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## THE RECORD OF BLOOD.

There are people who believe that the world is growing worse, more wicked, while others believe that it is growing better. In some respects it is growing better, in some worse. It is growing better in as far as it becomes more enlightened, and with the development and education of the brain also goes on the development and education of the heart. which results in more sympathy of man for man and a broader and more universal spirit of benevolence. The cry of distress reaches over the world quickly now and is quickly responded to, even from the farthest corners, and the same men who would one day butcher each other in battle would next day fly to the succor of each other if calamity fell upon them. But with all the enlightenment of the age, with education of head and heart the blood record of last year, for our own country, at least, shows that the devil yet has a pretty wide range.

A few days ago we wrote upon falcations within the past few years by men in whose keeping trust funds were placed. That was a pretty ugly record in the embezzlement line and was not calculated to sustain the belief that people are growing more honest than their fathers were. The same writer in the Chicago Tribune who kept the defalcation figures and keeps a blood record for each year furnishes also a record of the homilides, suicides and lynchings in this country last year, which does not make a very creditable chapter in our history. There, were 10,500 homicides against 9,800 in 1894, an increase of 700. In 1893 there were 6,615, in 1892 6,794, in 1891 5,906. The number has almost doubled since 1891, and increased out of all proportion to the increase of population. There must be a reason or | der. reasons for this, and there are, some of which are apparent and some that do not show at first sight. The Tribune gives the causes assigned for these 10,500 homicides as follows:

Unknown..... 2,466 Liquor..... 684 By highwaymen ..... 441 Infanticide ..... Self-defence ..... Insanity ..... Strikes. Outrages..... Riots .....

We do not know now many of the murderers in this list were apprehended and tried, but of all there were but 132 executions, of which eleven were in Georgia and ten in Texas, these States leading. In the South there were eighty-nine legal executions and forty-three in the North. Here is one of the reasons for the increase of homicides, the chances of escape being about seventy to one, the hand y gun and the hip pocket pistol being another.

This not only goes to account for the many murders, but also for the large number of lynchings, where the people have taken the law into their own hands and executed it according to their own notion without waiting for the tardy preliminary court formalities. In 1895 there were 171 lynchings, the smallest number since 1891, when there were 127, of which 146 were in the South and 25 in the North Ninety-four of hese were in six Southern States, Texas leading with 24; Alabama ollowing with 16; Kentucky, with ; Georgia, with 14; Mississippi, with 13, and Florida, with 12. The disparity between the number of ynchings in the North and South is accounted for by the frequency of the outlawed crime in the South, which even this swift retribution does not prevent. The following table gives the number of lynchings each year for the past eleven

Jears.	
Year.	No.
1885	184
1886	
1887	
1888	
1889	
1890	
1891	
1809	192
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1090	200
1894	190
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startling increase in the number of as clear-cut as represented to be, it a search light,

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be a reason or reasons, for this increase is also, like the murders, out | and finally settled, the meaning of of all proportion to the increase of | that document. With the different population. They number 5,759, against 4,912 in 1894, 4 436 in 1893, 3,860 in 1892, 3,331 in 1891 and 2,040 in 1890. Here is over double as many in 1895 as in 1890, which is out of all proportion to the increase of population. The following table gives the various causes assigned for these seif-murders:

Insane ..... 447 Liquor ..... 267 Disappointed love........ 206 Business losses..... 86 One State, at least-New York-

has tried a unique plan to reduce the number of suicides by passing a law making it a penal offence to attempt suicide, the only effect of which can be, if it has any effect at all, to cause the person who attempts selfdestruction to provide more carefully againt the chances of failure, that is if the person who contemplates suicide ever thinks of that law. Of the number who thus went out of life, 2,173 took poison, 1,837 shot themselves, 449 drowned themselves and 703 hanged themselves. Divided according to sex, there were 4,300 males and 1,459 females, about in the proportion shown for some the season closes. We frequently

The large number of homicides is bad enough, but this large number of suicides, although not so large as the homicides, is worse, for the murders were generally committed in the heat of passion or were quickly conceived and quickly executed, whether inspired by anger, resentment, vengeance or a desire for plunder, and while there may be stories behind some of them there is a life story behind nearly every one of these sui- etteville pay out in cash for mules, cides, some of which were marred the victims themselves, while others of the life-weary were victims of circumstances and footballs of relentless fate that pursued them until they sought refuge and rest in sleep-land, at whose border fate ceases to pursue.

