SUBSCRIPTION P ICE.

SOME SUN-SHINE.

The attitude of the South in view of the impending rupture with Spain has attracted the attention of the North, and called forth very high commendation from men that are little disposed to commend anything Southern, and even from some who once seemed to be most congenially employed when criticising and abusing the South. We published something a short while ago from an interview with ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, who not so many years ago might be classed as a South hater, in which he paid high tribute to the self poise, conservatism and splendid patriotism of the Southern people as exemplified in their admirable coolheaded demeanor, when other sections were running wild with excitement. It was this interview, probably, with the unanimous action of Congress expressive of its determination to support the administration in all necessary measures for the defence of the country in the event of gether and to sweep away war, that suggested the following editorial in the New York Sun, which is if anything a higher compliment to the South than that paid to it by Mr. Ingalls. We quote it in full because it cannot be very well curtailed or condensed without mutilating:

"The fervid American patriotism tors and Representatives of all parties and every part of the Union is in itself a great victory won. It is likely to prove a safeguard of peace with Spain, out is of in more improved as a demonstration that this republic is now thoroughly, compactly, and heartly

The trition of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee at Havana by the present Administra-tion was both present, so far as con-cerns our relations with Cuba and Spain, and grateful to the Southern people as a manifestation that a Re-publican President is not swayed by any narrow sectional prejudices, and is altogether free from animosities created by the civil war of a generation ago. Fitzhugh Lee, a nephew of the famous Gen. Robert E. Lee, and himself a General of conspicuous service in the Confederate army, bears a name and has a personality which appeal to the hearts of the Southern people. Hence also the recent suggestion that in the event of war with Spain he should be made Bigadier-General in the United States army touched deeply the sensi-bilities and awakened quickly the pride of the South. It is an appointment which not improbably would be made

under such circumstances and would

be accepted by the people universally as peculiarly happy.

"As Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, has remarked, the South is yet too near to the horrors of the civil war to be eager for a new war. The same feeling prevails throughout the Union among the generation which endured the strain and suffered the hardships of that awful fratri-cidal conflict, but at the South, where it was waged with bitterness for four years on hundreds of battlefields, the scars are still visible and the smart is not yet healed completely. The South desires rather to continue in its recovery from the disasters of war than to invite an other conflict, in which it would be subjected to the possibilities of transitory damage along its coast line and to losses occasioned by interruptions of its commerce. Hence, fortunately for the whole country, the South maintains special calmness at this time of strained relations with Spain. As ex-Senator Ingalls found during a recent licose excitement. They are waiting coolly and in a judicial frame of mind and taking mind and taking no snap judg-ments. But this reserve is only an indication of resolute strength ready for the defence of the republic if occasion shall demand its expenditure. No one who visits the South can fail to be impressed by the splendid material for an army which there appears on all sides. It is distinctively a fighting population; everywhere are the evidences of a physical vigor which re-futes utterly the notion once enter-

amples of physical manhood. The Southern grasp in the handshake alone furnishes indubitable evidence of a pe-

furnishes indubitable evidence of a peculiar muscular vigor.

"It is, therefore, not from any deficiency of the military spirit that the South refrains from war bluster. It is the calm reserve of people confident in their power and courage. If the need came for the national defence there would arise an army in the Southern States which would rival the matchless Army of Northern Virginia led by General Lee.

"Thus a war cloud has been transformed into a rainbow of national promise. From the very foundation of this republic dangerous elements of discussion appeared, and they made inevitable the civil war of a generation ago. Peace came, but the seeds of bitter sectional animosities remained to disturb the course of our politics. of bitter sectional animosities remained to disturb the course of our politics. The whole South, so far as the white population was concerned, adhered to a single political party, largely as an expression of opposition to the North, dominated by the other political party. Parties therefore were sectional, and

overdone. But the fact is that the

tobacco growers in the upper per-

tion of the State have shown ever

less judgment and thrift by travel-

ling in the all-tobacco rut than the

cotton growers have by travelling

in the all-cotton rut, while they

have not the same incentives. They

can't borrow money as readily on

either the growing or harvested to-

bacco as the cotton planter can on

his growing or harvested cotton, for

it is not only subject to vicissitudes

in the field, but is subject to great

and sudden fluctuations in the mar-

ket, and liable to damage-either by

sudden changes of temperature or

by careless handling. Take it all in

all, it is a crop that must be han-

dled very carefully from the time it

is planted until it is marketed, and

the grower can never, when he

plants it, form anything like a safe

estimate as to what he will get out

of it. But they go on increasing the

acreage all the same, borrowing

money to make the crop, and neg-

lecting to raise their bread and meat.

