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## CROP ESTIMATES. It isn't an easy thing to get any-

thing like an accurate estimate of the yield of any crop before it is har vested, for the reason that the systems for securing information on which to base the estimates are too imperfect and too many contingencies enter for which due allowance isnot always made. Of course these estimates when made by men who have had experience in that kind of work, are entitled to consideration, but even at the best, none of them are to be implicitly relied upon and all any of them can do is to approximate the probable yield of any

The United States Department of Agriculture is supposed to be pretty good authority upon that subject and yet its crop estimates are to a arge degree practically a matter of guess work. It has what is called an moert who has the estimates and yields of years with which as a guide and a sort of basis of calculation, and the returns sent in as to the crop conditions by agents in different parts of the country, he strikes an average and forecasts the yield of the coming crop. Much of the in formation sent in is mere guess work or hastily and carelessly made, most of it being service gratuitously rendered, for the accuracy of which no one is held responsible; and this is what the Department expert has to figure on, hence it is not surprising that he has frequently to revise and correct his figures, either adding very much to or taking very much from esti mates made and pablished.

With the best system it is not an easy matter to secure information as to crop conditions, sufficiently defi nite to be entirely reliable as a basts in making estimates, because even with the majority of the farmers themselves it is with many, and per haps a majority, a matter of specu lation and guess work as to the prospective yield, and then it is a well known fact that there is a pretty general tendency to very much underestimate or very much exag gerate\_the prospective yield -in a bad crop year to underrate and in a good year to exaggerate. This is rue of every crop that is grown, and especially of the cotton crop. The planters hurt themselves by this premature exaggeration, al though few of them seem to think

For some time there has been more less torecasting of the number of bales this crop will yield, runnning all the way from 7,000,000 to 9,750,-000 bales, the latter being the estimate of Mr. H. M. Neil, of New Orleans, who has been somewhat successful as an advance figurer on previous crops. What Mr Neil's facilie ties are for procuring information we do not know, but suppose they are good, and about as reliable as could e expected, where none are altogether reliable. But Mr. Neil seems to have given Texas credit for the yield that was claimed some time ago, about 3,000,000 bales, whereas t is now said that the crop of that State will not exceed 1,500,000 or 1,750,000 bales. If it were not for the act that he allows himself a margin of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 bales for a possible increase of the yield over and above his estimate we might conclude that he counted the rop as good as picked, and beyond all chances of setbacks or injury in tion. It was generally known, of he field, while as a matter of fact course, that our trade with that the crop, although far enough ad- country was steadily increasing, but anced in some sections to give the there are very few who had any idea lickers more or less to do, has yet | that our exports have increased fourtake the chances of serious injury, fold since 1892, the maximum year hat would materially affect the har. up to that time. A large amount of

The weather so far, this side of ton fabrics, but there was a large in-Texas, has been on the whole favor- crease also in other manufactures, able, but suppose a wet spell should set in about picking time the dam. age to the crop might very mateially reduce Mr. Neil's figures, even after taking into account the revised

estimates of the Texas crop. While large crops are gratifying speeches and writings of the and the farmer likes to have them protectionists, and of the whether he gets much for them or shorter carriage by way of not, we look upon these big esti- the Suez Canal. If with these mates as unfortunate for they have obstacles to overcome American a tendency to run prices down and manufacturers have succeeded in keep them down until buyers dis- competing with European manuover, or think they discover, their facturers, and especially with their acorrectness. About the only per- English competitors who for many sons who profit by them are the spec- | years had the swing of the Japanese | per bag.

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gether improbable.

Usually the best prices are in the

beginning of the buying season, and

t is more than likely that this will

be the case this year, for the crop on

hand has been pretty well consumed,

so much so that some of our North

Carolina mills had to suspend opera-

tions temporarily for want of cotton,

and others had to send to New York

to get cotton to keep them running.

MINOR MENTION.

When it was announced from

dotilla of torpedo boats was to be

Cuban question. It is perhaps a

make intervention necessary, and

that instructions have been sent to

our European Ambassadors to sound

European Governments to see how

they will take intervention by this

Government, and that Minister

Woodford has received instructions

to inform the Spanish Government

that unless there be a change for

the better this Government will feel

compelled to intervene to put a stop

to the war which is costing us so

much. This may mean business or

it may mean politics, which is pretty

much the same thing with Republi-

can politicians, for politics is busi-

ness with them. Elections are com-

ing in a couple months, and they

want to utilize the American flag-

"old glory" as they call it -and orate

some on a "vigorous foreign policy."

