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NO FURTHER USE FOR IT. For several years the Republican party has been on the down grade and has been kept together only by the cohesive power of public plunder, but the American people declared at the last election in language too emphatic to be misunderstood that they had no further use for it. Thirtytwo years ago a good many people were impressed with the belief that it had a mission, but if it had that mission was fulfilled when the war ended, and since then it has only been kept alive by fraud, force and other disreputable methods. These are a part of the history of the times, but these at last played out, and with them the Republican party played out.

Eight years ago it was in a minor ity of 348,317 votes, four years ago it was in a minority of 500,000, and this year it is in a minority of about 640,000, showing a constant decline. And this decline is not altogether confined to doubtful States but is found also in States which are now decidedly Republican and which have been Re publican ever since the organization of the party. The Republican vote in Pennsylvania was 42,000 less at the last election than it was in 1888, in Vermont it was about 8.000 less, the vote of Indiana 7,000 less, and it will doubtless be found on comparing the votes that in nearly all the States the Republican vote, notwithstanding the increased number of voters, is less than it was four years ago. In some States the majority is cut down to a mere cypher, compared to what it was four years nouncedly Republican four years ago the majority has been entirely swept away. If this is not evidence enough to show that this party has lost public confidence and is no longer the party of the people who once supported it then facts and figures are no evidence and amount to nothing.

For some years it has been a party

without a head, without a leader.

Its greatest leader for the past dozen

years at least, James G. Blaine, was forced by his peculiar fate to play a subordinate part to men whom he overshadowed in intellect and sagacity as a mountain does a molehill The Reeds, McKinleys, Ouavs, Platts and Lodges might do lieutenants to master minds, but when it came to leading in a national contest against such men as Cleveland, Hill, Whitney, Bourke Cockran, Carlisle, Gorman, Mills and other leaders of the Democracy North and South, their calibre was not broad enough, and they and the party they undertook to lead went under. They overrated their own ability and underrated the intelligence and the capacity of the American people to distinguish charcoal from chalk. They had an idea that because the American people had tolerated the Republican party it was invincible. They mistook toleration for endorsement, and because they had fooled the people they thought they could go on fooling them indefinitely. They forgot the sage remark of 'their first President, Abraham Lincoln, to whom they still point with pride, when rebuking some questionable legislation he said: "You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time.' The mistake they made was in trying to fool all the people all the time Out of this sprang the McKinley tariff, the Force bill and other frauds which brought the fraud perpetra-

tors to grief. If they would acknowledge it there are many men regarded as among the leaers of the Republican party, of more or less prominence, who believe that the Republican party can never again present a front as a formidable organization in National politics. It has but one hope, and and that is that the Democratic party may commit some error which will give it a new lease of life. They hope that the task which the Demo cratic party has undertaken to reform the abuses which have grown up under Republican administrations wil prove too much for it, and that it may fall into blunders of which they may take advantage to recover what they have lost. But this is a mere hope, a grasping at straws, for if there ever was a day in the thirty-two years contest between the Democratic and Republican parties when prospect of a Democratic clean the Democratic party had level heads sweep there will be a demand for and clear visions at the wheel it is now, and if these straw-graspers are hoping for prolonged political existence by the return to power of the tables of fate.

from Cincinnati, in the 51st Congress | tory here.

familiarly known as "bold, Ben Butterworth," recently expressed the opinion that if the Democrats in the next Congress so amend the tariff as to enable the American people to buy cheaper clothing and other necessaries of life, there would be no ground left for the Republican party to organize upon and to enter another Presidential contest, and this the Democrotic Congress will most assuredly do. It will not only so amend the tariff as to make clothing cheaper, but all the necessaries of life upon which there are now tariff duties cheaper, and many other articles which are not necessaries of life, but which are in common daily use among the people. What this is is pretty well understood. The people have recorded there will in two succeeding elections in such a way as to leave no doubt on that subject. There is no doubtful ground or experiment in it, for the people have told the Democratic party what they expect it to do and that is what it will do. And it will do it so effectually as to leave no rallying ground for what is left of the Republican

MINOR MENTION.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer writes that paper that Marion Butler, President of the State Alliance, Dr. J. L. Mott and Loge Harris had a consultation in Raleigh last week and the report was that they had agreed to pull together, to keep up the Third party organization. The better to play the racket Mott and Loge are going to do their level best to have the Republican party formally disband, which it might as well do after its experience for the last dozen years or so. We don't know whether there is anything in this or not and it doesn't make any difference any way, for while Dr. Mott and Loge Harris may create some disturbance in the Republican party the effect of their opposition to the Democratic party would amount to about as much as the blows of a tack hammer on an anvil, a little ring, that's all. This alleged con ference and agreement, however, suggests something. Marion Butler is President of the Farmers' Alliance. As such he was at the late meeting ago, while in others which were pro- of the Alliance and Industrial Union at Memphis, where there was such a hot fight over the course the Alliance should take in the future in reference to politics. The wrangle resulted in the secession of Dr Macune and a large number of those who insisted that the Alliance should withdraw from politics, and Mr. Loucks, who represented the faction that insisted on its sticking to politics, was elected Presedent. Marion Butler was elected vice-president on the partisan ticket. This fact and the further fact that he proposes to keep up the Third party organization and continue the fight might make it quite as proper for the executive committee of this State to make the same inquiry of Marion Butler that they recently did

of the manager and editor of the

Progressive Farmer. If he proposes

to run the Third party racket in col-

lusion with Dr. Mott and Loge Har-

ris and others, or on his own hook

propriety and decency would suggest

that he resign his office as President

of a non-partisan organization, and

then run his Third party business

The executive committee of the

under his own proper colors.

