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PARIFF AND MONEY TINKERING There are several different kinds statesmen in this and in other countries, too. We have an assortment of them, the real statesmen (not very numerous); the men who imagine themselves statesmen (quite merous) and sham statesmen (too numerous). The present generation has been quite prolific of the latter (w) varieties. There are honest state men who labor for the public good, and dishonest statesmen who labor for private pelf; some who have grown poor in the public service, others who have grown rich by abusing the trust in them; some who were long headed and broad viewed. others who were narrow between the ears and could not see beyond the confines of their own particular sections. Unfortunately all but the true kind of statesmen have had for most of the present generation the guidance of the destinies of this candid people are beginning to look country, and that's the reason why upon the South as the distinctively matters have gone from good to bad | American, most truly conservative and from bad to worse, and why a and thoroughly patriotic section of eople who ought to be the most rosperous and contented on the face

Thirty odd years ago the new order of statesmen introduced a new order of things and under pretence of fostering and building up our "infant industries" they concocted a tariff which they called by the delusive but catchy name of the "protective" tariff. This tariff erected a Chinese trade wall between this and other countries, for it was intended to be a prohibitory tariff and was practically so save on certain articles which the rich bought and which were permitted to come in on a very ight duty compared with their value, the fraudulent reason assigned for this being that these articles were not manufactured in this country and therefore there was no occasion to tax them heavily to protect, anybody or any home industry. They erected that Chinese wall and did the work so strongly and securely that it took those of us who didn't believe in the Chinese wall policy nearly thirty years constant battering to knock even the cap stones off.

of the earth are battling with adver-

sity and are but little better off than

the class ridden populations of Eu-

What was the result of that Chinese wall erecting business? Up to that time the American wheat grower and cotton grower found markets in Europe for every bushel of their surplus grain and every pound of their surplus cotton. Then the American shipper found no difficulty in exchanging these products for products of those countries for which he found a ready demand at home and which he could easily dispose of at a profit satisfactory to him. Thus trade went on briskly of America." and we had to send no gold to Europe to settle the balance of trade against us.

ago to the fact that the pension roll instead of decreasing is growing When the high protective tariff inlarger and expressed the opinion terfered with this mutually advanthat no material, if any decrease in tageous exchange of products the expenditures might be expected for nations which had been trading alsome years to come. We gave as one most exclusively with us began to of the reasons for this that as the look for other sources of supply, soldier is still in the North a factor where they could trade on the same of importance in politics, a fact reterms, and the great leader in trade, cognized by all political parties, the the shrewdest and most thrifty of all vote seekers will not be slow to find -England-turned her eyes to In pretexts to add to the pension rolls dia for cotton and wheat, to Egypt or to the pensions already paid. for cotton, to South America for There are several new pension bills wheat, and to Russia for wheat and now advocated by "friends of the pork. She encouraged railroad buildsoldiers" (mainly pension attorneys) ing in India to open up to cultivaand some have been introduced, one tion large areas of cotton and wheat lands, and her capitalists sent by Sentor Palmer, of Illinois, giving their money into Argentina to aid in a uniform pension of \$50 a month to opening up and bringing into cultiva- any Federal soldier a hand or a tion the boundless fertile acres of that country, and thus the American farmer began to be confronted by a comintroduced by Senator Voorhees, petition that he never dreamed of and possibly might never have been, or at least for many years, confronted by if it had not been for the policy which drove his customers to seek other suppliers. That's one of the causes, and the main cause, of the so-called overproduction in this country for some years past. This is part of the protective tariff history. What the protective tariff did in crippling trade with our grain and meat buying countries was followed up by more of the same kind of blundering when the conspiracy against silver was planned and consummated in 1873. Confronted by erate prisons.

officers and their co-operating infor-

mers, and hence there are not only

numerous arrests for trivial and

contemptible causes, but much

sneaking trap-laying, and a good

deal of what horders very closely on

persecution. The court dockets are

loaded, large numbers of friendless

and ignorant people dragged from

their homes, scores of witnesses sum-

moned, and after that many of the

accused must be discharged for want

of evidence to substantiate the

charges against them. But the bills

must be paid and Uncle Sam can

better afford to stand it than the ma-

jority of the people who are dragged

before the courts, many of them for

offences that ought to be beneath the

notice of the United States Govern-

The State Grange of Michigan at

its late annual meeting passed a

resolution demanding the free coin-

age of gold and silver. They be-

lieve in bimetallism and declare that

the coinage of both metals without

discrimination is the only genuine

The Sultan didn't want to let

was the "possessor of too many im-

potent secrets." The Sultan may

by and by come to the conclusion that

those secrets would be safer with

for a divorce from his wife on the

ground of cruelty and desertion

She left him because she was un-

England proposes to bar out

will go under.

