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ple with a sufficiency of currency, the volume amounting to double as much per capita as the American people have who have twice as much use for money as the French have.

The fact is there is not a European Government of any respectability which has not a more efficient banking system than we have, if ours may be properly called a banking system at all.

If the financing statesmen would give some time to studying the banking systems of other countries, would quit worshipping the national banks, and free themselves from the insane fear of or prejudice against banks that have not the prefix "national" to them, they could easily devise a good banking system.

Secretary Gage has taken a deep interest in the subject of *rational*, rather than national banks, and has endeavored to do something in the way of bank reform which would utilize the bankable assets of the country to supply the currency it needs, but the statesmen have given little heed to his views. He stands alone, among the President's official family, as the advocate of banking reform, or of giving the country a more efficient banking system. He urges the importance of this in his last annual report, commenting upon which the Philadelphia Times says:

"The operation of a modern banking system, by which otherwise unemployed accumulations of capital are made available for the employment in currency when currency is needed, and returns to the banks when the demand has passed, is so natural, so scientific and safe and so well understood everywhere but in the United States, that the superannuated crudity of our own unscientific and inelastic currency plans is one of the marvels of the age. Yet it is scarcely probable that Congress will pay any attention at this time to even the most elementary principles which the Secretary expounds."

"If we can get the small but important measure of currency reform proposed in the caucus bill, with provision for ever so slight an adaptability in the volume of national bank notes, we shall do as well as can be expected from this Congress. The rustic distrust of banks must first be overcome by making possible the establishment of banks in agricultural sections. When people learn that a bank is simply a means of facilitating the employment of the combined capital of the community, and as they can learn the use and the advantages of banking facilities, the rural Congressman will be more ready to consider a reasonable revision of the national banking system."

The Times, like many others, has little hope of any relief from this Congress, but it isn't, as it seems to think, because the "rural Congressmen" are influenced by their "rural" constituents, but because they do not want to do anything which might deprive the national banks, which are the progeny of the Republican party, of the monopoly of the paper currency which they have so long enjoyed.

THE TOBACCO GROWERS

A considerable number of the tobacco growers of this State met at Raleigh last Wednesday to discuss the situation and see if some way could not be devised to better their condition. According to the Raleigh papers there was a good deal of intelligent discussion, the sum and substance of which was that the tobacco planters should organize and fight the trust organization with counter organization. A very good suggestion as far as it goes, but one that cannot be effectively carried out for the reason that the tobacco growers are distributed over too wide an area and a sufficient number could not be enrolled in the organization to make it effective.

The tobacco growers are to all intents and purposes in the same boat with the cotton growers, or rather in a worse predicament, for tobacco is largely controlled by trusts, while cotton is not. But the area in cultivation of both has been too largely extended and the output too much increased.

While some growers make their crops pay handsomely they are the ones who give special attention to the crop, and put it on the market in a shape to invite competition in bids and bring a good price while common or average tobacco may be a drug and command little more than the actual cost of production, if so much. A small crop well cultured, well cured, and well put up for market, will pay better than a big crop slovenly handled. Any tobacco buyer or manufacturer will attest the truth of this.

A good suggestion was made by one of the speakers who urged the establishment of manufacturing by the tobacco growers, who would thus reap the benefit that the buyer and manufacturer reaps. This could be done in some localities where tobacco is largely grown. Of course these planter-manufacturers would have to compete against the trusts, but if they turned out good work they could do that.

Paderevski, the pianist, has arrived in this country, with a wife and minus his big shock of hair. Sensible fellow. A head of hair like he wore would have been a great temptation in case of domestic misunderstandings.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

We clip the following from the Raleigh Post in reference to a movement by the State Agricultural Department, in which the farmers of the State are very much interested:

"The Board of Agriculture held a rather long session yesterday, and did much business. It took a step in a new direction, a most important step, in which the farmers will find much to cause satisfaction. The board will have a survey of the State made to show the adaptability of lands to the various crops and the proper proportion of fertilizers to bring such lands to the highest production."

