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STATE BANKS.

He would be a man of very sanmine temperament who could now hope for or see even in the long distance the repeal of the State bank tax. With a Republican Congress it would be the sheerest folly to hope or that, for one of the things the Republican statesmen pride themselves on is the establishment of the adional bank system, a system waich in its inception was intended to be only temporary, but which it is now proposed to make perpetual. There are several reasons for this,

one of which is that the Republican party is dominated by the money nower of the North, and the national banks are in the hands of the money power, the large majority of hanks and the bulk of the banking capital being in that section, and in acomparatively few States of that section. As long as they can hold control of the banks and the banking capital they can keep the outh and the West financially dependent upon them, and also dictate the financial policy of the Government as they have done for thirty years and are doing now. They want to have the \$346,000,000 of greenbacks and the Sherman notes -making in the aggregate about \$500,000,000-retired, but they are not willing to have these replaced by State bank notes, by silver or by any other form of money that they can't control. They want them retired upon the condition that if replaced by any other circulating medium they shail have the privilege of issuing it, which would give them absolute control of the paper

With the power they have, not only with the men who control the Republican party, but with the men who speak for the so called "sound money" wing of the Democratic party, it is safe to say that there will be no legislation any time in the near future to repeal the State bank tax and thus open the way for the establishment of State banks.

money of the country.

Bearing upon this it is suggestivey significant that Secretary Carlisle, who devoted much thought during the last Congress to formulating a currency system which provided for the establishment of State banks, m all his recent utterances said not a word about State banks, while President Cleveland, in his message to Congress, made no reference to the subject. This was a disappointment to many who thought he would, but possibly both he and Secretary Carlisle have abandoned the hope of being able to do anything on that line now, and concluded that it was useless to waste time in elaborating plans or making suggestions. If they did think this way they thought about right, and possibly while coming to that conclusion they may have regretted that the short-sighted stupidity of the last Congress which failed to deai with this question when they had it in their power to deal with it effectively and eliminate the financial question from our pol-

Is there any one now stupid enough not to see that if the State bank tax had been repealed as the platform of the convention of 1892 recommended we would have had no general agitation of the silver question, no factional fight in the Democratic party, and no dissensions to open the way for the disasters that have befallen us in the late elections, disasters that have wrested almost wrecked.

banks that to save time they pro- the missionaries who, surrounded as vided for their establishment imme- they are by howling mobs and soldiately upon the repeal of the tax, diers who are nothing more than which never came. It did not occur mobs, so heroically stand by their power and province."

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to any of them to frame an act to test | posts and are willing to face martyrthe constitutionality of the act imposing the tax, because it was assumed that the pledge in the Democratic platform would be redeemed in good faith.

But there is a movement now on foot in Georgia to test the constitutionality of the bank tax act, as we learn from the Atlanta | Journal, which strongly endorses it. A measure providing for the establishment of State banks has passed the Legislature. The act as it stands requires a deposit of \$25,000 before a bank can be organized, and the Journal arges that this provision "be altered so that those who desire to organize a bank and issue notes solely for the patriotic purpose of testing the constitutionality of the ten per cent. Federal tax, may easily do so," and guarantees that if this be done the constitutionality of the tax will be tested at once.

As this is a matter in which not only Georgia but the South and the whole country is interested, we sincerely hope it will be soon brought to issue in the courts, for it is the opinion of many able lawyers that the tax act will not stand the test of constitutional law.

If the movement should succeed in setting aside the tax act the financial independence of the South would be achieved and we would be no longer dependent upon Northern banks or Northern capital to build up our enterprises or to work out our industrial destiny. With our own capital we could develop our resources, put our wheels in motion and ask no odds of any section. Congress might then go on and tinker with the finances, jabber over gold, silver and greenbacks, and we with our own banks, which would supply the currency needed, would attend to business and keep things humming.

MINOR MENTION.

