COMPENSATION.

I know not how the grief of mind,
The fevered doubts and hopes and fears,
Will mingle in the lapsing years;
And yet I hold that God is kind;

That smiles from sorrow's tears will grow,
And harvests from the sorrow's seed;
What each self-crucifying deed
Will bear fruition's bloom of snow.

To dream of glories yet to be
Embodied forth in perfect thought,
That in the cycles will be wrought
Into the temple's majesty;

To look from attic casements, where
The silent, shoreless seas of night,
Gleam with sidereal voyagers bright,
And guide the wayward fancy there.

Amid the music of the spheres,
Is more than wealth or conquest gives;
Our dreams, in which the spirit lives,
Are golden towers that it rears.

The pallid, care-seamed, yearning face
Turned heavenward with sublime unrest
Has sung the song we love the best,
Or carved some statue's perfect grace.

And it may be some deed of love,
Some silent sacrifice of mine
Will, like eve's jeweled planet, shine
Eternal in the heavens above.

The violets know not that they give
A sweetness to the common air;
Nor sunsets dream their glories rare;
Have made the glowing canvas live.

Then do thy work, my soul! Thou'lt see
The earth-born spirits reap the gain.
What matters here to strive in vain?
Thy meed is immortality.

—*Boston Transcript.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Prayer is the Christian's vital breath.—*Mantgomery.*

— Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.—*Publius Syrus.*

— As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities.—*Froude.*

— The best teachers of humanity are the lives of great men.—*Fowler.*

— The denominational paper in the home is a great help to the pastor in his work.

— For the noblest man that lives there still remains a conflict.—*James A. Garfield.*

— No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel, trust and reverence.—*George Eliot.*

— We cannot know what future honor may depend on the way we do the simplest, most commonplace thing to-day.—*J. R. Miller, D. D.*

— There is only one way to be happy, and that is to make somebody else so, and you can't be happy cross-lots; you have get to go the regular turnpike road.

— It is best to think twice before taking upon us the burden of a hatred for any fellow-being. It weighs heavier every year, and exhausts the strength that ought to go in loving and bettering others instead.—*Wellspring.*

— It was said of one that as he prayed he spoke as if God was near, and talked with Him so really and confidingly that those who were beside him found themselves almost looking around to see where God was.—*Taylor.*

— We should so live and labor in our time that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and that what came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit. That is what we mean by progress.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

— A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of good-will are very far from being the surest marks of it.—*George Washington.*

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BOERS PREPARED TO GIVE BATTLE.

Hostile Armies Confronting Each Other Not Very Far From Ladysmith.

BIG BATTLE BEING FOUGHT.

Warren's Forces Engaged Yesterday—Fighting All Day—Boers Retired to Their Main Position—The Result Remains Undecided.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 21, 4.30 A. M.—It is evident from General Buller's dispatch to the War Office and the advices in the Associated Press from Spearman's Camp, that a big battle is now being fought. As far as can be gathered from these dispatches, the result remains undecided, and unless the Boers withdraw during the night, the engagement, on which hangs the fate of Ladysmith, and which may prove the turning point of the whole war, will be resumed this morning.

Boers Leaving Colesberg.

RENSBURG, CAPE COLONY, Jan. 19.—A gentleman who has escaped from Colesberg reports that the Dutch inhabitants who are sympathizers with the Boers are proceeding to the Orange Free State, in anticipation of the evacuation of the town. Mr. Vanderwalt, a member of the Cape Assembly, has already gone. The Boer force there is estimated to number from 6,000 to 7,000 men, besides a strong force at Norval's Pont.

The British shells did much execution eastward of the town. The Boer loss up to date is probably 200 men.

Carefully compiled figures from reliable sources, some of which have been investigated and found to be correct, show that the Boer losses up to date are approximately 6,425 men, including 2,000 casualties during the siege of Ladysmith.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, NATAL, January 20, 11.45 A. M.—The firing of field guns was heard early this morning from the left. Evidently General Warren has commenced the bombardment of the Boer trenches on the Tabanmyana mountains. There was also a brief musketry fire. Among the prisoners captured Thursday was a grandson in-law of President Kruger.

Boers Bombarding Ladysmith.

LADYSMITH, January 20, via Spearman's Camp.—The enemy have placed in position new guns throwing 8-inch shells, and have been bombarding more vigorously for the last few days, though little damage has been done. Three of the British force have been wounded. The troops are jubilant over General Buller's successful advance. His troops can be heard distinctly, and the bursting of shells can be plainly seen.

Warren's Troops in Action.

