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IN THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE

Several Buildings Burned-Loss Between

\$75,000 and \$100,000-Insurance Will

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 25 .- One

of the severest fires in the history of

Charlotte, occurred this afternoon. The

mmense brick warehouse of S. Sanders

ind Blackwood on College street was

discovered to be ablaze at 3.80 o'clock in

the third story of the portion occupied

by the hardware department of Brown,

Weddington & Co. The room was

stored with wagons and wooden goods.

The building could not be saved and the

fire broke out soon after in the part of

the building occupied by the cotton brokerage firm of Howell, Orr & Co.,

which was burned, as also the stores of Harrison Watts, W. K. Burwell and

H. G. Springs. The stores of J. W.

Brown, J. T. Scarboro, J. A. Overcash,

Southern Chemical Company, H. G. Link, Field Bros., R. A. Duncan, W. H.

Hoover and the offices of J. H. Sloan &

Co. were crushed in by falling walls.

The fire leaped across the street sev-

eral times and ignited saloons and livery

stables there, but they were saved with

but slight damage. The origin of the fire is unknown. The losses will be be-

tween \$75,000 and \$100,000, perhaps

AN INTERESTING SUBJECT.

WHAT HUBBARD BROTHERS & CO

NOW THINK ABOUT COTTON.

Decrease in Fertilizers 25 Per Cent .- A

Fac or-Texas the Pivotal State.

Occur-Bus Cotton Is By No Means

High-The Weather an Important

Hubbard Bros. & Co's weekly cotton

Under the fear of a continued drought

in Texas, the market advanced to the

highest point of the season early in the

purchases has exceeded the anticipa-

tions of those who entertained the most

sanguine views of the future course of

prices. On this advance it is believed

the leaders of the bull movement parted

with the largest portion of their hold-

ings, and are now waiting to determine

whether the advance has discounted the

improvement in trade or not. Rains

have fallen in many sections of Texas

winter rainfall in that State is deficient,

it is believed that sufficient rain has fallen

to give the plant a fair start. In the

other sections of the cotton belt

the farming operations are under full

headway, and while there will be a re-

duction in acreage, it will not be as large

with cotton at present prices as it would

of the quotations of February last. Many

planters would willingly increase their

necessary advances for labor and sup-

plies, but the merchants are not anxious

for the moment, and the market now es-

growing crop. With this distinction

newed speculative feeling throughout

the world; that we are entering into a

period of unusual prosperity through the

enormous production of gold and that

good crop advices will not be received as

indicating the surplus yield unless they

are exceptional from every section of the

A reaction from the present advance

would be only natural and quite in or-

der, and may occur at any time, as the

supply of cotton is more than sufficient

for the consumption this year, and will

leave a surplus, the effect of which may

be felt later in the season when crop ad-

vices are distinctly more favorable, as

they usually are during the month of

July. But one must never forget that the

price of cotton is by no means high; that

the consumption of fertilizers has been

largely reduced, and while the acreage,

as we have before stated, will not be re-

duced to the extent we hoped for, a dis-

aster to the crop would cause any sur-

plus to be forgotten. It is therefore like-

y that the market will remain subject to

the caprices of the weather from now on,

and that Texas will be this season the

territory which will make or mar the cot-

THE PRICE OF OIL

Fixed by the Standard Company at \$21

per Batrell ffr Crude Petroleum.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURGH, PA. April 27th.,-The

Standard Oil Company's agencies have

had but one price for Pennsylvania

crude oil all this week-\$2.10 a barrel.

The speculative market has been as low

as \$1.95 and as high as \$2.12 the open-

ing figures this morning being \$3.04 at Oil City and \$2.051/2 here. The closing

bid at Oil City yesterday was \$2.05 and

in Pittsburgh \$2.05%. Speculation however, continues close to the Stand-

VERD CT FOR PLAINTIFF

U. S. Express Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

States Circuit Court to-day, Judge Si-

Threadgill was a manufacturer of cigars

and had a contract with the Express

Company to deliver his goods at a spe-

cified charge. The company was alleged

to have violated the contract and there-

by ruined Threadgill's business. The case was appealed to the higher court.

A DANGEROUS WRECK.

Reported Southwest Hatters Shoals.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Capt. Chichester, of the steamer Semi-

nole reports that on April 26th, forty-

five, from Hatteras Shoals in 24

feet of water he passed a wrecked vessel, bottom upwards, about 110 to 120 feet

CHARLESTON, 2S. C, April 97th .-

LYNCHBURG, April 27 .- In the United

n a Suit for \$57,000 Damages Againsr

ard Company's fligures.

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cotton belt.

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three-quarters covered by insurance.

CITY.