The Democratic doctrine which in-

sists that our manufacturers should have a free, open field in the markets of the world to purchase their raw materials, and should not be hampered by any restrictive legislation in the interest of certain classes under false pretences, is receiving pretty strong endorsement from unexpected sources. Western Republicans in States where wool-growing is car ried on to greater or less extent are demanding that wool be put back on the dutiable list, to protect the wool growers, but a voice comes from the representatives of the manufanturers of New England demanding that wool stay where it is. But they want more free materials and Senator Frye, of Maine, voices this demand by the introduction of a bill in the Senate providing for an amendment to the tariff laws so as admit free of duty all material used in the construction or equipment of ships built in the United States. The high protective tariff constructed by the Re publican statesmen, of whom Senator Frye was one, was one of the main causes of the destruction of the shipbuilding business in this country, thereby ruining one of the large industrles of the State of Maine, and this comes in the nature of a confession now by Senator Frye when he offers his bill providing for a policy directly the reverse of that inaugurated and pursued by his party when it was in control of the Government. We congratulate Senator Frye on the light that has dawned upon him and on his strong endorsement of Democratic doctrine, and we sincerely trust that he will be successful in his efforts to have ship material put upon

sionaries in Turkey to leave then fields of labor in the interior and retire to the seaport cities for greater safety, as advised to do, shows a brave and heroic spirit which is willing to confront death rather than desert their posts and leave in greater peril those committed directly or indirectly to their charge. They are not unaware of the danger that confronts them, surrounded as they are by a fanatical, bloodthirsty people, who believe they are honoring their God when they cut a Christian's throat, and cannot be restrained by a government which is practically in a state of chaos even if it had the disposition to restrain. The only reafrom us the control of the Govern- son why they have not butchered the ment which we should have retained missionaries as they have butchered for a quarter of a century at least if and are butchering the Christians we had the lead mule sense that we in Armenia is because they should have had? The grand oppor- knew they would be held tunity was lost and a great party responsible by the nations to which these missionaries owe But there is one hope left for State | allegiance and to which they look banks, not in the Congress of the for protection. The firm stand that United States, but in the courts. Minister Terrell has taken and the Anticipating the repeal of the bank | bluntness with which he has informed tax by the last Congress, many of the the Turkish Government that sum-Southern State Legislatures enacted mary vengeance would follow any laws providing for the establishment | harm done to American missionaries of State banks on the repeal of th or American citizens has doubtless lax by Congress. Most of the Legis- had its effect and rendered their conlatures felt confident that the repeal dition safe and more tolerable than would be effected, and were so anxi- it otherwise might have been. But ous for the establishment of the this does not diminish the glory of

The refusal of the American Mis

the free list.

dom rather than abandon them. Senator Sherman is learning something as he grows older, or he is beginning to acknowledge things that he knew before but would not acknowledge because it would be runing somewhat against the political programme. As a representative of his party in all the various positions he has held he has directly or indirectly supported the efforts made by that party to make the negro a controlling factor in the politics of the South under the pretence that he was not accorded the rights to which he was entitled under the laws of the land, but now, in his book, after for-

"The problem of the living together of the two races in the same community with equal political rights is a difficult one, and has come to be regarded by men of all parties as one that can be settled only by each State or community for

This is a rock-bottom truth which has been rung in the ears of the political associates of Senator Sherman ever since they undertook to crush the Southern States and legislate the bottom rail on top. As readers of history Senator Sherman and his political colleagues knew this all the time they were attempting to do the impossible, thus keeping the South for a time in a condition bordering on chaos, and encouraging hopes in the negroes which they knew could never be realized, just as well as he acknowledges it now in the above extract.

Shoemaker, the lawyer who resorted to bribery to secure a new trial for his client. Holmes, has been notified by the Judge of the Court to show cause why he should not be disbarred. Bribery seems to have been Shoemaker's last resort. With the poor pan out it is about the last time he will try it.

Vice President Stevenson gives a laconic reason, and one which covered the ground, when, in an answer to an interviewer who asked him to what he attributed the result of the late elections, he replied: "I attribute them to the lack of Democratic votes." That wasn't absolutely original, but it covered the case.

The serum treatment for diplitheria s meeting with favor in Germany. Out of 6,226 cases so treated, 86.5 per cent. recovered and 12.9 per cent. died, the remainder being still under treatment. In the hospitals the cures were 80.5 per cent. and the deaths 19.5.

The editor of a Texas paper declines to serve as coroner because his election was a joke of some friends. He should accept, because in Texas there is no telling how soon he might have an opportunity to "sit" on some of his friends and turn the joke on them.

Mr. Debs doesn't want to run for President nor for Governor of Indiana, nor anything of that sort. Mr. Debs is level-headed. He knows a good thing when he has it, and believes a bird in the hand is worth more than several in the bushes and out of sight.

By a vote of 12 to 6 the Judges of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court have refused to don gowns. They might have compromised by wearing bloomers.

A Canadian family discovered poison in sausage in time to prevent calling in the family doctor. This shows that you can sometimes tell what is in a sausage if you can't always tell what isn't.