Has the humanitarian or the moralist ever thought of the connection between crime and blood and legislation? How bad legislation may multiply the stealings, the murders and the spicides? There is a connection between them, and there never was a law passed which oppressed the people and made the struggle for subsistence harder, that didn't add to the calendar of crime and blood, a fact that legislators seldom if ever take into consideration, but one that every one of them ought to seriously pon-

We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum. Many of our subscribers are responding promptly. Others pay no attention to the bills. These latter do not seem to understand that they are under any legal or moral obligation to pay for a newspaper.

## MINOR MENTION.

No more significant admission

could he made of the straits to

which the Spanish army in Cuba is reduced than the practically en forced resignation of Gen. Campos. with the insurgent army within a few hours march of Havana. If at nearly the end of twelve months the Spanish army has not been able to deal a decisive blow or to prevent the insurgents from overspreading the island and carrying their operations almost to the gates of Havana, which they have cut off from communication with the interior, how long would it take to, drive Gomez back to the other end and conquer an army of determined men, which now numbers, according to the reports, nearly 50,000 men, with whom the people of the island sympathize? This uprising has ceased to an insurrection. It has put on the form and assumed the proportions of a revolution with which the Span iards have shown their utter inability to cope. A change of commanders may possibly better the situation for them somewhat, but with any change of commanders they may make, or any aggressive demonstrations that may follow, the revolutionists are in practical control of the island and can hold out for an indefinite period, because they are under skilled and bold leadership in which they have confidence, and because they have the sympathy of the masses of the people, who give them all the aid and comfort and material assistance they can. If the belligerency of these Cuban strikers for self government is ever to be recognized by this Government it should be done now, and when the Chaplain of the House of Representatives prays for their success and the House applauds that prayer, it is about time it should be

done, for that puts beyond doubt

what the sentiment of Congress is. If the Senate resolution on the Monroe Doctrine, reported by the yard. They can find lots of sites Committee on Foreign Relations, be along the Southern coast without

suicides, for which there must also will, it adopted, settle, in the only way by which it can be definitely constructions put upon it, some contending that it means much, others that it means little and practically nothing, it is not only proper but essential that it should be defined by some recognized authority, and by an authority vested with the power to back that definition. Such declaration by Congress need not increase the complications of the Venezuela situation, which stands just as it was before this resolution was framed, for all it asserts is that no European Government shall acquire any new territory on this hemisphere, and if it be found that England has a just claim to the territory on the Venelan border that she claims, that is the end of that matter; but if not then the territory which she claims without right will come under the head of new territory, and then the Mon-

roe Doctrine will come in with its

full sweep as defined by the Senate

resolution.

In connection with a notice of the progress of work on the farms of that section, the Fayetteville Ob server of last week says a stock trading firm has sold hundreds of mules to the farmers and expects the sales will number over a thousand before see similar statements by our State exchanges, noting the number of horses and mules sold to the farm ers. Horses are now cheap, so cheap that the farmers who buy them may find it cheaper to buy than to raise them, but we think mules command a pretty fair price, how much we do not know, but probably \$100 a piece, if they are good mules. If so much, then here is \$100,000 that the farmers in the country tributary to Faywhich they could raise themselves and thus keep that much money in' their pockets and at home to help them and business generally. This is simply for one section; when we add to it what is paid out by farmers of other sections, it will be found that the farmers of North Carolina spend an immense amount of money for stock which they could raise if

We need money with which to pay our honest debts, and there are many subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR who should pay their honest debts. Do you owe us for subscriptions? If so, forward the amount without delay

An English steamer sailed from New Orleans a few days ago with a cargo of 203,622 bushels of grain, nearly 6,000 tons, which is said to be the largest cargo of grain ever shipped from this country, except one from New York, which has never been duplicated. The grain-shipping business of New Orleans is becoming immense and is growing

A contemporary says there are people living in North Carolina all the way from 100 to 160 years of age. There are people living in this State all the way from 100 to 350 years, but none of them have reached this figure yet. There also people in this State who have been dead for at least twenty five years, but haven't

The tallest man in this country is "Col." Powell, of Texas, for some years in the show business as an elongated freak. He stands 7 feet 71 inches when he is not tired. He has retired from the show business and is looking for a job as floorwalker in St. Louis. He would stand a better chance as a sign-hanger.