Cover Three-fourths of the Loss.

comparatively speaking lost sight of as a marketable product. There is doubtless more profit in the peach if it be got into market early, but there are so many going into the business and all striving for the early peach ELFISHNESS VS. PATRIOTISM and the early market, the probabili-The movement against silver ties are that it will not be many years money didn't begin in 1873 when before this industry is overdone, and silver was dropped from the coin the profits become small compared metals but goes back to 1869 when with what they are now. We venture he holders of United States bonds to say that if the same attention procured the passage of an act by were given in Piedmont North Caro-Congress declaring that the interest lina to the cultivation of apples as and principal of these bonds must there is in some portions of it to the be paid in coin. They were accord cultivation of the peach it would ig to the stipulation printed on their prove in the end a surer and a more as parable in "lawful money of the profitable business. There are as fine United States," that is any kind of apples grown here, as fine in flavor, noney that the Congress of the size and beauty, as are grown any-United States might by law make where in the world, and yet it is only awful money. Then United States within the past few years that a Treasury notes, commonly called North Carolina apple has been reenbacks, of which there were offered for sale outside of North about \$400,000,000 in circulation Carolina, and even now the cities of re "lawful money," a legal tender the State depend upon Northern or all debts, public and private, save orchards for their supplies. We pay or import duties. Until the pastwice as much for them as we should age of that act had been secured and then very often they are nothing he outstanding bonds of the United to brag of. There is no reason why States might be redeemed in this North Carolina orchards should not paper money, which represented no at least supply the North Carolina other money, but was made the demand for apples, for in point of qual of other money by the legal transportation they certainly should ender quality given it. The only be delivered at any point on our railning it had to stand on was the roads as cheaply as they can be deaith in the Government which issued livered from Boston, New York or and the abiding belief that it Philadelphia. But there is one ould sometime, at the pleasure of thing our apple shippers must learn, he Government, be redeemed. As and that is to pick the fruit from the ar as the bond holders were contrees and not knock it off with a erned that act of Congress demonclub, and to pack it right, not ship it tized greenbacks but left them still in bulk like paving stones or pumpegal tender money for the people, kins. If the apples were carefully ust as the act of 1873, which ex culled, and shipped in boxes as some luded silver from the mints, demonof the Massachusetts apple growers tized silver, although the silver ship their's, instead of barrels, they oined still continued to be a legal could be packed better in cars, the freight would probably be less, they There is not a single act bearing would keep better and command betpon the bonds and the money in ter prices. The apple grower who which they should be paid which has will grow the best kind of apples and ot been characterized by duplicity, give the attention to picking and unning, stealth and fraud. The packing that he should will always be able to count on a steady and profitable market without going out-

ct changing the contract between he bondholders and the Govern nent, by which the bonds were deside of his own State, for the apple, lared payable in coin, was a fraud unpretending as it is, is still the king racticed upon the people. This beng accomplished and the greenback emonetized as far as the bond-The dispensary law of South Caroolder was concerned, the next step lina has been a subject of contenvas to move against silver, with tion ever since it went into operathich the bonds might be redeemed. tion, and probably will be as long as his was done by stealthily securing it is in operation, whether it be he passage of the act of 1873, drop finally sustained by the courts or ing silver from the coin metals, on not. The action of the State conhe fraudulent pretence that silver stables, who, under instructions ollars were worth more for bullion ignored Judge Goff's restraining orhan coin, and could not be kept in der and seized packages of beer irculation because they were bought shipped from Augusta, Georgia, will p and thrown into the crucible to bring this question to a crisis, and melted for use in the arts. decide, as far as Judge Goff's court hat was the pretence and the is able to decide, how far the disesult was that no more silpensary law can go, and how far the er could be coined before the pas-State authorities can go in enforcing age of the Bland act and the bondit. Our impression is that the State olders then had matters in pretty authorities have put their toot in it, good shape to secure the payment of for a similar case came up during heir bonds in gold, but they guarded Governor Tillman's administration, gainst any contingency by surrepwhen he undertook to selze liquors itiously having the word gold subconsigned to persons in the State, tituted in 1874 for the word coin and the decisions went against him, and were so slick about it that Senaon the ground that such seizure ers Sherman, Voorhee's and other was a violation of the inter-State enators and Representatives who commerce law. Similar decisions oted for it afterwards declared that were rendered in Kansas and Iowa, hey were not aware that the where the State authorities conword gold was in the act. But tended that they had the right to