A movement has been started among the colored people to erect a monument to John Brown. The average colored citizen can find bet ter use for his change these days than putting it in monuments.

The women have their revenge Dr. Cæsar Lombroso, the critic and woman hater, has been fined \$500 for plagiarizing from a French author's book.

Senator Peffer is opposed to Congressional junketting. Is he getting too old to enjoy that kind of thing?

A New York photographer claims to have discovered a process of producing photographs which resemble

master General.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, December 7 .- The Postmaster General to-day issued the following significant order respecting all

postai employes: "That hereafter no postmaster, postoffice clerk, letter carrier, railway postal clerk or other postal employes shall visit Washington, whether on leave with or without pay, for the purpose of influencing legislation before Congress. Any such employes who violates this order is liable to removal. Postmasters and other employes of the postal service are paid by the Government for attending to the respective duties assigned them, which do not include efforts to secure legislation. That duty is assigned to the

that purpose. "If bills are introduced in either branch of Congress affecting the postal service, upon which any information or recommendation is desired, I am ready at all times to submit such as lies in my

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1895.

REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF A

RALEIGH HAPPENINGS.

[Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.

ty years of observation, he says : afterwards.

POSTAL EMPLOYES.

representatives of the people elected for

VANCE DAY.

MURDERER.

Light Fall of Snow-Special Term of Court for Person County-Petition for Pardon-The Southern Railway-Maryland's Delegation to the Atlanta Exposition-Federal Cour; -Board of Agriculture in Session.

A light fluttering snow fell here for several hours this morning. It is the coldest snap of the year. The Governor has offered a reward of

\$200 for the arrest of Sam R. Newland, of Caldwell county. Newland was a respected citizen and a brother of Solicator Newland. He went to a harness shop and, without warning, shot a fellow citizen down, who died very soon The Governor has ordered a special

term of court for Person county, beginning January 6th, for trial of civil cases only. Starbuck will be the judge. A petition was presented to the Gov-ernor to-day by E. B. Jones, of Caldwell county, for the pardon of J. A. White, of the same county, now serving a five years sentence in the penitentiary for man-slaughter. White has been in the penitentiary eight months and is 60 years old. The evidence against him was not

strong and the petition for pardon is based on favorable expert testimony. Mr. J. B. Munson, freight division agent of this city, Vice President Baldwin, General Manager Green and other officers of the Southern . Railway, were in Norfolk yesterday in regard to the Southern's entry to that port.

I learn on excellent authority, that rains will run into Norfolk over the Southern's new route January 1st. Maryland and her delegation which Baltimore sends to Atlanta passed here to-day. There are nine sections and the regular vestibule. The first five sections passed here this morning between the hours of six and eleven. The others, carrying the militia, came about two o'clock. The Naval Reserves with their commander, I. K Emerson-the bromo-seltzer manufacturer and a former Raleighite-stopped over here forty minutes and took dinner at the Park. The Fourth and Fifth Maryland Regiments were also along. The exact num-ber of persons who left Baltimore is 2.300. Governor Brown and staff and Mayor Hooper and council occupied private cars. Governor-elect Lowndes and Cardinal Gibbons were detained in Baltimore. The party will return Sat-

Federal Court goes on merrily. There were a good many convictions yester-

The body of John H. Royster arrived here this morning from Atlanta. The cars did not run over Mr. Royster's body. The wheels pressed against his at this season of the year, aggregating back, breaking his spinal column. Strange to say the wheels were thrown from the track. Col. A. B. Andrews, accompanied by

Dr. James McKee and Mr. M. T. Leach, left for Atlanta yesterday in a private

Washington, D. C., are at the Yarborough. Mrs. Thompson, it will be remembered, made an unsuccessful attempt to secure the custody of her child, Hugh D'Auk

The Board of Agriculture was in session vesterday and last evening. The members of the Board visited the A. & M. College yesterday on an inspecting tour. All of the members of the Board are present, except Dr. W. R. Capehart. Mr. J. C. Scarborough has completed the late Dr. Durham's report on Baptist State Missions. He left for Greensboro his evening with proof sheets. The Board of Agriculture made pro-

vision at the meeting to-day for the holding of county institutes. An appro-A fire in Royster's candy store to-day did about \$100 damage. Fire caught in the basement.

A squad of convicts went to Halifax [Special Star Telegram.] The session of the Grand Lodge of Masons was well attended. Grand Moye presided. The meeting was called

for the purpose of incorporating Oxford

Orphan Asylum. This business was

transacted and the Lodge adjourned. UP BLACK RIVER.