About two years ago Mr. Cleveland

announced in one of his messages

that the time might come when this

Government would feel it to be its

duty to intervene, and then went

right on and helped Weyler by pur-

suing "filibusters" and picking them

up on the slightest provocation. As

far as the present administration is

concerned there hasn't been the

slightest deviation from the course

pursued by the previous administra-

tion. This latest announcement is

simply an echo, with slight variation,

of announcements that have been

made from time to time since the pa-

triots in Cuba showed themselves

formidable enough to defy and cope

with Spain. In the meantime while

this Government is dallying and kill-

ing time a London dispatch an-

nounces that German syndicates are

taking advantage of the situation

and are buying devastated planta-

tions in Cuba at nominal prices. If

this thing goes on Germans will soon

have vested property interests in the

island which might have to be con-

sidered in any movement this Gov-

ernment might make. Thus delay

adds to the complications and pre-

sents new obstacles in the way of

action by this Government. "Mak-

ing haste slowly" may be all right

sometimes, but in this case there has

been too much of that kind of

The report of the Treasury De-

partment on our trade with Japan is

somewhat in the nature of a revela-

this consists of raw cotton and cot-

principally of iron and steel. In all

of these save raw cotton, we had to

compete with European manufac-

turers who had the advantage of the

much talked of "pauper labor" which

has figured so conspicuously in the

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ulators who buy on prices based on market, what becomes of the conlarge estimates, and profit by the tention that high protection is necincrease of price that follows a reessary to enable our manufacturers duction of figures if it be material. to hold out against foreign competi-But the planter loses by them, and in tion? Doesn't this contention look our opinion it isn't a good policy for like a fraud? The success that him to attach much importance to American enterprise has achieved them or to sell or hold on the strength in trade with Japan foreshadows of them, unless he is in a condition what might he done if these two to stand loss without feeling it, or to nations were drawn closer together hold the whole or a part of his crop and a shorter sea route opened with a canal cutting the isthmus, saving indefinitely. They are not all as fortunately situated as that Wake the many thousands of miles our county planter who, according to exports have to be carried now to report, was in the habit for some reach countries on both shores of years of setting aside a number of the Pacific. With this, and a sensibales from each crop he raised to ble money and tariff policy, there is hold until he could get ten cents a no estimating the possibilities of our pound for it, which he did a few days trade with that side of the world. ago, getting \$13,000 for his saved bales. At present, notwithstanding If any one has any doubts as to the estimates sent out, there are very what has brought about the few who can make anything like a correct guess at the size of this

change," let him or her or it, as the case may be, read the following from year's crop, which yet stands in the the Elizabeth City Carolinian and Washington that our interests may doubt no more : e lds to be picked. But the prob-"What has brought about the change?" abilities are that it will be large somebody asks. Well, in the first place it is confidence in the party in power. I enough to make high prices altostands for sound money, for an honest

enforcement of the laws, protection to

American labor. Good crops and good prices make the work sure. Cheek is one of the characteristics of the Republican organ-grinder, but for a sample of the colossal order this paragraph, brief as it is, will hold its own with anything in that line which we have yet struck. It is defective in one particular, however, (which we suppose was an oversight) in not claiming the "good crops" as result of Republican policies. But it might puzzle the scribe who so easily makes the explanation which "some-Washington a few days ago that a body asks" to tell what would become of the confidence in the party organized to cruise along the South in power, and the "change" if it Atlantic and Gult coasts, it gave hadn't been for the good crops and rise to more or less speculation as to good prices, for the former of which what this might mean, or whether it we are indebted to nature, for the might have any connection with the latter of which we are indebted to crop failures in other countries. But little significant that following this we admire cheek and for that reason so soon comes the report from we give the above specimen a place

> One of the latest inventions in the weaving line is a loom that weaves without a bobbin. At the same rate of speed it will weave one hundred yards of cloth while the loom with the bobbin is weaving seventy, and requires no expert to watch. It weaves from a spool and attends to business itself. A New Jersey man

Since his recent speech defending Trusts, the New York Sun, which is also a defender of Trusts, asks ex-Gov. Flower to answer the conundrum, "why does he call himself a Democrat?" Probably because no one else does.

