Entered at the Post Office at ilmtgton, N. C., a Second Class Ma er.]

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

AN INSOLENT INQUIRY.

Among the gentlemen who were heard by the Ways and Means Committee, at the Tariff hearing last Tuesday, was a Mr. Chace, a manufacturer of cotton goods in Fall River, Mass. He was asked by one f the members of the Committee if t wasn't a fact that Trusts existed in many industries which prevented onsumers from getting products as cheaply as they could if there were competition? To which Mr. Chace replied that he thought that was true, but that it did not apply to his industry. When further asked if these Trusts did not frequently exist in articles that are protected by tariff duties, he replied that they might, but that he didn't know much about that. When the interrogator persisted in asking if he didn't think it was true, be replied that he did.

At this stage of the proceedings Representative Steele (who seems to have been properly named, although his name is not properly spelled) broke in with the inquiry, "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

This insolent inquiry justifies the inference that Representative Steele considers it an impertinence on the part of a member of that committee to ask questions about Trusts. which he evidently regards as privileged institutions, which can do business in their own way without having their methods called into question. He surely thinks they are above Congress and the people when he asks the insolent question, "Well,

what are you going to do about it?" That is practically a question the Trusts have been derisively asking for years, and yet nothing has been done about it and nothing ever will be done about it while the Trusts have so many attorneys and tools in both Houses of Congress. The men who manipulate the Trusts are potent factors in running political parties. We have some of them in the Democratic party, and a good many of them in the Repubican party, which is, the progenitor of Trusts, and where they naturally belong. They have been scored in the press, denounced from the rostrum and declaimed against in party platforms, but they have gone on, fourished, levied tribute upon the people, and increased in number until they cover scores of the articles entering into the every day consumption of the people, covering nearly everything from the cradle to the coffin. We sweeten our coffee with Trust sugar, and season our food with Trust salt. In building our houses we use Trust nails, and receive the daylight in our houses through Trust window glass, and our lamp light from Trust oil. Trusts control the coal that warms in Winter and the ice that cools in Summer. We wrap our cotton in Trust-controlled bagging, secured in Trustcontrolled bands, and ship it to market over Trust controlled rails. If there is anything which the people must have, and in the handling of which there is any chance for gain, the Trusts will find it and it will be

In the platform of the party of pertinent question, adopted at St. Louis, declaration was made for a tariff that would be "just, fair and | that they have come to look upon impartial, equally opposed to for- that as one of their inalienable eign control and domestic monopoly." If this meant anything more than a mere juggling with words to fool the people, it meant

worth while to hunt for it. the years that Trusts have existed, Presidency. Mr. McKinley, who beginning with the protective tariff posed as one of the "sound money" ing naughty.

THE WEEKLY STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1897.

FRUIT AND TRUCK GROWERS.

Meeting of the New Hanover County Ass

ola 120-Constitution and By-Laws

Adeped-Various Mat-

tera Discussed.

The Fiuit Growers' and Tiuckers

Association of New Hanover county

met in the court house at 8 o'clock

the chairman, Capt. E. W. Manning,

Mr. John F. Garrell was called to the

chair. Mr. S. J. Jones, the secretary,

was present, and performed the duties

A constitution and by-laws: prepared

by a committee consisting of Capt. E. W

Manning, Mr. G. W. Westbrook and

Mr. Occar Pearsall, were read and, with

a few changes, adopted. Leaving ou

the routine matter, the instrument is a

The object of the association is stated

to be to unite the fault growers and truck-

ers of the county of New Hanover into

one body for the following purposes

First, to secure the lowest and best

freight and refrigerator rates; to obtain

the cheapest and most practical fruit

islation; to bring about proper distribu-

tion of Iruit and vegetable crops; at the

same time to preserve to each grower

and shipper his individuality and owner-

ship in the fruit grown and shipped, and

each one to receive his individual returns

for fruit and vegetables, and, so far as

practicable, to permit each person to

have his proportionate share in each and

every market used by the association;

and for other purposes which shall be

county and members of the association,

The minutes of the last meeting, held

on the 28th of November, were read and

approved, and Mr. G. W. Westbrook,

one of the delegation sent from the As-

ber 2d, reported that at that meeting

the use of the California Fruit Trans-

portation Company's cars for the trans

portation of strawberries was recom-

mended at a reduction of twenty cents

The constitution requiring a vice-

president and treasurer, Mr. G. W.