Business Good and People Prosperous-Rev. Kenneth McDonald Pounded-Rev. F. T. Wooten Goes to Plymouth as an Evangelist-The Steamboats-Hog Cholers.

[Star Correspondence.]

POINT CASWELL, Dec. 4. Business is bright and prosperous and cace and quiet prevail. The schools have opened and the children are happy, looking forward to a merry Christmas. Rev. Kenneth McDonald was the recipient of a pounding last Friday night.

to which all responded liberally. Rev. F. T. Wooten, pastor of the Baptist church here, has tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1st. He goes to Plymouth as an evangelist. He has been pastor of this church for nearly five years and has become endeared to the people of this section. He has labored hard as a minister and has added to the rolls of his churches four hundred members during his sojourn here, and is well beloved by everybody. While we regret to part

with so good a man, we can highly commend him to the good people of Plymouth as a devout minister. a good neighbor and a Christian gen-The steamers Lisbon and Daggett are making their usual trips and doing a

fair business, considering the low water in the river. Business has increased at least forty per cent. here in the last two years, and there are four stores here with good trade. Crude turpentine is worth \$1.90 for yellow dip and \$1.80 for scrape. Capt. Wm. Sherman, an expert steamboat builder of this place, has just completed and launched another lighter for as indicating the importance of the inthe Black river trade. He is a nne boat builder and has a fine set of carpenters. He has built eight steamboats at this place—steamers Caswell, Lillington, Clinton, Lisbon, Sessoms, and the new Cape Fear steamer, E. A. Hawes. The two last named boats have been built within the last eighteen months, and are fair samples of their skill and workmanship. Hog cholera has played havoc with the stock of some of the farmers, yet they have shipped a good lot of pork to market and will make a fair supply for home consumption. Gold and silver is the chief topic of conversation among

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at hand we will take either.

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politicians now, but as Christmas is near

Tuesday, the Tenth Inst., in the School Maj. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, in a letter to the STAR, says:

At the request of Mrs. Niell W. Ray, of this city, the lady who has given such an impetus to the Vance Monument movement by her charming description of his home life in the recently published Women's Edition of the Observer, and by her example in collecting and forwarding to Mr. Battle a considerable sum of money as a first offering from this community. I wrote to the teachers of the various towns of the State asking them to set apart the second (December (December 10th) as a day for contributions from their puis to that patriotic work. Her suggestion was that any sums, however small, be received, so long as each child or student had the privilege of contributing something. In response, the movement s found to have met with such approbation and to have gathered such force, that I venture to adopt the suggestion Superintendent Logan D. Howell, of the Raleigh schools, that the day mentioned be "advertised as Vance Day" and that "it be appropriately celebrated in schools." "This," continues Professor

Howell, "would help the collection." The STAR is asked to request that the sums collected be forwarded to Mr. R. H. Battle, President of the Vance Monument Association, Raleigh, N. C.

OUTLOOK FOR COTTON.

The Cause of Depression in Prices-The Esstern Question a Disturbing Factor-Large Receipts from India-Speculation Dormant.

NEW YORK, December 5. EDITOR STAR-During the past week the liquidation of holdings, which we noticed in our last letter, has caused a decline of nearly forty points and left the market imbued with a feeling of pessimism which it is difficult to withstand. The reasons for this depressed tone in business circles are not difficult to find as they are plainly apparent to alland until they are dissipated the markets will be under their influence. In Europe the losses from the defunct Kaffir speculation prove to be more farreaching than was expected at the time of the panic, when it was believed they were confined to financial centres, but now it is seen that the number of small holders who suffered serious loss is so vast as to put a severe damper upon speculation.

The Eastern question remains a disturbing factor and seems to be no nearer a settlement than at first, as the Powers are uncertain in their policy, beyond asking the Sultan to restore order, which he daily promises to do, but fails.

From Bombay the receipts of India cotton are upon the largest scale known since September 1st, 217,000 bales in excess of last season and the Continent appears to be buying India cotton in preference to American cotton at the prevailing price. At home the belief that Congress will fail to follow the advice of President Cleveland, pur-"do nothing" policy and suc a reopen the tariff question, already been felt in the check to trade throughout the country. It is indeed remarkable that this Congress, elected cause its predecessor did nothing to low in the line of certain defeat, but the commercial interests having experienced heavy losses from the non-action of the last Congress are chilled by the prospect of another year of uncer-

Opposed to these factors, working against an advance in the price of cot ton, is the testimony daily apparent that this crop is a short one, and while spinners refrain from buying, with an indifference as to the movement o he crop, which would indicate the of larger supplies believed possible at the commencement of the season factors and planters throughout the South believe they will eventually be compelled to purchase heavily at advancing prices. Thus, with holders firm in their views, speculation dormant because of the outside factors, and spinners indisposed to do more than follow: hand to mouth policy, the markets are at a standstill, without a decided tendency in either direction. Spinners point to the preparations for an exten-sive use of fertilizers for the next crop. but merchants throughout the Sout believe the spinner should interest himself more about the supply of his raw material from this crop rather than the prospect of an increased crop in 1896.