The growing of pineapples seems to be a profitable business in Florida. The Jacksonville Citizen says the hundreds of acres now planted in pineapples will be increased to thousands of acres in a few years. The plants are propagated from slips, and increase very rapidly, as also does the product of apples.

As an illustration of the way the Government was sometimes swindled in the purchase of seeds for free distribution, Secretary Morton told a Congressional Committee the other day that flower seeds were bought for which as much as \$128 a pound were paid.

A store keeper in Kokomo, Ind. to his store and found that a burglar broke a \$100 window glass to steal \$10 worth of silver-plated ware. He says if the burglar man will call at his house next time he will give him the key.

The New York Financial Chronicle says if the cotton planters keep their acreage within reasonable limits this year they will stand a pretty good chance of getting 10 cents a pound for the next crop.

It is said that the Cramps, of Philadelphia, are looking for a site in Virginia to establish a branch ship-

machete. A Cuban letter says be was recently ambushed by the Spanlards, but grasped his machete dashed into their lines, killed five of them and escaped without a scratch.

It is said that "Marble House," at Newport, which cost \$2,000,000 and was presented by W. K. Vanderbilt to his then wife, is for sale. Senator Brice has his eye on it. The lady has no further use for it for she has another husband and another house.

The starch makers in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota used last year three and a half million bushels of potatoes, from which they got fifteen thousand tons of starch.

Senator Allison doesn't consider it necessary to conceal his boom any longer, but admits through his friends that he is in it. They say the boom has grown so large that he couldn't

Another of "George Washington's body servants" died the other day on Long Island, aged 111 years. He, like the rest of them, was colored.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, silver, says he and his Republican silver colleagues will not go into the Republican caucus. That's the kind of a cuss he is.

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CAPITAL NEWS GOSSIP.

TALK ABOUT TOM SETTLE AND

JUDGE RUSSELL Spier Whitaker's Wonderful Becord Wake Forest College - Sewards For Capture of a Murderer - Courts Adjourned-Injunction Case.

[Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 18, C. Sharpe, a brother-in-law of Tom Settle, stated while here last week, that his brother-in-law, Thos. Settle, did not speak to Judge Russell while in Wilmington. He further said that Settle only saw Russell once and then they were both on opposite sides of the street. They never spoke, so Sharpe says. Referring to Judge Russell, Mr. Purnell says that Democratic newspapers cannot separate good Republicans

Spier Whitaker had a wonderful record until Tuesday afternoon. He came off the bench in August, 1894, and up to Thursday had not lost a case. Wake Forest College now has 280 students enrolled, this being the largest number in the history of the 'college.

It is expected that the number will reach 275 before long. In addition to the \$900 reward offered by Gov. Carr for the capture and conviction of the guilty party or parties who murdered the old umbrella peddler. near Littleton, the county authorities have offered \$50, and the town of Liltleton, \$25, making in all \$275.

Both terms of court have adjourned. The Federal term was a very short one. Only two cases of note were tried. The case of Edwards & Broughton, against whom suit was brought by Col. Shaffer for infringement of the copyright of a map, was decided in favor of the former. Four years ago the case was tried, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of Edwards & Broughton. Judge Seymour set it aside; this time he lets it stand. There will be a large attendance from Raleigh and other points at the opening

of the Piney Woods Inn in Southern "The Rainmakers" is the next at traction at the Academy of Music. The civil court has come to a close It has been one of the most noted Wake ever had. Mrs. Arrington has quieted down considerably since the court sat down on her. Solicitor Pou told her that if he heard talk of any more libellous articles emenating from her, he would prosecute her according to law. Strenous efforts are being made by the Chamber of Commerce and citizens to get the Army Post' located during the present session of Congress. All of the North Carolina Representatives in

the House are working for the bill. The Senators have done nothing so far. The post will be located a few miles from Raleigh. The city will offer the grounds. An injunction case was argued before Judge Timberlake at Louisburg yesterterday. The case was that of Stern Brothers, of Richmond, against L Austern, the Wilmington street clothier. whose store was recently shut up by the

