

As is known to its readers, the STAR declared its opposition to this bond issue as soon as the bill was introduced in the Legislature. We favor a liberal annual tax for road improvement, but we are opposed to any increase in the bonded debt of the city of Wilmington just now. That debt already approximates \$800,000, and the annual interest charges are nearly \$43,000. But you will be told that these bonds are to be county bonds. Yea, verily-county bonds in name, but city bonds in substance. Go to the tax-books and you will find that the city of Wilmington pays eight ninths

of the county taxes. We heard some talk during the last campaign about "White Supremacy." Yet here we are submitting a question of vital importance to the people which, if caris now being overhauled, and will b ried at all, must be carried by the negro vote. Every negro whose name was ou . the registration books on the 8th of last sawer-pipe works, and November (and there are nearly three thousand of them) can vote on this bond issue, although, with few exceptions, they would contribute in taxes comparatively nothing towards the payment of the bonds or interest.

The STAR will probably have very little more to say on this subject. Nor will we open our columns to an interminable discussion of the question by correspondents. We wish simply to let it be understood. (1) that we do not believe the proposed election will be a legal one, (2) that we do not favor the bond issue, and (3) that we do favor a county tax sufficient to build five miles of macadamized road every year. But no bond issue through the negro vote.

Nicholas Pike, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is responsible for the English Sparrow, which is not English but a European Sparrow which circulates all over Europe. He imported eight pairs in 1850, to eat bugs, but if they or their descendants ever ate any bugs nobody has discovered it. The chief business of the Sparrow is to increase and multiply and make war on other birds.

Miss Ann Russell, a St. Louis heiress, while in Europe became engaged to a Hungarian Count, and afterwards discovered that the Count had fellows nosing around in her town to find out the financial standing of the Allen family, and then Ann got hot and dropped that Count with a suddenness that took his

ACTIVITY IN RAILROAD BUILDcoal properties. "A syndicate is being organized by some Alabama and Western people fo purchasing and operating several Alabama furnaces. The Vanderbilt furnace at Birmingham has been purchased and will be put into blast, and the Mary Pratt furnace has been optioned and will probably be bought and go into blast. The Star and Crescent furnace at Rusk, Texas, has been leased and will be blown in as soon as the necessary repairs can be made. A plant for making cement out of slag. with a capacity of 3,000 barrels a day, will be built at Ensley City, Ala., and a cooperage shop to produce 3,000 kegs a day will be established under a contract to furnish kegs to the wire-nail works now building there.

There is extraordinary activity in railroad building this year, the indications pointing, the Railway Age says, to 5,000 miles of new road, 4,000 of which are now under contract or construction. There are eighteen States and two Territories which show over 100 miles of lines undercontract or construction. Eight of these are Southern States, including

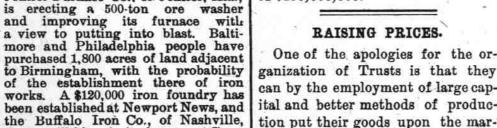
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North Carolina with 182 miles. There is no better indication of "The Chester Rolling Mill Co., capital \$250,000, will erect an iron and steel sheet mill at Chester, W. Va. the improvement in industrial con. ditions nor any more assuring sign The Catoctin Iron Co. property at of the confidence in the stability of Frederick, Md., including 9000 acres of mineral land, has been purchased this improvement than revival in by people who expect to build one or railroad building, for men who put furnaces. The Cumberland Rolling Mill, Cumberland, Md., has been leased by the Potomac Steel Co., their money in railroads are not

rainbow chasers and do not build roads where there are not pretty put into operation making light steel rails. The Anniston Pipe & Foundry good prospects of their paying. Co., Anniston, Ala., is making large

But another gratifying feature of improvements to its pipe works, this activity is the fact that aside and Tyler & Co. are erecting H. M from furnishing better transportation Wheedon, of Boston, and others facilities to the sections through have leased and will operate the Herwhich they run they stimulate decules Pipe Works at Anniston, Ala. The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad velopment and the establishment of Co. is building a large foundry and more industries which contribute to machine shop at Birmingham in connection with the Alabama Steel & the betterment of these sections, Shipbuilding plant, and the American and give employment to a larger Pipe & Foundry Co. will enlarge its number of people. plant at Bessemer at a reported cost of

about \$200,000. The Eagle Iron Co. This new mileage for the country has been organized to buy and operate represents an aggregate investment a charcoal furnace at Attalla, and the of \$150,000,000. Jenifer Furnace Co., of Jenifer, Ala.,