The bondholders, who bought in the State will be affirmed, but the heir bonds at a heavy discount, and and for them in suver, greenbacks or gold as they saw fit, made millons upon millions by their operalons and added at least fifty per the consumption of the purchaser cent to the national debt. These bonds which are now outstanding, legal aspects of the case the disheld by syndicates in Europe and n this country, and by the national anks and they are now fighting for he retention of the gold standard, oprevent the coinage of silver on any ratio, for if silver be again put upon the same plane that it was up 10 1873, their bonds would be redeemable in silver as they were then, and gold would no longer be the fine ling to manipulate and corner that it now. There would then be no onger necessity for keeping a gold eserve and they could not squeeze for a country with an empty treasury, he Treasury as they do now when it poor credit and few sources of ingets short on gold and must have it come is no easy matter. There has

was, and ever since then silver as

ar as the bondholder is concerned

has been demonetized, and he has

been paid in gold although silver is

till a legal tender money for the

o keep up the reserve. Selfishness was at the bottom of Administration at Washington for the first move against green the course it has pursued in this second move against silver, and it to think that the Monroe doctrine ness was a blackmailer.

has been ignored and that this country should have taken Nicaragua's quarrel upon itself. There is no just ground for that criticism, but there may possibly have been a lack of candor in not letting the Nicaraguans understand just how far this Government could go in the premises, so as to prevent the building up of hopes that could not be realized when the pinch came, for it seems that the Nicaraguan authoriit if it be in their power to do it. ties have been counting on the backing and protection of this Govern-MINOR MENTION. ment. Whether any hopes of that The attention of Southern fruitkind have been held out we, of growers has been so much centered course, do not know, for they have on the peach that the apple has been not been made public, but the art of diplomacy these days seems to consist more in avoiding saying what a Government may do, than what it cannot or has no intention of doing. The man gets the best reputation for diplomacy who succeeds best in

> We are in receipt of the second number of Walter C. Murphy's Magazine entitled 'Health, Sanitation, and Climatology of the Southern States," which gives special attention to the Piedmont South, and considerable space to Western North Carolina, with descriptive illustrations of the mountain scenery. Aside from the special purpose which is to call attention to the healthfulness of this region, it imparts much valuable information on its resources. Edited and Published by Walter C. Murphy, M. D., Washington, D. C.

concealing his real purposes and

fools the most people.

The New York Sun's cat was off duty a few nights ago and an unsigned communication highly abusive of the Jewish people slipped into the columns. Mr. Dana was very much horrified when he saw it next morning. He apologized neatly for it and probably kicked the cat.

Silver Champion Bland, of Missouri believes in silver but he also believes in apples. He has a forty acre orchard near Lebanon, Mo., from which he gets an income of about \$10,000 a year. His apples go whether his financial ideas do or not.

A man who has recently travelled through the State of Mississippi says that State is solid, that every farmer has his corncribs full, his smoke house ditto, and nobody is making long faces over low priced cotton.

Among the exhibits at the Paris Exposition will be a hole in the ground a mile deep. France will have the clinch on that, for no othernation will undertake to exhibit there such a hole as that.

Weather observer Dunn, of New! York observes that it will be as hot as blazes next summer. If the silver racket now going on in the Democratic party be any indication, it is getting that way now.

Maxim's cavalry gun shoots 700 shots a minute and is light enough to be carried on the back of a soldier. It wouldn't be safe to go back on a seldier with a thing like that strapped to him.

The use of the pronoun I three or four dozen times by Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, in a newspaper article, furnishes the paragraph fiend of the Knoxville Tribune with an

Gen. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, is said to have discovered a new process of making tin-plate which will reduce the cost to the minimum and give tin-plate making in this country a boost.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has recently rendered a decision that a sentence of imprisonment for life acts as a decree of divorce, without any other proceeding.

JAKE KILRAIN TRAINING.

He Says He Will Be Twenty Pounds Lighter Than When He Last Met O'Don-[Baltimore Sun.]

seize liquor shipped into those States,

from other States, and this will pro-

bably be the outcome of the seizures

at Columbia. The right of the State

to enforce the dispensary laws so

far as to prohibit the sale of liquor

right to go further and seize and

confiscate liquor shipped into the

State regardless of whether it be

offered for sale or be intended for

will be denied. But aside from the

pensary law is a failure and should

Seventy-five thousand dollars looks

like a small amount of money to em-

barrass a Government as Nicaragua

is embarrassed over the amount de-

manded by Great Britain. But this

demand is on the British gold ba-

sis, and as the Nicaraguan silver dol-

lar is worth only thirty-five cents in

British eyes this means that Nicara-

gua shall plank down \$215,000, which

been more or less criticism of the

have been repealed,

Jake Kilrain is training for his fight with Steve O'Donnell before the Seaside Athletic Club, at Coney Island, on May Kilrain now weighs about 218 pounds, and by the day of the fight he xpects to be down to 200 pounds. Early every morning he goes into the country for a long walk and a run. Yesterday he was out in the neighborhood Walbrook Park and did not return to his hotel until his dining hour, 9.80 p. m. He ate a hearty dinner, especially prepared for him. He does his indoor work in a gymnasium fitted up in the

In speaking of his coming match Kilrain said: "I will be in fine condition when I go into the ring. I am now sixteen pounds lighter than I was ten days before'I met O'Donnell and defeated him in Boston. I will be twenty pounds lighter than when I fought in Boston, Besides the confidence with which my condition inspires me, I feel sure that I can repeat what I have done and will again be the winner. We are matched to spar twenty-five rounds, but I don't think the battle will last that long.