Farmers' Alliance met last week in Raleigh and sent a note to the Proressive Farmer to the effect that as the Farmers' Alliance is a non-partisan organization, the organ of the Alliance should also be non-partisan, and asking what the policy of the organ would be in future. The intimation in this was, of course, that if the Progressive Farmer proposed to continue on the partisan track, the Alliance would look out for another organ. In reply the business manager and editor stated substantially that the paper was done with politics and would henceforth stick to the Alliance and let politics alone. It will be remembered that when some time ago the executive committee addressed a similar note to the late Col. Polk, who was then the editor-in-chief and proprietor, he promptly resigned the organship rather than abandon the politics which the paper had espoused. That was the manly course to pursue, but it was a mistake, for a man without half the brains that Col. Polk had might have seen that making the paper a partisan paper could only result in damaging the Alliance, and in impairing, if not destroying the usefulness and influence of the paper. The present managers with the light of experience have realized this and have wisely concluded to change tactics and get within the Alliance lines where they can carry out the legitimate work of an Alliance organ.

The organized broom manufacturers have given notice of an advance of 30 per cent. in the price of brooms. They think that with the

In Search of Wife and Children, Mr. H. A. Bolton, of Mullins, S. C., was in the city yesterday in search of Republican party through mistakes his wife, about 45 years of age, and his that thoroughfare was striking, and of the Democratic party, they may as two sons, aged respectively 11 and 18 the illuminations made by merchants and rendered such assistance as was well order their tomb-stones and have | years. He says his wife and children | and others were effective and showed to | possible. their graves dug, for that's what they | ran away from home at Mullins and are | greater advantage the decorations that will have to do. It is graven on the making their way to Wilmington on were so much admired by daylight, foot. When last heard of they were The parade of the military and firemen Burns, Barclay, Sangamon county, Ill., near Georgetown. Mr. Bolton says his along the line of march was brilliant writes as follows: "I think Dr Bull's Benjamin Butterworth, who was a wife and himself formerly lived in WilRepublican member of Congress mington, and worked in the cotton fac-

WELCOME WEEK.

AN AUSPICIOUS OPENING FOR THE GALA OCCASION.

housands of Visitors-Fine Weather Handsome Decorations-Brilliant Iliu minations-Streets Thronged With People-Bost Races-Daylight Fireworks-Marine Parade-Firemen and Military.

With bells ringing and steam whistles lowing, Wilmington's Welcome Week was ushered in yesterday morning under the most favorable auspices. The weather was "just splendid," said a pretty girl from the country, who with her escort was "taking in" the sights on Front and Market streets, and indeed it was. Never a brighter day dawned, and a gentle breeze that came from the northwest had just enough of Winter's touch in it to temper the rays of the sun that otherwise perhaps would have been a trifle too warm. It was just such a day as tempted everybody to be out of doors. BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS.

The business portions of Front and Market streets are fairly gorgeous with the bewildering display of bucting, flags, banners and other adornments. The finishing touches had been put on the night before, and everything was complete vesterday morning. All the colors of the rainbow, and more, are to be seen and the arrangement of the decorations generally exhibited good taste. The display in this respect surpasses anything of the kind ever seen in Wilming ton and could hardly be excelled any

ROWING RACES. The festivities began at 11 o'clock. with a rowing race on the river for louroured boats. There were three entries he "Addie," Capt. B. Newton; the "Fair and E sy." Capt. M. F. Craig, and the "Oriental," Capt. J. A. Burriss. Course 1/2 mile. The first prize, \$15, was awarded to the "Addie," and the second, \$10 to the 'Fair and Easy."

A yawl race, three-quarters of a mile followed, and this was won by the Besie." Capt. T. Taylor; prize, \$15. The "Katie E Gifford," Capt. H. Kure, and the "Lelia Smith," Capt. Joe. E Farrow, were the other boats in this race. The second prize was awarded to the "Gifford."

In the gig race there were two entries but one of these backed out and left the contest open to a crew from the revenue cutter "Colfax." They rowed against time, 8 minutes, and came in In 7.23. and were awarded the prize of \$10,

The judges of all the races were Mr Open to all comers. 1st prize-Gold W. N. Harriss of Wilmington and Mr. medal, cost \$15. 2d prize-Silver medal C. C. Morse, of Southport. The prizes cost \$9.00. were paid in money to the winners as soon as the result was declared.