The result of this is that the upper

country, where tobacco is the lead-

ig crop, is not in as good condi

While there may be no actual al

ance between Great Britain and Ja-

pan on the Eastern question, they

seem to be working in accord, with

the understanding doubtless that it

war result they will support each

other. Japan is not going to enter

into any agreement that would

handicap her in the future, and be-

ing close to the field of operations

she is in a much better position to

assert herself than any of the other

powers, for they have to traverse

thousands of miles to protect what

they hold on the Chinese coast. The

movements of Russia concern her

more than those of either Great

Britain, Germany or France, for with

a harbor as a place for sheltering

and massing Russian war ships, and

with the trans-Siberian railway

completed and extending to Port

Arthur, the facilities she would

have for the rapid transpor-

tation of men, supplies, and mu-

mitions of war, she would soon be in

position to master China, and defy

the other governments, including Ja-

pan. This accounts for the assertive-

ness that Japan has displayed, and

also for the accord which Great

the announcement that Great Britain

with China against the cession of

conditions that will for some time

of interests must eventually come

that will culminate in something

A student who has been studying

the documents bearing upon the

discovery of this country by C. Codumbus, has examined his logs and

made the discovery that he cele-

brated his discovery by taking a

whole week's spree. The evidence

he presents is that while this log

was carefully kept and neatly and

legibly written, during that week it

looks as if the writing had been done

by an intoxicated spider crawling

A Vineland, New Jersey, editor

lodging free. He refused to pay

poll tax and they sent him to jail.

He has been in a month and declares

he will stay in all his life before he

his quarters he seems to have the ad-

vantage of the State, which is pay-

ing a pretty big price to get those \$2.

The latest accusation against the

Spanish authorities in Cuba is that

them at public auction. That's a

Last year Parisians consumed only

upon the paper.

crying shame.

more than talk and protests.

tion now as it was twenty years ago.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1898.

the consequence was the preservation of the old-time spirit of disunion. It was an untoward, a dangerous political situation, due rather to passion and prejudice than to reasonable difference of political opinion concerning. adjoining counties will plant more tobacco this year than last. They tell us they have to sell their leaf for half, price and are compelled to double the acreage if they make anything. Fertilizer inspectors who have been in the eastern counties say they never saw so much fertilizer, and that sales will be double those of last season, and that the acreage in tobacco will be doubled." common prosperity; and it has re-mained such with little variation up to this time. Economical changes at the South have tended during very re-cent years to produce some transfor-mation in this Southern political solidity, but the demonstration of a feeling of common American frater-We gather from our Eastern exchanges that there will be in some reeling of common American fraternity, sweeping away all merely sectional lines of division, has not been
made emphatic throughout the Union
until now. Now, in truth, there is no
North, no South, no East, no West,
but America presents itself to the
world as one great and united nation,
against which no foreign power and
no combination of foreign States can
hope to wage successful war. This
patriotic manifestation affords the best
assurance that the outcome of the counties, if not in all of those which grow tobacco, an increase of acreage, but this is generally attributed to the low price of cotton, the farmers being disposed to take their chances on tobacco rather than on cotton, so that there is great danger of their overdoing the tobacco business as cotton growing has been

The Sun, which is now a Repub ican paper, was once a Democrafic paper, and it hasn't entirely forgot ten the fact that it has heretofore defended the South when unjustly assailed by partisan malice, and this article reads as if it might have been inspired by the same spirit of justice and fair play that inspired it then. While there is a political streak running through it, suggested, no doubt, by the present surroundings and political affiliations of the Sun, it is essentially true and is therefore a high tribute to the Southern people.

present complications with Spain will be peaceful; but it will be a peace glorified by the rescue of Cuba from cruel and rapacious Spanish do-