Yours, very truly, HUBBARD BROS. & Co. VIEWS OF A CUBAN.

Mr. Cleveland's Message Considered Sym pathetic and Favorable.

Horatio S. Rubens, a representative of the Cuban revolutionary party in New York city, who was in Wilmington a short time ago as counsel for the owners of the alleged filibustering steamer Commodore, in speaking of the President's message, said:

"There is no word to indicate that the President is unfavorably inclined toward granting belligerency to Cuba, while the whole message indicates the gravity with which he views the strongest grounds possible for such belligerency—the strength of the insurrection, the futility of endeavors at its suppression, the loss to American interests, and the inhumanity which especially characterizes

this war. "The fact that the President calls upon the citizens of this country to observe neutrality and the necessity of our honestly fulfilling our international obligations, is not in any sense directed against the Cubans as a body. Moreover, when you keep it in mind even after the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents, the neutrality laws and other international obligations must be strictly observed then as now. "On the whole, therefore, I consider

his attitude as not only sympathetic, but this subject when the proper moment arrives in the manner most favorable to the Cubans."

Civil Service Examinations.

The local board of Civil Service examiners, composed of Capt. E. G. Parmele, chairman; W. C. Craft, secretary, and John G. Norwood, Jr., met in the Government building yesterday to ex- denomination, have contributed liberamine applicants for positions as clerks ally to help pay this debt. and mail carriers. Six were examined, four white and two colored. The papers were forwarded to the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C.

- Duck shooting at Orton plantation must be excellent, judging from the large numbers bagged by Col. K. M. Murchison and Mr. Sam'l Hopkins, of New York, who are sojourning there. Vesterday they sent up to friends in the city some twenty brace, principally

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET. Disappointment at Delay in Announ

IMPORTANT DECISIONS TO BE REN-DERED BY THE SUPREME COURT. state Pensioners-Wake County Jail Crowded with Prisoners-The Southern Hallway-Carolina Grocery Company-

the Last Gun at Appomatiox-Judge Greene Too Stok to Hold Court. [Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 7th, 1895. It is likely that decisions in very im-

Veterans of Flanner's Battery Who Fired

portant cases will be rendered by the Supreme Court next week. Auditor Furman says that pensioners will not receive as much individually this year as they did last, owing to the increase in the number of pensions

granted. The jail has more prisoners in the cells than it has ever had before at one time. Every cell is crowded. There are 57 in all in jail, three more than were ever confined in the building before. Argument in the case of Prof. Dana

and Mrs. Thompson for the custody of their child was completed yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson who came here from Washington City, the first of the week, are still here. Mr. Lamb, of the Southern Railway,

who has charge of the company's busi-

ness at West Point, will on the 28th instant. move twenty-eight clerks to The Carolina Grocery Company was incorporated in the Superior Court today. The incorporators were J. G.

Brown, cashier of the Citizens' Bank; C. C. McDonald and E. E. Harris. The capital stock is \$100.000. There are 1,000 shares, each of \$50 value. The Maryland delegation is expected to return to-morrow.

Mr. W. F. Howland, of the Revenue Department, who was at Appomattox, says the following veterans of Flanner's Battery of Wilmington manned and fired the last gun at Appomattox, viz: James Bond, of Johnston county; Cy. Pulley, Johnson county; C. Richardson, Wake county; Thos. Goodwin, J. W. Gaskell, Mr. Cullifer and J. W. Flecther, Carteret county, and Nate Tisdale, of Newbern. Mr. Howland is making an effort to secure portraits of all these men. He will have them grouped around a cannon and desires to place one of the portraits in the Capitol. Judge L. L. Greene was taken sick Wednesday night at Washington, N. C.,

and court had to be adjourned for the term. The Bath conspiracy case was up for trial. The Board of Aldermen last night received assurances from the Seaboard that work on the construction of a bridge across Morgan street would

commence Monday. The special committee appointed to investigate the manner and method of dispensing free drugs to charity, recommended that a city physician be ap-

TO HOLD A FAIR.

mington Merchants. A movement is on foot for a Fair to be held in Wilmington some time next year. A committee of merchants made a canvass yesterday and obtained subscriptions ranging from \$50 to \$250, and they think it will be easy to secure \$10,-

Two prominent manufacturing firms who have heretofore given only \$20 each for "Welcome Week," said they would give \$250 each, and two retail merchants who gave five dollars, put their names down for \$60 each.