The winner is to get 75 per cent. of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent. The other 50 per cent, of the gate receipts goes to the Seaside Club."

Besides Ernault Gebhart, who is to second Kilrain, a number of his Baltimore admirers will go with him to New York to witness the battle.

The trial of Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor was resumed yesterday in London. The young man Wood, who testified at the Bow Street examination, repeated his story in a more detailed manbacks; it was at the bottom of the matter, by those who think or seem ward Clarke, who showed that the wit-

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1895.

KITCHEN MARKET. Vegetables in Season in Full Supply-Strawbernes-Fish, Flesh and Fowl,

Spring vegetables have "the call" in the city markets just now. Truckers are coming to the front and sending in supplies of "green truck" sufficient to meet the wants of everybody, and at reasonable prices. At Front street market yesterday asparagus sold t 25 cents per bunch; beets, 20c; turnips, c; radishes. 5c; onions 5c; spinach, 40c per peck; turnip salad, 15c. per peck; collards, 10c. per bead; lettuce, 5c. Strawberries were in moderate supply and sold

at 85 to 40 cents per quart. The fish dealers sold shad at 40 to 60 cents per pair; flounders, 20 cents per string; croakers, 10c. and trout 15 cents. Channel crabs were on sale in great abundance at 10 cents per dozen; clams and Sound oysters, 121/2 to 15c. per quart, and conchs 25 cents apiece. The butchers' stalls were ladened with beel, pork, veal and mutton, at the

usual rates. Poultry was scarce and in demand. Grown lowis sold at 80 to 85 cents per pair; spring chickens 15 to 20 cents each. Eggs 191/4 cents per dozen.

Important B, and L, A. Case.

An important case has just been argued before the Supreme Court. It is that of Meroney vs. the Atlantic National Building and Loan Assocation and, the News and Observer say, will indirectly test the vality of the Building and Loan law passed by the last General Assembly. The questions involved are partly whether, by Building and Loan Associations, premiums and fines may be charged and commissions on foreclosure of mortgages and whether contracts contrary to the North Carolina laware usurious. The decision of the case is said to involve the investment in the State of about a million dollars.

Cape Frar Camp. At a meetingof the Executive Council of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., held Friday night, April 26th, 1895, the following were elected delegates to represent the Camp at the re-union to be

held at Houston, Texas, on May 22nd,

23rd, and 24th, 1895. Wm, L. DeRosset, (Chairman), L. Belden, Wm. L. Harlowe, Sam'l Carmon G. J. Boney, Junius Davis, F. W, Kerchner, T. D. Meares. At the same meeting the following

were elected members of the Camp! Wiley T. Johnson, Jesse Wilder, W. D. McMillan M. D., B. F. Penny, J. W.

George Washington Clay. George Washington Clay, a colored citizen from Middle Sound who sells crabs in Front street market, called at the STAR office yesterday to advertise his business. He proved an immense attraction to the sporting editor, who approximately sized him up as follows: Six feet and three inches high, weight 290 pounds, active as a cat, and with an arm-reach that would excite the envy of any pugilist. George Washington Clay would make fine material for the prize ring if his physical structure is supplemented with the necessary pluck.

Texas Cotton Acreage. Special reports received by the Houston Post from over two hundred correspondents in Texas indicate that the cotton acreage in that State will decrease 171/2 per cent., while the acreage in other crops, especially grain, will be largely increased. If this be true, it means a decrease of 500,000 bales in Texas even if the season shall prove as favorable as that of last year. But if the season is no better than the average the production may be lessened to the extent of 700,000 bales. It is likely, how-

overestimated. Funeral of the Late W: F. Jones. The funeral of W. F. Jones, a former employe at Parsley's saw mill, who died in this city last Wednesday, took place

ever, that the decrease in acreage is

vesterday at South Washington, Pender county. The remains were escorted from Wilmington to the place of burial by committees from Eyota Tribe No. 5, O. R. M., and Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. R. Davis, W. E. Mann, Walker Tayor, of Eyota Tribe, and Messrs. J. E Gordon; Geo. Smith and Jno. Williams, of Orion Lodge.