What claimed the immediate atten-

tion of the association was the move-

ment of lettuce, the transportation

charges on that vegetable being con-

sidered exorbitant. Messrs. Jno. F.

Garrell and S. J. Jones were appointed a

committee to act with Capt, E. W. Man-

ning in seeking to have the freight re-

duced. The cost of sending a barrel of

Some discussion followed about the

which the meeting was adjourned.

to report the meeting.

of Philadelphia, was present, but as a

truck farmer rather than a solicitor, he

ALEXANDER SPRUNT & SON

Moved Igto Their New Offices on Front

Street-Description of the Building-

The Firm Among the Largest Ex-

porters of Cotton in the United

general office, corner of Front and Wal-

The new Sprunt office is a two-story,

nut streets vesterday afternoon.

elected to those offices respectively.

as New York and Philadelphia.

of that office.

The ranchmen in the State of Washington hope the winter will kill off the horses, which eat the dry grass and can't be sold for a dollar a piece. Here is a chance for some

A New York man who has sued a dentist for \$1,000 damages for "pain and anguish" suffered while having some teeth pulled, expects to have a pull on the dentist.

MR. STACEY VAN AMRINGE.

clans said that death was caused by a

stroke of apoplexy. Mr. VanAmringe was born in New York city, September 26th, 1838, and when quite young came to Wilmington with his father, the late Geo. O. Van-Amringe. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-first Regiment North Carolina State troops sta tioned near Charleston, S.C. At the close of the war he married Miss Fannie W. Wallace, daughter of the late Stephen D. Wallace, who was once cashier of the Bank of New Hanover, and for a time President of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. The deceased was for a num ber of years clerk of the Auditing Committee of the County Commissioners For twelve years he was Clerk of the Superior Court, and at the time of his death was County Treasurer, having held that important position for two years and having been elected for another

It was Mr. VanAmringe who first started the Ocean View Beach boom He was President of the Ocean View Railway Company until the property was sold to the Seacoast Railroad Company; he was a stockholder and President of the Ocean View Company, and It was mainly through his influence and energy that the Beach was made a popular Summer resort. He leaves a wife, a son, Mr. Cyrus Van Amringe, and a daughter, Miss Fannie VanAmringe. who has been taking lessons in painting at Cooper's Institute, New York city She is expected to arrive here this after-

The deceased was a member of the Royal Arcanum, Knights of Honor, and Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans. The latter organization will attend in a body his funeral, which will be held at his late residence, No. 105 North Sixth street, to-morrow afternoon at 3.80 o'clock.

Funeral of the Lete Mrs. B. G. Worth. The funeral of the late Mrs. B. G. Worth took place yesterday morning at the First Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, after which the remains were borne tenderly out of the church, while the choir sang "Asleep In Jesus," and laid to rest in the quiet city of the dead -Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were (honorary) Col. Jas. G. Burr, Col. Ino. D. Taylor, Mr. Jas. Sprunt, Mr. Ino. McLaurin, Mr. W. A. French, Mr. Geo. W. Williams, Mr. H. H. Musson, Mr. A. A. Willard and Mr. Alfred Alderman; (active) Messrs. C. H. Robinson, Jas. F. Post, Jr., W. R. Kenan, E.S. Martin, W. H. Sprunt, H. C. McQueen, B. F. Hall and Sam'l Northrop.

Death of Mr. W. W. Banting. The STAR regrets to chronicle the death of Mr. W. W. Bunting, which occurred last night at 8:15 o'clock. He had been sick for about ten days with pneumonia, and last evening the end came. The deceased was a son of the late David Bunting, of this city. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Archie McRae, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. G. T. Flynn of this city. The funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. G. T. Flynn, No. 209 North Fourth street, this afternoon at 8:80 o'clock.

Missing Man. Jno. W. Sherman, a well known newspaper man of Lynchburg, Va., disappeared on the 17th of December last, It is thought that he was suffering from temporary mental aberration. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received at the Bonitz Hotel, Wilmington, N. C., or by Mrs. J. W. Sherman, Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Sherman is believed to be in North Carolina. His family believe that he has committed suicide or is wandering aimlessly

EXPECTED.

day-Gov. Carr's Message - Train Wreckers Arrested. yesterday afternoon. In the absence of

> Two colored men arrested near the depot this morning are said to be the men who wrecked the freight train on the Seaboard Air Line. Their arrest was brought about by a colored man named Campbell, who is said to be a detective in the employ of the Pinkertons The two men are not residents of Raleigh. They are confined in the station house, but the chief of police has not examined them yet and no particulars are obtainable.