Several suggestions have been made as to the Fair and one is to have certain days of the Fair given complimentary to certain counties in the State, all counties to have representation, and the Fair open to all productions of the State.

If the needed sum of \$10,000 is assured one of the greatest gatherings ever assembled in the State will be assembled in Wilmington the week of the

Street Hallway. The Wilmington Street Railway Co. will have the southern part of the city encircled with their tracks and cars making trips around the circle by next Saturday. Up to last night the track had been laid as far as Ninth and Market streets, and now only one block remains to be put in to complete the new track, which leaves the old line at Castle and Sixth streets, goes up Sixth to Orange, up Orange to Ninth and up Ninth to Princess, where it will join the Princess street line. This work has been rapidly pushed under the supervision of Managers M. F. H. Gouverneur and A. B. Skelding, and with the addition to the old service of four large and new patent closed cars, the service given is far superior to any line in this State and said to be as good as any in

the South as far as comfort is concerned. REV. W. L. CUNNINGGIM.

EDITOR STAR-On to-morrow the pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, South-Rev. W. L. Cunninggim-will leave for Elizabeth City to attend the North Carolina Conference of this denomination, and I think he will be returned to the church here, where he has served so faithfully for the past year. Mr. Cunninggim has given general satisfaction to his people, and has won the love of the community where he is known. He lost his mother and father since he has been here, both of whom were pious, well beloved Christians, and the will of his God, knowing they were done with the troubles of this world and gone to their Father who art in

I learn that he has paid, through his efthe making of plug tobacco by a com-pany which had previously devoted itself to the production of cigarettes. forts, a great deal of the debt, and is working faithfully to pay off the bonds. Too much credit cannot be given to certain merchants and others who though not members of this church or of this

The members of Fifth Street Church are anxious for the pastor to be sent back to them, as the spiritual condition of the church members is better, and there have been several new members gained since his pastorate.

-The Wilmington foot ball team, which has been practicing nightly, thinks the Florence team has "taken water." as they have been unable so far to ascertain definitely whether they will play here next week or not.

NO. 7

WASHINGTON NEWS.

ment of Lord Salisbury's Reply to

Secretary Olney's Note on the Venezuela

Dispute-Reports Beceived at the State

Department as to the Inquiry of the U. S.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Premier's answer would be immediately forwarded by the President in a specia

nformation, unless some other method

Reports received at the State Depart-

mportance of the commissioners.

No information that the commission

has reached Cheng-Tu has come to the

Department, but it is believed that they

have arrived there. The reports men-

sisting of Mr. Sheridan P. Read, United

States Consul at Tien-Tsin; Comman-

der Merrill of the United States Navv.

and Mr. Chesbire, an interpreter, started

from TienTsin for Cheng-Tu on October

6th, accompanied by an escort of twenty

and equipped. The Chinese Govern-

ment directed the Provincial of Szehuan

to co-operate with the commission. This

udge has the highest judicial authority

and his assignment is considered as fur-

ther evidence of the good faith of the

Pekin powers. - The route taken was

also chosen with a view to impressing

At 11 o'clock to-day Sir Julian Paunce-

fote, the British ambassador, came to

the State Department, bearing in one of

the characteristic envelopes with the ac-

companying red seal, which form the

distinguishing features of British diplo-

matic correspondence. Lord Salisbury'

reply to Secretary Oiney's note in regard

to the proposed Venezuelan boundary

arbitration. The document was in print

with the usual wide margin for notes,

and printed in the customary legible

type pertaining to such communications.

The British ambassador was saved the

formula of reading to Secretary Olney

the exceedingly lengthy and argumen-

tative communication of which he was

made the official by bearer perceiving

duplicate in his hands which had been

Bayard by the same steamer as that

which conveyed Sir Julian Paunce-

fote's missive, and which had conse-

quently reached him last night

This naturally shortened the official

reading of it would have consumed sev-

Oiney himself shortly afterwards disap-

peared and his confidential clerks de-

clared with emphasis for some hours

afterwards that the British ambassador

had not been at the State Department

to-day and that the British note had not

THE TOBACCO TRUST.