A BRILLIANT SCENE, At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the river front again presented an animated appearance. It was fined with people from Red Cross to Castle, while Market street from the dock to Front was seemingly packed with a solid mass of humanity. The river itself was covered with a fleet of vessels all bedecked in their gayest colors, and tugs boats darting to and fro with their brilliant flags and bunting gave animation to one of the gayest scenes ever witnessed in Wilmington.

THE PILOTS' RACE.

Shortly after two o'clock the pilot-

schooner Addie, as "pretty as a picture," was stationed off Point Peter, and at the signal two row-boats put off from her to board a large schooner that could be seen coming up the river in tow of the tug Blanche. Each boat was manned by four pilots, who "pulled" their best to be the first to reach the schooner which was coming under good headway about a mile off The boats reached the schooner almost simultaneously, one on each side, and as they rounded to, on the vessel's quarter, one of the pilots-J. F. Arnold -of the "Addie," the leading boat, sprang to catch a rope dangling over the side of the vessel. He missed it, however, and fell into the water. He was speedily helped into the boat from which he feel. In the meantime the schooner had forged ahead and was a hundred yards or more from the boats. Then ensued another race, the "Addie's" competitor-the "Fair and Easy"-taking the lead. It was again an exciting contest, and was watched with almost breathless interest by those on shore Near the starting point the schooner was overtaken and boarded by Mr. Tom Morse, one of the crew of the "Fair and Easy,"

the race and was awarded the prize THE DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS

which boat was declared the winner of

Were a novel feature of the exhibitionsomething never seen before in Wilmington. This unique display took place from a large flat-boat in mid-stream opposite Market dock. From this boat the pyrotechnical experts sent up a number of bombs that burst in air at a heighth of two or three hundred feet and from which issued and floated slowly and sedately downward, fantastic figures in gay colors of horses, elephants, cats, goats, birds, a man on horseback and woman on a bicycle. Other bombs exploded in mid-air, throwing off feathery streamers of vapor in all sorts of shapes The daylight fire-works were good and the people enjoyed the sight. STEAMBOAT PARADE.

Next on the programme was a grand parade of all the steam crafts in the har bor-all beautifully decorated and crowded with people. The tug Marie with the judges and members of committees on board, was in the lead. They staamed slowly down the river with bands playing and whistles blowing, and rounding opposite the lower part of the city came back up the river, three abreast. This wound up the afternoon's

MILITARY AND FIREMENS' PARADE. Thousands of people were on Front and Market streets last night to see the parade of the Light Infantry and the Fire Department, and they were well repaid for waiting and watching for the so badly burned last Saturday that it is procession to appear. Front street was brilliantly illuminated throughout. The street railway company's display of colored electric lights at intervals along ated with wreaths and lanterns. A ter."

THE GALA GATHERING.

which discoursed soul-stirring music SECOND DAY OF THE CELEBRATION. Following the band was the gallant ids of Visitors in the City-The Light Infantry in full uniform and in full Sloycle and Foot Races and the Trades

platoon of policemen led the parade,

preseding the Second Regiment band

ranks, marching in column. Wilmington

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, with its

two trucks, the first drawn by four coal-

black horses and the second by two

orancing bays, followed the military.

Then came time-honored Howard

Relief No. 1, with engine and reel hand-

somely decorated. Wilmington Fire

Engine Company came next with

plendent with red fire and many-colored

anterns, and their handsome team of

iron grays sporting magnificent plumes

on their head-stalls. The gallant Fifth

Ward boys with their new and hand-

some light truck wrapped in wreaths of

red white and blue and lighted with

lanterns, brought up the rear of the pro-

cession. As a lady admirer of the mili-

tary and the firemen said, "the parade

was certainly beautiful and a grand suc-

cess, and the trades people will have to

be uncommonly fine to get ahead of

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

This afternoon at Hilton Park there

will be bicycle and foot races for prizes,

open to all comers. The programme is

2 P. M .- One mile race against time

open to all comers. The prizes for best records: 1st prize—Gold medal, cost

\$30.00. 21 prize-Silver medal, cost

\$10 00. 3d prize-King of Light Lan-

2.35 P. M.-Halt mile three minute

class Three prizes. 1st prize—Gold medal, cost \$10 00. 2d prize—Ivanhoe

name ed lantern, cost \$6.00. - 3d prize-

8 15 P M .- One mile race. (Wilming

ton, N. C., entries only.) 1st prize-

gold medal, cost \$15 00 2d prize-silve

oblet, cost \$5 00. 3d prize-League

345 P M.-One mile race, 1st priz

-gold medal, value \$25 00. 2d prize-

pair Rat Trap peddles, cost \$9.00. 2d

4 P M .- Foot race. A one hundred

ard dash, (open to all comers). 1st

rize-One pair of running shoes, cos

4.10 P. M. -Two mile bicyle race

(6 20 Class) 1st prize-Gold medal, cost

35 00. 2d prize-Finest nickel lantern

cost \$10 00. 3d prize-Bell, bundle car-

425 P. M.-Quarter mile race. Fo

poys 16 years and under. 1st prize-

Gold medal, cost \$1000. 2d prize-

Men's Pioneer lantern, cost \$5.00. 8d

4 55 P, M .- Foot race-half mile

TRADES PARADE TO NIGHT.