> About fifteen members of the Legislature are here. Pritchard will arrive Tuesday. Sutton, of New Hanover, arrived this evening. Most of the old and nearly all are candidates for re-elec-

Passed Off Quietly in the City of Wilming ton-Weather Fine-Business Generally Suspended.

from last season's rates, provision being first day of the year of On made that the reduction apply to all 1897, passed off quietly in the city of points-those in New England as well Wilmington. In fact the most striking feature of New Year's was its quietness. The fighting element of the population and other evil-doers must have, after the common habit, made their resolutions Westbrook and Mr. W. A. Wright were for the new year, for police and magisterial circles were unusually devoid of excitement. Many of the business houses were closed and the city wore something

> The general stillness, however, was lightly broken by the colored proces-Day exercises. A party of gay masqueraders on horse-back, mule-back and donkey-back was a source of amusement to some. Add a few fireworks-an echo of Christmas-and there you have the occurrences but for which yesterday would have been the dullest of dull days.

The weather was the subject of general remark. If the first day is a key to the prevailing weather of the year, then wisdom of shipping to few or many the year 1897 will be remembered as commission merchants, and of engaging one of fine days. If a man had forgot egular commission merchants to handle ten in what season we are at present living, and were compelled to guess, he the produce of the association, after would have been certain that yesterday was an April day. And there was no Mr. Sam'l Westbrook, representing

Redfield & Son, commission merchants gun, and the merriment of the holidays will soon be a memory, it's time to set le down seriously to business. The STAR, as it has done heretofore, is going A vote of thanks was tendered the o give its readers their money's worth newspapers for sending representatives ts staff of workers will conscientiously endeavor to get the news, and no efforts will be spared to make the STAR at

The receipts of cotton at Wilmington The force of bookkeepers, clerks and

stenographers who conduct the large nonth of last vear. business of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons, finally moved into the new against 18,326 at same date last year. Exports so far this year are: Foreign 182 802; domestic, 14,867. Last year

pressed brick building with metal trimmings, in the Rennaisance style of architecture, finished inside with native North Carolina pine, and heated by steam. It was designed by and constructed under the direction of Mr. H. E. Bonitz. It is an interesting fact that the building stands on the site of the old Methodist church which was consumed by fire

several years ago. The upper floor which consists of a single large room will be used exclusively

for grading purposes. On the first floor to the right as you enter from Front street is the principals' private office, connecting with the stenographers' room, in which Misses Stella and Hannah Shrier are employed. The general office beyond is occupied by Mr. W. J. Woodward, Mr. D. H. Lippitt, Mr. W. N. Cronly, Capt. A. L. DeRosset, Mr. Wm. Blanks, Mr. J. D. Kelly, Mr. James D. Smith, Mr. W. J. Bergen, Mr. Thomas R. Orrell, Mr. James S. Williams, and Mr. James Coichett, in charge of their several departments. The office of Capt. James McDougall and Mr. J. E. Hall are nearer the compress building. The compress office is in charge of Mr. T. E. Sprunt, superintendent; Mr. W. W. Banks, foreclerk, while in the mechanical department are Mr. James C. Stewart, chief engineer; Mr. Judson Beach, assistant engineer, and Mr. James Wiggins, third

To the left of the main entrance is a handsomely furnished apartment, connecting with all the other offices, to be used as the British Vice Consulate, the senior partner being her Britannic Majesty's representative in this State.

The firm of Alexander Sprant & Son was established in 1866. It expects to have bandled by the end of the season 200,000 bales of cotton, which is the largest amount of that staple handled by any firm in any one place in the United

Naval Stores. Receipts of naval stores from April 1st, 1896, to January 1st, 1897, as compared with receipts for the same time last year, are as follows:

Sp'ts turpentine (casks) 35,208

STATE LEGISLATURE.