gets exhilarated.

their business.

a competition which so greatly re-

duced the demand for our foodstuffs

the countries whose currency was

figures about 800,000,000 of people.

so to speak. When the Japanese and

Chinese found that they had to buy

in gold countries at gold prices and

sell in their own countries at silver

prices, they concluded that the

wisest thing to do would be to estab.

lish manufactories of their own, and

they are not only doing that, but are

doing it so rapidly and successfully

as to become formidable competitors

of the very nations that ostracized

their silver and tried to force them to

trade on a gold basis. It is, the

tariff tinkering repeated in the finan-

MIROR MENTION.

For years political agitators of the

Republican school have been in-

veighing against the South, and even

now attempts are being made in the

Congress of the United States to

place the South in a false and scan-

dalous position, to excite sectional

animosity with the intent of passing

if possible more of the oppressive

legislation which in recent years has

disgraced our statutes. But in spite

of this, intelligent, observant and

this country. Many tributes on this

line to the South have appeared

in Northern publications in recent

years, but none that more thoroughly

covers the ground than the following

from the pen of Mr. Edward Bok,

editor of the Ladies' Home Journal,

published in Philadelphia, who says :

No truer words can be uttered than

those which say that if we could find

to-day the American people at their

best, where men and women are guided

in their actions by wholesome senti-

ment, where people live righteously, and

where the best of our customs are per-

petuated and lived every day, where our

own language is spoken by all, where

hearts beat to the most loyal national

sentiments, and where the people can

be trusted to uphold what is highest

and most lasting in our national life-

we must turn to the South. How Sun-

day should be kept, or the manner in

which it should be observed, does not

trouble the Southern people. Their re-

spect and honor for the day

are too great and deepseated to

question its sacredness. They do

not question Divine laws in the

South: they accept and perpetuate them.

Intelligent progress there goes hand in

hand with strict adherence to the accept-

ed beliefs of religion. The Southern

children in the light of so-called 'modern

teachings;' she places it in their hands

as her mother gave it to her. And with

the fundamental principles of religion

the Southern child is taught patriotism

and a love of country; hence religion and

patriotism stand side by side in the edu-cation of a Southern child. The Southern

people believe in progress, but progress

along healthy, rational lines. Theories

which mentally upset find no sympathy

with them. They are content to move

slowly but safely and surely. And some

day when the vast majority of us who

live in other portions of the country get

through with our camping out civiliza-

tion, when we get old enough to under-

stand that there is a stronghold of con-

servatism which stands between tyranny

and anarchism, our eyes will turn toward

the South. And we will see there a

people who are American in ideas and

living; a people worshipful, progressive

earnest, courageous and patriotic-a

people who have made of their land

against defeat and prejudice, 'the heart

We called attention several days

month to every one who

lost a limb. Another has been

of Indiana, giving a pension to

soldiers and sailors who were con-

fined in Confederate prisons. It is

somewhat remarkable that both of

these bills have been introduced by

Democratic Senators, while their

party has been endeavoring to carry

out pension reform and reduce rath-

er than increase pension expendi-

tures. Senator Palmer is not a can-

didate for re-election, but Senator

Voorhees is, and Indiana is close

enough to be a very doubtful State,

which may possibly account for the

interest he takes in the soldiers and

sailors who were confined in Confed-

mother does not explain the Bible to her

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Several years ago efforts began to be CAPITAL CITY NEWS. made for retorm in our internal revein the customary markets our policy | nue service by abolishing the fee sys-THE LAW AS TO ESTABLISHING ELECshould have been to build up tem and paying marshals, deputy mar-TION PRECINCTS. other markets not only for the shals and commissioners fixed sala-

Clerks of the Superior Court Advised to products of our farms but of ries. Nearly all the Attorney Gen-Attend to the Matter Without Delayour manufactories, but instead of erals that have been in office for the Federal Court Adjourned-Only Orimdoing that we permitted our greatest past twelve years or more have fainal Cases Tried-The Bradley Bequest commercial rival to lead us into a vored this and testified to the abuses to the Oxford Orphan Asylum-Lyde, trap and dictate the financial policy that prevail and the large and unthe Receptured Convict, Returned to which should govern us, so that we necessary expenditure of money unthe Penkennary. [Star Correspondence.] might have no advantage of her in der the present system, much of RALRIGH N. C., Dec. 18. which is worse than wasted. The and is silver, numbering in round fee system is simply a temptation to extraordinary activity on the part of The leading powers of Europe de- those who are benefitted, not so monetized silver, England leading, much for the purpose of protecting others following and we following the Government against fraud and

The Federal Court adjourned this morning after thirteen days continuous session. None but criminal cases were tried, all of the civil cases having been postponed until the special term in Janpary. Two prisoners were sentenced to them, jumping into the same ditch, enforcing respect for the law as to eighteen months each in the Brooklyn put money in the pockets of the (N. Y.) penitentiary. They were also fined \$1,000. Jap Johnson, the outlaw, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined \$1,000. Many prisonere were given short terms in pail and fined. Many cases have been disposed of.