The trades parade to take place to-

All the wheelmen are expected to

participate, and urged to attend. The

parade will form promptly at 7.30 p. m

HORRIBLE OUTRAGE.

Little White Child Assaulted by

Negro Near Polkton, Anson County,

POLKTON, N. C., Nov. 29 .- A mos

horrible outrage was perpetrated upon

the little three-year old daughter of Mr.

R. F. Hendley, who lives three miles

from here, this morning, by a negro boy

nineteen years old, named Marshal

Davis. Davis had been in Mr. Hend-

ley's employ all the year. He was mak-

ing a fire in Mr. Hendley's bed-room

this morning and the child was playing

around him, when he seized her and

committed the hellish crime. Davis

was arrested and brought here for trial

He acknowledged everything. He was

taken from here to Wadesboro to be

lodged in jail, but whether he will live

This is the second case of the kind

within the past six months—the victim

in each case being white children under

four years of age and their assailant

The Murderer of Deputy Sheriff Livings

A dispatch to the STAR yesterday

from Lumberton, says that it was un-

derstood there that Sheriff Smith of

Richmond county left Lumberton yes-

terday morning, via Hub, N. C., tor

Wilmington, with Archie McPhatter

one of the negroes who murdered

Deputy Sheriff Livingston, near Laurin-

ourg, a short time since. It was thought

that the sneriff feared that his prisoner

would be lynched if taken to Richmond

Sheriff Smith, with his prisoner, a

r.ved here last night about 12 o'clock,

on the W. C. & A. R. R., and carried

him to the county hospital for treatment.

McPhatter was shot by the posse pur-

suing him, and was seriously wounded.

The trustee's sale of property of the I

dustrial Manufacturing Company took

place in front of the court house yester-

day by auction. Mr. Stacey Van Amringe

Mr. D. O'Connor was the purchaser

over and above two mortgages which

eamer Hurt on the Black River Line.

The steamer A. P. Hurt has been

leased by Capt. D. J. Black to run be-

tween Wilmington and points on Black

River, as a passenger and freight boat.

She made her first trip yesterday on the

new line, and brought down about thirty

passengers from Long View and Point

Caswell. The Hurt will make three

trips each week. To-morrow Capt.

Black expects to bring some two hun-

dred people to see the sights of "Wel-

Mrs. Nolan, wite of Capt. Jas. Nolan,

superintendent at Carolina Beach, was

feared her injuries will result fatally.

Her clothing caught on fire from a burn-

ing brush heap in the yard, and before

the flames were extinguished her gar-

ments were almost entirely consumed,

Cured cough left after lung fever,

with only two bottles. Mrs. Lizzie

Dr. Burbank went down to the Beach

Sale of the Industrial Works.

of the works.

come Week."

Fatally Burned.

amount to about \$8,000.

to reach there or not cannot be said.

rier and cork handles, cost \$5 00.

rize-Alpha bell, cost \$2.25.

night will be the grandest affair

kind ever seen in Wilmington.

nedal, cost \$15.00. 20

rize-bicycle lantern, cost \$4.50.

them."

as follows:

tern, cost \$7.00

Badge cost \$3 00.

Popular Beil, cost \$2.15?

their engine and hose reel

along the route of the process

The second day of Wilmington's Gala Week was as fair and bright and pleasant as the first. The crowd of visitors in the city was largely augmented by arrivals throughout the day.

At the lowest estimate five thousan people visited Hilton Park vesterday afternoon to witness the bicycle and foot races, which were all close and exciting. Mr. Berry Gleaves, chairman of the of all the races, with the following assistants: Judges, J. H. Burruss, Ino. H. Daniel, J. G. Burrand William Sheehar timekeepers, W. Morrison, E. W. Moore, Oscar Watson, Bonner Southerland referee, P. Heinsberger.

BICYCLE AND FOOT RACES. The bicyle races began at two o'clock and lasted the entire afternoon. They were governed by the rules of the League of American Wheelmen, and were as fol-

One mile race against time, open to all comers. Entries, J. J. Hedrick, W. K. Howard, C. H. Cooper, C. G. Stone and J. R. Hanby. Mr. Cooper was awarded the first prize, making the time in two minutes and fifty-six seconds. Second prize. C. G. Stone, 8.18. Third prize to I. Hanby, running time, 8.81.

Half mile race entries-J. J. Hedrick, . W. Taylor, C. H. Cooper, and D. G. Stone. The prizes were awarded as follows: C. H. Cooper, first; C. G. Stone. second; J. W. Stone, third,

One mile race (Wilmington entries only) entries .- J. R. Hanby, T. H. Wright, O. Dingelhoef, J. W. Taylor, C. H. Keen. J. C. Schwartz. T. H. Wright won the first prize; J. H. Hanby, second; J. C. Schwartz, third.