MEMBERS ARRIVING EARLIER THAN

The Senatorial Question Overshadows Every thing Bise-Pritchard Expected Tues-

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2. The members of the Legislature are rriving earlier than was acticipated Ouite a number of them are here. By Monday most of them will have arrived To-day janitors and laborers were at work in the Legislative halls; getting them in readiness for the opening day. The Senatorship seems to overshadow everything else. Very little is heard about the election of a Speaker of the House or a Railway Commissioner to ucceed Mr. Beddingfield. It is very likely that both of these offices will be

traded in the deal for the Senatorship, Governor Carr's message will be complete Tuesday and will be given to the newspapers that day subject to release, A. D. K. Wallace, engrossing clerk in the Senate two years ago, is here. Mr. packages; to secure favorable State leg-Wallace will not be a candidate for that ffice again.

for the fruit trucking interests of the [Special Star Telegram.] Legislative clerks and officers are here sociation to attend the Eastern Truckers' Association at Warsaw on Decem-

NEW YEAR'S DAY

of a Sabbath air.

lettuce to New York now is ninety-eight uncertain glory" about it, either.

And now that the new year is well beactual necessity to the people.

Cotton Receipts and Exports.

for the past four months of the season of 1896-7 are 208,617 bales; for the same time last year, 133,358, an increase of 75,-259 bales, nearly sixty per cent. The receipts for the month of December are 89,043 against 24,027 bales the same

The stock at this port is 16,739 bales Foreign, 101,775; domestic, 13 606 bales

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Wisconsin Man Claims to Have Invented a Process For Making Paper From Sawdust and Slabs

The Savannah News condenses as fol ows a discovery that will prove of inestimable value to the South, if really practicable : "Many a mill owner has gazed at the

nountain of sawdust and the great pile of slabs near his sawmill plant and regretted that these must be waste products. If the claim of a Wisconsin inventor is reliable, the sawdust and the slabs will soon be reached from the waste pile and made a profitable source of revenue. He claims to have discovered a new liquid for reducing wood to paper pulp not only from ties of pine, as well as popular, hemlock, bass, blackgum and other woods. Edgings and slabs from sawmills are said to be especially suited for pulp making with the new liquor. It is further asserted that the new liquor is much less expensive than the old one, reducing the cost of pulp from 30 to 50 per cent. The new liquor also cooks the wood in much less time than the old which is to be considered in the matter of cost. The quality of paper produced with the new process is said to be remarkably strong. It experts in leather manufactures have declared that it is a material that could be employed with satisfactory results in the manufacture of the cheaper grades of shoes, for inner soles, heels and shanks. "If it is indeed a fact that a liquor has

been discovered which will reduce the resinous yellow pine to paper pulp at a low cost, then there are better times ahead for the sawmill people of Georgia and the South. Hundreds of thousands of feet of timber go into the worthless sawdust pile and slab pile in this State in the run of a year. In buying timber the mill man calculates this waste, and pays for his stock accordingly. If he could convert the waste products into paper pulp, he could afford to pay more for timber, to the great benefit of the whole timber belt. The inventor of the

new wood reducing liquor is James Lappen, of Appleton, Wis." - Some of the prominent truckers in attendance upon the Truckers' meeting yesterday were Mr. W. A. Wright, Mr. G. W. Westbrook, Mr. S. W. Noble,

DEATH OF MRS. B. G. WORTH.

NO. 11

This estimable lady passed painlessly into rest yesterday a few minutes after noon. For years she had been to feeble health and for more than a year her decline has been steady, but the end came at last after only a few days of confinement to her bed.

Mrs. Worth was by birth Mary Elizabeth Carter, the daughter of John Paine Carter and his wife Cornelia Murphy. She was born at her father's place. "The Oaks," in Davie county, near Mocksrille, Oct. 1, 1927. On the death of her father when she was three years old, she went with her mother to live with her grandfather, Judge Murphy, of Haw River. Her mother died when she was about ten years of age and she returned to the place of her birth to live with her uncle, Archibald Carter. Here she was educated and spent her girlhood until she went to live with her first cousin the wife of Mr. Jonathan Worth (afterwards Governor). near Asheboro. Here she met Mr. B. G. Worth, and they were married June 26, 1845. In 1853 they came to live in Wilmington, and with the exception of a lew years after the war, have lived here continuously, s) that they have long been reckoned among our oldest citizens, as they have been among those most valued and re-

Mr. and Mrs. Worth have been blessed with a large family. Our readers will recall the interesting occasion Summer before last of their golden wedding when all their children and all but two of their grandchildren gathered to honor them. At that time the remarkable circumstance was noted that there had never been a break in the family by the death of either a child or grandchild Their sons present were Mr. Archibald Worth, of Orange, N. J.; Mr. Joseph B Worth, of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. W. E. Worth, of this city; and their daughters, Cornelia, the wife of Geo." French, Mary, the wife of W. J. Woodward, both of this city, Eanice, the wife of I. Weller, of Covington, Ky., and Julia, the wife of W. S. Herring, of this city. All of these survive her except Mrs. Herring, who died in August, 1895. From this loss Mrs. Worth had never recovered.