Current events are demonstrating the necessity for more protection to the manufacturers of this country. A Cleveland, O., steel company has just received an order for 20,000 tons of steel rails for electric railways in Ireland.

hunk of this prosperity and have raised the price of their transparencies five per cent. When the people get broke in to this they will raise another five.

The drought in Australia played havoc with the wheat and also with the wool crop. It is said to have caused the death of 25,000,000 sheep and of seventy-five per cent. of the lambs.

Silver may be declining, but there s no one declining it in these parts. As for us we will take all we can get of it and not worry people with questions, nor insist on apologies for of-

Some of the French papers say that the Count of Turin buncoed Prince Henri by slipping on a steel undershirt before the prodding festivities began.

With 577,390 square miles of territory there is room in Alaska for a good many big yarns. Ten Summer resorts each as large as North Carolina could be carved out of that.

One infant industry seems to be on boom in Indiana. B. F. Tedro, aged 83 years, and his wife, aged 62, have resumed business and increased the population with "bouncing twins."

Silver may be on the decline, but Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Mecklenburg county, will celebrate their silver wedding on the 31st inst. all the same.

A peculiar throat disease has become epidemic among the children in one of the Kentucky counties. It is of a fatal type and puzzles the physicians.

The Baltimore Sun is discussing "the campaign for sound currency." Pshaw! We thought that was all settled by the election of McKinley.

- At Princess street dock yesterday afternoon Mr. W. D. Pridgen dropped forty-five dollars in money over-

- Owing to a recent advance in the price of corn, meal has advanced 1% cents per bushel and grits 5 cents

WILMINGTON PROGRESSING.

THE OUTLOOK MORE THAN USUALLY HOPEFUL.

New Business Baterprises Pr jested-A. Marked Incresse in the Number of

New Buildinge. There are reasons a plenty for believing that the outlook for the city of Wil mington is more than usually hopeful just at present. A promise of less excessive taxation removes the bandicap from the city's known advantages as a shipping and distributing point, and there is a consequent tendency towards the establishment of new enterprises. A shuttle block factory is being added to the list of industries, and a beer brewery will start up in a few weeks. There is prospect also of securing a chair factory. While these are no very material additions, they nevertheless show the tendency of outside capital in this direction and furnish good ground for the hope that other industries may be attracted hitber.

And if we mistake not, the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in the way of advancing the city's interests are getting to be more pronounced, if not more wisely directed than they have been for some time. A city's future is, of course, quite largely determined by the attitude of its commercial organizations. And the fact that the leading business bodies in Wilmington-the Chamber of Commerce and the Produce Exchange-are using every endeavor to increase the volume of business done here, is in itself a guarantee that something is going to be accomplished.

But there is another and more definite ground for hopefulness and it is the marked increase in the number of new buildings which even the casual observer cannot have failed to notice.

It is not a phenomenal increase, but a gradual one, and all the more gratifying therefore, for there are more chances of its being permanent. Nor are the signs of growth confined to any particular portion of the city. There are indications in every quarter that the city is undergoing a sure and steady growth. It is hardly necessary to explain why

the increase in the number of buildings is a reason for hoping for better times. It shows in the first place that the people who are already here want to stay here, and that the real estate owners confidently expect that those from a distance also may be induced to come this way. And not only that, but the building activity shows that there are more laborers in employment and consequently a greater amount of money in circulation.

Interviews with a number of contractors and builders show the following facts about the number and location of new buildings. The list may not be absolutely correct or complete, but it is sufficient to show the truth of the toregoing observations:

