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HOW TO MAKE IT PAY.

It has been predicted, and as good reasons given for the prediction as can be given for anything in the future, that the South is to become the center of the iron-making industry of this continent, and even better reasons can be shown why she is to become the great cotton manufacturing section of this continent. She is moving in that direction now steadily and even rapidly, although she is parade over it.

There are now in the South, according to statements furnished the Balti nore Manufacturers' Record by mill owners, 377 mills, with 2,540,856 spindles and 55,375 looms, an in crease of 123 mills, 727,926 spindles and 16,144 looms since the census of vas taken. North Carolina 130 mil., 588,016 spindles and 11,045 oms. Georgia coming nex w 64 ..., 514,144 spindles and 11,504 too ns, South Carolina coming third with 51 mills, 516,526 spindles and 12,905 looms. These three States are the center of cotton manu'acture in the South, and will, in time, or the greatest cotton manu facture - in the continent. Georgia leads South Carolina in the number of mi s. out South Carolina leads Georgia and North Carolina in the number of fooms. These mills are all in operation, which gives evidence that they are prospering.

Possibly the low price of cotton may have stinulated the building of mills, but there is every reason to believe that the activity in mill building will continue at as great if not a greater pace for some years to come

It may be remarked in this connection that the same belt of terri tory which has been designated as the future center of the iron industry is also the center of the cotton in dustry of the South. Every cotton mill erected in the South adds to the wealth of the South not only in the value of the plant but in the value of the product over and above the cost of the raw material, Every pound of cotton manufactured more than doubles the price of the cotton, so that when it goes to market in the form of manufactured goods that cotton brings a hundred dollars or more a bale instead of fifty dollars or

It is only a question of time when the bulk of the cotton grown in the South will be manufactured in the South, but every effort ought to be made to hasten that day, for the South loses money on every bale of cotton snipped in a raw state, that is she loses the difference between the value of the raw material and the manufactured goods,

The cotton crop of the South i worth in round figures say \$3,000, 000. Manufactured its value is doubled, and instead of \$300,000,000 coming to the South to pay for it, \$600,000,000 would come. With \$600,000,000 put into the pockets of our farmers, manufacturers, tradesmen and other business men annu ally, wouldn't Dixie soon bound to the front and become a hummer from long taw?

Then the Southern planter would have his market at his own door. could count with a reasonable degree of certainty on what his crop would bring him, because with a demand for so much for regular consumption, he would feel pretty sure of a tion. The speculation would come mands of foreign buyers, and they foolish and injurious legislation. would have to pay for their deals, for sale of his crop to the home mills. his music.

Hence every new mill built helps the cotton planter some, and when many are built they help him a great deal. Every one built makes the home market that much the stronger and better, and makes the cottongrowing industry that much the surer as an industry of profit.

to manage them. There are many be when the capital invested finds neighborhoods where by concert of it necessary to go into the courts to

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action this could be done, and many mills be thus established to be added to those how in operation. The planters who did this would be aiding in building up home markets for their cotton at their doors, and thus save time and long distance hauling to deliver the crop, but would also share in the profits of the manufactured goods, thus getting all the profit there is in the crop he grows. Then cotton growing would be to him not only a remunerative but an interesting occupation, for his interest in it would be such that he would study the cotton movement

and keep abreast of it. Having a near market for the sale ulus to greater production, and to better and more economical culture. and intensified farming, which must come in time to produce the best results, would come all the sooner. The intelligent planter would discover that it was to his interest to cease exhausting strength on a large acreage, when by concentrated effort and better methods, a smaller acreage could be made more productive, and consequently more profitable.

There may not seem to be much connection between the business of manufacturing cotton and the busidoing it quietly, and not making any ness of growing cotton, but there is, and it will be found that as manufacturing increases the methods of culture will improve, for the thrift and intelligence that builds and directs the factory will eventually direct the culture of the staple upon which the factories depend. When the factory and the farm, which have a common interest, go together then re highest possibilities of . cotton culture will be achieved.

HOSTILE RAILROAD LEGISLA-TION.

There are bills pending before the L-gislatures of South Carolina and Georgia which, if enacted into laws, will not only cripple the roads of these States, but prove a damaging blow to the progress and prosperity the States themselves. While purporting to be laws for the government of the roads and to protect the people from discrimination and exortion, they are so sweeping in their provisions and give the railroad comnissions such absolute power as to put the roads at their mercy.

