ASSETS OF THE

SUBSCRIPTION PAICE.

there be occasion for defence there. whether it be injurious to the public and against good morals. A man may burn it, but he cannot buy bricks with it and obstruct the public thoroughfare, nor house to endanger it, for he would thus be doing injury to others, so that it depends upon eircumstances whether a man can do what he pleases with his money or form combinations with others to use the common fund for certain purposes. Men have a right to use their money in any way they desire with due regard to the public welfare and the rights of others. . With this distinction it may be admitted that the organization of trusts is not without

There are others who contend that they not only have the right to exist, but are a good thing for the country and for the people because, while they concentrate capital in the development of resources, this capital enables them to cheapen production by which the people are benefitted by getting things they need at a less price than they could if the trusts were not in existence. These defenders go on the assumption that certain things produced by trusts are cheaper than they were before the trusts were organized, therefore the credit of cheapening them belongs to the trusts, which should, for that reason, be looked upon as public benefactors.

Conceding for the sake of arguis largely indebted to the South for cheaper iron and steel, which would not have been the case if trusts could have controlled Southern furnaces ten years ago and strangled competition by them.

But suppose it were true that they did reduce the price of goods they produced and sold to the people. Would that be a good defence of them and a reason why they should exist and be encouraged? Defending them on that ground is a sort of paternalistic defence, losing barrel of water and turns on a current sight altogether of other things that of electricity strong enough to knock should be considered in this connection. Cheapness of the necessaries and comforts of life is a good thing, but there are better things than cheapness, especially when in the end_this cheapness may be very dear. It is good to buy iron, steel, fruit. flour, sugar and other things for less than we had been paying, but when as an offset to this thousands ✓ of people are thrown out of employment, the iron, steel, flour, sugar, &c., cost entirely too much. But if the paternalism of a combine is good, why wouldn't the paternalism of the State be better? Some of the advocates of State paternalism have defended it divorced woman whom it was reon the ground that thus the people ported he had married. The prinwould get what they needed at cipal reason why he didn't was beactual cost and would therefore not cause she was his sister.

THE WEEKLY STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1899.

Jim-Crow Car Law Was Enforced On All Railroads Except the Wilmington Seacoast.

The divided car law was strictly observed on all the roads leading into Wilmington yesterday.

Railroad is exempted.

MARRIAGE AT SOUTHPORT.

Miss Piver Becomes the Bride of Mr

Ernest Burriss.

Southport Standard.

The Methodist church here was the

scene of a pretty church wedding last

evening, when Mr. Ernest L. Burriss,

of Wilmington, formerly of this town, led Miss Rosa L. Piver, of Southport, to the altar, where Rev. R. W. Bailey

performed the sacred rites in the pres-

On the arrival of the bridal party

Cranmer, who presided at the instru-

ment, played the popular Mendel-

Cleve Bell, Hoyle Dosher, Ike Davis

Jr., and Cecil Thomas-led the way

up the central aisle, followed by Mr.

Ike Pinner and Miss Nellie Newton:

and Mr. Robert Thompson and Miss

Hattie Fulcher, who preceded the

Wilmington, where their future home

Cigar dealers in this city and sec-

tion, who sustained losses recently by

reason of the seizure of "Jacob's"

cigars bearing counterfeit stamps, are

interested in the announcement that

the United States authorities have de-

cided upon a basis of settlement. The

dealers from whom these cigars were

seized will be required to pay the reg-

ular stamp tax, \$3.60 per thousand,

and the specific penalty, which will

not be over \$1 on each seizure, and

not on each thousand. There were

about 250,000 of these cigars with

fraudulent stamps seized, and the gov-

ernment will get its regular tax out of

the present holders. The cigars are

COL. FLEMMING GARDNER.

Monday Afternoon,

all to be released.

will be made

A Basis of Settlement.

impressive manner by the pastor.

The ushers-Messrs

ence of a great number of friends.

promptly at 8.30 o'clock, Mrs. E.