Two-story tin-roof houses have been erected since 1st August, 1896, as follows: Dock, between Fifth aud Sigth, for Mr. W. H. Northrop, Jr., by contractor Joseph Silvy; Church, between Front and Second streets, for Mr. W. M. Cumming, by contractor Joseph Silvy; Second, between Orange and Ann streets, for Mrs. A. A. Moffitt, by contractor Joseph Silvy; corner Fifth and Princess streets, for Dr. Frank H. Rus sell, by contractor Joseph Silvy; corne Dock and Fourth streets, for Mr. L. H. The window glass makers want a Vollers, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Fourth, between Dock and Orange streets, for Mr. James T. R ley, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Dock, between Sixth and Seventh, for Mrs. L. Vollers, by contractor L H. Vollers; Third, between Ann and Nun-(two houses) for Mr. Clayton Giles, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Second, between Mulberry and Walnut, for Mr. H. VonGlahn, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Church, between Front and Second, for Mr. A. M. Hall, by contractor L. H Vollers; corner Sixth and Dock, for Mr. Jacob Weil, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Sixth, between Dock and Orange, for Mr. W. A. Vollers, by contractor L. H. Vollers; Sixth, between Orange and Ann, for Mr. M. S. Willard, by contractor Jno. C. Stout; Fourth, between Dock and Orange, for Mr. J. M. Chesnutt. by contractor Jno. C. Stout Orange, between Sixth and Seventh, for Mrs. Stacey Van Amringe, by contractor Ino. C. Stout; Ann, between Front and Second, for Mrs. James M. Walker, by contractor Ino. C. Stout; corner Fifth and Ann, (two houses) for Mr. W. A. Whitehead, by contractor Thomas Presson; Red Cross, between Third and Fourth, for Mr. Vance Norwood, by contractor H. E. Boni'z; Seventh, between Princess and Chesnut, Mr. H. T. Duls; Seventh, between Nun and Church; for Jno. Cash, Jno. Cash contractor; corner Third and Campbell, for Mr. J. C. Gore, by contractor C. D.

> Morrill. Slate-roofed two-story houses: Fifth between Princess and Chesnut," for Mr. Solomon Bear, contractor L H. Vollers and H. E. Bonitz architect; corner Sixth and Orange, for Mr. F. E. Hashagen, L. H. Vollers contractor, and H.

E. Bonitz architect. One-story houses, tin and shingle roof Twelfth and Princess, for Mr. Joseph Silvy, Joseph Silvy, contractor, Dock, between Third and Fourth, for Mrs. N. G. Webb, Jao. C. Stout, contractor; Old North State," "America," "The Chesnut, between Eighth and Ninth, for Mr. Ino. C. Stout, contractor John C. Maxton furnished a barbecue and other Mr. Jao. C. Stout, contractor John C. Stout; Sixth, between Mulberry and Walnut, for Mr. A. Shrier; Ninth and Orange, for J. A. Kennedy: Dawson, beween Eighth and Ninth, for D. Shepard; Castle, between Front and Second, (two houses) for Mr. Wm. Goodman; Second, between Nun and Church, (two houses) for Mr. Preston Cumming; Eleventh, between Dock and Orange, (two houses) for Mr. A. Shrier. [There are at least twenty or thirty other houses of this class, but for want of space they will

not be noticed now.] The handsome two-story store of Mr. people can just bring in the best they I. Shrier's on Front, between Chesnut | gard to a catalogue.

and Mulberry, has been completed, and the store on Front belonging to Mr. S. Behrends is about completed. The architect for the former is Mr. James F. Post, for the latter Mr. H E. Bonitz.

Two large stores have been erected for Mr. Oscar Pearsall by contractor Coleman Twining, on the corner of Fourth and Campbell.

Mr. F. A. Montgomery has had a new store erected on corner of Second and

Castle. The offices of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son have been completed in the last twelve months; architect. Mr. H. E. Bonitz,

The five-story annex to the A. C. L. uilding, Mr. Thad. Taylor, architect, is to be counted also among the new build-The Hemenway School building, Mr.

ames F. Post, architect and contractor, is as good as finished—all in two A new operating room has been added

to the City Hospital under the direction of Mr. C. D. Morrill contractor. A twostory annex to the Marine Hospital has been built by D Getoz & Co. In the foregoing no account is taken

of the large number of stores and dwelling houses that have been remodelled.

THE MURDER OF BLACKWELL Purvis, the Negro Tramp, Committed to Jail for Trial at the Next Term of Har-

nett Court.

In Dunn yesterday morning Ed Pur vis, the negro tramp who is supposed to have murdered Flagman James Blackwell last Saturday night, was placed on trial, but waived an examination and was bound over to the next term of Harnett county Superior Court, wnich meets the first Monday in next month. Purvis was sent back to Fayetteville and placed in jail to await trial. Nero, the white tramp who is the State's most material witness, is also being held in custody to await the trial. The State's leading counsel, who appeared at the investigation yesterday, was Geo. M. Rose, Esq., of Fayetteville.