"The State Chemist was directed to investigate the soils of the State by chemical and physical analyses with a view to classifying and mapping them, and to make fertilizer experiments upon the typical soil. A committee consisting of Colonel Cunningham, chairman of the board; A. T. McCallum and Dr. W. R. Capehart, was appointed to assist the Commissioner of Agriculture and State Chemist in carrying out this work. Plans are partly made, and it is proposed to begin by January 1st. Perhaps only one section will be selected as the subject of next year's work. The committee met last evening to map out its work."

"Only two States in the South—Louisiana and Georgia—have already taken this important step. It will require several years for the State Chemist to complete this work, but when it is done it will not only give the Commissioner of Immigration authoritative information to work on, but will enable the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Secretary to furnish specific advice to inquiries relative to what crops can be grown on his lands and what fertilizers are required. The importance of this step cannot be over-estimated."

It will be a great aid to the farmers to know just what kind of lands they have, and the right kinds and right quantities of fertilizer to use on the various crops they raise, a subject on which very few are well informed as they should be, in consequence of which many of them spend money unnecessarily, and instead of benefiting the crops they grow injure them and injure the land upon which they are grown.

As an illustration: We have in Eastern North Carolina a number of varieties of marl all of which are more or less valuable as fertilizers, and some of them abundant. These marls are well adapted to some lands provided judiciously applied, but not adapted to others, while there is danger of using too much and injuring the land, when the proper quantity would have produced fine results. Without a land analysis the only way the farmer can tell what kind to use or how much is by tests, made by himself or others, but each one has to act for himself. With such aid as the Department of Agriculture proposes to give the farmer will have some guide and can then pursue his individual experiments to much better purpose, and with more satisfactory results.

The late John L. Blair, of New Jersey, who started life with nothing left a fortune estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$60,000,000. He was the richest man in Jersey. The size of the fortune accumulated is not so remarkable as the fact that it was done by his own, unaided, honest efforts. He made most of it with iron.

A Hungarian in Pennsylvania is in a strange predicament. He got sick, was sent to a hospital and a fellow Hun, who was hungry for his job, forged a certificate of his death and got the job. The sick man recovered, but he can't recover his lost job until he proves that he isn't dead.

The English people are becoming very much riled over the liberties the French illustrated papers are taking with their queen, who seems to be a favorite subject of the caricaturist. They propose to cut the Paris exposition on account of those Victorian cuts in the French papers.

The three leading Southern cotton-manufacturing States are South Carolina, with 75 mills, 1,355,338 spindles, consuming 438,876 bales; North Carolina, with 168 mills, 1,031,268 spindles, consuming 380,231 bales, and Georgia, with 67 mills, 696,394 spindles, consuming 280,177 bales.

The bubonic plague has reached Japan. Five cases and three deaths have been reported at Kobe, and fears are entertained that it may spread and get beyond the reach of the doctors. It is said to have been brought into the country in cotton imported from China.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for a constitutional amendment to remove the obstacles to an income tax. The last income tax law was inoperative, because pronounced unconstitutional.

White wives are at a premium among the swarthy denizens of South Africa. It is said the Boers are offering them white wives as an inducement to join them in the racket against John Bull, and lots of them are tumbling at the offer.

Mr. Graw, the opera engineer, says he lost \$20,000 in twenty-two performances in Chicago, and is growing about it.

COUNTY TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Has Been Prepared for Transmission to County Commissioners—Finances of New Hanover for Fiscal Year.

County Treasurer H. McL. Green has prepared his annual statement of receipts and disbursements of the county funds for the fiscal year ended December 1st last and the same will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

When Treasurer Green came into office he had left over from the last fiscal year \$1,623.71 and after liquidating notes to the National Bank of Wilmington aggregating \$16,800, mention of which was recently made in the STAR, he has a balance of the general fund left to the new fiscal year of \$3,959.84, indicating the very healthy financial condition of the county under the new Democratic regime.