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There is no doubt that the broad patriotism exhibited by the Southern people at this time, and the mannimity with which their representatives in both Houses of Congress joined hands with the representatives of other sections in support of the Government has done much to draw the sections closer tolines, but 'that disposition was manifested when the Venezuelan question became a subject of international discussion. and there were apprehensions of a possible rupture with Great Britain. The South endorsed what it considered the brave and virile Americanism of Grover Cleveland, and would have rallied to the support of the Government then, in case of need, with as much alacrity as i will go to the support of the Government now in case of need, and Great Britain would have been s much more formidable antagonist than two or three Spains. The conduct of the South then was in striking contrast to that of some portions of the North where Mr. Cleveland's action was criticised as an extreme and unwarranted interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine, which would involve us in trouble with other natons, and almost certainly with Great Britain, for which there would be no compensating gain. The South endorsed the acof the President because it was manly, brave Americanism, and in her unselfish patriotism stood

in striking contrast to the Northern

commercial centers, which scowled

and growled and cowered at the

possible tumble in the price of

stocks, and the danger of a shot

from some British warship landing

on their housetops. Partisans who

saw this but didn't want to give

Southern patriotism credit for it, at-

tributed it to the fact that the ad-

ministration which so bravely drew

the line on Great Britain was a

Democratic administration, but this

is disproved by the cordiality and

unanimity with which the South supports the present Republican administration. But this is only history repeating itself and but adding a couple more chapters to the record the South made when it stood by the Government in the war of 1812 and in the Mexican war, when Southern men rallied and fought, while others ordent fault and hung back. From the Revolution to the present time there never was an national emergency when Southern valor and Southern patriotism were not conspicuously at the front, as they would be now, although the South has nothing to gain, but much to lose by a conflict with a foreign nation, which makes its unselfish patriotism the more striking and more worthy of admiration. But there never was a time since the wounds taind by people ignorant of the actual Southerners that it lacks the strength acquired in a ruggeder climate. Nowhere in the world are there finer extended that the Southern people would not unterpretation. promptly to meet with arms the armed assailants from any foreign country.

MINOR MENTION.

One of the reasons given for the increased production of cotton in the face of the fact that the price was falling year after year is that as the price fell the planters found it necessary to produce more to make any money at all. How much truth there may be in this we do not know but there is doubtless some. It seems that the tobacco growers act on the same principle, if the following, which we find in the Mount

20,878 horses, 53 mules and 232 donkeys, making a total in weight of Airy News, be correct: "We believe, from what we can learn, that the farmers of Surry and preceding year.

Mr. Moore, of New York, shows his patriotism by offering the Government \$1,000 without interest. payable when the Government chooses, or never, if it prefers, as a starter for a \$100,000,000 unconditional loan. Among the rich men of this country there ought to be more of the Moore kind.

Some citizens of Georgia having questioned the legalty of Sunday marriages on the ground that contracts made on Sunday are not legal, the Supreme Court has eased the minds of persons married on that day by deciding that those marriages are sufficiently legal for all practical

One of the most disgusted indiriduals who has lately struck New York was the denizen of the west, when he learned that the Vizcava had sailed for New York before he could blow her up with that little thing he had in his grip.

The married women of Georgia think there might be an improvement in the curfew law proposed for that State by making it apply to night prowling husbands. There are few of the men, however, who take that view of the curfew.

In speaking of the discussion gong on as to the respective merits of the Texas and Kansas jack-rabbits, the Texas jack has some advantage over the Kansas jack, for he has more room to lay his ears back when he starts on a run.

A Missouri man has come to the front with an aluminum aerial torpedo boat of his invention, with which de claims that he can make it very interesting and hot for any army or ships sent to fight us.

Some Maine men have a plant for extracting gold from sea water, and are said to be making it pay. This is another proof of the thrift of the Yankee to squeeze money out of everything he dabbles in.

Some one who has counted them inform us that there are \$20,006 pieces in a Pennsylvania railroad lo-

Hon. John Sherman isn't figuring much in the Cuban business now. but he continues to draw his salary with typical regularity.

Kansas threatens a blow at Spain. She is organizing a brass band to go to Cuba in case of war.

REYENUE CUTTER MORRILL.

Incident of Her Recent Cruise Up the

The Morrill arrived in port yester day after a cruise of several days around Morehead and Cape Lookout. The cruise was uneventful except for a single incident which the Morrill's log describes as being out of the usual run. It occurred last Monday. While the cutter was lying off Cape Lookout, Capt. Smith detected a vessel in dis-Britain shows in chiming in with tress. Her flag was floating union-Japan. The dispatches sent out a down in the rigging and it was thought few days ago told about the demands by the men on the cutter that either the schooner was sinking or her men that Japan had made upon Russia' had mutinied. Relief was sent, and it regarding the occupation of Port was found that while the vessel, the Arthur, and these are followed up byschooner Maggie M. Keyoe, Charleston to New York, was in distress and entered a strong protest leaking like a sieve, the greatest cause of alarm was an attempted suicide. A that port to Russia, which is pracsailor suffering from delirium tremens tically supporting the position that had cut his throat and the crew all thought that he would die. He was Japan takes. Perhaps the concert placed on the cutter and taken to of action between those two nations Southport, where, under good medical may lead to a modification of the attention, he began to recover. avert actual hostilities, but the clash

GETTING READY FOR WAR.