In this connection, due credit should be given the Atlantic Coast Line for the promptness with which it began efforts o apprehend the murderer of Mr Blackwell. All its resources, including reward of \$250, were drawn on for the apprehension of the assassin, and General Manager Kenly and many of his subordinates have been unremitting in their efforts to accomplish that purpose. This action of the Coast Line is characteristic of its management, which is always ready to protect its employes however humble the positions they may

The coil of circumstantial evidence against Purvis seems to be tightening, as the following clipping from the Fayettevill Observer of Wednesday afternoon will show, viz ;

Sunday afternoon, Mr. J. L. Graddy was on his farm, near the A.C. L bridge which crosses the Cape Fear, when two tramps, one a bright mulatto and the other black, approached him and asked him for a watermelon. He told them to go up to his house and tell one of the boys to give them one. The musatto then asked Mr. Graddy i

he had heard anything of the shooting affair near Dann Saturday night. He replied that he had, and from the number of questions the fellow asked, he be came suspicious of him, especially as the man was wringing wet, evidently having recently swam the river.

Mr. Graddy had just directed the men to his house, when a train was seen coming towards them and then both men fled, taking opposite directions. (This was the train with the posse and bloodsearching for the murderer.)

Mr. Graddy hastened into town and notified the authorities that he had seen what he suspected was the murderer of flagman Blackwell. A number of mer were immediately sent in search, bu the men could not be found. This morning Mr. Graddy went into the jail to see if the man held there was the one he had seen. As he approached the big cage in which the cells are, the prisoners were bunched in the corridor, and Mr Graddy, peeping through the steel bars, at once picked out Purvis as the man with whom he had talked Sunday afternoon. He is positive of the identifica

CONDITION OF RICE.

Any Other State. The United States Department of Agriculture, in its crop report for August, gives the following conditions of the rice crop: "In Louisiana the condition during the month of July fell from 95 to 84, that of North Carolina from 93 to 88, of South Carolina from 92 to 77, and of

Georgia from 98 to 92. Drought in the non-irrigating regions entworms and chinch bags are given as the cause of the serious decline in Louisiana In South Carolina there was some damage from caterpillars reported.

MATTERS AT MAXTON.

Confederate Veterana' Be-Union-A Day Gr at E.joyment-Border Exposition of the Carolinas-To Be Held in Ostober.

[Special Star Correspondence.] MAXTON, Aug. 20.

The Confederate veterans had their which meets next month. anual re-union here yesterday, and notwithstanding the unfavorable weather fifteen hundred or two thousand veterans and sons and daughters of veterans were present. Hons, R. T. Bennett, of Wadesboro, and J. T. Lehave been the principal speakers, failed to appear; but Hon. C. A. McEachin, who "saved the S:ate" in 1875, and several others of the veterans spoke, as did Hon. I. F. Payne for the sons. The McColl, S. C., Cornet Band furnished the music; Miss May McKinzie recited "All Quiet Along the Potomac To-night," and a local choir beautifully rendered "The rations to waste. Altogether the day was one of great enjoyment, and Com-mander Andrew Jackson McNair was not the least among the happy throng, The eighth annual Fair of the Border Exposition of the Carolinas will be held as usual during the last week in October, to-wit: Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Many outside attractions are trying to make engagements, and our people expect to

make an unusually good exhibit of their

products this year. Last year every ex-

nibitor received a premium. The man-

agement found last year that not issuing

low the same plan this year; so that the

a premium list worked well and will fol-

THE BLACKWELL MURCER.

Another Link in the Ohsin of Bridence Against the Negro Tramp Ed Purvis. In regard to the negro tramp Ed.

Parvis, the supposed murderer of James Blackwell, the A. C. L. flagman, and who is now confined in Cumberland county jail awaiting trial at he next session of Harnett county Superior Court, which will convene the first Monday in next month, the Fayetteville Observer of Thursday afternoon

Yesterday another strong link was added to the chain of the already strong evidence against the accused man. It was the finding of Purvis's pistol in the house of the colored man with whom he stayed in Manchester after being struck by the C. F. & Y. V. train near that place Monday morning. The chambers contained two shells, one of which was empty. If this pistol fired the fatal bullet, then that bullet is buried with the murdered man, for, through an oversight, the ball was not extracted. The body, we understand, will be exhumed, and the deadly missile secured for evidence.