The report in detail is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance December 1st, 1898	\$ 1,623.71
Sh. rit. E. Hewlett general taxes	8,181.69
Sh. rit. E. Hewlett school taxes	1,254.46
Sheriff Walter G. MacRae general taxes	3,871.41
Sheriff Walter G. MacRae school taxes	3,088.57
Robert Moore, chairman, 2-1/2%	298.10
Roger Moore, chairman, 2-1/2%	194.81
Roger Moore, chairman, back hire	64.50
W. H. Biddle, registrar, marriage license	395.03
Jno. D. Taylor, C. S. C. jury tax	45.80
Notes discounted with Nat'l Bank	6,000.00
Total	\$25,844.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

By warrants paid	\$29,374.77
Notes paid Nat'l Bank	1,099.59
To balance, commissions	8,269.81
Total	\$38,744.17

Of the special county fund there were \$448.95 left on hand December 1st, 1899, and Treasurer Green closed the last fiscal year with a balance left to the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1899, amounting to \$2,704.91. The tax from ex Sheriff E. Hewlett to the State amount of \$2,745.60, and from Sheriff Walter G. MacRae in the sum of \$2,000.00. The disbursements consisted of coupons paid amounting to \$2,400.00, with Treasurer's commissions of \$89.64, leaving a balance as stated above.

Treasurer Green's November Statement.

The regular monthly report of receipts and expenditures for the month of November, has also been submitted as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance October account	\$41,050.99
Property tax	15,496.41
Back tax	186.84
Marriage license	25.00
Sh. rit. E. Hewlett tax	283.25
Back hire from	91.20
Total	\$58,083.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Out door poor	\$ 487.70
City Hospital	269.35
Bounty Home	127.45
Roads and bridges	217.45
County fees	67.48
Public Buildings	247.86
Jail expenses	247.86
Public Printing	247.86
Sh. rit. E. Hewlett tax	283.25
Sh. rit. W. G. MacRae tax	3,871.41
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	298.10
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Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	64.50
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	395.03
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	45.80
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	6,000.00
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	1,099.59
Sh. rit. R. Moore tax	8,269.81
Total	\$19,009.97

AN HEIR TO MILLIONS.

The Richmond Leader of Thursday says that it has just been discovered after long and careful search that there are now living in that city several heirs to a mammoth fortune variously estimated at \$40,000,000, which was left by an eccentric old bachelor, James Wood, in the Bank of England and that when the various claimants to the estate establish their lineage there will be about \$2,000,000 of that descendant of Thos. Wood, an only brother of the deceased millionaire, who resided in Fluvanna county, Virginia.

Local interest is attached to the discovery from the fact that Mr. Thomas W. Wood who until a few months ago was manager here for the New Home Sewing Machine Company, is one of the direct descendants of the family, which now it is claimed will have a trouble in establishing its right to the heritage.

Mr. Wood now resides in Richmond, and to a Leader reporter he is quoted as having said that there is no question that the Virginia Woods, of which he is a descendant, are heirs to the fortune. His father and grandfather often talked over the matter and efforts were made on several occasions to establish their rights to it.

The family has organized to prosecute its claim to the estate.

Mr. Thos. W. Wood has written to friends in the city of his prospects of good fortune, and expresses no doubt but that he will come into possession of a handsome sum.

Funeral of Mrs. Harper.

At noon yesterday from Prospect church, about seven miles from the city the funeral of Mrs. Henrietta Harper, whose death was announced in yesterday's STAR, was held by Rev. A. D. McClure in the presence of a large number of friends and relations. The interment was in the church burying ground and many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave in testimony of the esteem and love in which the aged lady was held. The pall bearers on the sad occasion were Messrs. J. T. Foy, L. M. Foy, A. B. Dewar, N. Sidbury, B. R. Ownaby and Robert Parker.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

This Section Well Adapted to Cattle Raising, Virginia Dealers Buying and Shipping Cattle From Wilmington.

Eastern North Carolina is well adapted to cattle raising, and our farmers have sufficient encouragement to go into the business from the fact that there is a constant and growing demand for cattle in this section.

The farmers in the eastern counties even now are raising more cattle than one might suppose, and no doubt it will be surprising to many of our people to know that Wilmington is getting to be quite a cattle shipping point. Messrs. J. W. Huff and C. D. Dickerson, of Harrisburg, Va., have made several trips here and have shipped about 4,000 cattle which they picked up in the surrounding counties. Yesterday they shipped three car loads of cattle from this city.

