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For some time Mr. T. K. Bruner, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has been making a collection of minerals, woods and other products of the State for exhibition at the World's Fair at Paris.

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WHAT DEWEY SAID.

Some time ago Senator Pettigrew offered a resolution in the Senate calling for the report made by Admiral Dewey when at Hong Kong, March 31st, 1898, stating that he could take Manila at any time. This report was not forthcoming until a few days ago when it was sent to the Senate.

"The islands are now in a state of insurrection and my informants state that even the Spanish soldiers who constitute only a small part of the whole are disaffected. Both ships and forts are in need of ammunition. I believe I am not overconfident in stating that with the squadron under my command the vessels could be taken and the defenses of Manila reduced in one day.

"This is the view taken of it by a good many farmers, one of whom, Mr. Lubin, of California, has devised a bounty scheme on exported farm products which, according to him, will offset the proposed ship bounties and help the farmers to pay them.

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Dr. Calver, of Washington, who has been projecting with sunbeams, claims that he can by the use of reflectors so focus the sun's rays as to utilize them for heating purposes and thus dispense with fuel. Now if some fellow will devise some plan for bottling sunshine, we'll have old Sol harnessed, sure enough.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN A BAD ACCIDENT.

A Train Crashed into a Buggy in Which Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard Were Driving—The Horse Killed.

Yesterday afternoon about 8.30 o'clock Mr. Joseph C. Shepard, the pharmacist, accompanied by Mrs. Shepard, left the city to take a drive on the Holly Shelter or Castle Haynes road leading by the County House. They were driving in a trot when approaching the track of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, and naturally Mr. Shepard reined in the horse to cross the track.

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RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

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TO INVESTIGATE SMALLPOX SITUATION.

Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of Raleigh, secretary and executive officer of the North Carolina State Board of Health, having applied to Surgeon General Wyman, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, Washington, D. C., to send an expert to investigate the smallpox situation at Greensboro and in Guilford County, Surgeon General Wyman yesterday directed Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker, of the United States Marine Hospital at Wilmington, to proceed to Greensboro as such expert. Dr. Wertenbaker will leave for Greensboro this morning by the Yadin branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, and when he shall have finished his investigations there, he will proceed under orders to Jessup, Ga., where smallpox is epidemic, to investigate the situation there.

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A Horse Makes a Dash With a Delivery Wagon—Driver Todd Injured.

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RALEIGH, N. C., January 19.—The State Board of Internal Improvement left here this afternoon to inspect the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad. They went by request of President Bryan. Also, the meeting of directors of the road was held to-night at Morehead. Much money is being spent on the road in the purchase of new cars and engines and in the improvement of the road bed. No dividend will be declared on stock this year.

Decree was signed to-day in the Circuit Court, in the case of Alvis Walker and others condemning the south end of Smith's Island at the mouth of Cape Fear river for the use of the United States for a light-house and light-keeping station and a road through the island. The case of the United States against the Walker heirs was decided against the heirs about two years ago. Appeal was taken and the Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision. Dr. F. B. Ullory, of Chicago, then bargained to purchase the island, but it is understood there is some disagreement between him and the Walker heirs. The government, however, gets what it asks for against the title of all. The only defense set up by Ullory was that the land was not needed for a public purpose. Marshal Dockery is directed by the court to summon five freeholders, in accordance with the State law, to assess the damages and value of property. For the light-house twenty acres of land is required and for the road ten acres.

NORTH CAROLINIANS AT RECEPTION. Col. Boyd and Capt. Coghan Made Pleasant References to Wilmington.

A Washington special to the Raleigh News and Observer has the following reference to prominent North Carolinians who attended the diplomatic reception by the President last week: North Carolina was well represented at the President's reception last night. I believe every member of our delegation in Congress was present with ladies except Messrs. Klutz, Bellamy and Small, who went together. One of the most charming and handsomely dressed ladies from our State was Mrs. James Sprunt, the wife of the British vice-consul at Wilmington. She was escorted by her cousin, Judge Kenneth M. Jackson, who arrived in time from his home in Western Carolina, and received a special invitation from the President through the courtesy of Col. James E. Boyd. Mr. James Sprunt, to the regret of his friends here, could not leave his business even to attend the diplomatic reception. Col. Boyd says he never enjoyed a more elegant hospitality than when he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt at the time the Raleigh anchored off Wilmington harbor. Capt. Coghan was equally pleased with the delightful "city by the sea."

CUSTOM HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS. Contract Awarded to James H. Lane—Capt. Devereux's Visit.

Capt. John H. Devereux, Superintendent of Construction of Public Buildings for the Charleston District, arrived in the city yesterday to look after the matter of the extended improvements which will probably begin this week to the interior of the Custom House. Capt. Devereux finished up the work and returned to his home in Charleston on the W. C. & A. train in the afternoon. There were only two bids submitted for the work. These were by Messrs. M. W. Divine & Co., and James H. Lane, the well known colored contractor, the last named having received the contract. The improvement will be in the way of a new coat of paint for all the rooms and a repair of all the wood work, plumbing, etc., needed, the whole costing upwards of a thousand dollars. There will be no kalsomining but the whole will be smoothed up where needed and the rooms finished up in lighter colors than those now in use. Probably two weeks will be required for the work.

High Prices for Cotton Seed. A gentleman who was in the city from the country yesterday said that in some sections farmers are now receiving a handsome price for their cotton seed, and many of them who have hitherto held the raw product for fertilizing material, are disposing of it to the mills. In several sections, he said, where independent mills and those of the trust are competitive buyers, the price has ranged as high as 23 1/2 cents per bushel. Under normal conditions, too, the prices have been very satisfactory to the farmer this year and many of them have either sold or exchanged for meal.

Shad Caught in the City. The fishermen had another lot of fine shad on the market yesterday. The first were caught last Wednesday afternoon, and so far only buck shad have been caught. Yesterday Capt. Asa Horton's sein caught a lot at King's reach, in the Cape Fear, opposite Kidder's mill. One of Capt. W. E. Davis's seines also caught some of the Hog's reach opposite the old smallpox hospital. All the shad on the market yesterday were sold out quickly at 90 cents a pair.

Syrian Robbed. A show case on the sidewalk in front of the store of Diabe Kallie, a Syrian who conducts a store at No. 9 Market street, was broken into last night about 8.30 o'clock and a number of articles stolen therefrom, including five razors in red and black cases of the "Extra Hollow Ground" manufacture and another with white handle. He reported the matter to Policeman B. M. Lihew, who will look up the missing articles.

Mr. J. W. Old, of Charlotte, is among the travelling men here calling on the trade.