Purvis acknowledged this morning that he was chased by the blood hounds to within a short distance of Manchester, where they lost the trail in a swamp. On the way to the station, Detective Turbeville measured Purvis's barefooted track. He had previously measured the track of the murderer at the scene of the crime. Both tracks corresponded exactly.

Death of Miss Jul a S. Harriss.

Many bearts were saddened yesterday by the news that Miss Julia Sanders, the eldest daughter of Mr. George Harriss had passed away. A singularly sweet and gentle disposition had endeared Miss Harriss to all who knew her and there will be many besides her immediate family who will feel her loss most keenly.

The sad event occurred yesterday morning at Mr. Harriss' Summer residence on Wrightsville Sound. Miss Harriss had been sick with typhoid fever for six weeks and had been a patient sufferer throughout.

The members of the immediate family who survive her are her father, one sister, Miss Ruth, and six brothers, Mr. Geo. Harriss, Jr., of Philadelphia, Dr. A. H. Harriss, Messrs. W. N., John S., Bellamy, and Robert Harriss, of this city.

The funeral will be conducted at 9.30 this morning from the First Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was member. Interment at Oakdale cemeinvited to attend.

A. & M. College. Messrs, E P. Bailey and H. E. Bonitz have returned from Raleigh, where they went a few days since on business connected with the A. & M. College. Mr Bailey was appointed superintendent of the hot water heating plant of the col-

The plans and specifications for th college hospital as prepared by Mr.H. E. Bonitz were accepted by the Building Committee. The contract for building was awarded to Mr. John W. Long, of Graham, who will begin the work of construction at an early date under the superintendence of Mr. Bonitz

TRAP SHOOTING.

Events to Take Pisce Tuesday and Wed nesday at Carolina Beach,

A STAR representative was informed vesterday by President H. McL. Green, of the Gan Club in this city, that the residents at Carolina Beach intend to hold a trap shoot on Tuesday and Wednesday, and that the members of different clubs, and in fact many of the sporting men of the land have been invited to attend. The contest will be a sporty affair and will reflect credit upon the push and pluck characteristic of Capt. Jao. T. Harper and the residents at Carolina Beach. A large delegation from the Wilmington Gun Club will go down to compete for the prize money, which is \$50 00 for the first day's shoot. The second day will be devoted entirely to sweepstakes.

The shoot will be conducted under national association rules. Moneys will be divided at the end of each event; 40 per cent., 30 per cent., 20 per cent. and 10 per cent.

Wanted in Laurinburg.

Jno. Roper, colored, who is now in ail on the charge of larceny of a sewing machine, and against whom there are several other charges pending, one of which is the swindling an amount of money and a quantity of clothing from Iulius Coachman, colored, on the pretext of obtaining Coachman a position as conductor on the S. A. L. Railroad, has also figured unlawfully at other places. Chief of Police Melton is in receipt of a letter from the authorities of Laurinburg asking for the possession of Roper, who is wanted there for shooting a man, inflicting a wound which came near terminating in death. Roper will probably be sent to Laurinburg in time to be tried at the regular session of Richmond county Superior Court,

Bigety-five Dollars Stolen. Mr. Jas. F. Post had the misfortune to have \$95 taken from his desk at his office on Princess street yesterday. He left his office between 11 and 12 o'clock, and after driving up to the Hemenway school building returned, being gone down the street not more than half an hour. Looking in the desk for the money to pay off his hands, he was surprised to find the drawer unlocked and still more surprised to find that \$95 in coin which he had in a canvas bag had disappeared. Underneath the desk there was a saw file, and on the drawer there were signs of the file having been used in opening it, Mr. Post had a warrant issued for the party he suspected of the theft, but up to a late hour last night the suspected party had not been found. - The North Carolina Liquor

Dealers' Association will hold its annual convention in Durham, August 24, 25 and 26. A committee of dealers from this city will be in attendance. - Wilmington has no wheat to

sell at a dollar a bushel; but the toothsome New River oyster is scheduled to arrive before the "leaves take on a browner hue."