purchased 1,800 acres of land adjacent ganization of Trusts is that they to Birmingham, with the probability of the establishment there of iron can by the employment of large cap works. A \$120,000 iron foundry has ital and better methods of producbeen established at Newport News, and the Buffalo Iron Co., of Nashville, tion put their goods upon the mar-Tenn., will blow in its furnace at Cumket for less money than separate berland Furnace P. O. The West Vir-ginia Steel Co., capital \$1,000,000, will companies or individuals engaged build a \$400,000 plant for making steel in the production of the same artisheets. A dozen or more enterprises cles could. There is doubtless an

looking to the building of machine shops, the enlargement of furnace opadvantage in very large capital and erations and the development of coal concentrated management in cheapmines are under way in different secening production, but the assertion tions of the South, while in copper mining some extensive purchases have that Trusts lower prices is purely been made of copper properties and an assumption based upon the fact large development operations will be that the prices of some things con-

trolled by Trusts are lower now This is a very good showing, and is proof of the confidence capitalthan they were before the Trusts were formed. ists have in the future of the South While this is the fact in some inas an iron producing and iron man-

stances how do these Trust apoloufacturing section. Of course we gists know that these articles would do not know how much speculation may enter into some of these not be still cheaper if there had been competition instead of a monopoly? schemes, but the fact that they have But we do know that the prices have begun work, to establish plants and been raised on a good many articles to reopen plants that have been controlled by Trusts, such as glass, closed for several years is pretty wire nails, steel billots and many good indication that they mean busiother things. Within the past few ness, that they have been organized days there has been an advance of to do business in a legitimate busi-\$10 a ton on the price of broom corn,

THE LETTUCE SHIPMENTS.

More Than 1,000 Barrels Sold Here This Week-Other Truck Shipments. More than a thousand barrels of

ettuce were shipped to the Northern markets from Wilmington during the past week, despite the fact that the crop is short in this section. This creditable shipment is, however, probably 30 per cent. less than the shipber. ments for the corresponding period last year. About 225 barrels were shipped yesterday and large quantities will go out on the morning trains today. The truckers are still receiving good prices, ranging from \$8 to \$10 per barrel. Considerable quantities of asparagus, radishes, and other seasonable truck, are also being shipped

THE CRUISER RALEIGH.

from day to day.

Gov. Russell Thinks There is Yet Proba-

bility of her Coming Here. The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday, referring to the STAR'S special from Southport indicating that the Raleigh will not visit Wilmington, says:

This is much to be regretted. It would be most appropriate to have the cruiser come to North Carolina waters, even if only for a short stay. The reasons for the decision against such a course are not known. The dispatch was yesterday called to the attention of Governor Russell, who has just returned from Washington. He said he thought the plans had been changed since the writing

of the letter; the cruiser would, he thought, come to New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Wilmington.

Local Shipping Intelligence.

The schooner C. C. Lister, Capt. Robinson, which was reported anchored off the bar during the storm Friday night has arrived at Fort Caswell, where she is discharging her cargo of coal for the Government. After discharge of the cargo she will be towed into this port to Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., for a cargo of lumber.

The Standard Oil Co.'s steamer, Maverick, Capt. Fosset, from New York, which also encountered the storm Friday night near the bar, arrived yesterday.

The schooners Gem and Wm. T. Parker went to sea yesterday.

Novel Provision.

Copies of the Revenue and Machinery Act, just from the presses of the public printer, were received here vesterday. A decidedly novel feature of the new act reads as follows:

"If any person shall, with a view to evading the payment of taxes, fail or efuse to give in to the assessor any bonds, notes, claims or other evidences of debt which are subject to taxation

under this act, the same shall not be

First Precinct-R. H. McKoy do the kissing for the whole family. Second Precinct-Theo. F. Swann. Third Precinct-M. F. Dowling. Fourth Precinct-Geo. W. Millis.

COUNTY TOWNSHIPS. Cape Fear-James Cowan. Harnett-C. H. Alexander. Masonboro-D. J. Fergus. Federal Point-J. A. Biddle. ceased ministers. It was ordered that the compensation of registrars be fixed at \$1.50 per day and the polls and registration

books be opened at the same places as on the day of election in last Novem-Provisions of the Act.

The act under which the election is called empowers the County Commissioners to submit the question to the qualified voters of New Hanover on the first Tuesday in May and expressly provides that they "shall for at least thirty days preceding said election, give public notice of said election and the purpose thereof by publication in one or more newspapers published in said county."