Sneeden, A. Greenblott was before Justice J. M. McGowan yesterday morning charged with the violation of a part of section 5 of article 5 of the city ordinances. The portion of the aw violated reads thus: Nor shall it be lawful for any person bringing into the city for sale in carts,

wagons or other vehicles, any fresh meats, beef, pork, mutton, game, fish, oysters, clams, garden truck or farm products, to sell, or expose, or offer he same for cash, in, any other cart, wagon or vehicle, than that in which the said articles are brought into the city. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be ined for each offence fifty dollars. Others besides Mr. Sneeden who testified to Mr. Greenblott's violation

TRIED FOR VIOLATION

OF CITY ORDINANCE.

Desier in Country Produce Violates Sec-

tion Pive of Article Five-Taxed

With the Costs.

On a warrant sworn out by J. S.

of the law were T. H. Johnson, W. M. Sneeden, S. Allen and J. Laughlin. These had seen him selling from his cart garden produce which had been ransferred from another cart. He did not deny this, but as he did not know he was violating a city ordinance, thought he ought not to be punished even lightly, and talked of taking an appeal, after the court, upon the suggestion of Mayor Waddell, had remitted the fine, and only taxed him with the costs, amounting to something over our dollars.

Of course it will be understood that ne ordinance is to prevent huckstering in the vicinity of the market house by any persons except those regularly

TRUCKING NEAR WILMINGTON

The Admirable Facilities for Growing All Kinds of Summer and Winter Vegetables.

What elegant soil this section of country has for the cultivation of vegetables was admirably shown at the market yesterday by a single cart load of vegetables. These vegetables were grown on a piece of poor ground (as the renter described it) near Oakdale cemetery. There were beets, Irish potatoes, lettuc?, squash, cabbage, parsley, radishes, not to speak of a number of other vegetables which the rain of Friday afternoon prevented from being gathered.

What makes the capabilities of the soil and the advantages of climatic conditions more marked is the fact that the land was practically unused to truck. Mr. W. J. Kirkham, the gentleman who is cultivating the little truck farm referred to, says another year he will grow a number of vegetables hitherto unknown in these parts. Among the things he will cuitivate is the rhubarb plant. There is no question but that Wilmington has much to expect from its trucking in-

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Charlotte News: The Masons of Charlotte are seriously considering the erection of a handsome temple The matter has been talked of consid erably of late and, while nothing definite has been arranged, there is every reason to believe that a handsome structure will be built in the near future. At present the, Charlotte lodges of Masons has \$20,000 in cash. Several of the large resort hotels in the mountains are instaling acetylene gas plants.

- Columbus News: The berry season is now about over. Since the demoralization of the Northern markets a number of the growers have been shipping to Southern cities, realizing pretty fair returns for their fruit. -They say that Columbus county soil is not suitable for growing wheat, but we have never seen finer samples than those sent us this week by Dr. C. G. Wyche and Mr. H. B. Register. Both the samples were five feet six inches in height. Mr. Register says he has four acres from which he expects to

gather one hundred bushels. - Mount Airy News: The Mount Airy Granite Company ships daily large quantities of fine stone to different parts of the country. Many of the blocks sent out by the company are beauties-perhaps the finest granite in the United States - The apple trees in this section are looking badly. One of our citizens, who was among the first to notice that something was wrong, tells us that a small worm is the cause of all this trouble. The lit tle mischievous rascal bores a hole in the tender twig where this year's growth begins and thus destroys the fruit. The branches die as soon as the

- Sanford Express: Strawberry growers lost heavily this year. We learn that Mr. Henry Petty, one of the leading fruit growers of this county, made some shipments of strawberries on which he failed realize enough money to pay the freight. - Mr. N. T. Maxwell received a letter from a gentleman of Baltimore the other day stating that 'Owing to a strong northwest wind blowing here and through Virginia the pigeons liberated by you at San-ford on the 21st inst., made slow time. The first birds arrived at about 4 o'clock P. M., averaging 962.91 yards per minute. We are so well pleased with the treatment received that we shall, in the future, fly from your station in the old and young bird races." The Express stated last week that seven of these pigeons had re-mained and decided to make Sanford their home. They have been missing since Saturday and it is presumed that they have returned to

Baltimore. - "It's a dead country," exclaimed the editor of the defunct newspaper. "The people don't read, the merchants don't advertise, and the trusts pay only starvation rates for not being assaulted."-Puck.