Mrs. Worth's protracted ill health. lasting for twenty-five years, caused her to lead a very retired life. But she was very strong in her friendships and devotedly attached to those within the novelist, was on board, and was in circle of her friends. She was full of Capt. Murphy's boat. The Cubans here kindness and charity and used freely to are downhearted over the accident, Ve up the society of those degrest to her that they might engage in ministering to others in which she could not share herself. She early gave her heart to the Saviour and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. Its services were her greatest happiness while she was able to attend with regularity, and the rare occasions when she was able to attend of late like pases in her life. One of these occasions was within the past ew weeks. When the shadows were falling over her mind almost her last conscious act was to engage in prayer with her pastor and family on Christmas

The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian church on Saturday (to-morrow) at 10.30 a. m.

UNCLE SAM'S WORK.

Preparations For the Construction of Em placements at the Mou h of Cape Pear River-Extensive Additions to the Dredging Plant.

Government work at the muoth of the Cape Fear river is steadily going on, mainly at present in the way of preparation for the construction of emplacements for the disappearing guns which are to guard the approach to the river. The lumber used in operations now going on was bought of Mr. Preston L. Bridgers. Mr. John L. Grim, of Philadelpnia, has the contract for the build ing of the emplacements.

The most extensive government operations, however, look to the dredging of the river. Additions to the dredging plant, involving transactions of many Col. D. P. Heap, U.S. Corps Engineers, accepted vesterday of Cordes & Bockman. Charleston, the dredge Ajax which after a trial of a month, has been found satisfactory, the tug boat Cynthia, and a scow, at an aggregate cost of \$28,000. Two other scows to hold 275 cubic yards each, are in course of construction under the supervision of Col. Heap and are to cost \$9,000 each. Two steam capstans and other machinery amounting in cost to \$1,000, will be added to the dredge Ajax, making it more effective.

MERRY MAXTON.

The Checker Championship-Colored Boy Killed in a Railroad Accident. |Star Correspondence.|

MAXTON, N. C., Dec. 31 .- The eastbound freight and passenger train broke from the engine at Southerland's Crossing, about three miles west of Maxton last night and collided with the tender. breaking up a box-car and instantly killing Mack Moody, a nineteen-year-old colored boy, who was stealing a ride In the checker match for the State

championship begun here yesterday, McNair won eleven games and Bowen

A. & N. C. RAILROAD. An Order Issued Restraining Stookholders

From Taking Action to Lease the Read. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, December 81. - A mandamus was issued to-day by Judge Robinson, returnable January 19th, and served on the stockholders of the A. & N. C. road, restraining stockholders from taking any action to effect a lease of the road. No action was taken at the meeting of the stockholders at Goldsboro. An effort was made yesterday to induce Judge Robinson to modify his restraining order, but without

The City Markets. There was not a very plentiful supply of country produce in the city markets yesterday. Vegetables were scarce. with the exception of lettuce, of which there was an abundance. Eggs were

steady at 20c per dozen. Prices of

other articles were as follows: Vegetables-Spinach, 80c per peck; Irish potatoes, 20c per peck; sweet potatoes, 15c per peck; rutabagas and turnips, 5c per bunch; celery, 25c per head; collards, 5c per head; lettuce, 21/c to 5c per bunch; radishes, 5c per bunch; green onions, 5c per bunch.

Oysters-Best New River, \$1 00 per gallon; Myrtle Grove, 75c; Sound oysters. 40 to 50c. Oysters in the shell sold for 75c per bushel, clams, 75c per bushel. Meats-Pork, corned, 10c; fresh, 10c; hoghead cheese, 10c; steak, loin, 1916; round, 10c; chuck, 8c; stew, 5; sausage,

Poultry-Chickens, live grown, 65c per pair; dressed, 50 to 75c per pair.

Turkeys, live, \$1.00 to \$1.50; dressed, 15 to 17c per pound.

at Fargo, N. P. Little excitement was created as the general opinion is the embarrassment is only temporarily.

Celebrated for its great leavening trength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co., New York.

STEAMER COMMODORE.

