

Table with columns for months and advertising rates.

Subscription price of the Weekly Star is as follows: Copy 1 year, postage paid, \$1.00.

We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum.

FIGURES NOT TO BE PROUD OF. The nation that has a sea front that doesn't know the value of ships has much to learn.

The American people are not so dull that they do not know the value of ships, for they do, and once had the finest ships in the world.

If we had never had a merchant marine and did not know the value of ships the apparent indifference with which we behold the decay might be understood.

The House of Representatives is a pretty large country, and while it has thousands of miles of seacoast, there are thousands of people in it who never saw the sea nor a ship.

The U. S. Commissioner of Navigation, in his last report to Congress, submits the following table, showing the proportion of the carrying trade done by our own and by foreign ships from 1821 to 1895.

Table showing tonnage entered and cleared from the United States from 1821 to 1895.

Our shipping has fallen from 90 per cent. to 23, while the foreign ships have increased from 10 to 77 per cent. These are figures that are not calculated to make us proud.

American ship yards which we have a policy is pursued which compels the American who wants to sail ships to sail them under foreign flags.

With a low tariff, or no tariff at all, our ship builders would have the benefit of such material as they use of free tariff duties.

The estimated New York Post, through whose columns editor Larry Godkin talks and incessantly for the British gold standard.

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A Tacoma, Washington, man has found an immense deposit of sulphur in the Cascade Mountains, not far from the Northern Pacific Railroad.

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about twenty-one. The probabilities are that there will be still others when the inducements are presented in substantial form.

Editor Larry Godkin, of the New York Post, is very much disturbed by the bimetallic utterances of Senators Hoar and Chandler in the Senate.

Out of the 18,000,000 people in Spain there are 8,735,519 persons who have no business but are principally engaged in killing time and picking up something to eat the easiest way they can.

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A great many Western men are prospecting in Florida, and many of them have bought farms. Western men, coming right out of blizzards, seem to take to Florida.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Action Taken by the Carolina Insurance Company of Wilmington, Which Insured Graham's Household Property.—The Company has Reinstated Payment.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.—Bills in the House were introduced to amend section 1265 of the Code so that materials furnished a corporation to keep it going shall not have priority over a previously recorded mortgage, although they do not add to the plant nor enhance its value.

To abolish the office of enrolling clerk and provide for direct election of clerks in enrolling clerk's office.

To give county commissioners more time for meetings.

To make bastardy a misdemeanor.

To incorporate Harvest Central Railway Company, from Spout Springs to a point on the Fayetteville & Wilson Short-cut of the Atlantic Coast Line.

By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, to amend the charter of Fayetteville by creating a police board composed of E. Powers, A. E. Dixon, W. P. Wemyss, G. A. Wilkerson and W. F. Rainford, to take effect the first Monday in May, and serve two years, and all officials to be elected by this board.

creation of the court, fines and license fees to go to the public school fund.

Mr. McCaskey said that foreign companies and corporations came to the waters of Eastern Carolina and stretched miles and miles of nets in Albemarle Sound inlet and were ruining the fish interest of the State without paying any return and were taking bread out of the mouths of our home people.

Bill to prevent fishing with anchor drift or gill nets in Albemarle Sound, and rivers emptying therein, passed.

To incorporate the Wellington & Powellville Railroad, passed.

Resolution for the appointment of a special committee to recommend salaries and fees, passed.

J. L. Graham, chief clerk in the office of Superintendent Mebane of Public Instruction, was arrested at the Supreme Court building this morning by Sheriff Jones on a warrant sworn out in Calaboga county, charging him with willfully and maliciously burning his own residence in March last.

Action was taken by the Carolina Insurance Company of Wilmington which insured Graham's household property and personal effects for five hundred dollars. The company has reinstated payment.

