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tramping upon each other's toes, so to speak, although they may be tramping pretty heavily on the toes of their New England competitors...

There is up to the present time about \$80,000,000 invested in Southern mills, over eighty per cent. of which is the money of Southern men...

But even without this there are other agencies which are beginning to figure as factors which will favor the growth and expansion of the industry in this section...

So much for the growth of the cotton industry in this section during the past year. As compared with the steady decline which has characterized the cotton industry in the New England States...

There is no boom or lull in these figures, but a steady, continuous growth running back for two decades and increasing each succeeding year...

Another thing may be noted in this connection to show that there is still room in the South for more mills and that the field has not been fully occupied by any means...

The Croats in Robeson county are moving to get inside of the Democratic lines and hereafter vote the Democratic ticket. They have been sufficiently amused with the outcome of the present administration...

The Germans seem to have the clinch on the breweries. Of the 51,000 estimated to be in the world, 26,000 are in Germany...

that this would better their condition and give the people a larger measure of prosperity, but instead of this they saw the so-called "reform" movement degenerate into a disgusting scramble for spoils...

Elsewhere we have spoken of the competition between Northern and Southern cotton mills, and of the probability of this competition extending to the finer grades not now made to any great extent in the South...

It isn't the old mill they fear, but the modernly equipped mills which are the equals, and some of them the superiors of any mills in the East.

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Indiana is coming to the front. In addition to the genius who claims to have invented a perpetual motion machine, and another who claims to have invented a perpetual light...

A Seattle, Washington, man, who has just returned from Klondike, reports the discovery of the mother lode from which it is supposed that loose gold is scattered about up there comes...

An Indiana man comes to the front with a daisy invention of a light (hermetically enclosed in a glass globe) which he says will burn forever and not cost a red cent after it is started...

Edison has made another discovery which, if it pans out as he anticipates, promises much. He has discovered a new mineral which mixed with iron makes it much tougher, and makes cast iron as tough and strong as wrought iron...

SMALLPOX SITUATION

Another Suspected Case Developed and Reported to Superintendent of Health.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Rumors of Other Cases Unfounded—Carriers at Work on the New Pest House—Doctors Besieged by Persons Wanting Vaccination.

James Hodge, a colored laborer, was quarantined yesterday morning at his home in Latimer's alley, between Orange and Ann from Second to Third, as probably having a case of smallpox...

There has not been a case of smallpox in the pest house since eight or ten years ago, when Mate Lewis of the schooner Alice Hearne was taken there and died...

The Chicago Chronicle remarks "that from all parts of the country, especially from the East, come reports of a great increase in the number of tramps. New England is fairly overrun with them...

THE CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY R. R.

If Judge Simonton is Sustained Case Will Probably Be Appealed to U. S. Supreme Court.

There are many rumors and many opinions afloat in regard to the future of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway...

Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, it will be recalled, decided that the road must be sold as a whole, and not by divisions, and from this decision the "New York committee," as it is known, took an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals...

The impression seems quite general that if Judge Simonton is sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals there will be no further delay except that necessary for carrying out the decree of the court for the public sale of the property...

The following is from the Philadelphia Record, one of the leading metropolitan dailies of the United States: "The Wilmington (N. C.) Morning Star has beamed upon its particular constituency for thirty years under the control of its present owner and editor, Mr. William H. Bernard..."

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.

Proceedings in Regard to the Orphan Asylum.

The following from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Masons, at Oxford, is interesting: "The first business which occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge at the session was a proposition from B. N. Duke, offering to donate \$7,500 to the Orphan Asylum, provided the Grand Lodge would raise the sum during 1898..."

The Southport Naval Reserves. Much interest in the organization—Uniform to be ordered.

The Star is glad to hear many favorable reports concerning the Southport Naval Reserves, who may be called on soon to active duty. The Standard of yesterday says: "The Southport Division of Naval Reserves held a business meeting last night which was well attended by the members..."