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8. C. LEGISLATURE

Bill to Abolish the Military Academy Kille -Bill Introduced in the House Fixing Passenger Rates on Railroads. By Telegraph to the Morning Star-

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 18.-In the House of Representatives to-day, after a thorough debate, the bill to abolish the South Carolina Military Academy was killed by a vote of 49 to 46. A hard fight was made by the opponents of the lastitution to pull down the old acad-emy, and until the last vote was counted there was every indication that they

were going to succeed. he the House to day a bill was introduced fixing the first-class passenger rate on railroads in this State at three r mile and the second close two and one-half cents per mile, providing heavy penalties for the violation of the act, but allowing roads to issue mileage books of 1,000 miles or more at less

BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R.

Bumor That Jno. K. Cowen is t President of the Company. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, January 16 .- It umored on the street late to-night that Congressman John K. Cowen, chief counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, had been selected as the suc-cessor of Chas. F. Mayer, president of the company. It is said that a special meeting of the directors of the company has been called for Wednesday the 23ad inst., and that the appointment of Mr. Cowen will then be announced and ratified. It is impossible to get an official affirmation or denial of the report to-night.

Gomez knows how to handle the GRAND LODGE MASONS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AND OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Verdict For Defendant in the Case of Cook es Junius Davis, Receiver, and O hers latniff's Appeal-Mrs. Astrington-The Banerfield-Brown Trials-Internal Bevenue Beingres Judge Clerk-An Adreit Swindle. [Star Correspondence]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16. The annual address to the Grand Lodge of Masons was delivered in Commons Hall last evening before a large and appreciative audience by Grand Orator W. H. Summerrell,

At eleven o'clock the election of officers began, and ballotting continued until 2 a. m. with but one result, and that was the re-election of Grand Master Moye. This morning balloting was reofficer had been chosen. That was Grand Master W. H. Summerrell. Judge McIver failed to pass sentence upon Mrs. Arrington this morning when

court assembled as was expected, the jury hung twenty-four hours, re-maining out all night on the result of one ludian game rooster, which it was claimed had been stolen. The case cost the county several hur dred dollars.

Mr. B. S. Royster, attorney for en olling clerk Brown, yesterday received the receipt book, about which there was

so much talk in the Satterfield and Brown cases. Mr. Royster tells me that there is no evidence of Brown's receipting for the assignment bill, in the ok. The defence claimed that there was not during the trial.

Deputy Collector Moffit reports destruction of a 60 gallon still and fix-

tures in Montgomery. Two Lucas brothers were captured, and are in jail. Two small boys who were at the still were liberated. Four kegs of whiskey were seized in Greensboro for ifreguarities yesterday. At Elon College a still belonging Thos. Whitesell was captured. This was a unique affair, s.tuated under a hill-

side and completely hidden from view.

Two hundred gallons of beer have been taken. The still was made of wood. Mr, R. H. Bradley, marshal of the Supreme Court, vesterday received a etter from Judge Walter Clark, who is in Mexico gathering information for series of articles to be published in the Arena relative to the money question. pleasant time. He has been through eight Mexican States in the northern part of the republic and has not seen a fire or a house with a chimney to it on his trip in that territory The Judge says strawberries and other frui:s are ripe. He says he has abou

800 miles more to travel. Judge Clark's articles, as they always do, will no doubt attract a great deal of attention Martin Marshall, of Marks. Chant county, New York, has written to parties here stating that he wished to purchase desirable farming site of from 200 to 400 acres near Raleigh.

One of the sharpest pieces of work ever done in the State was brought to close yesterday. Two months ago [. H Lambeth came here from Greensbore and opened a wholesale liquor house He applied for license from the board o aldermen under the firm name of ]. H Lambeth & Co. Lambeth ordered liquor right and left, from every whole sale house in the country, asking gener ally for thirty days' time to make pay ment. He sold his goods as fast as he received them. He did this by cutting prices. Case goods that sold for \$1.50 Lambeth sold for 75 cents. The whiskey men got on to his game las week and the representative of Uri & Son made him pay a part of his bill, taking a check for the remainder. Las evening a number of Lambeth's creditors swooped down upon him and Lambeth had disappeared this morning, but the sheriff is telegraphing for him. It is said that he has made over \$5,000 in two

[Special Star Telegram.] Other officers elected by the Grand

Lodge of Masons to-day are: W. E Moore, Senior Grand Warden; B. S. Royster, Junior Grand Warden; Wm. Impson, Grand Treasurer; J.C. Drewery,

Grand Master Moye appointed the ollowing: M L. Winston, Grand Chapain; Dr. H. I.Carr, Senior Grand Deacon Francis D. Winston, Junior Grand Deacon; E. B. Neave, Grand Marshal; A. Harrell, Grand Sword Bearer; W. F. Applewhite, Grand Parsulvant, D. S Gurley and J. T. Reid, Grand Stewards R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiller; B. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer.