One mile, open race. Entries C. G. Stone, C. H. Cooper, W. K. Howard. First Prize, C. H. Cooper; second prize, C. G. Stone; third prize, W. K. Howard. After this race, Mr. William Wynne, of Raleigh, gave an exhibition of fancy bicycle riding, the finest ever seen in Wilmington. His acrobatic feats while nounted on the machine were loudly applauded and highly complimented. The foot races were then called as fol-

One hundred yards dash. Entries, R.F. Fowler, Wilmington; A. H. McLeod, Lumberton; Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr., Wilmington. The first prize was won by A. H. McLeod; second prize, Ino. D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr. Mr. McLeod's time was ten minutes and five seconds,

Half mile foot race. Entries, H. McLeod, Jr., of Lumberton; R. F. Fowler, Duncan Holland, W. H. Montgomery, Wilmington. First prize, Duncan Holland; time, 2.86. Second prize, A. H. McLeod, Jr.; third prize, W. H. Montgomery.

This ended the foot races, and the bicyclists had a time to rest up, and all of them went in the following races with Two mile race. Entries, C. H. Cooper,

C. G. Stone, T. H. Wright, W. T. Howard. While this race was in progress Messrs. Stone and Howard collided, which caused them to lose their chances of winning. They dropped out of the race. The first prize was won by C. H. Cooper; second prize by T. H. Wright. Quarter-mile race for boys only. En-

tries-T. H. Wright, Otto Dingelhoef, E. C. McEachern. First prize, Dingelhoef; second prize, T. H. Wright; third prize, E. C. McEachern. The riding of Messrs. Cooper, Stone

and Wright was superb. Mr. Cooper's only wish was that Charleston had sent her representatives, as he says he had an easy time doing up all contestants, and would have served them the same.

THE TRADES PARADE Full twenty-five thousand people lined he streets last night to see the trades parade, the leading feature of the gala week. The procession moved promptly on time and on the line of march appointed. It was preceded by a phalanx of the city's police, and the Second Regiment band. Following the band were the committees in carriages, and after these came the floats in charge of Chief Marshal Kenan and assistants.

The Gleaves Hardware Company float was a thing of great beauty, drawn by six handsomely dressed horses with attendants in costume at the head of each. It represented Columbus at the Court of Queen Isabella, looking forward four hundred years at a large spherical wheel which was magnificently covered with farming implements and bardware generally, of the latest improvements. This, with the Wilmington Street Railway float, was lighted by electricity, and it is claimed that they are the first two floats in the world to be lighted with electricity. The Gleaves

Co.'s float was certainly beautiful. Dr. Harmon's float showed his prac ticing rooms with four of his patient was the auctioneer. The property sold wearing eyeglasses, and optical implecomprised the lot with buildings on ments invented by him and which he Queen and Surry streets, a lot on the uses in his every-day practice. The optometer, also invented by him, and made by Burr & Bailey of this city. He also river front, and all the machinery, etc., were made in this State, with little boys of the whole (for other parties) at \$6,000

at work on each. John F. Garrell & Co's float represent ed a butcher's stall with a display of fresh meats of all kinds, with meat cutters, clerks, bookkeepers, and cashiers at work. It was decorated with bunting

S. H. Fishblate had a very handsome float with "King Clothier" on each side, and a king inside sitting on a throne. Before the parade was far on its way one of the wheels of this float gave way and it laid on the streets, illumined, but

transparency representing one of their cars over the river, each car a transparency; one a gondola filled with Poca- this unique display. hontas coal, another showing their different connections on one side and the words "Cotton, Lumber and Tobacco" on the other. The other car gave names of other prominent connections; on oue side "Iron, Brownstone" and the inscription in several places, "Short Line West." The barge appeared to be in mid-stream with water painted around it. It was horses brought from Fayetteville for the purpose. The lights were tastily ar-

ranged. W. E Springer had a canopy top float festooned with red white and blue decorations, draped with chains and pening a saw.

other hardware store implements. In the centre was a figure of a lady representing the Goddess of Plenty, holding a cornucopia. On one side a placksmith stood resting his arm on an anvil, with different blacksmithing instruments, and on the other side was a plowboy, as real as life, holding the handles of a silver

S. VanAmringe's float was fantastically decorated with shellfish and all kinds of "sea devils," representing his ousiness at Ocean View. In one end was a ventriloquist with an Irish bady sitting on goods that were sent to him to sell at auction, talking to the crowd like a steam engine as the float passed. The driver was dressed in a antastic suit.

plow, representing mechanism and in-

dustry, with plenty.

Taylor's Bazaar float represented azaar and toy store, and was decorated with lanterns, colored lights and candles, displaying his line of goods. In one end old Santa Claus was seen giving presents to the children. In the other end, ladies were waiting on customers.

Giles & Murchison's float was a beautiful one, with a triangular rostrum supplanted by a brilliant anvil with many hardware instruments fastened to its sides. In one corner a corn-sneller was shown in operation. In another a feedcutter. In another a cotton planter, and a plow in another. In the rear, a well and water bucket were shown in operation. It was draped with bells of all kinds. This float carried nearly every implement that a hardware store sells and was truly one itself.

