, it is sure to be a lively opponent of the new crop in the near future. To meet it will require a radical lowering of values in rough and cleaned, in primary markets for strict good or prime. Grades below such will not have to fall away relatively, as they do not suffer from any possible compe-

tition from foreign.

Two Stores and Other Buildings Burned

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smoke coming in their rooms.

Two men were very seriously hurt a day or two ago at Hub, a place about sixty miles from Wilmington or the Chadbourn and Conway Railroad. They were at work in the Hub Lumber Co's mill, when some of the machinery broke. Mr. G. A. Johnson, one of the men, was struck by a piece of iron weighing about one hundred pounds, cutting his right hand badly and making a severe contusion on his chest. The other man was

Gas-Lighted Buoys,

ent of them.

Stocks of naval stores and cotton at Wilmington, as estimated at the Produce Exchange yesterday, were: Cotton, 10,519 bales; spirits turpentine, 2,556 casks; rosin, 42,063 barrels; tar, 9,355 barrels; crude turpentine, 1,544 barrels. Exports during the week were: Cot-

tional will be planted in rice this spring, - A young white man by the