Mr. Huff was seen by a STAR reporter at the Bonitz House last night, and he stated that he finds that splendid cattle are raised in this part of North Carolina. He is an experienced stock man and while at Raleigh a few years ago, caught on to the fact from seeing a lot of cattle that was sent there from Sampson county. He immediately determined to get his cattle supply here, and says the only difficulty is he can't get enough of them. He states that it is all a mistake to suppose one must go to the mountains to get good cattle and says the farmers of Eastern North Carolina, with their mild climate and unequalled pasturing for the greater part of the year, have a splendid opportunity to engage in a profitable industry in raising cattle for the markets.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

First Visit to Wilmington.

Capt. N. H. Hampton, of Water Lily, Currituck county, N. C., arrived in Wilmington yesterday on his first visit to our city. He is accompanied by his son, Mr. E. A. Hampton and Mr. Thomas Taylor, also of Currituck. They have come down to look into this oyster, fish and game resources of this section and will visit New River, Wrightsville, Southport and other places on our coast.

The STAR has already noticed that the fish and oyster resources around Wilmington are attracting the attention of people in Virginia, several fish and oyster men having visited Wilmington recently.

Capt. Hampton is an old sailor and has been engaged in the coasting trade, but, singular to relate, he never came to Wilmington before.

School Supplies.

Capt. E. W. Manning, County School Superintendent, yesterday purchased twenty-two wall maps for the use of the various white and colored schools in the county. The maps are very complete and will be a valuable adjunct to supplies already owned by the schools. They are probably 3x6 feet in size, printed on both sides—one being of the entire world with valuable printed geographical data and the other being of the Dominion of Canada and the republic of Mexico. They are the standard Rand & McNally print and cost less than seventy-five cents each. They were being distributed yesterday.

Brunswick Back Tax.

The Board of County Commissioners, of Brunswick county, have instructed Sheriff Walker to serve notice on the president of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company that the authorities will enforce the collection of back taxes on the property of the corporation for five years past amounting to something over \$300. A Southport Standard says that not until this week has official notice been taken of the fact that this corporation has not paid a tax to the county for a number of years.

Has Received His License.

Robert Rourke, Esq., one of the promising and most popular young attorneys at the Wilmington bar, a few days ago received his license to practice law, which was withheld when he passed the Supreme Court examination several months ago on account of his having been under age. He has now passed both the examination and his twenty-first mile post in life and has the latch string of his office, room No. 5 in the new Masonic Temple, always on the outside for clients. The STAR predicts for him an abundantly successful legal career.

Eighteenth Cargo of Cotton.

Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday afternoon cleared from this custom house the eighteenth cotton vessel from this port for the present season. The clearance was the Norwegian steamer *Skuld*, Captain Olson, and she carried 5,359 bales, valued at \$193,500, for Ghent, Belgium. The *Skuld* is one of the Sprunt Line, and has already made one trip across the ocean this season. With the departure of the *Skuld* there are left four British trampships in port for cargoes, all of which are to Messrs. Sprunt & Son.

AT WASHINGTON, N. C.

A Pleasure Yacht Robbed of \$1,900 in Cash and a Valuable Diamond. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.—A pleasure yacht, the *Patuxent*, owned by Charles Fuller, of Pawtucket, R. I., was robbed last night of nineteen hundred dollars in cash and a diamond stud valued at \$350. There is no clue to the robber.

MANGLED ON THE RAIL.

Bad Accident to David Watters, Colored, Yesterday at the Atlantic Coast Line Freight Yards.

A bad accident befell David Watters, an old colored man, yesterday morning at the Atlantic Coast Line freight yards. He is a lighter man for Messrs. Belden & Howie and was unloading speltin turpentine from a car on the track on the south side of the warehouse, next to the cotton platform track. He had skids up, on which to roll the casks, and while rolling down one a freight train of thirteen cars backed down on the parallel track, knocking the skids away and throwing Watters underneath the track of the rear car. One of the wheels crushed his left leg from the ankle to the knee. The train was stopped instantly and the old man was taken from underneath the car. Dr. D. W. Bullock, Atlantic Coast Line surgeon, was sent for and he had the injured man sent to the city hospital where Dr. Bullock, assisted by Dr. Charles P. Bolles, the surgeon in charge, amputated his leg above the knee.

Watters is 62 years of age and it was feared the accident would go hard with him but at least accounts last night he was doing quite well.