P. H. Hayden had a plain but spacious foat showing men at work at the forge, wheelwrighting, buggy making, harness making, and a painter with his brush putting the finishing touches on a large wheel which represented his buggy man ufacturing business to perfection.

Hall & Pearsall had a very large float tastily decorated, representing a whole sale grocery establishment, with pyramid of different brands of goods kept in their store. In the centre and in each corner were rows of barrels with boys beautifully dressed holding colored lights.

R. M. McIntyre's float was draped with lace curtains and fine goods. Inside was a full-sized figure of a young lady dressed in pink satin and black lace representing the dressmaking of the establishment, and other ladies at different counters representing other lines of goods. It was lighted with Japanese Nathaniel Jacobi Hardware Company

had a very large float, elegantly decorated with flags, bunting and lanterns representing a tableau. In the centre was three large grindstones with a large three-foot axe with the old time "Beni Franklin" grinding it. In one corner was the modern plowboy with his trusty plow. In another corner was an oil stove in full blaze. The Atlantic Coast Line's float or

rather transparency, drawn by four large and spirited horses led by attendants dressed in the regulation blue uniform with brass buttons and gold collar ornaments, was a typical representation of the progressiveness and wonderful growth of this corporation. It was made of white cloth representing a huge and gorgeous box chariot, handsomely and artistically decorated, and illuminated with powerful lights inside, making a beautiful display. On the rear end appeared in large characters the A. C. L monogram and on the front, the words "Atlantic Coast Line" in large and fancy letters, resting on a stone pier or abutment, indicating solidity and strength. On each side of the float the States of Virginia North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee were represented by diagram, showing the course of the different roads and branches of the system and the principal termina and junction points To the rear of was painted, "Mneage of the Atlantic Coast Line System, total 1,216 miles The float was preceded by the Atlanti Coast Line drum corps, consisting sixteen men, under the leadership of the genial and clever secretary and treas urer of the A. C. L., Mr. Jas. F. Post Ir., and a large number of the employes A large squad of the latter also followed

the float carrying railroad lanterns. Geo. R. French & Soa's float was astefully decorated with red and white frapery and beautiful festoons of moss Seated upon a dais was the figure of a lady trying on shoes of white, trimmed with red, while at her side was a young man endeavoring to please her in her selection of shoes. The whole appearance was good and displayed much

Wm. E. Worth & Co's float was an ice vagon with blocks of ice weighing from 75 to 100 pounds hanging from the sides and its top covered with snow.

The Wilmington Street Railway Co's float represented Benjamin Franklin flying his kite and drawing lightning from the clouds. This float with its kite string from the Leyden jar to the trolley was decorated with fifteen incandescent lights and the kite was suspended to the upper end of the trolley. It is claimed that this is the first time electricity has been used in this manner since its discovery by Franklin.

The Seaboard Air Line Company had three large floats in line. The first was a representation of the first locomotive engine ever run on the S. A. L., with the engineman and fireman who ran it. both of whom are still living. The second was a fac simile of the first cars used on that road, built in 1840, the first car being lettered R. & G., No. 1. The third was a box car of modern style, loaded with freight, with a trainman checking way-bills and workmen truck-The C. F. & Y. V. railroad had a These three floats were all very handsome and made an exquisite show for barges or floats bringing three-loaded this road. The wide-awake officials went to a heavy expense in getting up

Jos. Silva had a complete representation of his carpenter shop and employes at work.

The Palmetto Brewing Company was represented by their delivery wagon and a dray filled with lager beer.

The Southport Pilots put their winning boat in the trades parade manned by the four oarsmen who won the races drawn by four beautiful black and bay Tuesday. This was a novel feature-a boat mounted on wheels-and was much admired.

S. & W. H. Northrop's float showed a house just finished, and a saw sharpener. managed by one of their experts shar-

The Standard Oil Company's float had a very brilliant appearance, It was loaded with about seventy-five oil barrels with transparent ends, showing the different railroads who use the oils and the

numerous grades of oil sold by their J. A. Springer had six of his carts with transparencies with different inscrip-

tions advertising his coal, wood and J. L. Breckenridge had an attractive float, showing samples of stoves and tin

and lamp-ware. The Tide Water Oil Company's float was filled with barrels with transparent ends, with inscriptions showing different oils used by railroads in this vicinity, furnished by them; and in the centre arge oil cans which were supposed to represent what the merchants use to sell their oils in.

The Standard Veneer Package Com pany had a handsome float, brilliantly illuminated, and with a bevy of pretty girls illustrating the work done at the factory. It was one of the not pleasing sights of the parade.

The fantastic bicycle parade which accompanied the trades procession was a very laughable feature, each wheelman being dressed in the most comical costume that could be procured. Some o the cyclists carried over fifty lanterns. The prize for the most fantastically gotten up costume was awarded to Mr. W. A. McGowau. Mr. J. A. Taylor was awarded the prize for carrying the greatest number of lanterns, having exactly one hundred on his wheel.