- Customer-"Are my clothes ready?" Tailor-"Not yet, sir." Cuspression that has gotten out that he was to have been a witness in the counterfeiting cases is a mistaken one.

to June 15th.

On the Carolina Central trains the colored passengers all rode in one car, which is divided into first class and second class compartments of equal size. Over the entrance to the front end of the car appears in aluminum letters the words "Second Class Car for Colored People." In the same way above the entrance to the rear end are the words "First Class Car for Colored People." The first class compartment is handsomely fitted up with marble basin and other conveniences. The profitable. second class part has the usual accom-The market, while not quotably modations. Two other cars, one first class car for whites and one second

class car for whites, make up the train except on extraordinary occasions. The color line was drawn rigidly, of course, yesterday, in compliance with the law. Capt. W. L. Beery said he had no difficulty in enforcing the regu-A description of the divided cars on the Coast Line has previously appeared in the STAR. The law was observed without difficulty or misunderstanding. The Wilmington Seacoast

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT

Bowling Alley Blown Down, Killing One Person and Injuring Twelve

A special to the Charlotte Observer, dated June 1, has the following about a distressing accident at the State

"A working party of thirty-four patients in the front grounds of the State Hospital here to-day, ran under the bowling alley to escape a rain. The wind blew the building down, killing outright one patient and in-

bride and groom elect. The short ceremony was then performed in an The decoration of the edifice was arranged very nicely with evergreens, plants, and a profusion of flowers of After the ceremony a reception was tendered the happy twain at the home of Mr. Alfred Burriss, the father of the The couple leave on to day's boat for

best we can. "LATER-Examination shows the ollowing injuries: Farley, both legs broken in the collapse, condition serious; Slater, internal injuries, unknown extent, will probably die; Krider, injured in hip; Burde, broken thigh; Green, dislocated hip; Mc-Pheeters, arm broken; Dickson, both egs broken-compound fractures. All the others appear to have slight injuries, though further examination may show more extended hurts. The medical staff is well nigh exhausted by ceaseless labor; the surgeons are doing heroic service, as indeed all are, including the better class of patients. The situation is complicated by the quarantine. Additional surgical help s expected to morrow from the num-

the meeting of the Medical Society.

DR. P. L. MURPHY.

A Captured Murderer is Photographed. His Picture, Weight and Height Funeral at Christiansburg, Virginia, Last Sent to Florence.

A dispatch to the Richmond, Va. James Creech, the negro who was Times, May 30th, from Christiansburg, says: "The funeral of Colonel Flemming

Gardner, who died in South Carolina last Saturday, took place at the Pres byterian Church here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after which his remains were interred in the cemetery south of Rev. T. W. Hooper conducted the

funeral services "Colonel Gardner, who was born in this town eighty-four years ago, was the most distinguished and well known civil engineer in the South. He has been one of the most generous and benevolent men ever known, giving away almost his entire earnings year after year until his death. No one will be missed more than he by his host of relatives and friends. "He lived a bachelor all his life."

BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

Hon. John D. Bellamy, Congressman-Elect From the Sixth District.

Hon. John D. Bellamy arrived here

from Washington city yesterday morn

Depositions in the contest case from the Sixth Congressional District were opened by Hon. Alexander McDowell, Clerk of the House of Representatives, at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon All printed documentary evidence and newspapers, many of which were filed by Col. Dockery, were ruled out, and will therefore not appear in the printed evidence. Exceptions to the testimony were made anew and prepared for the committee on elections as soon as it shall be appointed by the next Speaker.

Low Water in Black River.

The steamer E. A. Hawes, Capt. Black, did not arrive yesterday morning as usual. Mr. James Madden, the agent, thinks that the delay is due to the low water in Black River. The greatest inconvenience from low water s experienced later in the Summer, but Mr. Madden is in receipt of a letter from Col. W. S. Cook, of Fayetteville, general manager of the Cape Fear River Transportation Company, saying there is an immediate prospect of trouble from this source.

PROPOSED PEANUT TRUST.

The Option Has Expired, But the Promoters Are Seeking Extension

[Special to Baltimore Sun.]