If the men selected to perform the duties entrusted to these commissions were fair minded men, with discriminating judgment, and business nen who know something about railroads, how they ought to be managed and run, how much it costs to build, equip and operate them, how much business they'would have to do to pay a reasonable interest on the investment after the cost of building, running expenses and the wear and tear were accounted for, no serious harm might come to any one, but it is exceedingly difficult a get commis if he hadn't been resound from her sions of this kind. The majority of men who are put on them are apt to have more or less prejudice against rulroads, and are therefore unfitted o do discriminating, and impartial justice as between the roads and the public. This is one of the reasons why there are so many contests beween railroad commissions and rail-

road companies, and why the public is so little benefitted. Railroads are common carriers and while they are the property of individuals they are to a certain ex tent public institutions. They are granted franchises by the State and certain privileges and therefore the State is right in making requirements of them, in making reasonable regulations for their government and in

protecting the public from unjust exaction for service rendered. But this ought to be done in a spirit of tairness and with recognition of the fact that railroads have some rights that legislators should respect. Unfortunately there are too many

of them who are of a different opinion and who seem to think that it is their duty to rap a railroad corporation on the head every time they get a chance, and that the business of the railroads is to be everybody's servants and that everybody has as much or more right to have a voice market for that much which would in their management than the men be influenced very little by specula- whose money built them, and whose experience and brains operate them. from the outside to meet the de- The result of this has been much

Railroad men, as a general thing, the planter feeling assured of the are pretty well able to take care of themselves if they have half a chance could make the speculator dance to and as a rule the men who build railroads and the men who control them are better posted on the powers of legislatures than the average legislator, in addition to which they have the cash to supply and pay lawvers who know enough about constitutions and laws to tear acts of legislatures all to pieces if there be any legal flaws in them. For this reason For this reason as a matter of self | it is advisable that legislators should interest the cotton planter who may go slow and move with their eyes have money to invest should en- open lest in going too fast they courage the building of cotton mills stumble into a pit and defeat the and should put money into them, very purpose for which they started provided he has assurance that they out. Extreme legislation very selwill be put into the hands of ex- dom meets constitutional tests when perienced business men competent to they are applied as they always will

protect itself from destructive legis-

That's one reason why the legisla tor who wants to put the breaks down hard on the railroads should go there is another reason and that is that no Southern State should estab lish the reputation of being inimical to the railroads, for if it does it will throw blocks in the way of railroad building. There is no State in the South which hasn't need of three times the railroad mileage it has. In transportation they are the great arteries of enterprise, the great developers of natural resources, the great of his cotton there would be a stim- aids to the building of manufactories, towns and cities, and to the peopling of the unpeopled sections. While there has been a great deal of clamor against them, much of which is the result of ignorance and some of demagogism or malice, they have added millions of dollars to the value of property in the South in the past decade, have opened up large sections of country filled with wealth which until then were unprofitable wildernesses, have opened the way for the utilizing of vast tracts of iron, coal, &c., and for the establishment of numerous industries and flourishing

> a house stood and no smoke stack was in sight. The South is not finished yet; she is but on the threshold of her industrial and commercial career, she looks to a glorious future and has need of the railroads to help her onward, and the men who are entrusted with the making of the laws for these States, unless they desire to retard progress and throw obstacles in the way of the South, will deal with the railroads justly if not generously, nor proscriptively nor insanely. The bull in the china shop method of legislation is not a good one. The fool can in a day destroy what it takes wisdom months to build.

cities where a decade or two ago not

People who are afraid of the number 13 had better look out how they fool with the new quarter-dollars that have been issued. The New York Sun has counted up the 13's on it and finds ten of them on one side, thus: There are 13 stars, 13 letters on the scroll in the eagle's beak, 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tail feathers, 13 parallel lines in the shield, 13 horizontal bars, 13 arrow heads in one of the eagle's claws, 13 leaves on the branch in the other claw, and 13 letters in the words "quarter-dollar." The man who can tackle such an array of 13's isn't afraid of a baker's

A Pennsylvania mine boss is bragging about a mule which was sharp enough to recognize a boy who had set fire to the stable in which she was. The mule was badly burned, and when she saw the boy she rushed on him and would have chawed him up fury. Up to that time she had been so gentle that the boys could play jackrocks between her heels. But the mule that wouldn't fire up and chaw a boy under those circumstances isn't much of a mule.

The sentiment in favor of annexation to the United States is growing in Canada. With this country Democratic all the outlying territory will want to be coming in after a while

Under the direct inheritance tax law of New York the State will get \$700,000 out of the estate of Jay Gould. But the State will be the only party outside of the family who will get anything out of it.

FREIGHT CAR THIEVES. Band of Piunderers Discovered Raidin

a Freight Train on the W. O. & A

R. R.-Three of the Robbers Cap

A band of negro thieves undertool to rob a freight train on the W., C. & A. R. Friday night, but came to grief, and nearly all of them are now in the ciutches of the law.