THE ILL-FATED FILIBUSTER SUNK AT SEA.

all the Med on Board Saved-The Story of the Accident Told by One of the Crew. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 2 .- The steamer Commodore sank in twenty fathoms of water twenty miles northeast of Mosquito inlet at 8 o'clock his morning. All of the men on board were saved and twelve of them reached Jacksonville to-night. The story of the accident, as told by one of the men, is as follows: "The steamer crossed the St. John's bar at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, and at midnight was one hundred miles down the coast. One of the men went into the hold for something and found it half full of water. Great excitement prevailed, but the pumps were started and every one on board put to work bailing. The water gained steamer was deserted, R. A. Delgano taking command of one boat with elegen men in it, and Capt. Murphy commanding the other. The boat is said to have been overloaded with coal when it left here, and it is thought that she sprung her seams when she grounded on Commodore's point in going down the St. John's. Stephen Crane, the especially as the Commodore was nected to carry the men left by the Three Friends on No Name Key.

W. A. Bispee, owner of the Dauntless received information that a large body of men and a cargo had been taken from No Name Key to-day. Many of the men were in a helpless condition. The Dauntless was to wait and meet the Commodore and deliver the men and cargo to her.

This confirms the reports received from Key West Friday night, stating that the Daugtless was anchored off No Name Key Friday afternoon, taking out men and cargo. The Cubans here are very much concerned over the report condition. It is not believed that any of them were wounded when fired upon by the Spanish patrol post off the Cuban coast, but that their condition is the result of exposure on No Name Key, The key is a deserted island and the men have had no protection from the weather for the past ten days. It is believed that those who are too weak to be taken on the Commodore will be brought to this port on the Dauntless.

BOLD SAFE ROBBERS

MAKE A RAID ON THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.

The Building Set on Fire and Partly Destroyed-Narrow Hecsp: of the Inmates-Loss Covered By Insurance-The Paper Will Appear as Usual

> This Morning. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, January 2.- The Observer building sustained a . disastrous loss by fire to-night, the result of an explosion in the office of the business manager of the job department, on the second floor. The explosion was the work of safe robbers, who attempted to blow open the safe in the office. The paper stock in the room was instantly ignited, and the fire spread with such rapidity that the men in the newspaper composing rooms' barely had time to get out, losing their coats, bats and other effects.

The second floor was wholly, and the third partly gutted. A new book bindery plant had just been put in on the second floor, and this was entirely destroyed, and all the presses were more or less burned besides the loss of a \$8,000 stock of paper. The Observer's battery of Mergan-

thaler type-setting machines was swept by the fire, the bolts being burned off and the key-boards melted The loss is fully covered by insurance. The police claim to have a clue to the sate-blowers. The combination and its outworks were blown from the sale and

the hinges were missing but the door withstood the shock. The Observer will appear in the morn-

LOUISIANA CYCLONE. Dwellings Blows Down-Four Persons Killed and Twenty Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SHREVEPORT, LA., Jan. 2,-A cyclone from the southwest struck and almost literally demolished the town of Moor-

ingsport, just north of this city, at 5.45 p. m. to-day. Over twenty dwellings were blown down; only seven buildings being left intact. Four persons were killed and twenty wounded. The dead: Willie Goodman, Maud Goodman, Hill Goodman, infant daugh-

ter, of Mr. Jesse Goodman. Three of the wounded will probably die. The cyclone came suddenly and lasted only about one minute.

TRAIN WRECKERS

Arrested in Releigh-Said to Be Implicated in the Recent Wreck on the S. A. L. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2 .- At the instance of a negro detective the police here to-day arrested two negroes, who are said to have been implicated in the fatal wreck of the Seaboard Air Line train last Wednesday morning. The detectives say two other arrests will quickly follow. No one is permitted to see the arrested men. It is said they are railway section hands. Their arrest was made on the railway track near the city boundary.

National Bank Examiner Anheir, took possession of the Citizens National Bank

discussion in 1890, when Congress 2222222222222 was laboring with the McKinley bill, the Trusts figured in the debates 88888888888888 and when the Democrats asked the Republican protectionists what they Sherman declared that he for one list every article controlled by years ago. We have scores of Trusts SUBSCRIPTION P .. CE. in this country to day, we had them The subscription price of the We Ly Star is as then, we have had them ever since and more of them now than then, but has any one ever heard Senator Sherman rise to call them to task or to propose to put upon the free list any article controlled by them?