Seven Tons of Ammunition Carried

Caswell-Other Preparations. The news that a battery of artillery has been ordered to Fort Caswell brings the possibility of war yet more strongly before the people of Wilming-ton. And this is not the only prep-was having a genuine good time. aration that is being made. How the steamer Wilmington has been carrying down big torpedoes to be planted for the purpose of working deadly execution on hostile ships has already been told in the STAR. Friday night the government boat James D. Easton carried down a large quantity of explosives, between six and eight tons in weight, which was brought here over the Atlantic Coast Line. All this goes and poet, is playing a shrewd thing

on the State to get his board and Mr. W. H. Yopp, the well know fish dealer, gives the information that the catch of shad this year is not nearly so large as the fish men would pays that tax. As he apparently likes like it. This is owing to the want of freshets. During the past week when the high tide and freshet prevailed shad were plentiful and the steamer Wilmington brought up on one trip 2,000. But now that the river is fall ing again the shad are getting scarce. The price, however, is reasonable, roe they are confiscating supplies sent shad selling for 30 cents each, and buck to the starving people and selling at 15 and 20 cents.

- The revenue cutter Colfax arrived at Southport late Friday afternoon and went to sea again early yesterday morning. Very likely the captain of the cutter put in at Southport for telegraphic orders of some 4,472 tons, a slight decrease on the importance and received them. This may account for her hurried departure.

MR. JOHN E. NIEMYER.

Veteran Locomotive Engineer-Died Yesterday in This City of Heart

Mr. John E. Niemyer, a veteran locomotive engineer and a man of exceptional worth, entered into rest yesterday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. Chronic heart disease produced death, and from this malady for the past two rears Mr. Niemyer had been a constant sufferer. He has been dangerously ill since January. For some ks past his son and daughter, Mr. James Niemyer, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Louis Wacksmith, of Rocky Mount, have been at his bedside. These and his wife are the only members of the mmediate family surviving the de-

Mr. Niemyer was 66 years nonths of age, and was born in Hamburg, Germany. He came to this country and settled in Wilmington. He had been here only a short while when his father died and he was left to battle for himself. He began work first at a saw mill, soon working up to responsible position. About 1850 or 1852 he ran on the line of steamers run between here and Charleston by the W. & W. Railroad before the old Wilmington & Manchester road was built. After the boats were sold Mr. Niemyer ran as engineer on some of the river boats. In a short while afterward he went back to the railroad in the capacity of a locomotive engineer and held this place until about 1872, when he surrendered his place with the railroad and established a saw mill on the Carolina Central Railroad. This business not proving successful, he came back to the W. & W. Railroad, with which he has been since. For the last two years, however, his health has not permitted of his doing active service In his duties as an engineer and in his daily intercourse he was steadfast and

those who know him intimately say He was a member of St. Johns' Lodge, No. 1, of Masons, of Germania Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, and of Seaside Division 314, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, and will be attended with Masonic and Pythian honors. He was insured in Endowment Rank No. 221. Knights of Pythias.

SAN JOSE SCALE.

An Expert from the State Agricultural Department to Inspect Orchards, Etc.

W. E. Weihe, D. V. M., arrived in the city last night and will be here until Monday. He is here as special entomologist for the North Carolina Crop Commission and his mission is to inspect orchards, etc., for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the San Jose Scale exists here.