A Deputy Sheriff Mobbed by Negroes, Deputy Sheriff J. A. Sutton went last night to Eighth and Nixon streets to-arrest a young negro, Joe Thompson, charged with [disorderly conduct. He made the arrest, but before he had gone half a block with his prisoner, a crowd of negroes assembled and took Thompson from him by force. The negroes were armed with sticks, knives and bricks. Deputy Sutton says it was a drunken mob and if he had persisted in bringing Thompson he would have been handled roughly by the mob.

The Leader says a good deal of a sensation was caused in colored circles in Southport last week, the cause being the elopement of the Rev. G. W. Lomax with a member of his flock named Mary Catherine Davis, a comely young colored woman. In addition to his eloping, the preacher secured \$300 from a widow of that place, which went with the eloping couple. Lomax preached at Brown's Chapel, just outside of the town. He lrace so far can be found of the couple.

Sheep-Killing Dogs. It is said that fifteen head of sheep belonging to Mr. I. B. Rhodes have been killed by dogs during the last few days, at Mr. Rhodes' place near Capt. S. W. Noble's vineyard, some three miles from town. Several of the sheep-killing curs have been shot.

- The STAR gives more reading matter, and in greater variety, than any daily newspaper in the State. And it is the only North Carolina daily of the first-class that can be had for Six Dollars a year, or Fifty Cents a month. - When a cashier robs a bank

systematically through a series of years

and is finally detected, it is called a

"shortage." When a "crook" opens a

the contents it is called a robbery.

HOLLAND'S HEGIRA. VICE PRESIDENT ST. JOHN.

TE TRUSTED C ASHIER FLEES FROM THE WRATH TO COME.

No Power on Earth Could Make Me Leave" He Said-This Was Merely a Joke-The Remarkable Statement L Made That He Had no Cash. The embezzlement, forgery and fina

escape of the pious fraud Holland is still attracting unusual attention throughout the State. Charlotte people were amazed at his rascality, and now they seem to be surprised that he has sought safety in flight. His escape, which was announced in the telegraphic department of the STAR yesterday, is thus more fully described in the Char-"Another turn has been given th

case of ex-cashier Jas. R. Holland. He

is not to be found. He has skipped and

the wires have been kept hot this afternoon trying to overhaul him. The flight of the ex-cashier is a surprise, even in the face of the fact that he apparently had every opportunity to skip—except money to get away or. Only yesterday he assured Dr. McAden that he had no intention of leaving. "No power on earth," he said, "could make me leave will stay here and face it out-let the worst come." It was supposed, too that Holland's movements were watched and that he could not leave town undetected. Mr. Miller and the bank men evidently rested easy as to Holland's security. He did not appear at the bank this morning. He was wanted during the day for some purpose and Mr. Wilson went to his house to see him. He was surprised that Mr. Holland was not to be found. Mrs. Holland stated that he had left the house last night and she had not seen or heard of him since, neither did she have the remotest idea as to his whereabouts. It was then made clear that he had skipped. Bank Examiner Miller at once ap-

peared before D. G. Maxwell, United States Commissioner, and swore out a warrant for his arrest on charge of embezzling large sums of money from the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank." The warrant was placed in the hands of Marshal Allison, of Statesville.

It is known that Holland had no cash

and without that he could make but little speed in getting away from Charlotte. It is probable that some friend realizing the desperate situation that he was in, gave him money to aid in his escape. To have remained meant for Holland a term in the Albany penitentiary. That would have been inevitable. All sorts of conjectures are advanced as to his disappearance. A theory that to be honest with some, that he has committed suicide. They back this supposition by the difficulties of his surroundings and the hopelessness of any attempt on his part to successfully get out of the country. His disappearance did not become known until 1 o'clock to-day, and as he left in the earlier part of last night he has had a good start. He is a man of a strikingly handsome personal appearance, fleshy in the face, with gray mustache and gray hair. It would be a hard matter for him to alter his appearance so that he would not be immediately recognized by an ac-

So far as is known nothing new has come to light in the bank to-day, and it is believed that the worst has been made public. It is bad enough in all con-Now that the extent of Holland's defalcation is known, and it is known also that the bank is safe and doing business as if nothing had happened, interest in the affair is diverted to another direction. The people want to know where Holland is. The News hopes to clear up this latest mystery in short time.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered for Holand's arrest.

MATTERS IN WELDON.

Hill's Theatre Company-Stores Robbec Two White Men Arrested. [Star Correspondence.]

WELDON, N. C., April 25. G. A. Hill's Theatre Company has given three good shows here this week. They are highly complimented and are very clever and refined people.