The train left Wilmington late Friday evening, in charge of Conductor Hart sell, and it is supposed, from subsequent developments, that the thieves-all Wilmington negroes-were concealed on board. When the train was within a few miles of Marion, S. C., Conductor Hartsell discovered the thieves in a box-car from which they were throwing out packages of freight. The train hands were summoned and an attempt was made to capture the robbers. All of them, however, nade their escape, for the time, with the exception of one, who in jumping from the train landed in Lumber river and was rescued by the train men. He gave his name as "Pat," but refused to give his surname. Another of the grang who gave his name as "Wallace," was arrested at Marion yesterday and a third who called himself "Graham" was captured

later at Florence, S. C. The thieves began throwing goods from the cars at Lake Waccamaw and were detected at Mullins, S. C., thirtyfive miles from Waccamaw. "Pat," the man who jumped into Lumber river, is badly bruised. The three men captured are in jail at Florence, S. C. It is supposed that the robbers had confederates along the line of the road who were on the look-out and picked up the packages of goods thrown from the

currence of the kind on the W., C. & A. R., freight cars having heretolore been plundered while in transit.

THE LATE DR. MORAN

A Vault Prepared at Oakdale Cemeter for His Remain

During the past week or two workmen have been employed in Oakdale slow and be sure of his grip, but cemetery building a vault for the reception of the remains of the late Rev. Robt. S. Moran, a former pastor of Front street (now Grace) M. E. Church, who died in New York city and whose body was, by his express wish, brought to Wilmington for interment in a vault above ground. It is the only vault of the kind in Oakdale cemetery. It was built under the supervision of Mr. Jas. these days of rapid and competing F. Post, by Messrs. Jas. H. Tucker & Bro., contractors. A description of the vault, furnished the STAR, is as follows

"It is like a small house; with a tenfeet wide brown stone front, similar to the stone used in the public building here; running ten feet back with concrete and pressed brick walls, and with a concreted water-proof roof. The entrance to the vault is guarded by heavy oak doors, in front of which is an Iron grating door. Above the door on the outside is the word 'Moran,"cut in the brown stone arch. A neat cement floor is built in front of the vault to the line of the avenue The designs inside the vault are very tastily arranged, presenting a perfect cemented arch, with the glass-faced casket placed in a beautiful sarcophagus entirely covered by Tennessee marble which can be pushed aside at any time to allow the friends of the deceased to view his remains when passing through Wilmington. It cost about one thous-

and dollars. Rev. Dr. Wilson, who is now in the city, and was a particular friend of Dr. Moran, will visit the vault to-day.

State Ballroad Commission.

The Raleigh papers announce disposa of the following cases before the Railroad Commission:

Harrison & Co. vs. Southern Express Company, Complaint: Failure to post schedule of rates. Action dismissed, it not appearing that the defendant had failed to comply with the rules of the

Wright vs. C. C. Railway Company Action for non-compliance with the rules of the Commission in refusing to sell plaintiff ticket, thereafter charging excess. Dismissed, it not appearing that defendant had failed to comply with the rules of the Commission.

Wade & Son vs. S. A. Line Railway Company. Overcharge on freight shipment. Overcharge adjusted. Case dis-Totten & Pool vs. C. F. & Y. V. Rail-

way Company. Case argued for the defendant by Geo. M. Rose, Esq. NAVASSA GUANO COMPANY.

Annual Meeting-Election of Officers. The annual meeting of the Navassa Guano Company was held at the company's office in this city yesterday morning. After the reading of the reports of officers and the transaction of the usual routine of business, the following officers

were elected to serve for the ensuing Directors.-Wm. H. Crawford, J. Middleton, Smilie A. Gregg, George W. Kidder, D. G. Worth, Frederick L. Graf-

flin, and Donald MacRae. President-David G. Worth. Vice-President-Wm H. Crawford. Manager and Secretary and Treasurer -Donald MacRae.

Superintendent-Chas. E. Borden. A dividend of six per cent. was de

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line report the opening of and prospects for travel this year to be admirable. Al ready they are forced to run daily an extra coach out of Washington in order to furnish the proper accommodations for south-bound travellers. The preparations which they are making for the rush which they anticipate later includes a doubling of the number of trains over their road. The regular rush from the North to Florida and intermediate points, will not, of course, set in until lanuary, as most of the travellers desire o eat their Christmas turkeys at home

Death of Mrs. J. C. Bowden. The sad announcement of the death of Mrs. Emma J. Bowden, relict of the late John C. Bowden, was made yesterday evening. She died at her residence in this city, corner of Second and Chesnut streets, in her 78th year, after an illness of several weeks following a severe attack of influenza. Arrangements for the funeral will be made to-day and published in the STAR to-morrow.