The act further provides that the election shall be held and conducted in the same manner as is prescribed by law for holding elections for members of the General Assembly, but empowers the county commissioners to appoint registrars, judges of election or other officers necessary, and makes it optional with them as to ordering a new registration. It was decided by the meeting yesterday afternoon to

have only a revision of the registration books of the election of November last.

Ballots to be used on the day of election are to have printed on them: "For Good Roads." or "Against Good Roads." The amount of the bonds to be voted

for is \$50,000, issued in denominations not exceeding \$1,000, and not less than \$100. Interest on the same shall not exceed five per cent. per annum, with interest coupons attached pavable semi-annually; the principal is payable or redeemable at any time not exceeding twenty-five years from the date of issue. None of the bonds so authorized shall be disposed of for a ess price than their face value and the proceeds of any sale shall be turned over to the County Treasurer,

who shall keep the amount with all accounts separate and distinct from other county funds, and shall execute a bond for the safe keeping of such funds at least fifty per cent. greater

than the amount involved. The tax for the maintenance the bonds shall be levied by the commissioners annually on the first Monday in June and is not to exceed eight cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property and twenty-five cents on the poll. It is to be collected as other taxes are paid, and shall be a separate fund

and applied first to the payment of interest on bonds and then to the creation of a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

Synod's Committee the churches the Presbytery contributed \$750, mak -Snow killed three-fourths of the uning a total of \$2,907.00 within the covered berries and one-fourth of Presbytery. From partial reports those covered. One-half of our crop was covered. Beans and potatoes that there were 58 persons received on profession of faith. The Presbytery conwere up were killed. Mr. W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, Presi-dent of the E. C. Fruit and Truck tributed \$169.30 for the Assembly's work in the Southwest and contributed \$140.77 to the fund for the aid of dis-Grower's Association - In reply to ministers and families of de yours will say that it is difficult to ap-

proximate with any degree of certainty the damage done by storm. It Presbytery adopted the following looks as though thirty-three and one ecommendations as to their work for third per cent. of berries are killed. the present year: Mr. C. M. Steinmetz, of Rose Hill-

That Revs. S. H. Isler, J. E. L. Wine-Judging from the condition of berries coff and W. M .- Shaw be re-elected in my own fields, and from berries of evangelists in their respective fields. other growers, I do not consider much, That South River, Harmony and f any damage, was done by the storm. Oak Plains be supplied by Rev. P. C. Of course such weather by no means

Morton. hastens our berries; on the contrary, 1 That candidate G. M. Matthis conregard the crop delayed, in fact believe tinue to supply the Wallace-Warsaw group until the Fall meeting of Preswe are fully two weeks behind last season. The frost last night did more damage, especially to those fields oytery. That a student be secured to supply which had been covered heretofore, as

Immanuel field until the Fall meeting the plants are much more liable to of Presbytery. damage than when not covered at all That St. Andrew's Church be perbeing considerably more tender. mitted to employ Rev. J. S. Thomas hear reports from some growers, who as an evangelist in the territory east had covered every time except last and north of Wilmington, and that he

night, that their berries are frozen be permitted to supply Verona and but do not believe the damage on the Richlands, with Jacksonville and Tar whole will exceed 5 to 10 per cent. Landing as mission points. The Fayetteville Observer of Wed That a student be secured to supply nesday says: The berry crop is conthe lower Duplin field during the sum-

siderably damaged, but to what ex-

The schooner William T. Parker.

Capt. Lynch, will be towed to sea this

morning and will sail with a cargo of

lumber for New York. Since her re-

cent fire she has been tied up here.

pending the settlement of a disagree

Respectfully, J. T. WYATT, Faith, N. C.

- The Grand Council Royal Ar

canum, of North Carolina will meet

April 19th in Greensboro. Represen-

tatives who will go from Wilmington

are Mr. I. L. Greenwald, grand vice regent; Mr. N. Jacobi, grand trustee

and Dr. Mendelshon, grand representa-

tive of Cornelius Harnett Council of

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tent, it is not yet easy to arrive at.