DEATH OF MRS. HARPER.

She Was 84 Years of Age and Mother of Captain J. T. Harper and Captain J. W. Harper, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Henrietta Harper, of Scott's Hill, widow of the late William Harper, after being an invalid for some length of time, more on account of her advanced age than anything else, passed away yesterday morning about 2 o'clock at her home.

Mrs. Harper was aged 84 years, and was the mother of Capt. J. Thos. Harper, Capt. Jno. W. Harper and Mrs. Maria Holden, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Julia Canady, of Scott's Hill. She leaves two sisters—Mrs. Ann Humphrey and Mrs. Beatty, of Onslow county.

It has been the venerable lady's custom for many years to spend a part of her time with first one and then another of her children, but she liked once a year to stay a while at the old home in the country where she ended her days.

The funeral will take place to-day at 12 M. at Prospect Church, on the New River road, about seven miles from the city, and the interment in the burial ground at that church.

The Timber Interests.

Yesterday the river and harbor was dotted all over with numerous timber rafts brought down the afternoon and night previous by lumbermen from up the Cape Fear and tributaries. Mr. George D. Parsley, one of the most prominent timber inspectors at this port, informed a STAR representative last night that yesterday's was one of the heaviest one day receipts this season. The quality of the timber this year is generally good, and mill men are anxious to buy, as they are said to have orders already that will require them several months to fill. Prices to raftsmen are now higher than have been paid them for five years and the cutters are taking every advantage in rushing it into market while prices are on the boom.

MARRIAGE AT DUNN, N. C.

Miss Gerald Happily Wedded to Mr. Wilson in the Methodist Church. [Special Star Correspondence.]

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 7, 1899. The Methodist church last evening presented a scene of rare beauty, the occasion being the celebration of the marriage of Miss Ethel Gerald, a highly esteemed and charming young lady of Dunn, to Mr. C. L. Wilson, a popular young man, also of Dunn.

The ceremony was beautifully performed by Rev. W. A. Forbes, the best man, Miss Ora Wilson, sister of the groom, with Mr. H. L. Newberry, Miss Gertrude Harper, with Mr. H. H. McKay, Miss Geneva Parker, with Mr. G. K. Massingber, Messrs. J. H. McNeill and W. S. Halford were ushers.

After the marriage the bridal party, together with a few invited guests, retired to the home of Mr. A. R. Wilson, father of the groom, where a sumptuous supper was served and a reception tendered the party.

The bride and groom left this morning for an extended bridal tour to Northern cities.

MARRIAGE AT LAURINBURG.

Miss Lillian W. Covington to Mr. James P. McRae Wednesday Afternoon. [Special Star Correspondence.]

LAURINBURG, N. C., Dec. 6th, '99. In the Methodist Church here this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, Mr. James P. McRae and Miss Lillian Covington were married by Rev. John M. Rose, D. D. Mr. Rod McRae and Miss Annie C. Everett were the attendants, with Messrs. James W. North, James O. McEachin, John H. Cox, A. R. Jones, P. Peter John, as ushers. Mr. and Mrs. McRae left immediately for Northern cities.

COURT IN DUPLIN.

Trial of Robert E. Lee for the Murder of Stephen Phillips. [Star Correspondence.]

KENANSVILLE, N. C., December 6.—The trial of Robert E. Lee, who on the 14th of November last killed Stephen Phillips with an axe, began here today at 2 o'clock. Lee was arraigned yesterday and a special venire of one hundred men was ordered. Solicitor Duffy assisted in the prosecution by Col. A. C. Davis, of Goldsboro. The defendant is represented by Messrs. Leon Carleton, A. D. Ward and R. S. Grady.

COUNTERFEITING CASES IN U. S. COURT AT RALEIGH.

Nothing Definite from the Charge Against A. J. Marshall, Esq.—Wilmington Witnesses Returned Home.

Much interest was created in the city yesterday by the news from Raleigh to the counsel for A. J. Marshall, Esq., to the effect that a true bill had been found against him for counterfeiting, the circumstances of which are well known to STAR readers.