The following decisions have been anded down by the Railway Commis sion of North Carolina:

Tustice and Justice vs. Carolina Central Railway, and the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railway Company; complaint of discrimination against the town of Rutherfordton by the defendants, in their schedules. It appearing that the discrimination complained of has been remedied to the satisfaction of complainants, the action is dismissed. Totten and Pool vs. Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company; com-plaint of over-charge in bill lading. Ac-tion dismissed, it appearing that the charge demanded of the defendant was class of freight mentioned in the bill of lading.

Dr. W. W. Harriss, chairman of the Board of Magistrates for New Hanover has called a special meeting of the justices of the county, at the court house in this city next Saturday at 10 o'clock a, m. It is understood that the meeting is called to consider the county roads question, and perhaps other matters of

Meeting of Magistrates Called.

moortance.

Stocks of Naval Stores.

Stocks of naval stores at the ports at the close of the week are reported as follows, viz: Spirits turpentine—New York, 13,160 casks; Charleston, 1,800; Savannah, 19,-108; Wilmington, 1,807. Total, 35,875

Rosin-New York, 17,985 barrel Charleston, 7,892; Savannah, 125,899; Wilmington, 21,629. Total, 162,855 bar-Tar-New York, 2,706 barrels; Wil-mington, 0,192. Total, 8,898 barrels.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The Raleigh papers announce that the Supreme Court of the United States, in an opinion delivered by Chief Justice Fuller on Monday last, affirmed the decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company vs. B. I. Allsford, sheriff of Halifax county. The News and Observer, in its sum-

mary of the matter, says: The case just affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States was brought

to test the claim by the railroad for n from taxation of its branch ine in Halifax county, and also of that part of the main line between Halifax and Weldon. The State Supreme Court held that both pieces of property were taxable. Conceding that the main line generally was exempt, the Court held that the portion between Halifax and Weldon was taxable for this reason, o-wit: That that part of the road was a distinct line in operation before the Wilmington and Weldon was built, belonging to other parties, and was at the time liable to taxation.

But when the Wilmington & Weldon got to Halifax it arranged for the incor-poration of that piece of property into its line. This arrangement the Supreme Coops held did not impart to that prop-

erty any exemption from taxation.

When the case got to the Supreme Court of the United States the counsel for the State moved to dismiss the appeal on the ground that the Suprem Court of the United States was bound in the construction of a State statute by the decision of the State Court. If that motion has been allowed and the case has gone off that way, then the Supreme Court of the United States has not passed on the points at issue, and the effect is just as if there had been no appeal. Should this prove to be so, the present decision would have no effect in another case which is now pending in the Federal Court to subject all the branch lines of the Wilmington and Weldon to taxation. But if, on the other hand, the opinion of Chief Justice Fuller goes into the questions involved, and the decision is to the effect that the branch lines are taxable, it will put an end probably to the other case still pending in the Federal Court.

Until the text of the opinion is seen. we cannot know whether the case went merits. It seems to us, however, that it must be the latter, and that the decision just made will probably wind up the whole litigation.

AN INTERESTING REUNION.

The Reception Given Last Evening by Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church. The congregations of the several

Presbyterian churches of this city held a reunion in the spacious rooms of the Y. M. C. A. last evening, the occasion being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. M. B. Grier, of Philadelphia, with his wife, and Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, of Tennessee, were present, as were also Rev. Sidney G. Law and wife, of New York. These gentlemen and their wives, assisted by Rev. Dr. P. H, Hoge and wife, received their numerous friends in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., and it can be safely said that nearly every Presbyterian in the city was present and many of other denomination Rev. Dr. Grier was pastor of the First Church for about ten years and up to the time of the war, and Dr. Wilson was

pastor from 1873 until 1884. Nothing could be more grateful to the hearts of these pastors than to see the affectionate remembrance in which they were held by their former parishioners, and every one grasped their hands as of those they loved and revered. Tears came was of hany as the minds so many scenes both of joy and sorrow in which they had participated.

In the rooms adjoining the parlors ice cream, cake and fruits were served, and at one table, beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers, sat the preachers and elders with their wives.

No more joyous occasion has ever come to the Presbyterians, and this, with the anniversary exercises to be held to-night and Sunday, will complete an event which will always be remembered by all who participated. The ladies spared no pains, and their efforts were crowned with abundant success.