Schooners Cleared Yesterday.

mer months if the way be clear. That the churches of the Burgaw group be directed to confer with each other and the chairman of the Home

Mission Committee with a view to calling a pastor. That Rev. A. McFadyen be appointed to supply Cronly and Eliza bethtown. That Rev. R. V. Lancaster be ap pointed to supply Kenansville and the lower Duplin field and to continue his services to the James Sprunt Institute.

ment with regard to payment of That the minister be urged to charges for assistance rendered to raise the following amounts during her by the Pilot's Association, while this year for the cause of Presbyterian in distress on account of the fire. The Home Missions: P. H. Hoge, \$150; Peter McIntyre, \$100; St. Andrew's owner of the vessel, Mr. Wm. T. \$50; Rev. A. McFadyen, \$40; Burgaw Parker, of Maryland, was here on a group, \$40; Wallace Warsaw group \$40; R. V. Lancaster, \$15; K. McDon second trip yesterday and made final arrangements for her to sail this morn ald, \$15; P. C. Morton, \$15; J. E. L. Winecoff, \$15; W. M. Shaw, \$10; S.

ing. H. Isler, \$10. Total, \$500. The schooner Chas. H. Sprague In addition to these amounts, the Capt. McRitchie, has been cleared in First Church will continue to support ballast by Messrs. George Harriss the work at Immanuel. St. Andrew' has assumed three-fourths of the sup-Son & Co., for Georgetown, S. C.

work in the neighborhood of Wilmington, and on the W. N. & N. R. R., and members of the two churches continue their contributions to the support of Rev. R. V. Lancaster in his mission and school work.

The following resolution was unauimously adopted, to-wit:

"The Presbytery of Wilmington expresses its utter abhorrence of the practice and doctrine of polygamy, and would take this opportunity to warn all our people against the emissaries of the Mormon Church, now laboring within our bounds, and would suggest to our members the expediency of taking such action as in their judg ment may seem efficient to prevent it spread in the country and its practical recognition by the nation. And the secular papers in our territory are requested to publish this action.

Last night, by especial request of the Presbytery, Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., delivered an able and highly instruetive address upon the subject "The Lives, Labors, Homes and Habits of the Missionaries, As I Saw Them."

system under which women "go all to pieces," as the saying is, have caused much thought and investigation on the part of physicians.

Certain inorganic substances are well known to cause various forms of nervous diseases which are readily traced to the poisons producing them. Further research leads to the belief that alum is a prevailing cause of socalled nervous prostration, for the produces on the symptoms it nervous system after its absorption into the blood are very remrakable indeed. Experiments physiologically made upon animals by Orfila, Professors Hans Mayer, Paul Seim and others, show that alum frequently produces no visible symptoms for many days after its introduction into the body. Then follow loss of appetite and other ailmentary disturbances, and finally a serious prostration of the whole nervous system. The most prominent physicians now believe that "nervous prostration" and many affections of the nerves from which both men and women suffer, are caused by the continued absorption of lum into the system.

It is probable that many medical men are unaware of the extent to which salts of alumina may be introduced into the body, being under the impression that the use of alum in bread is prohibited. Alum, however, is still used surreptitiously to some extent to whiten bread and very largely in making cheap kinds of baking powder. In families where baking powder is generally used great care should be exercised to procure only those brands made from cream of tartar. The alum powders may generally be distinguished by the lower price at which they are sold.

RESCUED THREE MEN.

Captain Jorgensen Picked Up a White Man and Two Negroes in the Cape Fear River.

As the Manila was coming up from Southport on her 'regular afternoon' trip yesterday quite an exciting incident occurred about six miles below the city, by which a white man and two negroes narrowly escaped a watery grave.

A boat containing three men was

seen to put out from the shore, head-The following refers to a short par ing for mid stream, evidently intendagraph which recently appeared in an ing to intercept and get aboard the Manila. They were several hundred EDITOR MORNING STAR-Your pape yards above the steamer. They did must have a large list of subscribers, not proceed very far before the heavy breakers capsized the boat and the self-addressed stamped envelopes from people from all over the State for two three men were struggling manfully of my large gourd seed, saying that to keep their heads above water. They they saw mention of the gourd in the managed to get to a line of jetties, WILMINGTON STAR. A great many each man seizing hold of one and hold-

ing on until the Manila came up opposite them in the channel, when Capt. Jorgensen lowered a boat and went out to their rescue. The men were about exhausted and could not have held out much longer against the surging waves, which were unusually rough yesterday and last night. The white man was Mr. McCrary, a man about 60 years of age, who resides a few miles down the river.

Smallpox Quarantine Raised.

port of Rev. J. S. Thomas for missio You Are Right, Old Man, obscure position in the STAR : as I have received a large number of people will try to see who will raise the largest one for the State Fair this

fall.

this city.