To a STAR representative Prof. Weihe said that he had only been in the State two months, having come from his native State, Pennsylvania. He is only employed by the Crop Commission for the coming Spring; but has about decided to make this State his home. There is a movement on foot to establish a department of veterinary in the A. & M. College at Raleigh and Prof. Weihe hopes to be chosen for this professorship. His brother, Prof. F. A. Weihe, is now in charge of the department of Physics and Electric Engineering in the col-

Referring to the San Jose scale Prof. Weihe said that the only locality infected seriously was Southern Pines. He thinks he will find no trace of the pest in this section

ENJOYED THEIR VISIT. A. L. Industrial Agents Left Yesterday

Afternoon for Their Homes. The Seaboard Air Line industria

agents took their departure yesterday that is, those who did not leave at 3.20 P. M. on the day before. Yesterday morning they spent their time as each one liked. Some few went down to Ocean View again, others took rides in carriages, in the street cars and on the river in private boats. The weather was delightfully warm and pleasant, easantly their trip to Wilmington and will be glad to come this way again. Georgia, however will most robably get the next convention of the agents, as no town in that State as yet been favored with a visit from the industrial agents.

The citizens of Wilmington have been strongly impressed with the the progress of the various towns and who wish to see the South go forward. -

Asparagus from Middle Sound. The warm weather of the last few days has had a wonderful effect upon

Spring vegetables, the truck growers sav. Stuff is springing up in a hurry and the markets will be shortly well supplied with vegetables. Two fine ecimens of asparagus, about the first of the season, were shown a STAR reporter yesterday. One was in the hands of Mr. W. J. Kirkham and was grown by Mr. B. B. Humphrey on Battery Expected Daily. Middle Sound. The other was grown on Middle Sound by County Commissioner W. F. Alexander, who says hat asparagus shipments will begin

vil probably be nothing more than a 'little one for a cent."

MARRIAGE IN DUNN.

Privett the Groom. [Star Correspondence.]

DUNN, N. C., March 10.

The Baptist Church here was the scene of a beautiful marriage last evening at 9 o'clock, when Mr. M. H. Privett led to Hymen's altar Miss Lels McNeill, one of Dunn's most popular and charming young ladies. The beautiful wedding march was rendered by Miss Laura Pope, while the dered by Miss Laura Pope, while the gateways of evergreen on each aisle were opened for the reception of the bridal party by little Marie Wade and little Paul Hood, both about 5 years of age. The ushers were Mr. McD. Higgs and Mr. G. K. Massengill. Following these were the bridesmaids and groomsmen in order: Miss Hattle Privett, with Mr. J. C. Clifford; Miss Mary Setsger with Mr. J. W. Purdie; Miss Mayome Oates with Mr. W. H. Harrison; Miss Annie Harper with Mr. Russell Young; Miss Bertha Gerald with Mr. T. H. McNeill; the maid of honor, Miss Mamie Bizzell, maid of honor, Miss Mamie Bizzell with the bride, were met at the chan cel by the groom leaning on the arm of his best man, Mr. R. L. Cromartie where the beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. Luther R. Carroll, of the Baptist

Thurch The tasteful and artistic decorations at the gateways and chancel made by some of our lovely young ladies, to-gether with the brilliant lights, made he marriage scene indeed beautiful. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable reception was given at the home of Mr. McNeill.

The bride is a daughter of H. C. Mc Neill, Esq., beautiful and accomplished; the groom is one of our most sub-stantial and enterprising young busi ness men. Their host of friends join the writer in congratulations and best

A UNITED STATES PRISONER.

in New Hanover County Jail-He Charged With Robbing Newton Grove Postoffice.

thoroughly reliable. This is what Yesterday William Williams was placed in the county jail here to await are luxuriously furnished, will accomthe May term of the U.S. Circuit and District Court when he will have to answer the charge of breaking into and robbing the postoffice at Newton

> Williams is about 18 years old and was arrested soon after the offence was committed, about three weeks ago and has been confined in both the Kenansville and Clinton jails. Commissioner Carroll, of Magnolia, sent him to this city for safe keeping.

The prisoner was seen yesterday by a STAR representative. He said that he was arrested on complaint of postmaster Jessie Denny of the Newton Grove office who charged him with breaking out window glass, entering the office and stealing \$5 from the money drawer. Williams of course protests that he is innocent of the

DEATH OF MR. PLATT D. COWAN.

Funeral to Take Place from the Lodge in

Oakdale Cemetery this Morning. Mr. Platt D. Cowan died yesterday morning at ten o'clock. The news will come as a surprise to many, as the fact that he was seriously ill was not generally known.