ONSLOW DEMOCRATS.

The Celebration at Jacksonville-Bar and Dinner-Speeches, Etc.

It is estimated that about two thousand people attended the Democratic celebration at Jacksonville, Onslow county, yesterday. Visitors from the city returned last evening and report a very pleasant day. There was a grand barbecue and dinner for the crowd, and the Second Regiment Band furnished music for the assemblage. Mai. C. W. McClammy. Col. E. D. Hall and others made enthusiastic speeches. Messrs. Craig and Branch, with the cannon "Zeb Vance," which they carried with them from Wilmington, made the woods

ring with the salutes they fired. Andrew Hall, a colored man of this city, who accompanied the Second Reglment band, met with an accident During a display of fireworks Thursday evening he was struck by a rocket and his neck and chin were severely cut. A present attended to his injuries and he was able to return with the band.

Christmas Rates on the Atlantic Coas The Atlantic Coast Line announces

the sale of holiday excursion rate tickets

over all the lines controlled by that system of roads. They announce that roundtrip tickets at four cents per mile will be sold between local stations of the following roads in their system: Richmond and Petersburg, Wilmington and Weldon and branches, Norfolk and Caroli na, Albemarle and Raleigh, Midland North Carolina, Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta, Florence, Manchester and Augusta, Northeastern, of South Carolina; Central, of South Carolina; Cheraw and Darlington, and Hartsville and Cheraw and Salisbury roads. Tickets will be sold from the 28d to the 29th of December, and from December 81 to January 2. Tickets will be good to re-

turn until January 4, 1898. - Washington, N. C., rejoices over the first white shad. It was caught on the 5th day of December by Capt.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

A Pull Representation of Delegates Pro ent Sermon by Dr. Hardaway The Annual Election of Officers. [Raleigh News and Observer, Friday.]

The Baptist State Convention met las ight at 8 o'clock, 268 delegates bein resent. Rev. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford alled the convention to order as presi dent. The entire audience sang a hymn with fine effect.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Tyres

and a scriptural selection was read. Rev. Dr. J. S. Hardaway preached the pening sermon, taking his text from the ist chapter of Isaiah. His theme was he strength of the Church. His sermon was of an hour's length and showed care in preparation, and was forcefu At its conclusion what may be termed

the regular business of the convention was taken up, officers being chosen for the ensuing year, Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh was on motion of Dr. Sanderlin re-elected President by acclamation. Three vice president by acclamation. Three vice presidents were chosen and the secretaries were re-elected, the latter being Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. N. B. Cobb, Statistical Secretary, and Mr. N. B. Broughton, Recording Secretary.

The convention shortly after 16

The convention shortly after clock adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the Tabernacle. One of the pleasant incidents of las night's meeting was the very hearty welcome extended by the convention, through Dr. Marsh, its President, to the unusually large number of prominent preachers of the denomination from other States. The principal religious papers of the Baptists in the South have

entatives here. The attendance of prominent preachers from the State is also quite marked. All the delegates to the convention are asantly quartered.

Proceedings Yesterday. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, December 9.-When the Baptist State Convention assemble the tabernacle this morning, Dr. J. J Holt delivered the address of welcome E. K. Proctor responded. Rev. C. Durham read report on Mission and Sunday School Work, showing great progress. Dr. Frost, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Couvention, delivered an address detailing the increased work of that Board. In speaking of extended

Foreign mission work was discussed by Dr. Tupper, of Richmond, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, who presented a gratifying resume of operaions in foreign countries, and particularly the extraordinary results in China, where much headway had been made. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Bagby missionary to Brazil; Dr. Powell, mis sionary to Mexico, and Rev. D. M. Her ring, missionary to China, detailing the ogress of Baptist work in those coun-

exertion of the Board, he said a large

part of its funds had been expended in

The convention is decidedly the finest body of Baptists ever convened in this State. Among those present are Dr. W. E. Hatcher and Dr. E. Dickinson, Richmond; Dr. S. M. Ellis, Baltimore Dr. J. M. Frost, Nashville; Dr. J. O. Dill, California; Dr. E. Dely, Georgia and Dr. Thomas, South Carolina.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9. The Baptists are sometimes spoken of as a slow set of Christians, but it would seem from their history that they have not been wanting in enterprise in North Carolina. They were the first to establish a denominational college, at Wake Forest; the first to originate a State organ in the Biblical Recorder, the first to end out a foreign missionary, Dr. M. T. Yates and wife, to China in 1847, and the first to organize a church orphanage at Thomasville, and they constitute by many thousands the largest Christia denomination in the State. This body represents 1,700 different churches and cants, with 100,000 color hate communi-As the Baptists are fed members. it is not strange that thetrong in Ralcigh body have been held in this city more frequently than at any other point, and as it is central, the attendance is gener ally large, but this promises to be the

argest session ever held in all its history. This is due to the fact that this is the centennial of missions, and there are many eminent men from other States-Drs. Ellis, of Baltimore; Tupper Hatcher and Dickinson, of Richmond Frost, of Nashville; Thames, of Danville Va.; Bilting, of Philadelphia; Thomas of Greenville, S. C.; Edens, of Atlanta Dill, of Georgia, and Prof. N. T. Robin son, of Louisville, Ky.

Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, was re elected President; Rev. Henry Brown T. M. Pittman and Rev. R. T. Vans were made Vice Presidents; N. B. Broughton and Dr. N. B. Colt were elected Secretaries, Dr. C. Durham Corresponding Secretary; J. D. Bous ball, Treasurer, and W. N. Jones, Audi tor. Rev. J. S. Hadaway, of Oxford preached a capital introductory sermon The pastor, Rev. J. J. Hall, welcomed the convention to Raleigh, and a response, which was brief but happy, wa made by E. K. Proctor, of Lumberton.

The report of the State Mission Board ead by Dr. C. Durham, was long and full of interesting facts, some of which are the following: This side of the Blue Ridge—for there is a Western convention covering twenty counties over there-116 men have been employed during the year, with the accompanying results: Sermons, 11,486; mission churche supplied, 228; out stations supplied, 427 paptisms, 1,142; added by letter, 1,294 hurches organized, 62; Sur churches organized, 62; Sunday schools organized, 93; houses of worship finished and occupied, 28; cost of these 28 house

\$1,200, some \$1,500, and some \$2,000.
The average cost has been about \$1,200.
This Board, in connection with the Northern Baptists, has conducted ten institutes for the benefit of colored preachers, at Elizabeth City, Charlotte, Weldon, Winston, Roxboro, Greensboro Rockingham, Magnolia, Wilmington

of worship, \$33,600; houses of worsh

The growth of the Baptists in this country during the past twenty years has been more rapid than the growth of the population. The population of the United States has not doubled in the past twenty years, but the Baptist mem-bership has more than doubled during that time. In 1872 the total number Baptists in the United States was abo 1,489,000, now it is about 9,500,000; then the Baptists numbered one in every twenty-six of the population, now one in

A very large per cent, of the lincrease in our country's population has come through immigration. This has not been are beginning to be every night and in the city. Rev. George A. Page is to last victim. Yesterday morning, between three and four o'clock, burglars entered his house on East Eleventh street, and after rifling the pockets of all the clothes they could find, and discovering no money, left.

Trogden, while riding on the running gear of a wagon last Monday, caught his foot and ankle between a stump and a cross piece of the wagon, breaking the small bone of the ankle and seriously mutilating the foot and leg. He has suffered great pain, and it is feared that he will be permanently crippled.

NO.

The total amount of property and endowments belonging to the Baptist Colleges and Theological Seminaries in the United States in 1872 was \$3,467,000;

now it is \$39,000,000. The growth of

the Baptists is our own State has been more marked than in any other State in

the country. About one in every six of

many new missionaries for foreign fields—a hundred laborers are urgently needed in China, Japan. Italy, Alrica, South America, Cuba and Mexico, and this is one of the aims of the centennial

Perhaps the finest speech thus far de

livered was made by Rev. W. B. Bagby of Brazil. He is an orator of power and

people in that semi-civilized country.

As I finish this article Dr. Powell

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, will

speak to-night on "Ministerial Educa-

SECOND DAY.

Before giving the proceedings of to-day, I must mention the great meeting

of last night-the spacious church, the

largest in the city—seating, with chairs 1,500 people, was crowded to its utmost

capacity, drawn together to hear the

distinguished orator, Dr. W. E. Hatcher,

of Richmond, Va., on Ministerial Edu-

cation. His theme was the human side

of a call to the ministry, and the address

was one of the wisest speeches your

reporter ever heard, abounding not only

audience in good humor.

an expert.

lation in this State is a

our entire population in this member of a Baptist Church.

keys were captured on the streets here Saturday eve. They had been frightened and were almost completely exhausted when they lighted in the streets.

Mr. Hiram T. Williams had the sad This Board is doing good work through its supply store in Raleigh and quite a number of supply stores at work in different parts of the State.

Dr. J. M. Frost made an impassioned speech on the Sunday School work; he was followed by Dr. Tupper, calling for many new missionaries for foreign Tuesday. While hauling he got his leg fastened in the breaks of the wagon and the distressing accident happened before he could free himself.