New Recruits from the West for the Settlement at Chadbourn. Mr. Jas. W. Wilson, business manager of the Farm, Field and Fireside, Chicago, and promoter of the Sunny South Colony at Chadbourn, was here yesterday with a number of new recruits for the colony...

Judge Dick to Retire. Senator Pritchard Mentioned in Some Quarters as His Probable Successor.

WINSTON, N. C., January 14.—Authentic information was received here to-day that Judge Robert Dick, of the United States Federal Court, will soon retire from the bench on account of ill health...

A Half Million Life Policy. Mr. J. R. Johnston, of Raleigh, State manager for the Sun Life Assurance Co., was in the city yesterday, conferring with Mr. T. H. Pegram, manager of the Wilmington district...

Parents' Consent Necessary Any Way. A young man applied to Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood Friday for license to wed, giving the age of the lady of his choice as being 17 years. He was told that the written consent of the parents would have to be produced before the license could be issued...

Does Smallpox Improve Morals? There has not been a single case called for trial in the Mayor's court since last Tuesday. In fact, there has not been a single arrest during that time. Some members of the police force ascribe the cause to the smallpox scare...

Richmond Dispatch: "The Wilmington (N. C.) Star celebrated New Year's Day by appearing in new type. It has always been a neat and new newspaper. Its editor and proprietor—William H. Bernard—is a Richmond boy."

LAST OF THE NIXON STREET PEST HOUSES.

Went Up in Smoke Yesterday Evening—It Was the Work of Incendiaries—The Insurance.

The remaining cottage of the two at the corner of Ninth and Nixon streets, intended to have been used as a smallpox pest house, was burned by incendiaries yesterday evening. The alarm was sent in from box 17, at 6:45 o'clock, and by 7:15 all that remained of the little tenement was a mass of smoking debris...

This house was also owned by Messrs. Jas. H. Chadbourne & Co. It was insured for \$100, in the German American Company. There were only two rooms, with very low ceilings, and crudely put together. In fact, the house was not fit to have been used as a pest-house and no such authorities after the burning of the main cottage early Friday morning...

During and after the fire last night a number of negroes were heard to declare that another old abandoned house, standing across the street from the pest house site, should "go the way of the pest houses" before morning, but the old house still stands. It is a worthless shell, and has long been in disuse.

SPECIAL COURT ADJOURNED.

January Term of the Superior Court to Convene the 24th—Cases Tried Yesterday.

Judge Sutton adjourned the special term of the New Hanover Criminal Court at 1 o'clock yesterday. As predicted by the STAR, only about twelve cases, all of minor importance, were continued to the next regular term. In the case of Agnes Hunt, arraigned for assault and battery with deadly weapon, the trial of whom was pending Friday evening, judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

In an appeal from the magistrate's court in the case of Kate Bradley, for assault, the judgment of the lower court was sustained. The last case tried was Patrick Chestnut, charged with an assault and battery with deadly weapon. A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury. As announced in yesterday's STAR, Judge Sutton leaves Wilmington to-day for Warrenton, where he holds a court next week.

FAMILY MARKET BASKET.

Saturday Prices of Meats, Fish, Poultry, Vegetables, Etc. On the city markets yesterday there was a fair supply of poultry, fish, eggs, meats and vegetables at the following prices: Eggs, 12 to 16c per dozen. Lettuce, 2 1/2 to 5c per head; sweet potatoes, 15c per bushel; Irish potatoes, 35c per bushel; cabbage, 5 to 10c each; collards, 2 1/2 to 5c per head; celery, 25c per bunch; field peas, 5 to 8c per quart; onions, 5c per bushel; spinach, 25c per peck; turnips, 5c per bushel. Dressed turkeys, 15c per pound; dressed chickens, 60 to 75c per pair; live chickens, 40 to 60c per pair; partridges, 12c each. Steak, 10 to 12c; chuck and stew beef, 5 to 7c; possums, 30c each; fresh pork, 10c; sausage, 10c; real mutton and lamb, 10 to 12c. New River oysters, 90c per bushel; Stump Sound, 60c; clams, 50c. Trout, 10c per bunch; mullets, 10c; Hickory shad, 20c.