Big Tumble in the Price of Shares-Ex-

citing Scene on the Floor of the New York

NEW YORK, December 7.-It is only

once in a long time that such excite-

Exchange as characterized the opening

tention of speculators, and each has

taken its turn in surprising operators

with some wild movement. Yesterday

t was Chicago Gas, which boomed up,

To-day it was Tobacco, which broke

wide open. Before the chairman's gavel

dropped nearly every broker on the

post. They fought and climbed over

When the gavel dropped a roar as of a

olders of American Tobacco Company's

tock, who read this morning that the

directors had decided to pass the quar-

common shares threw their stock over

norning it was offered four points down,

then five, then six, then seven, then eight

and then nine points below yesterday's

ast sale. In the first few seconds after

par, so that in full shares \$1,850,000 had

For months tobacco stock has been

declining on the war with the plug

tobacco manufacturers, who resented

Cigarettes have for some time been practically given away by both sides, the

plug manufacturers having started in to make them.

The galleries of the Stock Exchange

were crowded by curious spectators, who

always gather when such a movement is

Cardinal Ignatius Persico, titular

archbishop of Damita and secretary-

general of the Propaganda, is dead. He was born in Naples, January 80th, 1828, and created cardinal January 16th, 1898.

Fire yesterday in Chicago destroyed

the crowd as possible.

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STEAMSHIP LAURADA.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 6 .-The case of the United States against the steamship Laurada and Capt. Hughes, her master, for alleged violation of the neutrality laws in carrying men and arms to assist the Cuban insurgents. came up before Judge W. H. Brawly, in the United States District Court to day. The case is one which has excited much in erest throughout the country and the court room was completely filled with nterested spectators.

Capt. Hughes, who sat in the railing,

was represented by ex-Senator M. C. Butler and Mr. J. P. K. Bryan, ot Charleston. U.S. District Attorney W. P. Murphy was assisted by Assistant U. WASHINGTON, December 7.-Great S. Attorney General Whitney, Mr. Moldisappointment was expressed by memlet Prevost, of New York, and Assis ant U. S. District Attorney Hughes. The indictment when bers of the House to-day that the President should have left the city yesterday and thus have delayed laying before read shows that the Laurada was them the information contained in Lord charged with having taken a company of soldiers and large quantities of-Salisbury's reply to Secretary Olney's munitions of war to the Cuban tasuretter, which reached Washington last ents during the latter part of October. evening. Such of the Republicans as The day's proceedings consisted in the lirect and indirect examination of three eel a keen and patriotic interest in the paniards who claim to have been on the Venezuelan boundary question-and Laurada, during the October trip to hese constitute practically the whole Cuba. These men, all of whom said they House-have expected that the British were citizens of Spain, gave virtually the same testimony. They said that they had been employed as firemen on the message to Congress. The President's Laurada. The vessel had sailed from absence will prevent the House for possibly ten days from receiving this New York about 6.80 p. m. October 21st. When about two miles off the Scotland lightship she had of procuring it is reached, Mr. Livingstone of Georgia, who is conspicuously friendly to Venezula, believes that he has stopped and waited for two tugs which had approached her from the sea. The evolved a plan which will get the Salistugs had put aboard of her thirty-five bury letter before the House by next men and a number of boxes of ammuninition. During the voyage the men had week. This plan looks to the introducdrilled constantly below decks and one tion of a resolution, when the House reof them had told the witnesses that they ssembles on Monday, calling upon the were going to fight for Cuban liberty. Secretary of State for his letter to Lord The witnesses said that the coast of Salisbury, written in July last, and the Cuba had been reached on the evening British Premier's reply, received yesterof October 27th. The Laurada bad day, if this be not incompatible with the gone in within two hundred yards of the ublic service. Mr. Livingstone will ask shore and then landed the men and amthe immediate consideration of his resomunition taken from the Laurada by lution, which if it be adopted, may be followed by the correspondence within tug. The vessel then went to Kingston and took in a cargo of fruit. The witthe next twenty-four or forty-eight nesses said that when they returned to New York Capt. Hughes had not paid their wages and that that they had gone ment indicate that the Chinese Governto the Spanish Consul. They admitted ment has done everything to facilitate that Pinkerton men had approached the inquiry of the United States comthem and that they were receiving two mission sent to Cheng-Tu to investigate dollars a day and their expenses from riots in the province of Szechuan in the Pinkertons. The testimony of the June last, and had made special efforts witnesses was taken through an interto impress natives with the dignity and oreter, as none of them could speak English. The case will be continued to-

> morrow. THE DAVIS MONUMENT.