The Lodge voted a thousand dollars o the Dake fund, thereby bringing the Mr. Duke's conditional offer. Mr. Duke renewed his offer and two thousand dollars were pledged. Officers were in-stalled and the sessions of the Grand Lodge come to a close.

Judge Seymour charged the jury in

he case against Cook vs. Davis and others from Wilmington that upon the evidence of plaintiff he was not entitled to recover. The jury accordingly returned a verdict in favor of the defend ants. The plaintiff will appeal. The case of Rountree vs. Sharpe, from

the Wilmington circuit, was argued be fore Judge Seymour and decided in fawor of the plaintiff. Gov. Carr has made a requisition

ipon the Governor of Virginia for Bob Scales, who made a brutal attack on woman in Rockingham county, and then shot her in the head RALEIGH, N. C., January 14,-Mrs

Pattie D. B. Arrington, who was con wicted in the Superior Court here last week of maliciously libelling ex-Judge Spier Whitaker and of libelling the memory of the late Chief Justice W. N. H. Smith, was to-day fined \$35 and costs. Barnes Bros, printers here, who published her paper in which the libels appeared, were fined \$45 and costs. All of the sentences are regarded as light. The woman escaped because of her sex. The Solicitor asked the Judge not to uch excellent character.

"Messles by the Thousands" in Charlotte The Observer says: Dr. Wilder, the county physician, says there have been between 4,000 and 5,000 cases of measles in the city during the present epidemic, and that there will likely be that many more. He has never known such an epidemic here before, he says."

The measles has attacked the Normalities in Greensboro. One of the girls writes a Charlotte friend: "The rooms are being quarantined, but it seems to be no use. The girls are taking it just the same." - The British steamship Royalist cleared yesterday for Bremen, Germany,

with 11,014 bales of cotton, the weight

of which is 5,328,581 pounds, and the

value \$426,000. Both vessel and cargo

by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

EFFECT OF THE DECISION IN THE

NEW HANOVER BANK CASE. x-Judge Russell's Gubern Lambab, the Liquer Dealer-A Strang Story From Cumnock - Waks Forces College-Protectionists - Odd Fellows O phan Asylum,

[Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17, 1896, Attorneys for the plaintiff in the case of Cook vs. Davis say that the Court decided that the mortgage was fraudulent and void. The effect of the decision is that in no event can the receiver of the Bank of New Hanover get the property. The Court also decided that the plaintiff, Cook, cannot get it, on the ground that he did not have a legal title and should have gone into equity. "Gov." Russell, who has been in the city in the Cook-Davis case for several days, returned to Wilmington to day. Russell's boom, which, by the way seems to be distancing Dockery, Boyd and the other stra glers agrees with the Judge. His avoidapois is increasing on the strength of it.

There is some doubt expressed as to whether Settle and Russell entered into

any agreement when he visited Russell Settle is thought to be more submissive than usual, but did he make the reported compact with Russell? What are political promises, anyway?

It is said that G. H. Lambeth & Co.

the Napoleons in liquor finance, never sold liquor in wholesale quantities around Raleigh. It is claimed that they re-shipped most of the liquor atthe depot, never signing for it. Thirty-three barrels are known to have been shipped to Alabama. These have been attached. It is likely that requisition papers will be made out to-day for the atradition of Lambeth, who is known to be in the vicinity of Montgomery Ala. It was a gigantic swindle.