Parents' Consent Necessary Any Way.

A young man applied to Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood Friday for license to wed, giving the age of the lady of his choice as being 17 years. He was told that the written consent of the parents would have to be produced before the license could be issued. "Why," the prospective groom replied, "she's a widow." All the same, the parents' consent had to be secured.

THE SITUATION IS BECOMING VERY CLOUDY.

The Appointment of Mr. Chadbourne Seems to Be Hugged Up by a Railroad Deal—Very Foggy.

It does not by any means appear that Col. Wilhelm Hernandez has gone to the "bourn" from which no traveller returns, postmasterly speaking; but there's trouble in Camp Harmony beyond a doubt. Some of the Colonel's friends are prepared to admit that it is a railroad deal that now bogs the situation, and the STAR has it from three or four sources that the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad is involved in the fight. Of course, there are other influences at work, and chiefly among these is the scramble for office.

The gossip is that efforts are being made to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina to the Southern Railway. Yet it seems almost incredible that the Southern would pay any interest at all on the bonded debt of that road. It would be of no special value to the Southern to have a terminus at New-Bern, particularly as that system has an outlet at Norfolk.

At all events, the appointment of a postmaster is temporarily, at least, held up; and if Col. Wilhelm Hernandez Chadbourne does not cut the gordian knot in person or by proxy, very soon the STAR will feel constrained to designate him as Col. Woful Hypochondriac Chadbourne.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

A Canvass of the House Shows a Majority of Republicans Favorable to a Change.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The canvass of Republican members of the House of Representatives on the question of changing the Civil Service law, which has been conducted by the Republican "steering committee," is about completed. Of the 202 Republican members of the House the canvass is said to show that a majority, varying from 18 to 40, is favorable to a change in the law, according to the canvass of change proposed. This last factor leads to some difference of opinion as to the result of the canvass. Representative Pearson, of Norfolk, gives satisfaction to the committee, places the number of Republicans who can be depended on at 115. Mr. Evans, of Kentucky, another member of the committee, places the number at 135. Both estimates are based on the canvass, the difference being due to the attitude of certain doubtful members. As a whole, the result gives satisfaction to those who have made the canvass. They say that in a number of cases entire State delegations are shown by the canvass to favor a change in the law. This is the case in the State delegations of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and New Hampshire.

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED.

Desperate Fighting Among Negro Gamblers in Leslie County, Kentucky.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., January 15.—A special dispatch from Hyden says that the fight on Sandy Fork, Leslie county, continued all day yesterday. Eight men were reported killed and four wounded. The extraordinary blood-letting on Sandy Fork began on Wednesday when a party of negroes who were playing cards at night called a blind fight. The fight was a desperate one, and the way the game was progressing. Drunkenness added to the brutality of the fight that followed. Four men were killed the first day. Subsequently the fight was renewed by friends on both sides, until the mortality list is equal almost to the casualties in a military engagement. The feeling aroused gives rise to apprehension of more crime.

SUICIDE IN CHICAGO.

It Was Witnessed by Scores of People in the Masonic Temple.

CHICAGO, January 15.—Alfred C Greenleaf, a bookkeeper, committed suicide to-day by jumping from the sixteenth floor of the Masonic Temple. Greenleaf had been out of employment for some time and becoming despondent decided to make away with himself. The act was witnessed by scores in the Chamber of Commerce building, where he was caught in the act of jumping over the railing from the twelfth floor to the rotunda and ejected from the building. He then went to the Masonic Temple, ascended to the sixteenth floor, climbed upon the railing and jumped off into the rotunda. His body struck a marble landing on the third floor, shattered a slab two inches thick and landed on the balcony of the second floor. The body was reduced to a mere pulp. Greenleaf's suicide was witnessed by scores of people in the rotunda.