Daughiers of the Confederacy Will Work to Raise Funds for Its Completion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, VA, December 6 -At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the erson Dav's Monument Association this afternoon, the president laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. L. H. Raines, of Savannah, Ga., the first vice president of the National Association of the Daughters of the Confederacy, accepting the suggestion that the Daughters give their next year's work to raising funds for the Davis monument. At the recent meeting of the Association of the Daughters at Atlanta they pledged themselves to this work, not only for the next twelve months but "for the rest of

heir lives." Mrs. Raines writes that she is now at work holding a bazaar of the Savannah chapter as the first effort in this direcion. She also suggested, that in selectng a design it be arranged that at the pase of the monument there be a figure representing the weeping South at the grave of our beloved dead. Mrs. Raines writes that there are five chapters in Vir-

inia, but none in Richmond The president was requested to acknowledge the receipt of her letter and o say that her suggestion would be reerred to the Committee on Design when

appointed. The president stated that he had calld this meeting to consider what further mount of Richmond's contribution to he monument fund. He said that Lee Camp had secured its promised \$1,000, and that most of it had been paid into he treasury of this association.

ceremony. The presentation of the note barely occupied ten minutes; the MURDER AT LENOIR, N. C. eral hours. Sir Julian Pauncefote left The Killing of Frank Steelman by Samuel the Department before 11.15. Secretary

Newland. By Telegraph to the Morning Star RALEIGH, N. C., December 5 .- An executive reward of \$200 is offered for the apprehension of Samuel Newland. wanted for killing Frank Steelman, at Lenoir, last week. There was some trouble about a woman, and it is stated that Steelman had said he intended to kill several men, one of the latter being Newland. The latter went to Steelman's shoe shop and charged him with making this threat. Steelman denied it, and on his knees prayed Newland to spare his life. Newland was relentless, and shot him dead. He then fled. He is a brother of the solicitor of that disment is seen on the floor of the Stock trict, and is of a prominent family. Steelman is a native of South Carolina, where he had a wife and children. It is this morning. Of late the industrial supposed Newland has fled into Tenstocks have been monopolizing the at-

> FIRE AT COLUMBIA, S. C. Welson's Hotel Burned-One or Two of the

> > Guesta Had Narrow Escapes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 7.-At 12.80 o'clock to-night Nelson's hotel, on floor was about the tobacco trading Plain street, a very large half wood, half each other to get as near the centre of brick structure, was discovered to be a mass of flames on the top floor. The building was owned by W. M. Nelson, remendous explosion burst out and who went to Charlotte to-day, and was valued at several thousand dollars. The flames spread with great rapidity, and terly dividend of 8 per cent, upon the one or two of the guests had to come over the back shed roof, the other exits n blocks. The price at the close last being cut off. A considerable amount night was 78% bid, 79 asked. This of the contents was saved. St. Peter's parochial school building and the Ursaline convent adjoining were saved by hard work. The office sale was saved. The building was partially insured, but the exact amount is not 10 o'clock 8,000 shares had been sold at prices ranging from 75 to 70. The known. There is no clue to the origin neavy dealings continued, 1,000, 2,000, of the fire. A negro bell boy only was 8,000 and 4,000 share lots being thrown over between 71 and 78. In the first on duty at the office and he seemed paralyzed. The flames had gained great ive minutes 37,000 shares had changed headway before they were discovered. ands and the price had settled around The building is a total loss. 71 and 79. Tobacco shares are only \$50

THE WAR IN CUBA:

Engagement. Between Spanish Forces and Insurgents. By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 7.-The rebel parties of Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo have crossed the limits between Camaguey and Las Villas by Yguara. They had an engagement with a small Government column under Col. Seguera, Government column under Col. Seguera, who was taking a convoy of two hundred mules loaded with provisions. The Spaniards had nine soldiers and some mules killed. Col. Seguera fought bravely and prevented the rebels from carrying out their design to surround him and his force and to Invade Remedios, while leader Quitin Banderia invaded Trinidad.

The International Bimetallic League has received intimation that British and part of the extensive soap manufactory of James S. Kirk & Co. The total loss is estimated by Mr. Kirk at \$180,000.

German delegates will attend the Bimetallic Congress to be held in Paris December 10th, 11th and 19th.