NORFOLK, VA., June 1. - The options upon the peanut cleaning plants in Virginia secured by Charles E. W. Smith, of New York, who seeks to form a trust, expired to day. Mr. Smith has, however, asked for another extension to June 15. The pro-moter states that he will be able to close the deal if given the extension, and although the cleaners generally are granting his request they appear indifferent as to whether or not the combination is formed. This is due to the fact that because of the active demand and advancing market the business has been this season very

higher, perhaps, is very strong, and it is stated that fancy farmers' stock will bring 35 cents a pound in this market. Some cleaners have to-day again advanced their prices, and it is probable that farmers' stock will advance in sympathy when this becomes known in the country. Well informed dealers say that only five or six thousand bags of Virginia farmers' goods are held here by commission merchants, and comparatively high prices recent y prevailing have drained the country districts of stock. The takings of the trade are large and in some quarters much higher prices are expected. When the country is prosperous, the consumption of nuts, dealers say, is arge, and peanuts have gone out from here in a stream for some months. The new crop is five months away and some operators say that there is not three months' supply in sight.

THE STATE HOSPITAL

Others.

Hospital:

jured twelve others, more or less seri-

"The following is the list of casualies: Sawyer, killed; Slater, Vanover, Farley, Krider and Burde, seriously injured; Burnett, McPeters, Greenlee, Freen, Staley, Dickson and Houston, njured to an unknown extent, as at this time the injured have not been carefully examined. Everything posbeing done for the injured. The friends of the patients will be kept informed of their condition as

bers of doctors at Asheville, attending

Superintendent. HIS PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN.

held in jail as stated in the STAR yesterday until evidence of his theft of a pair of shoes could be gotten, has a graver charge against him-that of committing murder in Florence, S. C., The news printed in the STAR was that given out by the lieutenant of police who was under the impression that the fact of the negro's being suspected of murder was to be withheld from the

Creech's photograph was made yesterday morning by direction of Chief of Police E. G. Parmele. It was sent to Florence together with figures showing the prisoner's height and weight.

Creech claims never to have been in South Carolina, but there are those who say they have seen him there. The authorities at Florence offer a liberal reward for him if he turns out to be the right man.

PROFITS OF COTTON MILLS. Big Earnings of the Mills in South Caro-

lina-The Banks Congested With Dividend Money.

Persons who have capital to invest nay read with profit the followin from the Columbia State: "A Greenville dispatch says that in

the past year Piedmont cotton mill has earned \$200,000, Pelzer \$285,000, Clifton \$270,000 and Pacolet \$230,000, a total of nearly \$1,000,000 profits for four mills. The earnings of the big mills around Spartanburg are said to have ranged from 20 to 25 per cent. on the capital stock. The banks there are congested with dividend money. Small wonder that the Piedmont section prospers when it gets such returns from its factories. All our mills are making money, but if those in that quarter are making more money than others it is because their managers are older hands at the business and from practice more expert.

A heavy freight train, entering a siding at Montgomery, a station on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was lost control of by the engineer. The engine and cars crashed into another train standing on the main line, wrecking eight cars and turning the engine over. No one was hurt.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR

William Hazeldon Ellerbee Died Yesterday at His Home Near Dillon.

South Carolina. By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

NO. 34

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Sold at Auction Yesterday Morning by

Homer J. Clark, of Goldsboro,

Receiver.

Nearly two hundred thousand dol-

ars in assets of the First National

Bank of Wilmington was sold at

auction yesterday at 10 o'clock, at the

court house door, for \$75.00 to E. K.

Bryan, Esq., the bid being afterwards

privately raised to \$83,00 by Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Homer J. Clark, of Goldsboro,

receiver, read the terms of the sale

and asked E. K. Bryan, Esq., to con-

duct the sale. The property was sold

in four classes, bills receivable, judg-

ments, overdrafts and miscellaneous.

Each item in each class was taken up

separately and bid off, then bids were

made in the aggregate of each class,

and finally the aggregate of all the

Bills receivable went at any old

price-one for over thirteen thousand

dollars was knocked down for ten

cents, while another for eighteen

thousand brought thirty five cents.

The aggregate of the bid for bills re-

ceivable was \$7.10, the bids in detail

ranging from one cent to \$3.30.

Among the bidders for this and the

other classes of assets were Messrs.