The Committee on Railroads heard many arguments this evening and tonight on the bill to revoke the lease of the North Carolina road. Judge Avery spoke ably favoring the bill for two hours. Mr. Buck Kitchin made a masterly speech for the bill, Messrs J. S. Manning, S. B. Alexander and ex-Judge Burwell spoke against the bill.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Annual Meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Building Yesterday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Associated Charities was called to order by the president, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, in the Y. M. C. A. building, yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

The report of the Board of Directors was read by Rev. W. S. Cunningham.

Col. Roger Moore read the report of the secretary, Miss Carrie L. Price, which, together with the report of the treasurer, Mr. P. B. Manning, read in his absence by Rev. D. S. Mendicino, is printed in full below.

REPORT OF SECRETARY FROM JAN. 1ST, 1896, TO JAN. 1ST, 1897.

Number of superintendents, 15; number of visitors, 30; number of beneficiaries who have been aided, 1,000.

Chief causes of need—Sickness, no male support, large families, lack of unemployment employment.

The office has been open every week day, except about three in September, when the vacation was given the secretary, having made arrangements for regular applicants before leaving the city.

RALEIGH NEWS.

Senator Pritchard Has No Intention of Coming to Raleigh at Present—E. C. Duncan Will be Collector of the District of Columbia.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6. Mr. H. A. Gudgeon is authority for the statement that Senator Pritchard has no intention of coming to Raleigh at present.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, the Representative from Beaufort, will be the Collector of the Eastern district to succeed Mr. F. M. Simmons.

The following gentlemen practiced successfully the examination before the State Board of Pharmacy at the State: J. A. Mitchell, of Raleigh; R. B. Hackney, of Durham; A. Brantley, of Raleigh; W. B. Alexander, of Fayetteville; W. M. E. Gwaltney, of Wake Forest; J. A. McKelhan, of Fayetteville; C. H. Cole, of Reidsville; and J. Fulton, of Carthage.

J. M. Mewborne will be the Commissioner of Agriculture unless all signs point to the election of the minority Populists in the State.

Senators Barker and Wakefield either denied to the statement that Reid had altered their votes to Pritchard in order to secure the passage of the bill. Both gentlemen declare that they agreed to vote for Pritchard during the campaign.

The Chapel Hill Heleian has been dedicated to Col. John S. Cunningham, the representative from Pearson. The Heleian will be a handsome publication this year.

Representative Howells met the amendments to the bill relating to the city of Wilmington, to be made effective March 1st, and also to reduce the salary of the Sinking Commissioner.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

SPEECH OF SENATOR THURSTON. Desires to Prevent the Sale of the Union Pacific Railroad Occupied the Name of the Senate Yesterday—House Concluded Consideration of the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Another installment of the speech of Senator Thurston of Nebraska, Republican, on his colleague's resolution designed to prevent the judicial sale of the Union Pacific Railroad property, occupied the time of the Senate up to 9 p. m. to-day.

The Government were to become the owner of the Union Pacific line it would have to pay for it in cash, fifty million dollars; or in paper, it would make an effort to go over informally in order to pass bills on the calendar that were unobjectionable to the majority.

Senate bill appropriating \$85,000 for the relief of the Mobile Marine Dock Company.

Senate bill conveying to Rafael Segura, of Iberia Parish, La., the United States title to certain lands in that Parish.

Resolution (offered by Mr. Morgan) relating to the capture of the Condor by a Spanish ship which it is requested the President to communicate to the Senate all the facts and proceedings.

The House of Representatives today, in Committee of the Whole, concluded consideration of the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1898, and then passed it. But those unimportant were made in it.

The day's session closed with the delivery of eulogies on the late Representative Cogswell of Massachusetts, who died in May, 1896; and at 5 p. m. the Senate adjourned to Monday.

COMPROMISED.

The Libel Suit Against the Wilmington Messenger.

FROM MOUNT OLIVE.

Marriage of Mr. D. F. Nicholson and Miss Mabel Kelly.

STEAMER THREE FRIENDS.

Belonged to Jacksonville, Fla., by Collector of Customs, Charles W. B. Frost.

Advertisement for CONSUMPTION medicine, claiming to be an absolute cure for all forms of consumption and all conditions of weakness.