On Sanday night two stores were broken into here and yesterday two white men by the names of Whitley and Bell were arrested and tried before Mayor Gooch, who in default of bail committed them to jail. They stole tools from the bridge men here to commit the deed with, which were recovered as were also some of the goods. They are strangers in our midst.

The Battimore Sun of Wednesday has the following painful intelligence concerning a brother of Mr. John R. Kenly, General Manager of the Atlantic stocked. Such distribution cannot b Coast Line, of this city:

Mr. Edward G. Kenly, 1626 Bolton street, met with an accident in the Fidelity Building, corner of Charles and Lexington streets, that may cause the loss of one of his legs. He was taken to the Maryland General Hospital and

attended by Dr. Ridgely B. Warfield.
The doctor said Mr. Kenly went to the Fidelity Building to attend to some business in an office on one of the upper floors and started to go up on an elevator. The door of the elevator was closed too soon and Mr, Kenly's right foot was caught between the door and the door-frame. At the same time the elevator started and Mr. Kenly's leg was proken above the ankle. Drs. Warfield and Trimble removed

the injured man to the hospital. Dr. Warfield said last night that it is doubtful if Mr. Kenly's leg can be saved. Mr. Kenly is manager of the Morton Safety Heating Company.

THE ASSIGNMENT LAW.

The L. R. Wyatt Assignment Case Which is Set for Next Tuesday is Expected to Develop an Important Decision,

[Raleigh News and Observer.] There is another important case besides that of Carr and others vs. Coke to come before the Superior Court at its present term involving the validity of the Assignment law. On the day after the passage of the

law, Mr. L. R. Wyatt made an assignment giving preferences, wherefore various creditors obtained judgments against him, levied upon the property and were proceeding to sell the same, when he and his assignees brought an action against them, alleging the invalidity of the law and asking for an injunction. The case will be heard on Tuesday next. Messrs. J. N. Holding and Strong & Strong represent the plaintiffs; the defendants are represented by Messrs. Haywood & Haywood and others. There seems no doubt but that the Court will have jurisdiction in one or the other case, and that the question will be presented in every aspect. A well known lawyer whose attention was called yesterday to the case said that his opinion was that the law (so-called) bank safe with dynamite and abstracts would be declared null and void.

FIRE IN CHARLOTTE-

Careful, Considera's and Successfu Reffrond Manager—He is Charmed with

A staff correspondent of the News and Observer, writing from Weldon, says: "I met on'the train yesterday a gentleman high up in Seaboard Air Line management and a staunch friend of Vice President St. John. Speaking of Mr. St. John and the recent excitement over changes made, this gentleman said: "All these fears of wholesale changes and displacement of men are unfounded and all you people will before long find out that Mr. St. John is a careful, considerate and successful railroad manager, staunch and valuable friend not only of the railroad system with which he is

connected, but of every State and community in the South.
"Mr. St. John," continued the gentle man, "is the most thoroughly Southernized man you ever saw. It is true he has not been living in the South but he is already perfectly charmed with the country, and believes that there is practically no limit to its future possibilities and greatness. Indeed he is the happiest man you ever met, and in less than year every man on the system will love him, and your people everywhere wil realize that he is their friend.

"In the exercise of his best judgmen he may now and then inaugurate minor changes in the working force that may sometimes seem unnecessary and unfair but in the end all will be well, and knowing Mr. St. John, as I do, I don't hesitate to predict a brilliant, popular and successful career for him as a Southern railroad manager.

"He is as firm as the hills, but at the same time he is kind and considerate. If in his opinion it were necessary to displace the best subordinate in the system in order to more nearly perfect the operating force, he would make the change without a moment's hesitation, and yet if an office boy were detained by sickness or other disability, St. John would never rest until he had done all in his power for his relief and would be found wending his way to see and minister unto him, however humble his habitation might be."

All this is very pleasant to contemplate and our people will sincerely hope that this personal Iriend and associate of Mr. St. John knows whereof he

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROPS.

Thousands of Car Loads of Peaches Watermelons and Vegetables to Be Shipped from Georgia and Florida-A

Truckers and fruit raisers everywhere will read with interest this from the Savannan News:

If the season continues favorable the fruit and vegetable crops of Georgia and Florida will be enormous. We published a letter yesterday from a Fort Valley peach grower, who said he would have ully 100,000 bushels of peaches from his orchard, and that the peach crop in the vicinity of Fort Valley would be at least 750.000 bushels. And it must not be forgotten that all the peach orchards of the State are not in the immediate vicinty of Fort Valley. The peach orchards of South Georgia promise a bounteous yield. It is not an exaggeration to say that if the conditions remain unchange there will be thousands of car loads o peaches moved by the Central railroad and the Savannah, Florida and Western

The peach crop promises to be un-precedented in abundance. The trees all through South Georgia and Northern Florida are loaded with fruit. In some localities the blight has afflicted the trees to some extent, but it wil hardly become general.