He would have been 54 years of age if he had lived until his next birthday, Sept. 1st, and a good part of his life was spent in Wilmington. The de ceased was for a long time engaged in the railroad business, having been at one time auditor of the old Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, and having also held a responsible position with the Richmond and Dan-

ville Railroad Mr. Cowan's wife, who survives him, was Miss Jennie Cowan, of Richmond, Va. His father was the late Robert H. Cowan. Capt. John Cowan, of this city, and Mr. David Stone Cowan, of Columbus county, are both brothers of the deceased.

Mr. Cowan's death removes a very pleasant gentleman. There was none who knew him but was impressed with his hearty good nature, his wide information, and his courteous manners. His funeral will take place from the lodge at Oakdale cemetery at 10 o'clock

CAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY.

Think the S. A. L. Will Operate

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday

Baltimore committee of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad from the United States Court of Appeals at earnestness and business-like methods Richmond, Va., will wind up the to show that we are getting ready for of the agents. Their reports showing legal difficulties in the way of reorganization of the property. An orvillages which they represented could | der of Judge Simonton for the sale of not but be extremely gratifying to all | the railroad was appealed by the New York committee, and it is the decision on this appeal which is now de laying the restoration of the property to the stockholders. An agreemen has been entered into by the Baltimore committee under which the Seaboard Air Line agrees to operate the Cape Fear & Yadkin railroad at greatly reduced cost. The Seaboard also contracts to guarantee the payment of nterest on all bonds of the reorganzed company."

Battery I, Second Regiment of the United States Artillery, is expected here daily. It has been heretofore stationed at Fort Monroe, and as the orders are for immediate movement, If we have war with Spain it it ought not to be long before the battery puts in its appearance. Capt. Caziare is in command.

A HANDSOME EXHIBIT

NO. 21

A Beautiful Display of the Various Products of the Old North State.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CAR.

Exquisite Paintings, Gems, Ores, Fruits Woods, Farm Products-Will Be in Wilmington Only a Few Days Longer.

The North Carolina Car is now on xhibition at the Nutt street crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line, having arrived over that line at 9.50 o'clock resterday morning.

striking, being decorated with paint-ings of different kinds, only a few of which can be mentioned here. The Seaboard Air Line's represen

ation of the "Atlanta Special" in the center of one side is a gem of artistic beauty and the view of Col. J. S Carr's Occoneeche farm is exceed ngly fine. There are also the 'Cotton Field" showing a field of the great staple in full bloom, and "The Land of the Sky," an exquisite painting descriptive of the territory in Western North Carolina penetrated by the Southern Railway.

On the interior French plate mir ors, exquisite painting of the wood work in pure white, with gold leaf rimmings, elegant and expensive ar rangements for exhibiting the different articles with beautiful evergreens placed at suitable intervals, combine to make a picture that would charm

the most fastidious. The exhibition room takes up about three-fifths of the car, being forty-six feet in length, while the whole car is about seventy-two feet. The other twenty-six feet of space is taken up in sleeping rooms, kitchen and dining rooms. The sleeping apartments, which

Of the exhibits, one that attracts perhaps as much attention as any is a set of fac similes of five of the largest gold nuggets that have ever been found in this State. What is, if anything, still better, is the splendid display of fruits arranged in large jars. Then there is a case of native gems, another of mineral specimens and still others of iron specimens and associated minerals, polished marbles, copper

of natural history specimens is complete and interesting. Of the innumerable valuable and ornamental woods which North Carolina produces, the car contains an elaborate exhibit. Farm products, 108 in number, come in for their share of

gold and silver ores. The collection

admiration. The exhibit, all in all, is certainly very interesting.

Messrs. W. H. Ramseur and J. M Moore, of Charlotte, are the clever managers and owners of the "City of Charlotte."

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL. The Senior Class in Washington Seeing the Sights in the National

The senior class of the Greensbor State Normal School, of which Misses Lina O. Wiggins and Susie Parsley of this city are members, is now in Washington seeing the sights about the National Capitol, and from all accounts the young ladies are having an especially enjoyable and interesting visit.

Capital.

They are stopping at Hotel Elsmere. They left the Normal School Wednesday in company with President Mc Iver, and on arriving in the Capital city were placed in the care of Miss Brown, who holds a position in the Interior Department and is well known in this city.

Mrs. Senator Butler has asked and obtained from President McIver permission to give a reception in honor of the young ladies of the class. During the several days of their stay, there are to be other enjoyable events for their entertainment.

It will be of interest in this connec tion to note that Miss Lina Wiggins is Historian for her class and Miss the school magazine. Miss Hanes' friends here will be delighted to know that she has signified her inten tion to visit Wilmington some time after her graduation this Spring.

