

did that we practically as far as they were concerned discredited and demoralized not only our silver, but every form of our money, save gold, which we thereby voluntarily obligated ourselves to pay to them.

It is the proud boast of this country now that it is the richest country on the earth, our national wealth being estimated at about \$70,000,000,000.000.

The defenders of these policies and those who still persist in pursuing them, will doubtless claim that this great and rapid increase in wealth is in great part if not wholly due to these policies.

That was the situation up to the time the internal strife between the Northern and Southern sections of the country put the Government in the hands of men who instituted a different policy, which soon deprived us of our commercial prestige.

We saw a statement some time ago that a farmer in Forsyth county had shipped thirty-five bushels of hickory nuts to the Vanderbilt estate.

that clause, so that as the bill now stands the greenbacks redeemed can not be locked up, but must be re-issued as they have been under the law of 1878, which the framers of the House bill were trying to get around and practically annul.

The New York World attributes to ex-President Harrison the remark that Congress acted like a set of fools in the Venezuelan business.

There is little doubt that if there were a conflict between this country and England, Uncle Sam could count on the backing of Russia, a pretty good indication of which is the tone of the Russian press, which is outspoken against England.

The Montreal Star is red hot. It hasn't declared war yet, but promises in the event of war with this country to raise a regiment and give a weekly allowance to the support of families of any of the members of the regiment.

The Lambertson Robsonian closed its twenty-sixth volume last week; a good paper and one that has fully earned all the prosperity which has come to it.

Morgan, a horse that Gen. Morgan rode in 1862, died the other day in Kentucky, where for some years he has been living in honored retirement with a pasture all his own.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, who writes verse, believes in transmigration and thinks that in some former stage of her existence she was a pussy cat.

PROTECTION OF COAST CITIES.

A BILL Before Congress of Great Importance to Wilmington and Other Cities on the South Atlantic Coast.

The port of Wilmington is probably the most defensible of any city on the Atlantic seaboard, and it is suggested that she should get in line with higher cities.

The Board of Trade and the City Council of Savannah at meetings held last week, adopted resolutions urging upon Congress the passage of the coast defense bill alluded to above.

Mr. G. W. Vanderbilt opened his great mansion at Asheville Christmas day by entertaining a large number of guests.

According to a press dispatch, the physicians of New York are watching with interest the new method of producing an anesthetic.

With the exception of fresh meats, of which there was an abundance, supplies for the family market basket yesterday evening were rather meagre.

Mr. E. V. Richards, of this city, visited the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldsboro last Thursday night and carried with him his stereopticon.

CHRISTMAS IN RALEIGH.

NO ACCIDENTS AND ONLY A FEW MISDEMEANORS.

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RALEIGH NEWS-BUDGET.

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DIVISION OF SPOILS.

A PROBLEM FOR THE POPULISTS AND REPUBLICANS.

The division of spoils among Populists and Republicans is a problem which the co-operative forces have paid but little attention to.

It is expected that Treasurer Worth's appeal to the sheriffs will bring a good sum to the State's treasury.

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PANIC IN A THEATRE.

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND TWENTY INJURED.

BALTIMORE, December 27.—Thirteen bodies lie in death at the morgue to-night and twenty persons are in the accident wards of the City Hospital, the result of a panic at Front Street Theatre.

When the policemen arrived on the scene they found a mass of struggling humanity five feet high.

A FARMER MURDERED.

Scott Currie, of Richmond County, assassinated by four White Men—The Murderers in Jail.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—There is a well authenticated rumor in circulation at the Capitol to-day that the Treasury Department is now preparing a contract, presumably with the Morgan-Drexel syndicate for the sale of 80-year four per cent. gold bonds.

RAILROAD RATE TALK.

NEW YORK, December 28.—United States District Attorney Walter McLaughlin, acting under instructions from Attorney General Harmon, will institute proceedings in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, to restrain the Railroad Rate Trust, styling itself the Joint Tariff Association, from operating under an agreement which it designed to take effect January 1.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.