Dean Bradley has completed his meeting and left for New York to-day.

Mr. F. H. Busbee has gone to Califor-

nia on legal business connected with the Bradley bequest to the Oxford Orphan Asylum of several thousand dollars. There has been a good deal of friction and misunderstanding relative to the establishment of election precincts as required by an act of the last Legislature, and the Caucasian in its current issue presents views taken by ex-Judge Spier Whitaker, which were coincided with by members of the Supreme Court and others as to the intent of the act. The clerks of the Superior Court, who have the matter of locating the precincts, seem to be non-plussed, as very few agree as to the meaning of the law. The matter is one which affects the entire voting population of North Caro-lina. These places of election must be

the ratification of the act of the General Judge Whitaker and the other lawvers n elucidating the law, state that there should not be more than 850 electors in each precinct; that clerks should not be guided by voting books but by registra-

established by the clerk of the court by

the 8th of March, 1896, one year from

In establishing voting precincts, subdivisions of counties into townships. cities, villages, wards, &c., must be considered. In other words, boundary lines of wards and precincts cannot be Said Pasha slip his grip because he disregarded. If there are 450 voters in one ward and 250 in another, a part of the 450 voters cannot be added to the 250 voters. The 250 voters remain, but the 450 voters are divided in two pre-

Clerks are advised to attend to this Said under the ground and then Said matter without further delay, so as to prevent undue haste and confusion. Lyda, the escaped convict who shot The actor, J. K. Emmet, is suing State officer Perry while a posse was attempting to capture him, at his house in Henderson county, has been brought to the penitentiary by Mr. Corpening, one of the gentlemen who helped arrest him. Lyda was sentenced to ten years for willing to remain in sufficient proxmanslaughter and served two. He is a imity to be filled with lead when he most desperate character. He openly boasted that he had lived on his farm two years and made crops each year, vet he defied the sheriff to take him. He

worked in the field with his Winchester

American sheep on the pretence that on his shoulder. they are scabby. It isn't the scab The Street Bailway. so much as the desire to pander to The Street Railway Company has the English sheep-raisers who find completed the extension of its line and the American sheep interfering with in the next few days will run cars around the circle. Managers Gouverneur and Skelding were quick to act after they re-The young Czar of Russia doesn' ceived the franchise from the city allowenjoy playing Czar half as much as ing them the privilege, and have shown he does reading nice books. There their appreciation by hustling the work. isn't near as much fun in the Czar Another improvement which the public will be glad to learn of is that every car business, while there are so many bomb cranks around, as might be has been equipped with electrical heat-

comfortable degree of heat. The New Orleans papers are The STAR is informed the company is howling because their town is inconsidering other extensive improvefested by gangs of fellows who beg ments to the line. in day time and steal at night. The Nimrods Return.

Onion Osculations.

Onion socials are the latest fad. They

are described ar follows: Six young

a piece of onion and the gentlemen pay

bit the onion. There are no blanks in

this lottery. The onion socials are said

it. Even the girl who bites the "ingun'

A prominent commission merchant of

this city told a STAR representative yes-

terday that the prevailing impression

that large quantities of cotton are held

by the producers for higher prices is a

mistake, at least so far as the section of

country tributary to Wilmington is

concerned. He says he has made care-

ful inquiry on the subject, and his con-

clusion is that very little cotton remains

A special dispatch to the STAR Iron

Fayetteville, N. C., says yesterday that

Levi Lyon, colored, was badly crushed

while unloading railway iron from

work train in the Atlantic Goast Line

yards. He will lose a leg and possibly

-The Maxton Scottish Chief, under

the energetic management of Mr. J. Kirk-

land Hill, the new editor and proprietor,

shows marked improvement in all de-

partments. The people of Maxton should

give him a cordial and substantial sup-

fifteen words.

in the hands of the producers.

has her share of the fun,

Not Much Cotton Hold.