REPLY POSTAL CARDS.

Description of the Latest Addition to Po tal Pacilities. The Wilmington postoffice has recently received and now has on sale the new double or reply postal cards for use in the domestic mails. The price is two

The card consists of two parts, on appropriate to an original message and the other to a reply thereto, the imprint upon the two superscription faces bein on reverse sides of the paper, and the parts being easily separated by a score line between them cut about half throug he thickness of the paper. The following is a description of the

wo parts of the postal. The Message Part-In the upper righ hand corner, constituting the denomi national stamp, is a portrait of Gen Grant in citizen's dress, three-quarter face, looking to the left, in a horizontal lined oval frame, with a fine line arous the inner and outer edges thereof white five-pointed star in a small black circle being on either side of the frame which hears above the words "Message card," and below the words "One cent n white slightly shaded capitals. To the left of the stamp, in prominent black letters with outline snading, the letters being arranged in a straight line, reply," below which, in shaded German letters, are the words "United States o America," and underneath this, in verv small single line capitals, the word This side is for the address only. In these latter characters, in the lowe

left-hand corner of the card, is this di rection: "Detach annexed card for an wer." Around the whole card is an or nate linked border, with heavy corne Reply Part-This is precisely th

same as the message part, except tha the upper part of the frame around th portrait bears the words "Reply card. while to the left of the stamp the word 'Reply postal card" in heavy black let ters are substituted for the words on th message part. The direction in the left hand corner is omitted too. The color of the paper of which th

cards are made is a light manilla; th ink of the imprint is black. The size of the card is three and one-half by five and one-half inches. International cards, with slight differ ences in the color, lettering and price are similar to those described above.

FIRE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Serious Conflagration-Five Two-Story Brick Buildings Burned-The Losses and

1 pecial Star Correspo FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 80. - A very de tructive conflagration originated ne store of Mr. A. H. Watson on t southwest corner of Market Square thi his morning about 1.80 o'clock, result ing in the destruction of five two-stor brick buildings, comprising nine store eith their stocks. In the midst of th hre our steam engine became impaired and notwithstanding that the operator of the Postal Telegraph and Western Union were in their offices, no communication could be had with Green boro, Raleigh, or Wilmington, until th fire, by the nerculean efforts of our citi zens, had been sufficiently arrested arlay all year that the entire busines portion of the town would be destroye as was at one time anticipated.

The tollowing is a report of the los as far as could be ascertained: B F Beasley, building and stock value \$1,000, insurance \$2,000. A por tion of the stock was saved, but in badly damaged condition. S. J. Hiosdale, two buildings, \$6.000; insurance, \$2,500.

W. C. McDuffie, Jr., stock of drugs

insurance \$3,000; value \$6,000. About half of the stock was saved in a badly damaged condition. Waitfield estate two buildings burn ed. Value \$5,000; no insurance.

A. H. Watson, entire stock burned Value \$1,500; insurance \$700. W. C. Sloan, entire stock destroye Value \$1,200; insurance \$700. R. B. Watson, entire stock destroye Value \$1,500; insurance \$500. J. R. Hall, stock removed, damaged Value \$2,000; insurance \$1,500. Wm. Jackson, dry goods, entire stock

destroyed. Value \$5,500; insurance Q. K. Nimock, buildings and stock destroyed. Value \$6,000; insurance, Buckingham's barber shop; contents removed but damaged. Wm. Jackson, groceries; stock re-

moved in a damaged condition. No in

K. Lewald, stock removed, badl damaged. Value \$8,000; insurance R. M. Nimocks, building badly dam The heaviest loss falls upon the Whitfield heirs, the insurance on their buildings having recently expired, and they

sympathy of the entire community. The fire raged for three hours, and threatened the destruction of the entire block from Gillespie street to Anderson

The Town Commissioners vesterday signed a contract for the establishment of water works, and there is no doubt now of their early establishment.

LAMY'S Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Whiteville Star: Robbers broke into the deport Tuesday night and bie w

only got a small sum of money. - Durham Sun: Mr. R. H. I Blount died last Saturday evening at 8,20 o'clock at the residence of his sonin-law, Mr. R. D. Blacknail, after an ss of a few days. He was taken sick st Monday with something like pneu-

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- Winston Sentinel: Rev. H. W Peebles, a well known and highly Protestant church, died last Thursday at his home in Kernersville, aged 70 years. The deceased had been in de-

- Lumberton Robesonian: Truss Covington, the mulatto who was tried and acquitted last winter on the charge of outraging a colored woman in Maxton, was shot and killed at Bennettsville, S. C., last week by a negro who was in Maxton for some time with the Hobby Horse men. The shooting is claimed to have been accidental.