The outlook for melons is rathe startling for those who hope for good prices. A dispatch in the Morning News to-day states that Florida wil send to market 8,000 car loads, And the Georgia crop will be almost, if no The vegetables are already moving

from Florida, and the crop is greater than in any previous year. The prospect for vegetables in this section is very promising. The railroads and steam ships will soon have all they can do to move the products of the orchards and fields. Their carrying capacity will be taxed to the utmost limit until the end of the watermelon season.

Even now the fruit and vegetable growers ought to be thinking about finding new markets for their products The coast cities, Baltimore, Philadel phia, New York and Boston cannot take all they have to send them. The great inland cities must be reached. If they are not the Eastern markets will be glutted and prices will drop so low that fruit will have to be left on the trees and vegetables in the ground. There ought to be a regular system of distribution so that no one market would be overhad without organization.

ANOTHER DEFALCATION.

The Farmer's Bank at Roxboro, N. Closed-The Cashier in Jail. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, April 27.-State Treasurer Worth to-day received the following telegram from special bank examiner W. H. Palmer: "Have discovered irregularities in the Farmer's bank at Roxboro, N. C. The cashier, W. A. Jones, has gone to jail. Advise me."

Treasurer Worth sent Mr. Palmer to Roxboro to examine the bank when the alleged robbery was made. The bank officials knew nothing

Mr. Palmer's movements. It is presumed that the cashier of the bank did the robbing. The State had a thousand dollars deposited in the bank. The Governor appointed Doctor

Kirby, of the Asylum, and Doctors Hines and Carr a commission to hold an inquisition as to the sanity of George Mills, the murderer. The examination was made this evening. The commission will report next week. Mills has

By Southern Associated Press. Jones denies any participation in or knowledge of the robbery. He admits a shortage of \$2,800, and has made a deed of trust, securing that amount. The doors of the bank have been closed and the State Treasurer notified.

A warrant was sworn out this evening by bank officials for Jones' arrest, and he is now in jail awaiting a hearing. It is not known what the real shortage is, but none think the depositors are in any danger, though the stockholders will lose

The Mobile and Birmingham railroad, extending from Mobile Junction, Ala, was sold yesterday and bid in by T. G. Rush, representing the bondholders, for 500,000. There was no other bidder. The plan of re-organization has already been effected, and the road will be rerailed and otherwise improved as soon as possible after July 1st.

At Galveston, Texas, last night, Dan the vessel, and it is a very dangerous Creedon knocked out Billy McCarthy in week at night as it floats upon the less than one minute.

COTTON CROP COMMENT.

A PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTH TO MAKE A LARGE COT-ON CROP THIS YEAR.

Decrease in Use of Fer. 1 sers Estimated at Fifty Per Cent, and in Acresge Fifteen to Twenty-five Per Cent,-Everything Points to a Short Crop., but Bread and Meat Should be Provided.

While the STAR thinks the Augus'a Chronicle overestimates both the reduced acreage and the decrease in use of fertilizers, it agrees with that paper in its general conclusions as given in the

annexed extract: Fortunately no amount of advice will change the determination of our planters. They have made up their minds. and, even if they determined upon a change, it is now too late in the season for them to alter their plans. The first of May is close at hand and the cotton that it is not in the ground at that time

is not likely to amount to much in quantity when the harvest comes. We hold that it is a physical impossibility for the South to raise a large crop this year. The season is from two to four weeks late to begin with. A larger acreage has been devoted to food and forage crops. The use of fertilizers has been reduced fifty per cent., and the cotton acreage is from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. less than last year. If every exertion was made by our planters to raise a large crop this year, we believe that they could not be successful, because the conditions natural and economic are against

The Chronicle is against dealing in futures, but this is one time when the game has helped the planters. The position taken by Mr. Inman and others on the bull side has greatly strengthened the market. The statistical position of cotton is weak by reason of the enormous quantity in sight, but the bold, strong game of Mr. Inman and his assoclates has advanced the price of cotton. When the world recognizes that the natural and economic conditions render

it impossible for the South to raise this year any such crop as last, the market will be greatly strengthened, but with the enormous stocks on hand and in sight, we see no reason why cotton should go higher at this time. Speculation may put cotton up higher, but the demand from spinners is not likely to do so, in view of the large supply on hand to draw upon until the present crop is well under way, and its probable yield can be estimated.