Federal Court will likely adjourn this afternoon. To-day the case of A. W. Shaffer versus Edwards & Broughton was argued. About 1888, Shaffer made map of Raleigh; Edwards & Broughton had J.C. Harriss to make one several years later, and this was claimed to be an infringement on Shaffer's. A strange and remarkable story just comes from Cumnock. Last Summer Arthur Goff lost his life in the mines. One of the pit bosses let a coal car run back and it crushed Goff. It was clear Goff had a brother working for Pinkerton's Detective Agency in Chicago. Goff's brother started for Cumnock the day before the recent disaster to institute a suit for damages against the company. When he arrived every witness of his brother's death was killed in the explosion. He is forced to give

There are now 260 students at Wake Forest College. This is by far the greatest attendance in the history of the college. It is expected that the number will reach 275 before the season closes. It would seem that a protection sent ment was being worked up in this State from the facts in Senator Pritchard's speech, which he delivered in Congress ast week. A petition, with 600 names, from Newbern, asking for an of tariff on lumber ncrease was read. Most of the 600 names were Democrats; some of them well known Other requests for protection duties

were asked by North Carolina. William Smith, aged nineteen and one of the miners caught in the Cumnock disaster, is dead. Smith was badly burned and his suffering was simply awful. His father was killed outright at the time of

The directors of the Odd Fellows Orhan Asylum met in Goldsboro to day. They will consider the erection of the main building of the asylum at Golds-

Mr. Thos. R. Purnell repudiates the interview in the News & Observer. He says he is for Russell, first and last.

COTTON AND WHEAT.

Net Decline of Five Points in Futures Yesterday. [Special Star Telegram.]

NEW YORK, January 17 .- The cotton market to-day ruled uneasy, owing to promiscuous liquidation on the part of the bull element, who were only too anxious to accept trifling profits. Apparently there was no outside speculation and toward the end of the day prices receded, the March option closing at 7.90; a net decline of five points as compared with yesterday's figures. There is absolutely nothing new to report save that cotton should be pur

hased on all concessions. Wheat closes buoyant. May 6916 bid at Chicago. Short ribs, May, 5.82 We have advocated the purchase o these estables for some days and it is barely possible that on a further advance of some magnitude the South will be free buyers. CROLIUS & Co.

Has John C. Davis Becaped.?

The Raleigh News Observer of the 18th says: Yesterday morning it was reported on the streets here that John C. Davis, the noted Wilmington embezaler, had again escaped from the Insane Asylum, It was said that he had straved away from the grounds at dusk Wednesday evening, and had not been seen by the Asylum authorities since. The authorities at the Asylum denied

the report, and said that Davis was still safe in the institution. It will be remembered that Davis escaped some time ago and went to Carteret county to visit his mother's grave. He got within a few miles of the spot when he was captured. He was brought back to the Asylum, and has not since manifested any desire to escape. He has on two other occasions taken

excursions out into the open. One of these was quite extended.

Dr. [McGeachey is said to have deafternoon, and to have said that Davis was in the Asylum, "well and hearty."
The Asylum was telephoned last night; but there was no answer to the call,

DASTARDLY ATTEMPT

sectnate Superintendent Parker the Cumberland Cotton Mills. [Special Star Telegram] FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., January 16 .-

At Cumberland Mills, a factory town about six miles from here, at eight o'clock this evening, some one attempted to assassinate Mr. W. K. Parker, Superintendent and Tressurer of the cotton mills at that place, by shooting through a window at him. The bullet lodged in kence the attempt at his life.

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PAYETTEVILLE NEWS. umberland Lodge, Kaights of Pythias-The Benner Lodge in North Carolina-Accident to Prominent Citisens of Cumbarland County—The Attempt to Assessing pate Mr. W. E. Parker—A Narrow Es-

[Star Correspondence.]

FAVETTEVILLE, N. C., January 18. EDITOR STAR-The report in the STAR on Thursday morning last of the Knights of Pythias barquet given in this Paine's Colery Compound Has own last week by Cumberland Lodge. was read with a great deal of pleasure. and the Knights of the town desire to thank you for its publication and your correspondent for his contribution and the accuracy of his report. Cumberland Lodge claims to be the, and probably is, the banner lodge of Pythians in North Carolina in point of the personnel of its membership, its numerical strength, and in its accumulations for benevolent purposes. The lodge has membership of over two hundred; has a three story building, containing four stores on the first floor, nine comfortable, well-ventilated business offices (all occupies) on second floor, a large lodge room; banquet hall, kitchen, and two ante-rooms on third floor. Included in the fund used in the purchase of the building is between four and five thousand dollars, accumulated by the lodge for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of the