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THE RAILWAY COMMISSION AND THE TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

The Postal Will Use Old Rates Until the Courts Settle the Question-Brodie the Rapist Will Probably be Hung in Public-Registration for the Boad Election-Bunday Belling Ordinance.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 21. The local druggists' association decided at a meeting last evening not to fight in the courts the recent ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen forbidding the sale of soft drinks and cigars on Sunday. At least one drug store is selling soda water on Sunday in open violation of the ordinance. A leading druggist tells me that the ordinance is

inoperative and cannot be enforced. Sheriff Wooten, of Biaden, brought a young man named Buie to the asylum

this morning. This is the last day of registration for the city election to determine whether or not \$50,000 in bonds shall be issued for street improvements. A strong opposition is developing to the issue, as a is not believed the Board is sincere in its assertion that the money is to be devoted to street improvements. The negroes have not registered. They are

generally opposed to the issue. There is a lot of plunging in this city on wheat. Several prominent brokers are said to have made "a good thing" in the past few days.

The banging of Brodie will very likely be public. It is said the commissioners of Vance are in favor of having the execution public. There has been a strong sentiment in opposition to public execu tions in this State in recent years.

Superintendent Smith says there won' be a Democrat in the penitentiary service September 1st. He is turning out the Democratic guards as rapidly as possible. It has been demonstrated that negroes are unfit to watch the convicts, Their weakness for falling asleep is too pronounced.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Superintendent John R. Smith says he is not responsible for the actions of the new force going into the employ of the penitentiary on September 1st. Manager Crews, of the Postal Tele-

graph Company, says his company will not resort to the Federal Court for injunction to evade the Railway Commission's order reducing rates. The comtery, and friends and acquaintances are pany has not yet decided whether to obey the order. The commission has agreed to let the Postal use the old rates until the matter is settled in court, provided the company puts up a five thou-

sand dollar bond. W. P. Batchelor retired as chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office to-day, after seventeen years' service, and is succeeded by A. D. K. Wallace. D. H. Center, of Harnett, is appointed assist-

SUSPECTED FILIBUSTERS. Jorfficial It form tion that the Tugs Daux less and Al-xinder Jones Are Eqgaged for Another Expedition

to Cubs. By Telegraph to the Morging Star.

WASHINGTON, August 21.- Unofficial nformation has reached the Treasury Department that the suspected fillibuster Dauntless has left Savannah, Ga. with a barge in town, and that she is to be joined by the Alexander Jones at a point southeast of Hatteras, where the wo vessels are to meet the schooner Bannn of the Brigg, supposed to be oaded with munitions of war for the Cuban insurgents. Which vessel will

make the trip is not known. It is also stated that a filibustering exredition is assembling near Tampa, Fla in view of this information Secretary Gage to-day telegraphed the collector of customs at Savannah to use special vigiance to prevent violations of the neutrality laws and also to confer with the commanders of naval vessels at their ports, as to what steps should be taken n the premises.

SAVANNAH, August 21 .- There are no indications locally that the tug Dauntless is engaged in anything but legitimate business at this port. She is here under contract with a local tow-boat company and competition in towage is sharp. The Dauntless went to the bar to-day to look for vessels bound hither and was reported on duty there late this

afternoon by incoming boats. SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

An Agent of the Plant System in G.orgia Dangerously Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SAVANNAH, Ga., Augus: 21.-H. B Tant, agent of the Plant system at Mcof Pailadelphia, in a thirty-three mile Intosh, near S.vannah, was shot from ambush this morning by Wash Bradley. colored, and sprinkled from head to foot with duck shot. Tant was brought to Savannah hospital for treatment. He is dangerously wounded. The sheriff of Liberty county is pursuing Bradley

with a posse of mounted men. The shooting was the result of an altercation at the depot the day before when Tant struck Bradle, in the head with a scale weight.

AN AMERICAN INVENTION.

Improvement in Telegraphy-Message Transmitted at a speed of Four Thousand Words Per Minute. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, August 21.-Lieutenant Squier, of the Artillery School at Fortress Monroe, Va., and Professor Crehore, of Dartmouth, have made some remarkable demonstrations during the past week of the possibilities of their synchronograph. The Government telegraph officials gave these men the use of a clear line, eight hundred and sixty miles long, making a circuit through London. Leeds, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, York and other places, over which the Americans succeeded in transmitting short messages at a speed equivalent to four thousand words per minute. The messages were received with perfect clearness. Forty-four miles of the line were under ground, thus add. ing to the difficulties of the trial. The highest rate attained by them in A nerica was three thousand words per minute over an iron wire thirteen miles long. The inventors declare that the trials demonstrate the possibility of sending press messages betwden New York and Chicago at such speed that the contents of a newspaper could be transmitted in

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# LATE EUROPEAN NEWS.