There were no new developments in the case yesterday and the attorneys are at a loss to know whether the case will be tried in Wilmington or in Raleigh. Mr. W. A. Farris, who was summoned to Raleigh to testify before the grand jury, returned yesterday morning. He stated that after being questioned by the prosecuting attorneys as to whether he had testimony against Mr. Marshall, and finding that he had none, he was allowed to prove his attendance and return home.

Capt. J. R. Williams, agent of the Southern Express Company, who was also summoned to appear before the grand jury in the case, returned home last evening. Although a statement could not be secured from him last night, it is learned that he received permission to return home with the proviso that if he were needed the authorities would telegraph for him. Court has not yet adjourned in Raleigh.

A rumor gained currency on the streets yesterday that two other parties from Wilmington had been implicated in the counterfeiting, but a reference to the STAR's Raleigh correspondence this morning will show that the two cases referred to are against persons in Goldsboro for counterfeiting at Dunn, Harnett county. It also states that it is probable the case will be called next week and continued to a subsequent term.

Mr. Marshall, when seen by a STAR representative late yesterday afternoon, stated that he knew nothing more of the case than that recited above. He has received no notification to appear at Raleigh, and has no fears of the outcome of the case.

TO SAVE HUSBAND'S LIFE.

Wife of the Murderer Kinsauls Here Soliciting Funds for Counsel.

The wife of the murderer Kinsauls, of Sampson county, who is confined in the New Hanover jail here for safe keeping, has been in the city for the past two days soliciting subscriptions of money with which to employ additional counsel in her husband's behalf before the new trial, which was recently granted and which will be held late in the Winter or during the early Spring.

Mrs. Kinsauls carries in her arms, her baby, scarce over one year old, and is making a house to house canvass in the business portion of the city. The amount received thus far is not large, though she continues to work persistently.

The crime of which Kinsauls is convicted and for which he was sentenced to have been hanged November 29th, is already familiar to STAR readers. Feeling against him in Sampson is said to be very strong.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The following comparative statement of the receipts of cotton and naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the week ending yesterday and part crop year, will be read with interest:

Week ending December 8th, 1899—Cotton, 14,859 bales; spirits, 629 casks; rosin, 6,482 barrels; tar, 2,185 barrels; crude, 254 barrels.

Week ending December 8th, 1898—Cotton, 21,274 bales; spirits, 930 casks; rosin, 4,393 barrels; tar, 2,036 barrels; crude, 400 barrels.

Crop year to December 8th, 1899—Cotton, 184,264 bales; spirits, 25,157 casks; rosin, 104,784 barrels; tar, 42,316 barrels; crude, 1,196 barrels.

Crop year to December 8th, 1898—Cotton, 248,394 bales; spirits, 23,901 casks; rosin, 115,359 barrels; tar, 59,719 barrels; crude, 8,850 barrels.

STEAMER PLANTER.

The STAR recently remarked upon the enterprise of the firm of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son in operating by charter a steamer for the transportation of their large purchase of cotton through up-to-date buyers at Georgetown, S. C., and vicinity to this port, and yesterday evening this inauguration by Messrs. Sprunt & Son looking to an increase of the port's shipping, bore an augury of permanency in the arrival of the steamer *Planter* on a second trip from South Carolina waters with cotton for this port. She brought 491 bales, and after discharging to day at the Champion Compress she will return to Georgetown, probably for still another trip to Wilmington.

THE SCHOOER Wm. F. CAMPBELL.

Capt. Strout, cleared yesterday afternoon for Humaco, Porto Rico, with lumber from the Chudbourne Lumber Co. When she sails, there will then not be left a schooner in port, though several are past due and are expected to arrive early this week.

THE NEW DELGADO COTTON MILL.

The new Delgado cotton mill, which will be started up about the 15th of January, has orders months ahead for its cottons.

AN ARTESIAN WELL FOR FORT CASWELL.

Sealed Proposals Invited for Boring a Six Inch Well Through Bottom of Ocean—Well at Hilton.

Lieutenant Percy B. Bishop, quartermaster, has called for several proposals for boring a six-inch artesian well at Fort Caswell. The bids will be opened December 26th. The boring of this well will be watched with interest both from a geological point of view and the prospect of securing a supply of good water right at the ocean.

The Clarendon Water Works Co.'s well at Hilton reached a depth of 1396 feet up to yesterday. The drill made a progress about four feet the past week. Last week it passed through a soft reddish granite, but this week it struck a very hard black rock.