With these facts in view, it not surprising that we are jealous of our efforts to advance the interests of our lodge, especially, and the Order of Knights of Pythias in general, and when we open the big blade and invest our money to give an entertainment to several hun-dreds of our citizens, we do not do so imply for the pleasure of our guests on the occasion, but with the purpose of calling attention to the beneficent objects of membership in our lodge, and the Order. For these reasons, we desire to give the STAR due credit for its

assistance along this line.
We desire also to thank the ladies of the Society department of the Fayetteville Observer and the local editor of the paper, who were guests on the occasion. and the Charlotte Observer, for the com plimentary notices which they have given of the bar quet.

We regret to have occasion to report accidents to several prominent citizens of our county this week.

John A. Gillis, a prominent and aged citizen of our county, resident in Quewhiffle township, was found dead in a swamp about twenty-two miles from town, and strange to say that the appearance of the body did not indicate that he had died from other than natural causes. On Wednesday he came to Fayetteville and was in his usual health which had been delicate for several years, and when his horse and buggy reached home that night without him search was immediately instituted and was continued until Thursday evening when his body was found in a swamp about seventy-five yards from the wagon road. Mr. Gillis was about 55 years of

On Thursday night last, Mr. W. K. Parker, the popular superintendent of Cumberland Mills, about six miles from Fayetteville, while seated in his office counting money, was fired upon by some one from the cutside with a pistol The ball passed through the window, through his coat and vest and the waistband of his pants, and imbedded itself in his side, making a sore but not very painful and in no wiss serious wound. The ball was extracted by a physician of Fayetteville. Mr. Parker will suffer but ittle inconvenience from the wound,

There is no clue to the perpetrators. Mr. Duncan Shaw, a prominent farmer of this country, and father of gressman John G. Shaw, sustained a very serious hurt last night, his thigh-bone being broken by a fall. Mr. Shaw is 81 years old and is a man of strong physical proportions and of good constitution. Congressman Shaw, who was in Fay-

etteville, is now with his father. Dr. Hoge's lecture on the Venezuelan question has provoked some discussion nere; but your correspondent is of the opinion that the position assumed by the President is correct; that the principle involved in the dispute is of as much importance as it would be if Great Britain had attempted to encroach upon all the possessions claimed by Vene-

COTTON AND WHEAT. Prices.

[Special Star Telegram] NEW YORK, Jan. 18 .- There was no ife in speculation in the cotton market to-day, and it was merely a case of swapping contracts for a point or so. The receipts at interior towns encouraged the local element to sell cotton reely, but there was no recognized effort to depress the market, and at the ad of the day March option ruled at 7.90. The situation is so mixed up that it will require good support to work up quotations to any great extent. The wheat market for the week has ruled between 61 and 59%, with a decided bullsh tendency, although little credence was given to war rumors which tendered to check any upward movement.

The market has been sustained by good

siness and outside buying

CROLIUS & Co. The Winter cultivation of lettuce has ecome quite an industry with truckers in this vicinity. It is raised in hot beds, some of the beds requiring over ten thousands yards of canvas to cover them. Shipments to Northern cities are being made daily at the Wilmington and Weldon railroad freight warehouse. Yesterday seventy-eight barrels of lettuce were shipped to Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. So far most of the shipments have been made by Mesers. D. W. Trask, H. A. Martindale, Wm. E. Springer, Mills, Kline, C. H. Hiede, Sol. Jones and J. F. Garrell. The prices received range from four to six dollars per barrel.

Freshet Expected. A freshet in the Cape Fear river is expected. Friday at 8 a. m., the stage of water at Payetteville was five feet. a rise of one foot in the previous 34 hoors. Yesterday at 8 a. m. the gauge showed twenty feet of water, and the

river still rising. High water in Cape Pear and Black rivers will be of inestimable advantage to a number of people in the up-country Mr. Parker's clothes but did no other who have timber and naval stores to damage. It is supposed that the parties | sell and no means of getting either to thought Mr. Parker had a large sum of market because of the low stage of money in his office to pay his hands. water that has prevailed since last summer.

SLEEP TO-NIGHT.

Step Insomnia Before It Becomes a Habit.

NEGLECTED, SHABBILY TREAT ED NERVES THE CAUSE.