That's what comes from having such Capt. Wade Harris and Mr. Ransom genial winter climate. Gray returned yesterday from Stump Sound and thereabouts. Through a Indiana Democrats are beginning series of mis-connections of trains and to boom Governor Matthews for the boats they had only one full day's hunt, Presidency. This is pretty cold and were sadly disappointed in the genweather to be starting out infant eral result. They left for their home in Charlotte yesterday afternoon. Wade looked a veritable "Knight of the Rue-The Kansas City Star thinks the

public would rather see D. B. Hill in the lecture field than in the Senate. But they don't see him in the Senate much, so they needn't be worried over that. The Philadelphia Record is in the

ead with its almanac for 1896, a valuable publication with much useful information conveniently arranged and compactly presented.

THE CITY MARKETS

Fresh Meaus Abundant-Game Scarce-Poultry in Fair Supply-Vegetables Poor in Quantity and Quality.

With the exception of fresh meats, the display yesterday afternoon of supplies for the family market basket were rather meagre. The cold weather, perhaps kept market men at home and checked shipments from the country.

The stalls in Front street market were burdened with an abundance of fine beef, pork and mutton, native and Western, the prices ranging from 8c to 191/c per pound; sausage meat and sausage, 10 to 121/c per pound. Live poultry was in good supply, but

dressed fowls and turkeys were scarce and the light stock in dealers' hands inferior. Dressed turkeys sold at 18 to 14c; live, 10c per pound. Chickens, 15 to 20c, and grown fowls, 25c each. Eggs were abundant, but held at 22c per Little or no game was on sale; a brace

or two of ducks at 75c per pair, and a little venison at 10c per pound, a 'possum or two at 80c apiece, and a few raccoons In the fish market, there were a few

small mullets. New River oysters in moderate quantity at 50c per half gallon bucket; Myrtle Grove oysters at 15c, and clams and Sound oysters at 191/c per

The vegetables shown were frozen: lettuce sold at 5c per head; turnips, 5c per bunch; cabbage, 5c per head, and cellery (small bunches) 25c.; all raised near the city. Sweet potatoes 15c per GOV. CARR'S OUTING.

His Visit to Southport-Hospitably Batertained-Gunning on Smith's Island-Returned to Wilmington-Will Leave For Onelow County To-day.

The Southport Leader of yesterday says: "Gov. Carr had for some time planned a trip to Southport in the Winter season, at which time this place and section has a peculiar charm to upcountry visitors. Tuesday His Excellency arrived, accompanied by Mr. Samuel L. Pacterson, Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. T. K. Bruner, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, William T. Dortch. Esq., of Goldsboro, and Col. Fred A. Olds. The party were the guests of Capt. John W. Harper, on the steamer Wilmington, and greatly enjoyed the trip down the noble Cape Fear, where the many fea tures of interest to every North Caro-linian were explained by Capt, Harper, who was ably seconded by his brother, Capt. Tom Harper. The weather was rough, cold and rainy. On arrival the party made Miss Kate Stuart's hotel their heacquarters, and it goes without saying that the visitors are experiencing all the pleasures of Cape Fear food and Cape Fear cookery, both equally to be appreciated.

"Tuesday night the party, with Dr. Eager. Dr. Curtis, Capt. J. H. Harper and Mr. E. B. Stevens enjoyed an oyster roast at Mr. Al. Stevens' cottage. The oysters, prime ones from Lockwood's Folly, were greatly enjoyed, and Gov. Carr declared them to be fine and the roast the most enjoyable he had ever

participated in. Yesterday morning Goy. Carr and party, through the courtesy of Dr. Eager, vith Capt. J. W. Harper and Mr. A. E Stevens, took a trip over to Smith's Island, spending the day in the palmetto groves and enjoying a pot luck dinner with the Cape Fear life-saving crew. The hunters secured some coons, Equir-"Last night Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ste-

vens gave an informal tea to the Governor and party, and afterwards the party went to Dr. Eager's where to a few invited guests the play of 'A Proposal Under Difficu ties' was presented, o the amusement of all present.

"The Governor and party leave this afternoon for a trip to Onslow county." Governor Carr and party came up to Wilmington yesterday afternoon on the Wilmington. The steamer had all her colors flying and was welcomed with the blowing of whistles by all the steam vessel in port. The Governor and triends will leave this morning by train on the pedition in Oaslow county.

NAVAL STORES OUTLOOK. Georgia Operators Report a Fairly Profit-

able Season-The Source of Supply Will Not Be Exhausted for Many The naval stores handlers and pro-

ducers, says the Savannah News, are now busy clearing up their year's business and beginning work for the next

The season for cutting boxes began November 16, the time allowed by law, and since that date the producers have been hard at work cutting boxes for the new crop. The scarcity of turpentine axes has

been a great hindrance to the operators. and is likely to have a very material effect in reducing the amount of new timber cut this season. The quantity of axes on the market was all disposed of some time ago, and the factors have been unable for the last two weeks to fornish their customers with axes at any price. This is not regarded as an unmitigated evil, however, if it be an evil at all, as there is always a fear that the production will exceed the demand. The danger of destruction of timber by fire or storm is very small, and it will be just as good for another year's cutting as for this year and worth more

ing apparatus, which generates a very money. perhaps. A leading naval stores factor who was asked about the results of this year's work for the operators said that the majority of the operators had made some money, though nobody has made a fortune in the business this year.