E. K. Bryan, S. P. Collier, A. F.

Toon (of Whiteville), W. L. Smith

The judgments brought slightly

better prices, one of them going as

high as ten dollars. Overdrafts were

not in demand, and the whole lot of

sixty or seventy, as bid off in detail.

sold for only seventeen cents. The

total of the bids for miscellaneous as-

sets, including two interest coupons

on bonds of Augusta, Gibson and

Sandersville Railroad Company, and

interest coupons of the city of Wil-

mington, amounted to forty-one

In the sale by classes bills receiv-

able were bid in by Mr. A. F. Toon at

\$7.15, an advance of five cents over

Mr. S. P. Collier bid in the judg-

ments in a lump at \$65,75, the bids in

detail footing up \$27.17. One of these

judgments amounted to nearly \$35,-

000. Overdrafts were run up from

seventeen to thirty cents by Mr. A. F.

Toon. Miscellaneous assets were also

bid in by Mr. A. F. Toon for forty-two

cents, one cent more than the total of

Lastly the aggregate of all the as-

sets was put up and sold to E. K.

Bryan for \$75, a sum slightly in excess

of the total of the bids for the classes

in the aggregate. The receiver re-

served the acceptance of the bid, and

subsequent offers, after the public sale

had been concluded, were made until

bids as made separately.

the total of the bids in detail.

claims was bid off.

and J. D. Smith.

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 2.-Wiliam Hazeldon Ellerbee, Governor of South Carolina, died near Dillon this evening. About two weeks ago he went, in the last stage of consumption, from the Governor's residence at Columbia, where he had been an invalid for months, to his plantation home, in Marion county. He was a descendant of Captain Thomas Ellerbee, of Marion's bridge, who came to this State from Virginia in 1737. He was born, 1862 and educated at Wofford College and Vanderbilt University. He was a planter and a merchant at the inception of the Tillman morement in 1868, and was elected comptroller general in 1890. In 1893 he was defeated as governor. In 1895 he was elected Governor, carrying every county in the State except one, receiving the votes of many conservatives, as he had proclaimed his deter-

mination to know no faction. When the Spanish war was proclaimed he promptly seconded the call of the President for volunteers and his appointment of officers gave general satisfaction. In 1898 he was re-elected Governor after a hot campaign and a most formidable opposition, many conservatives claiming that he had not fulfilled his pledges. He warmly approved the Spanish war, saying in his speech to the volun-teers: "We are all Americans. The sentiment of every American, yea, of every South Carolinian, is expressed, that faction will not divide us, that sectionalism will not destroy this republic. Its borders shall be extended, its commerce shall float upon every sea, its stars shall be trebled, and its institutions flourish until time is no We fought to destroy the Union, but we were right in principle. We were whipped and are now in the

Jnion to stay. His domestic life has been a happy and beautiful one. He leaves his widow and six children valuable landed estates in Marion county. He will be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Miles B. McSweeney, of Hampton county, a former Charleston printer boy, who has risen to the top through his own exertions.

ARTIFICIAL COTTON.

Process for Making Fibre From Wood of the Fir Tree-An Austrian Invention.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, June 2.—Consul Mahin, of Rechenberg, Austria, under date of April 21st, quotes an account in a local newspaper of a process for making artificial cotton from the wood of the fir tree. It appears that the which are placed in a washing apparatus, exposed to the influence of steam for ten hours. They are then subjected to a strong preparation of sodium lye and are heated under great pressure for thirty six hours. The wood is now changed to pure celluose, and to give this a greater resisting power some castor oil, caffeine and gelatin are added. The substance is then put into an apparatus and made into threads, which are reeled.

The article concludes: "Artificial cotton can be porduced so cheaply that the genuine article can hardly compete with it and one cannot say that it is a sham, for it is composed, exactly as the natural cotton, of pure celluose.