REAT BRITAIN INSISTS UPON THE EVACUATION OF THESSALY

Whether the Greek Indemnity is Paid or Unpa d - Her Policy Condemned by the Oth r Powere-Affairs in British India-A Gloomy View of the

Prospects of Spain. By Cable to the Morning Star.

[Copyright 1997 by the Associated Press, ] LONDON, August 21.—The Marquis of salisbury's definite committal of Great Britain to the policy of insisting upon the evacuation of Thessaly by the Turksh troops, whether the Greek indemnity is paid or unpaid, is universally approved by the British press, and is equally condemned by the continental newspapers.

It is difficult to foresee the outcome. The great grip of the Marquis of Salisbury on the Powers is found in the latter's intense desire to get peace settled and the Turkish army disbanded, as until this last step is accomplished, the peace of Europe will be continually nenaced. It is suggested that Great Britain may abandon the concert of the Powers. This is probable and would be regarded as proof of bad faith, and would throw the Powers into a violent and dangerous ferment, because, rightly or wrongly, it is universally believed that Great Britain is bent on treachery. As a diplomatist puts it, "she is again on the prowl and Europe fears to suddenly discover that England has executed a coupe de main." However, it is untie the knot, by finding a sum sufficient to induce the Turkish Government to order the withdrawal of its troops to

the frontiers designated in the draft of he treaty of peace . Though the acute crisis in affairs on the frontier of British India seems to have passed, there is no doubt there has been a genuine cause for the scare which prevailed. Practically all the tribes broughout a mountain district eight nundred miles long and two hundred miles deep, are up in arms and though their reverses will probably cool their ardor and prevent further serious fighting at present, the greatest care will be required to restore law and order. The speedy nipping in the bud of this dangerous insurrection has demonstrated he splendid state of preparation to

which the British army in India has The latest enterprise of the vestry of St. Pancras is attracting much attention among the public and has excited the vestry has started a bacteria incubating nursery from which establishment they guarantee to advise people within twenty-four hours as to the exact nature of any germs with which they are supplied. Each medico of the vestry of St. Pancras had been furnished with the necessary pharaphernalia and with instructions how to forward samples of germs to the bacteria incubating nursery. Thus the accuracy of the diagnosis in cases of suspected dyphtheria, typhoid fever, etc.. will promptly be established. It is further understood that the necessary outfits for securing and forwarding germs for judgment will be distributed among the private houses in the district of St Pancras. The doctors fear that the innovation will deprive them of patients and think that the next step will be slotmachines where, so soon as the patients

The Speaker publishes a long article this week in which it takes the gloomiest view of the prospects of Spain. It says it sees no chance of the war in Cuba "ceasing to outrage humanity until popular feeling in the United States forces its government to find a pretext for intervening and further complicate the situation, perhaps by naval war." Continuing, the Speaker says it does not anticipate a revolution or a Carlist rising; but it foresees a grave increase in

plaint, they will be able to secure the ne-

the sufferings of the people, the repudia-tion of indebtedness and years of industrial relapse. The Lourdes pilgrimages are in full swing. The past week has witnessed the arrival of upwards of forty thousand

WARM WIRELETS

H. L Merrill was yesterday appointed postmaster at Leicester, N. C. Jimmy Michael, the Welsh bicycle ider, e. s ly defeated J. Frank Starbuck

race at the Manhattan Beach track yes. The police of Constantinople have arrested two Armenians at whose residences they found two bombs. The priscommit outrages by the use of these bombs at the Rassian and Germany em-

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve increase \$870 755; loans increase \$8.447.-500; specie increase \$593,300; legal tenders, increase \$1 626 800; deposits, incress \$5,407,500; circulation, incress \$66,700 The banks now hold \$89,758,-550 in excess of the requirements of the

25 per cent. rule. Secretary Sherman has reprompt acknowledgement from Minister Hoshi, of Japan. of the secretary's letter of last Saturday relating to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, Mr. Hoshi's acknowledgement is formal and does not go into the merits of the subject as the answer to Secretary Sherman's last note will not be made until word comes from the Japanese foreign

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