- Newbern Journal: Mr. J. J. Tolson's grocery store was again broken into Wednesday night. This is the third time within a few months. This time the entrance was effected through a back window which had broken hinges. The burglar bent the bar and prized away a staple sufficiently to move the shutter and get in the store. What little cash was left in the money drawer was taken and the knob of the safe broken off in

feeling and high water mark was reached under his thrilling description of the need and religious condition of the people in that semi-civilized country. talking about Mexico, and pleading for more men for that country, and he is more eloquent than Bagby or any one else who has spoken; indeed, I have rarely heard anything finer than his portrayal of the life and character of the great North Carolina Missionary, Dr. He is followed by Rev. D. W. Herring, of Pender county, who has been in China for seven years. He addressed the convention about the "Millions of

night at least. - Fayetteville Observer:

in good sense and eloquent passages, but with a sparkling wit which kept the The Secretary of the Educational for this city have closed the contract Board, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, stated in with Messrs, Ferris and Richards of Jerhis report that there were at Wake Forest some 70 students for the ministry about 40 orphans had been aided board None are helped who are able to help themselves, and only to meet a part of their expenses. The board has raised

over \$3,000; was \$340 in debt and \$500 now asked of the Convention at once-\$585 was raised, Dr. Hatcher taking the collection, in which difficult work he is He was followed by Prof. A. T. Robin son, of the Theological Seminary, in a brief address. He stated that there were 850 students at the Seminary, 17 of whom are from this State, more than ever before, and that they were men of unusual promise. These young men pay no tuition fees, and many of them are unable to pay their board, and he asked a two horses in the neighborhood which are supposed to have died from poison. contribution of the convention for this object. The response was over \$500.

And surely your reporter would be derilect in duty now not to give promis nence to the doings of the good women who are working so faithfully in missions The second session of the Ladies' Missionary Society, held in connection with the convention, was held at the First Baptist Church on Friday. T. H. Briggs made an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Dr. Battle, of Durham. Miss Fannie Heck, of Raleigh, was re-elected President; Mrs. Hartwell Edwards, of Goldsboro, Vice President; Miss Eva Bell Simmons, of Wake Forest, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Jas. H. Briggs, of Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary. Your correspondent has not learned the amount of money raised during the past year, but it has doubled during the past

The Society will have a public meeting on Sunday and be addressed by Dr. Ellis, of Baltimore. They are to have a talk to-day from Dr. W. D. Powell, of the Women's Missions the President o Southern Baptist Convention, and it is said, is administering the responsible duties of her honorable position with great

I notice that Mrs. J. L. Divine, Mrs. S. H. Britt, Mrs. J. A. Montgomery and Mrs. Fannie Hays are here and take a ively interest in the proceedings of the

The pulpits of this city will be occupied to-morrow by the visiting and minis ters who have been but recently settled in the State; among the latter are Messrs. Blackwell, of Elizabeth City; Tyree, of Durham; Wildman, of Goldsboro; Moore, of Morehead; Kessler, of Laurinburg, and Edwards, of Goldsboro. It is to be noticed that of the twenty different apointments young men are selected to ill nearly all of them, and the older ministers who have been for years chosen to preach on such occasions will have an opportunity of listening. Mr. J. C. Stevenson is to address the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday afternoon. As I close this article Dr. Powell is trying to raise the guota of North Caro-lina to the centennial Fund, after a magnificent speech from Dr. Ellis, of Baltimore. About \$7,000 has thus far been pledged. TIMOTHY.

FILLED WITH LEAD. in Arkansas Kill a Pious Frau Who Swindled Them.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT, ARK., Dec. 10 .- The colored people of a portion of Jockson and Woodruff counties are excited over the liscovery of a stupenduous fraud which has been perpetrated on them by a negro Baptist preacher named Lightfoot.
He has been organizing negroes into secret societies, claiming he was a Govof these houses of worship have cost \$600, some \$800, some \$1,000 fees and contributing in other ways.
Yesterday they discovered the fraud, and
demanded their money. It being refused, they fired on him, killing him instantly.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- A committee epresenting the National Nicaragua Convention had an audience with the President, who listened with interest to the representations made and resp with a short address, saying, other things, that the world was calling for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and he could not see how any one could possibly find grounds for objec-tion. Absence of the canal retards the progress of the world. It was our nat-ural coast line, and if the United States does not proceed with its construction, England or some other power would, which we should not permit. All the ports of this country were equally in-terested in it.

- Asheland Courier: Mr. W. T.

- Stanly News: Two wild turcalamity of breaking one of his legs

an unsuccessful attempt to get into it.