LYNCHING IN KENTUCKY.

A Negro Ravisher Surrounded by a Mob in Ballard County.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Paducah, Ky., says: "News by telephone from Hinkleyville, Ballard county, up to midnight, is that Bob Blanks, the Mayfield negro assailant of Della Early, aged eleven years, has been surrounded by a mob and it is believed will be captured and lynched there. His victim is still in a precarious condition. Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, has formally announced that he would be a candidate for election to the United States Senate by the Legislature which meets in extra session next Monday."

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EVERYTHING WAS TRANQUIL. Consul General Lee's Advice to the State Department as to Situation in Havana. THE CITY PERFECTLY QUIET. Blanco Threatened with Mob Violence—Rumor That Rioting Will Be Resumed and Continued To-day—Arrival of Senator Govin.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star. WASHINGTON, January 15.—A cablegram was received at the State Department at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Consul General Lee at Havana stating that everything was tranquil. The official advices from Havana received by the Spanish minister, Mr. Dupuy de Lome, continue to be reassuring. A dispatch sent at 8 o'clock last evening said that the city was perfectly quiet. Another dispatch, sent shortly after midnight and received early this morning, stated that a few people gathered in the public park about 10 o'clock last night. There was no demonstration and under ordinary circumstances no attention would have been given to it, as the park is the central public point of Havana. As a matter of precaution, however, the patrol of soldiers on duty were ordered to move away and they did without demonstration or the exercise of any force. By 12 o'clock the troops were back in their quarters. No serious disturbance was felt, if there were sporadic gatherings of groups in a city of Havana's size, particularly Sunday, when the streets are usually filled with those otherwise engaged during the week. This customary outpouring of the people, doubtless, will occur to-morrow and it may serve as an incentive for the congregating of groups, but it is considered should not be misconstrued into a popular demonstration, and no uneasiness whatever is felt that it will be the occasion of anything more than a few vivas even if that much occurs.

Senator Govin, a member of the autonomous cabinet, arrives at Havana to-day and this, also, it is said, may serve as a pretext for some vivas by the ultras. Govin has been at Atlanta, Ga., since the autonomous cabinet was formed. He is regarded as the strongest member of the cabinet, and that reason his appointment has excited intense hostility among the insurgents and their friends. It led to a movement against his name for some time, but information submitted to the Spanish minister. This led Senator Govin to change his route, making a sea trip by way of New York, and he arrived here last Saturday. In view of the movement against him at Tampa, it would be no surprise to the legation here if a similar movement should be organized against him. During the afternoon the minister was a crowd of admirers gathered about 2 o'clock the city of Havana had been absolutely calm. The new Minister of the Interior, Senator Govin, had arrived and received a respectful reception. The receipt of the minister's arrival and a number of his friends went on three trucks to meet him, received him on his arrival and welcomed him back to Havana. A large number of friends called upon the President of the Cuban Cabinet, Senor Galvez, and took the oath of office. Captain General Blanco has issued a circular order that each battalion of infantry be strengthened by 125 men, to be recruited in their respective localities by the generals of division. The recruits are to be trained for six months and will receive the same pay as the regular soldiers. The circular also orders that the local guerrillas should be given the same treatment as the regular soldiers until organized. A dispatch from San Juan de Las Yemas, province of Santa Clara, announced that the insurgent leader, Loelle Cepero, a naturalized American citizen, has surrendered to the Spanish authorities. Capt. Calvo and others, who were leaders in the recent raids upon the offices of the newspapers Diario de la Maria, La Discusion and El Reconcentrado, will be prosecuted for their connection with the disturbances. Over 300 army officers, it is said, will plead guilty to being concerned in the demonstration. The volunteer officers, it is also reported, intend to assemble and plead guilty of participation in the attacks upon the newspaper offices. The editor of El Reconcentrado has been released from the beginning of the rioting. Last night a large fire was noticed at Caimano, near Havana. A rumor has been circulated that the rioting would be resumed to-night and continued all day to-morrow.

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