CASTLE HAYNES FARM.

The Court Confirmed the Sale to H. Chadbourn.

The Superior Court of Wake county Haynes phosphate lands to Mr. William H. Chadbourn. The property was knocked down to Mr. Chadbourn at public sale on the 24th day of last January at \$8,800. Some time in June of 1897, the property was sold to Mr. Chadbourn in trust for the State Penifirmed

new and improved machinery and doing an extensive business in mining phosphate rock. The refuse material will be sold to various cities for use on the streets. Raleigh, Goldsboro, Wilson and Wilmington will probably all be purchasers of rock from the Castle Haynes farm. The material has already been used to great advantage on the streets in this city.



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MONTGOMERY.

the Vessel Has Been Injured.

OTHER RUMORS UNFOUNDED

The Court of Inquiry - Supplies for Relief of Suffering Cubans Arrive at Matanzas-The Work of the Wreckers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 12.-In an interview had by the correspondent of the Associated Press with Commander Converse, of the cruiser Montgomery, regarding the report circulating in the United States that the cruiser had been injured, that officer dictated the fol-

"The report is absolutely false. No damage of any kind to the hull or ma-chinery has been done to the Montgomery during the nine months she has been under my command. Would it not be well for sensation-mongers to give some thought to the feelings of the wives and other relatives of the officers and crew at home before causing deep alarm by such baseless stories?"

There is general indignation here was also requested to deny the rumors telegraphed from here, which he saw to-day for the first time:

First, that Captain Sigsbee is indisposed; and second, that Consul General Lee and Dr. Bruner, the United States sanitary physician, are on bad terms. Both stories are declared, on the authority of the men named in them, to be without color of truth. Captain Sampson seems to be all right

The Court of Inquiry did little work to-day. The members examined two divers, went over drawings, plans and photographs in the cabin of the Mangrove and read over the stenographer's

copy of some past testimony.

The water is very rough, making the work of the divers difficult. The wrecking tug is anchored a cable's length from the port side of the Maine, sending down divers. It is hard to-see any marked advance in the work of the wreckers.

The Fern with 35 tons of American provisions from Key West arrived at Matanzas this morning. The Bergen, from New York with 15 tons, also

Senator Gallinger, Congressma Cummings, Congressman Smith, and Senator Thurston, with the officials of the Red Cross Society, went to Matanzas to-day to make arrangements for and to witness the distribution of the relief. The distribution of the relief. The distribution will probably be made through the governor at Matanzas, aided by the American consul. Hundreds of heart-rending appeals have been received from the suffering reconcentrados since the news of the coming of the relief has been made known. Some of the sailors of the Fern brought to the dock a portion of their own food to the dock a portion of their own food, and while awaiting the arrival of their captain fed a number of gaunt women

A report, though it has not been verified, is to the effect that the stores sent to Matanzas by the Red Cross ten days ago are still in the railroad warehouse and that none have been distri-

HAVANA, March 12.—A story is cur-rent here, but is not confirmed, that Captain Sampson has been advised from Washington that President Mc-Kinley is ready at any time to receive the court's report, and that Captain Sampson replied by a long cipher cablegram to the Secretary of the

well, and a good deal of anxiety is felt lest he is seriously ill. The doc-tor on the Montgomery, however, thinks such fears are groundless, while others, who should know, do not entertain them.

A careful watch is kept on board and about the cruiser Montgomery, but the officers of that vessel say that no such nervous vigilance is shown as Parsley is President. Another charming young lady who is a member of the class and has many friends here is Miss Sadie Hanes, of Winston. She and Miss Wiss Wiggins are editors of the pickets.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish Prime Minister, has written a letter to an intimate friend, which was read at a meeting of Conservatives here last Thursday. In this letter the Premier says that the disarming of the volunteers had been determined upon, but that the publication of the intention to

disarm them was premature.

The news of the recrudescence of the revolution in the Philippines was received here with great disgust by the Spanish residents and with corresponding satisfaction by the in-

The general government is using trong efforts to induce conservative Oubans to take part in the coming elections, as it is feared that the impression will get abroad that the conservatives prefer independence or the annexation of the island to the United tates to autonomy.

tentiary, but this sale was not confirmed.

The property is now Mr. Chadbourn's timber cargo, is ashore on Horn island, Miss., and will prove a total loss. No particulars.