-Durham Globe: Bva Evans. colored, whom the coroner's jury last week found guilty of concealment of the birth of her child, found dead in a fence corner, near the Markham place, and for whom a capias was issued, was safely lodged in jail on Saturday night, to await the action of the grand jury, at the lanuary term of the Circuit Court. It is probable that further developments will show murder, and involve Eva's

- Statesville Landmark : Mr Adam Barnhardt, who lives on the place of G. F. Shepherd, Esq., at Elmwood dropped dead Monday evening about 5 o'clock. He had been sick with pneumonta but had recovered sufficiently to walk about. On the evening in quescion he walked over to Mr. Shepherd's house and talked awnile on business. When he returned home he sat down on the doorstep and at once fell over

Durham Record: Bettie Daniel, wile of Sanders Daniel, colored, who lived in Patterson township, wandered away from home last week to the distance of seven miles, in Cedar Fork township, and improvised a rope of her dress skirt, by tearing it into strips and twisting it together. She then climbed a dogwood tree, as the mud on the tree would indicate, and hanged berself. Her face indicated that she had been wandering through brier patches. No cause is assigned for the deed.

- Newbern Journal: Again Newbern is called upon to mourn the loss of one of her most useful citizens, Mr. Basi Manly. He died very suddenly shortly before six o'clock vesterday afternoon. of heart failure. Mr. Manly's health had been broken for some months, and ne was thinking of going north to con-sult the most skilled physicians. It had been about a week since. Mr. Manly was out, but there was nothing to indicate such an abrupt ending of his life, consequently his death was quite a shock to our citizens.

- Hickory Carolinian: Miller, the and found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged in January; but he has taken an appeal to he Supreme Court, which will stay proceedings until that tribunal has acted upon the case. - General Deputy Collector Patterson, accompanied by H. W. Jones, Deputy U. S. Marshal, an 1 others, a few days ago raided several illicit distilleries, captured about sixty gallons of liquor, a great quantity of beer, and destroyed the plants.

- Raleigh Chronicle: The trial of Thomas Clark, for the a leged assassinaion of Mr. Richard D. McCatter, in Pamlico county, has ended in a verdict of not guilty. - John A. Robbins, colored, is the editor of the Windsor Home Journal, published at the county seat of Bertie. He was a witness here at he Federal Court, but W. H. Ourlaw colored, postmaster at Windsor, and I I' York, colored, of Newbern, have sued him for criminal libel. So he was arrested yesterday and taken to Newbern by Deputy Sheriff C. M. Walters, as he could not give \$1,000 bail for his appearance there to answer the charge. - Raleigh Visitor: This morning

at an early hour a bold attempt was made to rob the general merchandise establishment of Messrs Wyatt & Co., c rner of Salisbury and Johnson streets, in the northern section of the city. The would be robbers in their greed attemptd to blow open the sale when the nois etra ted the attention of persons of the premises whose appearance caus d the thieves to run off without securing iny booty, although they had removed a sack or so of provisions near the door to be taken away. In their flight the fellows left some of their tools which, it is hoped may lead to their detection.

- Durham Sun: J. M. Morris, genral agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was in Durham this week on somewhat of a prospecting tour. There is talk of extending the Spring Hopbranch of that foad from that point to Durham. What the result of Mr. Morris' visit to Durham will be we are unable to say at this writing. It is evident nowever, that the Coast Line people have an eye in this direction, and it may be possible that some day in the tuture Durham will have her fifth railroad running out east and connecting with the Coast Line at Rocky Mount. - Pearl Ray, a little grandchild of &unt Judy at the Richmond & Danville depot, had a narrow escape yesterday alternoon from a horrible fate. She is about six years old and was searching for nails in a pile of ashes that had just been emptied, when her clothing ignited She was soon ablaze and began scream ing for some one to come to her. As soon as her prandmother reached her she folded her in the skirt she wore and soon extinguished the flames. The child was not injured but her clothing was badly burnt, and it was a close shave for

- Charlotte Observer : Charles Ware, a white boy 12 years of age, whose home is at Mt. Holly, met with a painful and serious accident Thursday, while out hunting. He was accidentally, shot, in the leg, receiving both loads from a companion's gun in the call of the leg. The wound is such a bad one that it is thought that the leg will have to be amputated. —Dr. Wilder was called upon yesterday to amputate several fingers. or a negro man who had been bitten by "blue-gum nigger" about a week ago. The hand was in a terrible condition, and was swollen to about double its natural size. According to the negroes' theory a "blue gum nigger bite" is deadly poison. -Mr. A. A. Wood, who tormerly acted as general manager at Messrs. Thomas & Maxwell's furniwest trade street is wanted here for embezzlement. The firm is out \$85 which he drew checks for. He went from here to Apex, near Raleigh, but a letter from there vesterday states that he left there some days ago and has not since been heard of. Warrants have been issued for him, ynd the probability is that he'll be caught up with. He left his family here, - Wm. Tillman, colored, was J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr.
King's New Discovery for Consumption,
Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife

a big dance in Davis' row, on East Eleventh Street, when they fell out about some trivial matter, and soon mixed." Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at R. R. Belland, and the ball. When Officers able to find the ball. When Officers Baker and Hunter arrived on the scene Haskins, had made good his escape. 50c. Haskins had made good his escape...

Tillman's condition is quite serious.