"The prices have averaged fairly well throughout," he said, "and while the receipts have not been as large as we would have liked to see, the operators as a rule, are in fairly good condition The average turpentine farmer has made more money this year than the average cotton farmer or other agricultural pro-

When asked about the crop and the condition of the territory tributary to Savannah, the factor said:

"You can't tell anything about what ful Countenance" as he sat in the STAR the crop is going to be. The crop this office recounting his mournful advenyear was the largest ever produced. The crop next year may be still larger for all we know. The talk of exhausting the territory is all stuff. The men now in the business will all be gray-bearded, and most of them will be dead and gone before the territory really begins to show ladies stand in a row, one of them bites exhaustion. The new territory opened up every year, with the extension of operations and the bringing in of territory 10 cents apiece to guess who bit it. The which has been held out will make up correct guessers kiss the other five girls, for what is exhausted each year." while the unsuccessful kiss the one that

Death of Capt. Marshall. The Norfolk Virginian of yesterday

to be very popular, and we do not doubt "Capt. John H. Marshall. a well known coast pilot, living in Brambleton Ward, died in Sanford, Me., yesterday morn-He leaves several children in this His remains will be brought here to-day for interment."

This announcement will be read with regret by Capt. Marshall's hosts of friends in Wilmington. He had made frequent Visits to this port, and had made himself popular with all who met him. He was a "prince of good fellows," and his death is a real loss to relatives and friends.

Will Be Allison.

is a big straw.

As far back as two years, and several times since, the STAR has ventured the prediction that Wm. B. Allison would be the Republican nominee for President in 1896. The Republican National Committee was polled during its recent meeting with the following result for the three highest candidates: Reed, 11; McKinsly, 10; Allison, 9. The next highest man was Cameron, who received 4 votes. This is not conclusive, but it

Cotton Notes. Receipts of cotton here yesterday. 1.116 hales: same day last year, 2,196, Receipts for the week ended December

18th, 14,200 bales; same time last year, 24,183. Receipts for the crop year to date, 128,581, against 174,898 for same - The News and Observer says: There are no more patriotic people in time last year. Stock at this port 22,the world than those who live in Fay-980 bales: last year at same date, 86 980. etteville." Never since it was born has New York futures closed two points the N. & O. compressed more truth in below closing prices Thursday, on a narrow scalping market,

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE. Its Fifty-Ninth Session Met Wednesday

at Ellisabeth City. News and Observer. ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 11 .-The fifty-ninth session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South convened here this

morning at 9 80 o'clock. Bishop Wilson presiding. Rev. W. L. Cunniggim was elected Secretary. The Bishop conducted the opening service. A few of the preachers have not yet arrived, owing to the storm upon the

sound yesterday. This session of the conference is one of special interest to the people of this section of the State. It is the first time the North Carolina Conference has convened in this territory, which was embraced in the Virginia Conference until a few years ago. The conference is greatly pleased with the hospitable and warm welcome they have received from their new brethren.

To-day the session was taken up with outine business. The usual committees were nominated by the presiding elders and were elected. All the Presiding Elders made reports of their respective districts.

The Conference has had a good year,

The names of many of the pastors were called and their report received. Many committees had their meetings this afternoon. Rev. J. N. Ivey, of Wilson, preached in the Methodist church to night a very finished and scholarly discourse that was

full of Gospel truth. NORFOLK, VA, Dec. 12 .- A special to the Virginian to-day from E'izabeth City, N. C., says:

The second day's session of the anqual Conference of the North Carolina Methodist Church, South, began this morning at 9.80 o'clock with B shop Wilson presiding. The Rev. A. D. Betts conducted the devotional exercises. Joon roll call fifty belated c'erical and lay delegates who had been storm-bound on the sound, answered to their names or the first time.

Rev. G A. Oglesby of Washington district, requested that the name of Dr. . N. Jones be substituted for that of ex-Gov. Thomas J. Jarvis, as lay dele-

Five delegates were admitted to Con erence on trial, five advanced to the class of the second year and five admitted into full membership of the Conerence. Written reports were received from the different State educational institutions and referred to educational

Deacons of one year were advanced to the class of the fourth year, and eleven candidates passed satisfactorily and were elected to elders' orders. Elias B. Wilcox, of this class, surrendered his credentials under compulsion,

charges of a serious nature having been preferred against him. Rev. M. L. Miller, a Congregationa Baptist, presented certificates of orders for recognition and subscribed to the doctrine of the Methodist Church.