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THE AMERICAN COTTON COMPANY IN SMITHFIELD.

The Smithfield Herald editorially says: Mr. W. M. Sanders, some time since, leased and installed a roundup cotton press here, and operated the same for several weeks. In a short time, however, he discovered that to fight public opinion and to antagonize the best interests of the people was truly an uphill business. Accordingly he notified the American Cotton Company to remove their press and announced his intention to cease the manufacture of the despicable round bale.

Some correspondence ensued between Mr. Sanders and the company with the result that a few days since the entire plant, gins, engines, presses, etc., was conveyed by him to the American Cotton Company for a cash consideration of \$4,000.

We congratulate Mr. Sanders for having sold out, and we welcome the influx of capital which the American Cotton Company will necessarily put in circulation in this community. We hope the concern will not be charitable to wish it to lose more than half this amount.

For the past two years we have heard people speak of their "undying opposition" to trusts and extortionate combinations of capital. They now have an opportunity of carrying their talk into practice. It is not necessary to visit New York or New Jersey to find the enemy, he is here within reach, where the public can strike him here, and it would not be charitable to wish it to lose more than half this amount.

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DEATH OF MR. CHAS. M. HARRIS.

A Well Known Citizen Passes Away After an Illness of Only a Few Days.

The numerous friends and acquaintances of Mr. Charles Montgomery Harris learned yesterday with great sorrow of his death which occurred yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock at his residence on South Fourth street between N. and Church streets. The deceased had an acute attack of pleurisy and had been sick only since last Sunday when he was seized with a violent chill which lasted from 6 A. M. till 12 M.

Mr. Harris would have reached the 50th year of his age next March and was born at Montgomery, Ala. He was a son of the late Capt. Thomas M. Harris, who was a gallant Confederate soldier and who moved to Wilmington from Montgomery in 1864. His venerable mother, Mrs. Martha C. Harris, who reached the 83rd year of her age last October, survives him and resides here.

The deceased married Miss Lillie Sholar, niece of the late Capt. W. H. Sholar, of this city, and she survives him with three young daughters, held late in the Winter or during the early Spring.

Mrs. Kinsauls carries in her arms, her baby, scarce over one year old, and is making a house to house canvass in the business portion of the city. The amount received thus far is not large, though she continues to work persistently.

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Mr. Harris since his residence in Wilmington has conducted a news business, in which he succeeded his father. He was a man of the most courteous manner and affable disposition, and had many warm friends who will miss him from their midst. He was a member of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Bionia, of Orange Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F. Both lodges have been called out to attend the funeral which takes place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence. The interment will be made at Oakdale Cemetery.

NEGRO SAWYER BADLY HURT.

Employee of Coopersage Works Lost Left Arm and Fingers of Right Hand.

"General" Barfield, colored, aged about 20 years, and employed as a laborer about the circular saw carriage of the A. H. Slocomb Coopersage and Vener Works, on Nutt street, early yesterday afternoon, while attempting to turn a stick of timber on the carriage of the saw, in some way slipped and fell over the log in such a way that both hands and the left arm were badly lacerated and torn by the rapidly revolving saw against which he was thrown.

He was placed in an ambulance and taken immediately to the City Hospital, where Superintendent Bolles and Dr. Andrew H. Harris examined the wounds and found it necessary to amputate the left arm just below the elbow and dress several badly lacerated places on his right hand. Three saw fingers were chopped off by the saw, leaving on the right hand only the thumb and little finger.

He was doing very well at last accounts.

FOR FORT CASWELL.

Sealed Proposals Invited for Boring a Six Inch Well Through Bottom of Ocean—Well at Hilton.

Lieutenant Percy B. Bishop, quartermaster, has called for several proposals for boring a six-inch artesian well at Fort Caswell. The bids will be opened December 26th. The boring of this well will be watched with interest both from a geological point of view and the prospect of securing a supply of good water right at the ocean.

The Clarendon Water Works Co.'s well at Hilton reached a depth of 1396 feet up to yesterday. The drill made a progress about four feet the past week. Last week it passed through a soft reddish granite, but this week it struck a very hard black rock.</