Mr. Martin addds: "In a country such as this, where forests of fire trees bound and are made perennial by constant re planting as the large trees are cut down, and where all the cotton used in the numerous factories must be brought from far India and the United States, such a device should be profitable.

ary Hester's statement of the world's

visible supply of cotton shows a de-

crease for the week just closed of 150,-

760 bales, against a decrease of 131,722

last year and a decrease of 48,145 in

The total visible is 3,521,410 bales.

against 3,672,170 last week and 2,869,-

111 last year. Of this the total of Amer-

ican cotton is 3,245,410 bales, against

3,360,170 last week and 2,594,111 last

year, and of all other kinds, including

Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 276,000 bales,

against 312,000 last week and 275,000

A SWINDLER ARRESTED.

Charged With Forgery in Elizabeth City,

N. C., and Other Towns in the South.

Held for Extradition.

By Telegraph to the morning Star.

NEW YORK, Tune 2.-Grover C.

Holly, a young man 28 years of age,

who said he was a plumber by occupa-

tion, living in Jersey City, was ar-

raigned in a police court in Jersey City

to-day, on complaint of Sheriff M. G.

Grandy, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sheriff Grandy accused Holly of

swindling and forgery in North Caro-

It is said that Holly swindled peo-

ple on a bogus real estate deal. It is

alleged that he would represent to a

party of capitalists in a town that he

was going to build a sanitarium there.

for a much larger sum than the value

of the property, receiving a difference

in cash from the owners of the land.

The checks were afterwards found to

be worthless. One particular instance

is that of a check on the First Na-

tional Bank of Elizabeth City, N. C.,

for \$141. It is also said that he passed

a worthless check for \$149, drawn on

the First National Bank of Pensacola,

Holly was arrested at his home

would offer to pay for

site with a check drawn

lina and in other cities in the South.

ast year.

the

the figures were run up to \$83. This was Mr. E. K. Bryan's offer, and it was finally accepted by the receiver. Yesterday's sale is one of the last transactions of the final winding up of the business of the First National Bank. It closed its doors November COTTON MOVEMENT. 24th, 1893, and went into the hands of receiver December 1st of the same The Decrease in the World's Visible Supyear. Receiver Clark says there will

ply-Hester's Statement. probably be one more dividend, of per-By Telegraph to the Morning Star. haps one per cent. New Orleans, La., June 2. - Secre-

But Came Very Near Taking Out a Marriage License Through Mistake-A Laughable Occurrence.

WANTED TO LIST TAXES.

A man walked into the Register Deeds' office yesterday and asked if it it was the place to do the grand act. What else was Register Biddle to think than that the interrogator was asking in a modestly indirect way to take out a marriage licenses. The usual questions were asked. Name, residence and age were given and clearly recorded on the books. Then the names of the father and mother were asked, and perhaps there was a trace of consternation on visitor's countenance. But the Recorder did not notice it, and deferentilly asked the name of the lady.

The wonder grew on the young man's face and he said he never heard of any lady, which was just an emphatic way of saying that none of the oppo site sex was connected with the object of his visit to the court house.

Then it was Register Biddle's turn to be astonished. On his remarking that it was rather a queer proceeding for a man to come after a marriage license and not know the name of the lady he was going to marry, the terribly confused young man ended as he had begun, by asking a question, but this time a very direct one—"Isn't this the place to list taxes?"

- Elizabeth City Economist: sapsucker bug is sucking the young corn to death in the Sound Neck see tion of Pasquotank county. We are told that some of the farmers have replanted their crops, but the new sucker bugs have attacked the second crop and destroyed it. It is said to be th most destructive bug that has troubled them for many years.

A Mother's Hope is that when her are born, they will ous and healthy. Herhopes will be fully realized if she will prepare herself during pregnancy with MOTHER'S FRIEND, the

which so many women use. It not

only paves the way for easy de-

livery, but insures strength and

vigor to the new-born.
Sold by Draggists for \$1 a bottle.
Sold for or fire libraried book about MOTHER'S PRIEND.
THE SEADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlants, Ga.

Jersey City to-day. He was remanded until extradition papers could be received for his removal to North Caro-

THE ALASKAN BORDER.

Negotiations to Avert Danger of a Hostile Collision During the Present Season. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, June 3.-It is learned at the State Department that the negotiations now inLondon between Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury relate entirely to the arrangement of a modus vivendi, to avert the danger of a hostile callision on the Alaskan border, during the present season at least. It is expected to resume the negotiations for the settlement of the whole boundary question when Sir Julian Pauncefote returns to Washington from the Hague There is every reason to believe the attempt to secure a modus vivendi will succeed, but the basis cannot be disclosed at this time.