Rev. W. L. Cunninggim spoke of the urgent need of funds for purchase of onds floated by the Fifth Street Church of Wilmington some years ago. A collection for this purpose, amounting to \$220, was taken up and the Board of Church Extension supplemented this with an appropriation of \$250.

In the afternoon the various commit tees held enthusiastic meetings, that of the Woman's personage and Home Missionary societies were held in the Conference room. President John C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, delivered an address before the society last mentioned. An Epworth League rally was addressed by Prof. A. H. Merritt, of Trinity College.

NURFOLK, VA., December 13 .- A special to the Virginian from Elizabeth City, N. C., says; The third day of the North Carolina Methodist Conference opened at 9.30 tc-day. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. R. P. Fry, of Weldon. Revs. H. B. Anderson and G. D. Langston were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Education. H. H. Grant was assigned to B ard of Missions vice his father, Rev. W. E. Grant, de-ceased. Credentials of J A. B. Kilpatrick as local minister were deposited with the Secretary. Rev. W W. Rose was appointed to receive subscriptions for the Missionary Review during Conference. Communications were received from the Board of Education and Missionary Secretaries and W. C. T. U. Students who attend colleges and school away from home were requested to de posit their certificates with the nearest church. Report of T, J. Gattis, Conference Colporteur, was received and referred and Mr. Gattis allowed to accept the offer of the South Carolina Conference to include it in the system of col-

portage in this State. Under the question of "Who are Re admitted?" the name of John T. Abernethy was presented. His re-admission was advocated by Elder Swindell, of Newbern, and strenuously opposed Revs. Cunninggim and Gibbs, elders, Durham and Rockingham. The gifted Dr. Bates made a forcible speech favor of re-admission, and when he concluded some excitement became apparent, some half dozen clamoring for rec-ognition. Rev. J. W. Jenkins made an impassioned appeal in Abernethy's behalf. After considerable discussion Abernethy was re-admitted by a vote of 72

Re-admission was denied to Rey. N. Seabolt of the Newbern district. Revs. T. H. Law, of Columbia, S and Dr. O E. Hass, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference. Resolutions were passed warmly commending the Advocate to

Adjourned at 1 p, m. The Conference will probably adjourn ine die next Monday alternoon.

A PUBLIC PARK. Iwanty-five Acres of Land Will Be Dc-

nated to the City-Why Not Act at

A gentleman of this city offered some time sime since to donate to the city fifteen, twenty or twenty-five acres of land for a public park, provided the city would spend \$2,000 per year for five this afternoon. The loss is very heavy years in improving the property. This on account of water and the excitement gentleman informed a STAR reporter vesterday that he would renew his offer.

The land is situated on the turnpike, just beyond the corporate limits, and includes the Mineral Spring property, where a beautiful lake or pond could be formed at trifling cost,

The STAR has often called attention to the importance of this park question. and it takes occasion now to ask the city authorities if the proposition mentioned is not worthy of immediate consideration. Possibly, the gentleman who of-fers the land will modify the conditions so that the city might expend \$1,000 per year for ten years in improvements, in-

stead of \$2 000 per year for five years.

The STAR hopes that the park question will be brought before the Board of Aldermen at its next regular meeting, which will be held on the 6th of Janu-

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END OF A ONCE WELL KNOWN BLOCK ADE RUNNING KING.

sided-Highly Interesting Reminiscences of a Local Nature. The death of Alexander Collie, briefy referred to in the telegraphic department of the STAR yesterday, revived a feeling of interest among our older citi-

ing fuller account from a Washington special to the Richmond Disbatch will be read with interest: About two weeks ago there died in New York city, in obscurity, the famous Confederate blockade running king, Alexander Collie, of Manchester and London, Eng., though, as his name in-

dicates, he was a genuine Scotchman. In the former city there still remains an immense warehouse, on the front of which is chiseled on a large granite block the name of the celebrated firm, "Alexander Collie & Co."
For nearly twenty-five years Alexander Collie had been a fugitive, and had concealed his identity under the name of George McNeil, which he took from the

maternal branch of his family. He was only known to a few New York people, who respected his desire to remain unknown, and but for an accident he would have been buried in potter's field, He was discovered, however, on his deathbed by the son of a Confederate officer, whose friend Alexander Collie had been,

and was given decent interment. During the civil war Wilmington, N. C., was noted for its blockade runners, and famous Fort Fisher, commanded by Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, Va., was the favorite gateway into the Cape Fear river. Among the English houses who were engaged in blockade running. and the one that owned by far the largest fleet of splendid boats, was that of Alexander Collie & Co., the reputation and high commercial standing of whom were world wide. Their steamers were of the finest, each subsequent one surpassing the former in size, speed and general adaptability for the purpose of eluding United States cruisers.