We have an Anti-Trust law of which Senator Sherman is the reputed author, but if he has ever made an effort to have it enforced the country has not discovered that fact. The estimation in which that law as a restraining measure is held, is aptly expressed in an editorial in the Philadelphia Ledger, an independent paper and a believer in a moderate protective tariff. After referring to the fact that Boss Tweed who plundered the city of New York, and nnocently asked when his plundering was exposed, "what are you go-

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jail, to which he had been sent for his plundering, it says : "There can be no such punishment for the promoters and maintainers of the monopolistic Trusts which, with the aid of high duties and by crushing out com. petition, are enabled to place wholly arbiand to annually plunder the scores millions of consumers to a much larger amount than the agpregate of Boss Tweed's peculations. The law which was passed by Congress stensibly in restraint or suppression of Trusts has proved to be upon trial practically a dead letter, the Trusts increasing and flourishing extraordinarily in despite of it, they being fostered by high duties on foreign products com-peting with their own. The Anti-Trust aw is so defective and so powerless to effect its alleged purposes as to engender the reasonable suspicion that the many and large loopholes provided by for the escape of the organizers of

ing to do about it, died miserably in

Trusts were put in it, not by accident, but by the design of its framers." This is about the size of it. The protective tariff generates, multiplies and fosters Trusts, which through théir agents see that no law is passed hostile to them that the Trusts can't ride through and defy. This being so, the Republicans supplying the Trust-breeders in the high protective tariff, the question again occurs, with such a tariff, what are you going to do about it?" Why, nothing. The Trust will be in the saddle, with both feet in the stirrups, and there it will stick. To get rid of the Trust, we must get

rid of the Trust breeders. MINOR MENTION.

The Chicago Journal of Commerce publishes the following table, showing the progress of the manufacturing industries in this country between 1850 and 1890, as reported by

the census for each decade: No. of estab. Hands. lishments. 1850..123.125 \$ 633 245.851 1,009 855,715 1 311,246 1860..140 403 2.118.208.769 2,058 996 2 790 273 606 2 782 595 1880. 253 852

1890..355 401 6 524 475,305 4 711,432 These figures are suggestive, and are worthy of some study. Comparing the increase in the num ber of establishments with the increase in the amount of -capital invested it will be seen that while the number of establishments has increased about threefold the amount of capital invested has increased tenfold, proof conclusive that manu facturing pays in this country. And yet ever since the first Republican protective tariff was enacted the protected manufacturers have been pleading for more and more protection until they now have an average nearly three times as much as they had under the Morrill tariff, and not satisfied with that they are now clamoring for more, on the pretence that they can't get along without it, and this in the face of the fact that they have under the present tariff shipped more of their manutheirs. "What are you going to do factures to foreign countries than they ever did before. They are satisfied with reasonable profits on their the gentleman who asked this im- business with foreign customers, but they have been so in the habit of a pretty tight grip on the Senate. levying tribute upon home customers

Comptroller Eckels is so filled with egotism that he has an idea that the Republican party is op- that he confers a favor on the Amerposed to Trusts, for if they do not ican people when he speaks to them, constitute "domestic monopoly" and | and he never loses an opportunity to about the only domestic monopoly we do that on the slightest pretext. have in this country, it wouldn't be During the campaign when he was doing missionary work for Wall But what is the Republican party | Street he declared that all that was "going to do about it?" If it does | necessary to put money in circulaanything it will be an unexpected tion and bring good times was to and astonishing departure from the "restore confidence," by the election methods heretofore pursued. In all of a "sound money" man to the

and increasing in number and mag- men, was elected, but that didn't put nitude as the tariff duties that sti- the money in circulation, nor bring assuring information that the banks fled competition increased, who ever | those good times. But now with his | of the country as a whole are solid. heard of a serious effort being made | capacious mind he has discovered | The country never begins to show by a Republican Congress to prevent | what is rarely the matter and rises | any uneasiness that Mr. Eckels or to suppress them? In the tariff to tell us through the New York Journal that "money will be willingly invested whenever it appears that the American people are ready to devote themselves strictly to their own business affairs and cease undertak-"were going to do about it?" Senator | ing to keep up foreign and domestic turmoil and strife. Investments must would if the Trusts took advantage be made to bring about business acof that tariff to prey upon the people, | tivity, and during an agitation which be in favor of putting on the free | may lead to a serious foreign complication they will not be made." Trusts. That was more than six This was not intended as a rebuke to Mr. Cleveland for fulminating the Monroe doctrine and disturbing the hornets on the other side, at the risk of getting into a racket with John Bull. No, no. As big a little man as Mr. Eckels is, he would never think of calling into question the wisdom of his maker. It means, if it means anything, that if we want to see money invested we must shut our mouths and let Wall street do all our financial talking-this will stop "domestic turmoil"-and gag ourselves on Cuba-this will stop foreign complication. It is strange the Ameri-