8888888888888888 #42588651884885188 VOL. XXX. 228428228822521422 be putting their hands into their 55888884428888888 pockets to pay profits to combines. 88888888888888888 The contention for State paternal-ism is as logical as the defence of 8888888888888888 combine paternalism, and State paternalism is what the trust busi-ness may culminate in if it should become a fixed thing. It isn't such a long step from the paternalism of 33888888888888888888 the trust to the paternalism of the *************** State, for it may be argued that if a combine with a handful of millions can be such a public beneficiary

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he subscription price of the We-ly Star is as

THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY BAD. It was not to be expected that the trusts which have become so numerous, and are becoming more numerous in this country, would be without defenders, for commanding money as they do they find no difficulty in securing champions to do talking for them before the public, and to defend them in the courts if There are those who contend that men with money have a right to form combinations to carry on their business. No one will dispute that provided that be all. But it is not all. It all depends on what is meant by such a combination, whether it contribute to the general good, or with money may throw it into the effort; that is indefensibly and river if he feels like it, or he

mate it near enough to a neighbor's

some plea of justification.

ment this assumption to be correct, it doesn't amount to anything because the tendency of the times is to cheaper production and business rivalry has produced a lessening of prices. This was one of the logical results of competition and operated as actively if not more actively in the absence as in the presence of trusts and applies quite as much, if not more so, to articles not produced by trusts than it does to articles pro-

duced by them. The price of iron and steel has been declining for ten years. Iron was started perceptibly on the down grade when Southern furnaces became competitors of Northern furnaces, so that the counby, and the world for that matter,

that trust and give the people the benefit of the profits that go to enrich the members of the trust. But whether trusts reduce the price of goods or not they are essen-

tially bad because the trust idea is based on monopoly by absorbing or freezing out competition, and monopoly is bad, for monoplies that fear no competition and feel secure of the ground they hold will become arbitrary and despotic, and will have things their own way as far as they can, whether that way suit others or not, and regardless of what others may think of it. Whatever the price of goods may be, dear or cheap | participants were not given nor the will be a bad day for this country when the trusts become such masters of the situation that they can dictate to the producers of the raw materials and to the labor they employ. What this country needs is competition in business for that stimulates activity and individual effort, which makes men more resourceful and self-reliant; that is good; but not monopoly that limits activity and crushes individual

essentially bad.

PLATFORM ROT. Boss Hanna and Boss Cox formed a combine and got their grip on the Ohio State convention and it performed just as they pulled the strings. But the only thing, however, in that convention which interests people outside of Ohio is the platform adopted, for that being Mr. McKinley's State, and the convention being largely run by Mr McKinley's manager, Hon. Mark Hanna, the platform foreshadows the platforms that will be promulgated by other Republican State conventions, and by the na-

tional convention when it meets. Of course there is more or less stereotype in this platform, arraigning the Democratic party for sins of commission and omission, and congratulating the country on eminent success achieved by the Republican administration in carrying out Republican policies: but the noticeable features are the gall which claims for the Republican administration the glory of the war with Spain, when the whole world knows that the administration was forced into that war by a popular sentiment that it dare not resist, because it feared the effect of such resistance upon the party which it represents. Mr. McKinley has substantially admitted this. Senator Hanna has also admitted it, Secretary Alger also, and other prominent

Republicans, who have appeared as defenders of or apologists for the administration in accounting for the blunders committed. That claim was an exhibition of

colossal cheek, but the denunciation of trusts and demand for legislation to prevent their organization is an exhibition of buncombe that equals in proportions the colossal cheek of the war glory claim. The fake in this may be seen through when it is understood that this convention was mainly manipulated by Mark Hanna, who is in the trusts, and as one of the engineers of a ship-building trust injected a plank into that platform demanding bounties and subsidies for ship-builders and owners, under the hypocritical pretence of encouraging the re-establishment of an American merchant marine. As

daisy. Some electrical genius out West has discovered a way to preserve eggs by electricty. He first places the eggs in an exhauster and exhausts the air in and around them, then puts a coat of air proof stuff on them, then immerses them into a the stuffing out of any germs that might have survived the previous operations. Now all the man with a hennery has to do is to provide himself with the necessary outfit of machinery and preserve his own hen

a sample of rot this platform is a

A plant has been put into operation at Medora, Colorado, for converting horses into "beef." It is somewhat of an experiment and will convert only 100 a day until they see how the horses go, when they will increase accordingly.