NAVAL HEROES. They engaged the services of the best naval officers that could be obtained. Among them was Hewitt, a Victoria Cross man, who afterwards commanded the Queen's yacht, was Ambassador to Abyssinia and died recently an admiral in the navy: Murray, who was most successful and fearless, whose real name was Murray Aynsley, and who, after rai; Burgoyne, who unfortunately was lost while in command of the British iron-clad Captain, some years ago, in the Bay of B scay; and Roberts, who was a second son of the Earl of Buckinghamshire, and who died a few years ago as "Hobart Pasha." in command of the Turkish navy. These were the class of officers in the service of this immensely wealthy firm.

PALATIAL HOME. Alexander Collie's home in England was one of princely hospitality, especially to the officials and friends of the Confederacy, and he often had as his guests ex-United States Senator J. M. Mason, the Confederate Commissioner to England, and Mr. Slidell, Commissioner to

In Wilmington, the firm leased one of the most elegant Southern homes, and a brother, William Collie, who resided there at the time, dispensed with lavish hands a like hospitality.

Many of the steamers of the firm were saved by the guns of Fort Fisher; and in some cases, where the vessels were lost, as in the case of the Venus, Condor and others, the cargoes were saved by the garrison of that fort.

TIMELY GENEROSITY. When Fort Fisher fell (the 15th of [anuary, 1865] at the second attack of the Federals (the first under Butler and Porter having failed), its Confederate commander was desperately wounded, and supposed to be dying. After the general surrender he was removed to the North where he received from an anony mous source, through a New York banking house, a credit of £100, with the information that when that was used a draft for any needed amount would be honored. This conduct on the part of Alexander Collie-for it was from him the funds came-to an officer whom he had a right to suppose could not again assist him, was a marked characteristic of himself and family, for among the generous acts of the brother in Wilmington were many gifts to the poor and needy wives and children of absent

soldiers. The further assistance tendered by Collie was not needed by Colonel Lamb, because he was surrounded by friends and was at the luxurious home of his father-in-law; but when he was able to return to his Southern home at Norfolk, Collie, fluding it out, persuaded him to go into business, and sent him ship after ship through friends, which laid the foundation of the direct trade which Norfolk now enjoys with Europe. A HEAVY FAILURE.

Following their successful speculations during the war, Alexander Collie & Co. went into the cotton and cotton goods trade, establishing branch houses n many of the leading commercial centres of the world, including Egypt, India, Australia, South America and this country, and in an effort to "corner" cotton goods in the markets of the world-somewhere in the later sixties or early seventies -he made the largest allure known in the history of commerce. His habilities above his available assets were £40,000,000, equivalent to \$200,000,000.

FIRES IN NEWBERN.

J. W. Stewart's [Residence and Congdon' Dry Kiln Nearly Destroyed-Gov. Carr and Party Returned to Raleigh.

[Special Star Telegram.] NEWBERN, December 14 .- The elegant residence of Mr. J. W. Stewart was partially consumed by fire at 2 o'clock in efforts to remove furniture and children. David Rumley and Lloyd Hollingworth first saw the fire and it is to their prompt action that the whole block was saved. The Atlantic Engine Company did splendid service.

Congdon's dry kiln was nearly consumed by fire at 8 o'clock and much valuable lumber burned. Governor Carr and party returned to

Raleigh this morning.

- The Maxton Scottish Chief says The sentiment in favor of better telegraphic facilities seems to be growing among our townsmen. Correspondence has been instituted with the management of the Postal Telegraph Company and it is ear estly hoped that the movement will take practical shape at an early

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ALEXANDER COLLIE.

bridge over Crabtree Creek, three miles His Activity During the War-Well Known from Raleigh. This bridge is the oldest in Wilmington, Where His Brother Belandmark in the county and has stood the test of time when hundreds of other structures have gone with the storm. The bridge has been condemned. Mr. D. W. Merritt will be appointed zens in a remarkable man. The follow-

chief clerk of the court on January 1st. Mr. Young has been clerk of the court since the last election, but he has not been able to do away with his chief clerk. Mr. Move, until this time. Young has been criticized by local Republicans for etaining a Democrat in office for so long

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

EXAMINATIONS AT AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.