- Charlotte News: The cold weather north of here is driving tramps this way in droves. The wore vicious of the fraternity do not come up town but beg provisions from the residents on the outskirts, but some more honestly inclined fellows make straight for police headquarters, especially if they strike town about dusk, and ask for a night's lodging in the station house. They are invariable accommodated, for locked in the the station house the police know that they will neither steal nor burn for that

uite evident now that the big fire of November 80th, was not the result of an accident, but that it was the work of a set of thieves who are infesting our city. Mr. George Brandt's store was entered last Thursday night in the same dold manner that Mr. Rosenthal's was Monday night, by the plate glass window de-ing broken, and the robbers entered through the aperture. The thieves must have been in the building fully halt an hour before they were discovered, as they had deposited a large quantity of goods in the back yard ready for carrying off, having previously opened the back door of the building. — Capt. J. D. McNeill informs us that the comnittee appointed to secure water-works

- Chatham Record: We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Willis C. Wilson, of Williams township, who died about ten days ago after a protracted sickness. - A most brutal and cowardly outrage was committed in this county two weeks ago. A band of disguised men went at night to the house of Mr. Bryan Phillips, of Bear Creek township, and took him out in the woods and cruelly whipped him. When the lynchers took Mr. Phillips out of his louse his father and family started to ollow them, but were driven back withthreats of being shot. The only reason that is supposed to have instigated this high-handed outrage is that Mr. Phillips was suspected of having poisoned

-Maxton Union and Scottish Chief: Died, on Monday night, the 5th inst., Mrs. Catharine McRae, widow of the late Malcolm McRae, in the 91st year of her age. She was probably the oldest person in the county. — Two negroes Hamp and Feril Bethea, living near Little Rock, S. C., were arrested in Maxton on Tuesday, just after they had dis-posed of a couple of bales of the eecy staple to Carter & Weathnot because they sold the cotton, but because they were not he owners thereof. The cotton belonged to Mr. R. P. Hamer, Sr., and early Tuesday morning our Mayor received a telegram to look after the thieves, and about ive minutes after its reception Chief-of-The mules and wagon which conveyed the cotton belonged to Daniel Bethea, who, with Mr. R. P. Hamer's son, took charge of the prisoners and carried them

- Fayetteville Gazette: Japanese York last week, retailed there at 10 cents aplece, with a demand far in excess of the supply. — Entrum Cannon was arrested here on Sunday morning last charged with having broken into the house of one George Anna New, in the vicinity of the Short Cut depot, the night before. Cannon, of course, the charge, but was taken before the brown-eyed damsel," who at once identified him as the guilty party. Cannon was searched and the key to the house found in Cannon's pocket. The proof otherwise is clear and conclusive against im. He is about 25 years old, has been in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company for some time past on the gravel train. His home is in Dar-lington, S. C., and according to the testinony already adduced stands a mighty good chance to stretch hemp.

oungest father of whom we have any ecord is W. H. Sullivan, of Morganton, who was sixteen years old on November 30th, and whose wife presented him a son on that day. — Masten Rippy, one of the oldest and best citizens of this county, died at his home near Earls Saturday night after a long illness, aged 98 years. About four years ago Mr. Rippy was married to a Mrs. McSwain, who. with several sons and daughters by his two previous marriages, survives him.

The office of Carroll & Kendrick's mill at King's Mountain, was entered Saturday and \$46.00 in money and a check for \$16.00 stolen from the desk. Two small boys, 12 and 15 years old, sons of Ed Bradshaw, colored, were found spending money freely Saturday night and were arrested. They conessed and forty dollars of the money vere recovered. Their father agreed if the boys were let off to make good the money they had spent and give them a genteel whipping. This was agreed to and on Sunday afternoon, in the preswhipping was administered. It was a scorcher and the boys will have to eat off a shelf for ten days.

- Shelby Review: About the

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS

In Consultation With Members of the Mational Committee in New York. By Telegraph to the Morning Sur.

New YORK, Dec. 10.—Messrs. Gorman, Carlisle and Brice, who were appointed by the Senatorial Caucus to come to New York and consult with the Democratic National Committee the Democratic National Committee concerning measures to prevent the alleged steal of Senatorships by Repbulicans in Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas and North Dakota were busy this morning receiving news at their hotel. Among those in consultation was Morton McGinnis, member of the National Committee from Montana, who gave the Committee full information about the scheme to defeat the People's serve within his State. Chairman Harparty within his State. Chairman Harrity and other members of the Campaign Committee are expected Monday, when a conference will be held between them and the Senatorial Committee.