With a short crop this year, and everything points unerringly that way, cotton will undoubtedly command a good price this fall; but our people hould make bread and meat for home consumption the first consideration and then cotton will take care of itself, and not depend upon speculation but upon legitimate demand for its market value.

MILLS THE MURDERER.

PETITION TO GOVERNOR CARR TO

The Contest for the Judgeship of the Western Criminal Court Taken Up by the Supreme Court-Republicans at Loggerheads-County Bridges in Wake Damaged by Floods.

[Star Correspondence]

have been had we remained on the basis RALEIGH, N. C., April 27. The petition in behalf of George Mills acreage now were they able to obtain the was carried to the Governor's office this morning by a delegation composed of Col. Argo (Mills's attorney) Mrs. Fannie to increase the amount already due Hays, of the Kings Daughters, Mrs. them from the farmers. We see no rea-Worth, the State Treasurer's wife, and son to change our views regarding the others. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Worth decrease in the amount of fertilizers which have been sold this season and we called on Mills in jail this morning and had quite a long talk with him. Colonel therefore believe that 70 to 75 per cent. of last season's production will be placed Argo has a letter from Solicitor Pou who prosecuted Mills in his trial and helped prosecute Wimberly in the other At the moment the market has the trial, both for the murder of Iana Wimappearance of being what is technically known as overbought, as the influences berly, in which he says he does not which have brought about this advance think Mills murdered Iana Wimberly of seem to have expended their force his own will and accord. He also said his opinion had been considerably tablished upon this plane of prices will changed since the Wimberly trial. This be affected by the conditions of the letter will be given the Governor. Judge Bynum, who tried the case, has been from other years, namely, that bad crop asked to sign the petition for commutaaccounts will exercise a greater influence tion, but he has not been heard from upon prices in consequence of the reyet. A great effort is being made to

> save Mills. A good many sheriffs have tailed to settle their taxes with the State Treasurer, having, by special permission from the Legislature until May the first to settle. Mr. Worth is corresponding with the delinquents with a view of having a

> prompt settlement. The Governor has appointed the following notaries public: L. C. Hubbard, Clinton, N. C.; J. O. Litchford, Raleigh, and W. A. McAuley, Mount Gilead. The case of Ewart vs. Jones, in the contest for the Judegship of the Western Criminal Court, was taken up by the Supreme Court to-day. F. H. Busbee and Thomas R. Purnell appeared for Ewart and W. W. Jones, ex-Chief Justice Shepherd and C. W. Busbee and Col. Thomas F. Davidson appeared for

Jones. A brief was submitted by Ewart

himself. A decision will not be given out until Tuesday, if then. The papers in the case of Cook vs. Meares, from Wilmington, arrived here this morning. It is likely that it will be taken up next week, though a decision in the Jones-Ewart case will decide it. The Fourth ward is the only hopelessly republican ward in the city, Now there is division among the "publiken heelers" and the "dimmycrats" are remaining quiet. There were two tickets in the republican primary for alderman and one was defeated by a very small margin, The defeated ticket is sulking and they have issued a circular calling

the last election." The bolt is causing There were at least five-bridges extensively damaged in this county by recent rains. All the damaged ones have been repaired [and ferries established where bridges were swept away.

for a mass meeting Monday night, The

circular says : "no one will be allowed

in this meeting who did not vote and

work for the success of co-operation at

A suit was brought by a man named Cox in the Superior Court against the North Carolina Railroad for injuries sustained while assisting a daughter on the passenger train of the Southern Railway. Cox slipped and fell, breaking his arm. He sued for \$5,000. Judge Star buck decides that the North Carolina Railway is not responsible for the negligence of employes of the Richmond & monton presiding, a verdict for \$57,000 Danville Railroad or its reseivers. damages was rendered for the plaintiff in the case of F. M. Threadgill against

The Special Commissioner from Washington who came here to adjudicate the claims of the for overtime, which amounted to over \$2,000, has returned to Washington. The Commissioner examined the records and took evidence from the carriers.

SPEAKER CRISP

In Favor of Free Coinage of Silver-Thinks the Democrats Should Nominate a Western Man For President,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ATLANTA, GA., April 27.—Speaker Crisp, in an interview at his home in Americus, declared himself to-day to a staff correspondent of the Constitution in favor of the free coinage of silver. He believes the Democrats should nominate a Western man with a military record for President, and says the party should not nominate Mr. Cleveland for a third term-that no man should have a third

long: keel of vessel painted brown and clean of barnacles and grass, apparently not long in that condition. Rudder gone and spars floating at each end of the wreck, could not see Jany name on The Speaker is in fairly good health his physician has ordered him to spend the Summer quietly, and he expects to leave shortly for Asheville, N. C.