Kinley is that it will relieve official circles of the presence and the pnblic of the gab of this intolerable It has been considered a matter of sufficient importance to herald abroad that the suit of clothes which Mr. McKinley will wear on the occasion of his mauguration will be made out of cloth woven from Ohio wool. prices upon their products, This is not intended so much as an advertisement of the superior excellence of Ohio wool as it is to call attention to Ohio wool, which will be a candidate for protection against foreign free wool when Mr. McKinley gets in the saddle and calls his extra session of Congress to fix up a new tariff. But the fact that Mr. McKinley will on that occasion wear a suit of American clothes, made out of American wool, and Ohio wool, too, suggests a way by which American wool, including Ohio wool, might get a mighty boost with out depending in anyway whatsoever on the tariff. Let Mr. McKinley's example be followed by all the gen-

can people didn't discover this with-

out the powerful assistance of Mr.

Eckels. One of the compensating

consolations in the election of Mc-

tlemen and gentlewomen in his party and in other parties, who can dike themselves out in woollen garments, and let them buy and wear United States cloth instead of sending abroad for it. This would give such a boom to the wool-growing business that the American sheep, and the Ohio sheep in particular, would become too proud and saucy to curry tavor with a Congressman or to ask for protection. Let the people who want to encourage American wool patronize the American sheep. That's business that involves neither men-

dicancy nor plunder. The sugar men, iron men, lumber men, cotton men, and others of the South, are asking for more protection. Well, why not? If it is to be a game of grab, why shouldn't . they take a dive into the bag as well as the grabbers on the other side of the line. We don't like that kind of a thing, and don't commend it, but when grab's the game the fellow who stands back will get left and the fellow with the bronze cheek

and the nimblest digits will get the most of the bag. A real festive and somewhat unique wedding took place in Rhode Island a few days ago, where woman who was divorced from five husbands, all living, was married to the sixth, while four of her ex-hubbies acted as ushers. They probably enjoyed ushering the sixth unsophisticated into some of the racket they had gone through. The marriage took place in a church, and

a minister played the farce of making There are in the United States Senate sixty-six lawyers, thirteen business men of various kinds, one preacher (who tried law and didn't like it) three farmers, two journalists, one surgeon and three non-descripts. Sixty-six lawyers out of eighty-nine Senators (there being one vacancy shows that the legal fraternity have

gives the unmuzzled dog the right of way and a wide berth. A number of persons have been recently bitten by dogs supposed to be mad. Eight children were bitten in one day, three of whom have died from the If it be true that the extension of the civil service rules leaves only

The pedestrian in Baltimore now

Consulates, what will those Ohio patriots do? Sultan Abdul Hamid is said to be haughty. With a great many people Abdul also has the reputation of beabout the country.

1,700 places in the Departments to

be distributed, and only fifty-three

Comptroller Eckles imparts the doesn't promptly step to the front to quiet its fears. This is very

Speaking of the suit that Mr. Mc-Kinley will wear at his inauguration, a Chicago paper rises to enquire what Mr. Hanna will wear? Mr. Hanna will wear a smile about seven inches long, and probably some clothes.

enterprising sausage maker.

"In the Midst of Life We Are in Death." The community was both shocked and pained yesterday morning upon hearing of the sudden demise of Mr. Stacey Van-Amringe. Mr. Van Amringe had been complaining of feeling unwell for a week or two past, but was able to be out. Friday night he and his wife attended a Christmas tree entertainment at the residence of Col. F. W. Foster. Yester day morning he arose about 7.80 o'clock, but told his wife that he was not feeling well and went into an adjoining room to lie down. About an hour afterwards Mrs. Van Amringe having occasion to pass through the room where Mr. VanAmringe was resting, heard him breathing heavily and found Mr. Van-Amringe unconscious, with his head hanging over the side of the bed. Medical aid was soon at his bedside-Dr. A. H. Harris and later Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy-but consciousness could not be restored and at 11 45 o'clock Mr. Van-Amringe breathed his last. The physi-

noon in response to a telegram informing her of her father's death.

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