Rev. Dr. Smith at Age of 86 Loses No More Sleep.

Fully Nourished Brain.

Never Failed to Cure.

Unbroken Rest Natural to a

From childhood to old age health is very much a matter of sound, refreshing

sleep. No one can digest well, work well feel well, or be well, who is night after night deprived of good sleep. It is physically impossible for any brain to keep on prowiding nervous energy unless the nights are devoted to nourishing its used up pace. Protracted sleeplessness, where no effort is made to feed and calm the irritable nervous system, ends in nervous

prostration and insanity. To-day there are far more neuralgic headaches, far more rheumatism, sleeplessness and nervous prostration than during the last generation



To combat this growing evil, Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL D., of Dartmouth college, made pervous diseases his special s udy. The fruitful outinvestigation was Paine's celery comound. Difficult nervous disorders that had persisted despite long treatment, at once yielded to it. Men and women who had suffered for years from broken and unrefreshing sleep, from headache, rheumatism and neuralgia, found that Paine's celery compound not only speedily cured these troubles, but that they worked better and left more encouraged than had

been possible to them for years. As a practical instance of what this remarkable remedy is doing all over the country, the following from Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Smith, one of the best known divines in Southern New England, deserves careful reading. Dr. Smith is today 86 years of age, yet enjoys better health than ever in his life, and never loses a single good night's sleep. He

Groton, Conn. "Dear Sirs-In my early days, bygreat and prolonged mental suffering, I broke down in health and became a dyspeptic, being obliged at one time to give up my work in the ministry on account of illhealth. I am now 86 years of age, and during my long life have suffered greatly from dyspepsia, torpid liver, constipation and insomnia, at times thinking that I should die for want of balmy sleep, and t is a wonder to me that I am alive tolay with all that I have been through. am a wonder to myself, and to those who witness my babits and know my age. I tell them that I try to obey the laws of nature, and that I take Paine's

celery compound whenever I need it. By the use of several bottles of Paine's celery compound, I have so far recovered my health as to consider myself a well man for my age. It regulates the liver, stomach and bowels, without any question. My appetite is now good, my sleep is refreshing, my liver active and bowe's regular, and my crutches not needed, as I can walk without a staff. People are surprised at my improved appearance and activity. Gratefully yours,

WM. A. SMITH. Paine's celery compound does not stop its restoring work till new; healthy tissues have taken the place of the old, shattered portions. There is not the epest, most minute portion of the body, whether it be nerve or brain, or some vital organ, that escapes the rejuvenating, strengthening power of Paine's celery compound. In cases of severe neuralgia, rheumatism, heart palpitations, dyspepsia and nervous fee Paine's celery compound is the only remedy that goes to the root of the trouble, fortifies the weakened system against these disorders and builds up a

SERIOUS CHARGES

strong, healthy body.

Against Teachers in the Dear, Dumb and Blind Asylum at Staunton, Vs. a By Telegraph to the Morning Star."

RICHMOND, VA., January 18 .- Chairman Hathaway, of the House Committee on Prisons and Asylums, stated at the meeting of that committee this morning that he had received several letters begging him to lay before his committee the fact that things were not as they ought to be at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Staunton, Va. One. letter on the subject, which Mr. Hathaway had just received, he read to the cammittee. It was from a man named Randolph, in Norfolk, who stated that he had been a student at the institute. His wife had also received her education there. Mr. Randolph's letter, in substance, stated that the writer was aware of cases where the sending of girls to the institution has meant their ruin. He made very seriteachers in the institution. Mr. Randolph further said that he was prepared to give testimony as to a very bad state of affairs, which he alleged existed at the Staunton institution.

A special to the Dispatch from Staunton, received to-night, says the people of that place were surprised at the news that such charges had been made, and the authorities of the institution court the fullest investigation,

The British steamship Govino, Capt. Alderson, is ashore off Cape Point, about a half mile north of Cape Henry life saving station. She is resting easy and it is thought she will be gotten off after a portion of her cargo of iron ore has been jettlsoned.

A Frankfort, Ky., dispatch says a ovement is on foot among prominent Republicans to get Hunter to agree to withdraw his name if after the first few ballots for Senator it becomes evident that he cannot be elected. If he agrees the name of J. W. Yerkes or Gov. Bradley will be sprung.