Mr. Paderewski didn't marry that

WINNING FRIENDSHIP. A Manila press dispatch announces that the Peace Commission has

struck on a unique plan for fostering friendship between the Americans and Filipinos, which is nothing more nor less than a series of festivities which opened with a grand ball at the residence of the commission in which there was a bewildering galaxy of Philippine beauty arrayed in gorgeous trappings and dazzling jewelry and in which the and enrich themselves at the same gay and festive participants tripped

time, then the State with its rea the -light fantastic in the sources could do the business of reciprocal mazes of the American and Philippine dance, while the surroundings were gaily festooned with the cheerful drapery of American bunting. The ball was a success, as far as the ball performance went, and no doubt it was highly enjoyed by those who partici-

pated. We congratulate the commission on this cute scheme, because if it can convince the Filipinos, who are said to be somewhat given to frivolity and giddiness, that this country believes in fun and it gets the women on its side, it will make a ten-strike. The names of the costumes of the ladies, from which

we take it for granted that the regular ball reporter wasn't there, or may be it would have cost too much to cable it, but as there was no intimation that Aguinaldo or Gen. Luna or any of those fellows figured in the mazes of the dance or took a hand or foot in the festivities we conclude that they were not "in it." This may have been an oversight, or they may have been too much engaged with other matters to come, but when the commission gives its next ball no efforts should be spared to secure their presence, for certainly it wouldn't take more than two balls like that to capture them, and that would be a heap wiser

ing stuff. Let the festivities continue. On with the dance. Carl Brown must be getting short of cash or something. He is talking of organizing another "Coxev army" to march to Washington. But Peffer will not be there to welcome them, nor Senator Allen to defend them if

and cheaper than trying to get 'em

with cannon balls and other shoot-

they get upon the grass. The Japanese government solved the problem of sanitation for one of the towns there, with a population of 40,000, by building a town near by on a better location, moving the inhabitants and then burning the

The "tallest man" in this country, A. J. Powell, of Texas, who measures seven feet three and a half inches, and weighs 245 pounds, and for several years performed with Barnum's circus, is now a gay and

festive drummer. This is the season when the lucky farmer ploughs up that "pot of gold." It has already been ploughed np in North Carolina and in Delaware. North Carolina always gets

the start in ploughing it up. Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, declares that he drinks nothing stronger than lemonade, and yet he claims to be a thoroughbred Kentuckian. It may, however, be a

Kentucky brand of lemonade. In addition to the Dreyfus racket the giddy French are now making much fuss in lionizing Gen. Marchand, who made that famous march in Africa, and is now back in

A man died in New York a few days ago aged \$1 years. His premature demise is attributed to excessive indulgence in tea and coffee. A Western paper reports "hail-

stones as large as cherries." Pshaw!

Nothing smaller than goose eggs, hen eggs, or at least walnuts, count down here.

Col. F. W. Foster's Gift. The Winston-Salem Journal of the second instant in reporting a recent meeting of Demon Lodge, K. of P., in that city, has the following which will be of interest to STAR readers:

Mr. E. A. Ebert, supreme represen-

tative, on behalf of Col. F. W. Fos-

lodge with a very pretty and notable gavel. The Keeper of Seals and Records was instructed to write Mr. Foster a letter of thanks. The gavel was made from the timber of the house of the first Governor of North Carolina, Cornelius Harnett, which was located near Wilmington. The head of the gavel was made of

red cedar taken from the corner post

of the house and the handle of walnut taken from the sideboard. Cornelivs Harnett, one of the Revolutionary patriots of the Cape Fear section, was never Governor of North Carolina. STAR.

- Mr. A. B. Shiver, one of the employes of the Wilmington Iron Works, is quite sick from the effects of getting overheated. The STAR is requested by some of his friends to say that the imIN EFFECT YESTERDAY.