Gen. Miles' Visit-Wake County's Financial Condition-Internal Revenue Sei-Eure-Marshal Carroll Leaves for Brook-

lyn With Two United States Prisoners

-Pitt Court :Adjourned on Account of

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14, 1895.

|Star Correspondence |

The County Commissioners were call-

ed in special session to-day to consider

the matter of replacing the old covered

Feeble Health of Judge McIver.

ington and is dead against the ring and Settle especially. Dr. J. J. Mott, the free for-all, is in the city. He is hanging up with Loge Harris. Deputy Collector Moffit seized four

barrels of corn whiskey and two barrels of brandy in the office of the Southern Express Company last night for irregu-Marshal Carroll will carry his con-

victs (two) to Brooklyn penitentiary next week. He is busy making out his eports at present. Owing to the feeble health of Judge

and jurors were dismissed.

students at the opening of the Spring session is good. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, while in the city few days ago, was impressed with the des:rableness of this city for the location of a Federal military post. He spoke ravorably of the city and before leaving he promised to see certain of our Representatives in Congress and some of the

Gen. Miles was well pleased with his bunt with the Messrs. Boylan. The last Legislature passed an ordinance requiring that a statement of the county's financial condition with expenditures and disbursements be published in a county paper. The matter was in the hands of the Register of

The sum of \$1,100 has been paid out for The permanent debt of the county is \$25,000; \$20,000 of which is represented by bonds issued under the laws of 1881;

[Special Star Telegram.]

The Board of Aldermen at a special meeting-to-day rescinded the ordinance calling for a bond election on street improvements to-be held January 15th. It. was evident that the measure would have been defeated. Lawyers hold that the city can incur debt, according to a ecent decision of the Supreme Court permitting the county commissioners to build a court house, without submitting the question to the people.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

line. Why Not Try Them in Wilmington

The STAR has not given up all hope of seeing the experiment of artesian wells thoroughly tried in Wilmington; The Sumter (S. C.) correspondent of the News and Courier, under date of

December 10th, writes as follows: The first flowing well to be put down Sumter has been bored at the brick vaid of Ryttenberg near the city. The overflow is about ten and a half gallons per minute, and the water rises about five feet above the ground. The water is of crystal clearness and is of a pleasant taste. The drilling of the well was easily accomplished, the only rock being struck about forty feet from the surface. The remainder of the distance was through a bed of shells and marl. Other wells will be bored in the suburbs by those who cannot get water from the city mains. . There is a strong sentiment here in favor of water for all uses that cannot be contaminated by surface drainage; and there will be a great many artesian wells bored in other parts of

The first wells of this kind to be frilled in this county were at Lynchburg and the success of the venture has proven so great that many people in the county are contemplating having wells

In the water that flows from the well at Ryttenberg's brick yard there is apparently no trace of mineral. The water will be analyzed and its constituents discovered. The cost of an Artesian well is comparatively small, the contractors agreeing to bore the wells 125 feet and furnish all material for \$50. If a flowing supply of water is not attained at that depth a charge of 50 cents per foot is made for the additional depth. The charge is not less then \$50, even though stream is struck at a less depth than

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

Mr. George Cronenberg is No More-The Accident'was Fatal.

The subject of the following notice, which is from the Columbia State of yesterday, was a brother of Mr. H. Cronenberg, the well known photographer of this city. The State says:

The State yesterday mentioned briefly the accident on the Norfolk & Western road, whereby Mr. George Cronenberg. formerly of this city, had been seriously injured. His brother arrived at the scene of the disaster to find that the Those who knew him will hear of his death with sincere regret. He was a kind and noble-hearted young fellow. and none knew him but to like him. At the time of his death he was the road foreman of the Norfolk & Western.

Several years ago when stationed at Florence he married a young lady of that city, who died some time ago, leaving two young children. They are pro-vided for by insurance carried by their father on his life.

The remains passed through Colum-

bia vesterday en route to Florence to be interred by those of the late wife of the deceased. Members of his family accompanied them to their last resting

Gen. Miles had a busy day inspecting the artillery school and post at Fort Monroe. He complimented Col. Frank. commander, on the thorough course of instruction and excellent results obtained by the school.

Hiram L. Grant seems to bave gotten it in the neck. He is here from Wash-

McIver Pitt county court was adjourned vesterday until April. All witnesses

The regu'ar Fall examinations begin Monday at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The boys will be reyear and there is much studying in West Raleigh at present writing. These examinations will only last one week. These will all be through with next Friday and then the boys leave to return after Christmas with new students. The prospect for a large number of new

leading men in Washington relative to the establishment of the post here.

Deeds and the statement was published

\$5,000 by bonds issued in 1895 for bridge purposes. All interest due on bonds has

They have Proved a Success in South Carc-