LONDON, January 21.—The War Office shortly after midnight posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, January 20th, evening:

"General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 A. M. till 7 P. M. to day. By a judicious use of his artillery he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge, for several miles.

"The troops are now bivouacing on the ground he has gained but the main position is still in front of them.

"The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded have been brought in by 6.30 P. M. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

Shelling the Boers.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, January 20, Evening.—The Boer trenches were shelled continuously to-day. General Littleton's brigade advanced and occupied a kopje 2,000 yards from the Boer's position at Brakfontein. A company of rifles advanced with a balloon, into action, and were received with a heavy fire from the Boers.

The artillery and musketry fire continues from General Warren's position.

Lord Dundonald's force on Thursday surprised 350 Boers. The British, who were posted on a kopje, allowed the Boers to advance leisurely before opening fire. The Boers did not reply, and a majority of them galloped off. It is reported that the remainder surrendered.

Boers' Battleground.

BOER HEADQUARTERS, UPPER TUGELA, January 16, via Lorenzo Marques, January 19, afternoon.—It became known to-day that 300 English had crossed the Pont Drift over the Great Tugela and were on the Federal side. A display of force has been made toward Colenso and another northward, toward Oliver's Hoek bridge, which was blown up by us a few days ago. Toward 5 o'clock the alarm was given out that the English were coming. The lookouts observed long successive lines of infantry moving down to the new British position, a bush covered chain of hills, known as Swartzkop. Their forces were sometimes lost in the trees studding the river bank. At 6 o'clock they emerged in open order and advanced in two lines to the low kopjes on the river bank.

At 6.30 they took up a position amid complete silence on the Boer side, their horses tethered where there was the least danger from chance shells, and the men prepared to make a night of it at their posts. Night had now fallen. With the gloom came fitful flashes of lightning from the thunder-clouds which had been threatening all day. The clouds eventually separated, showing the moon. Simultaneously with the clearing sky well known Dutch hymns were repeated from kopje to kopje, with a strangely weird effect, inspiring both the grey-beards and the beardless youths. The battlefield is full of historical significance. Spionkop hill, whence I am now writing, was a hill from which the Boer treekers, after crossing the Dakensberg mountains, spied out the then barbaric Natal and found it fair in their eyes.

GERMANY DISPLEASED.

A Fresh Outbreak of Bitter Feeling in Berlin Against Great Britain.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, January 20.—The tone of the British comments on Count Von Buelow's speech in the Reichstag yesterday gives offence here and is causing a fresh outbreak of bitter feeling. The government is understood to be displeased with the reception of the foreign minister's speech in England, and the news that another German ship has been captured adds fresh fuel to the flame. The papers ask how the seizure of a ship of flour can be reconciled with Lord Salisbury's promises.

The first section of the second contingent which the government of Canada in sending to South Africa embarked yesterday on the steamer Laurentoan.

THE CONTEST IN KENTUCKY.

Republican Attorneys to Bring Tammany Hall Into the Fight—Croker Alleged to Be in League With Goebel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 20.—Governor Taylor, in defending the contest for the Gubernatorial chair, brought against him by William Goebel, has through his attorneys spread a large drag-net, in gathering his evidence, and it is expected that before the contest is ended some sensational evidence will be brought before the board. The Republican attorneys have decided to bring into the fight no less a factor than Tammany Hall, and have already summoned as a witness one of the confidential advisors of Richard Croker. The object of the bringing of witnesses from New York will be to prove that Richard Croker, as the executive head of Tammany Hall, was in league with William Goebel, the contestant in the present hearing, to carry the State for the Democratic nominee.

The Republicans put on the stand during the day eight witnesses, of whom Colonel T. W. Bullitt of Louisville was the star. Colonel Bullitt stated that he never saw so quiet an election in Louisville, and he described the orderly manner in which it was carried through. Referring to the presence of the militia in the armory, he had, he said, advised Governor Bradley to call out the militia as a preventative of possible rising, but had urged him to take every precaution to see that the soldiers were not used for any partisan purpose. The presence of the militia in the armory, he said, was the only thing that could have insured a quiet election. On cross-examination he said that he had never known greater anxiety at an election in Louisville and declared the proclamation of the Mayor of Louisville was the chief cause of the great apprehension. Being asked if he did not believe the presence of the militia had intimidated several voters he replied that it had awed none but the lawless element of both parties.

E. L. McDonald, of Louisville, testified in much the same strain as Col. Bullitt regarding the feeling in Louisville in the morning and the effect of the presence of militia in the armory.

An adjournment was taken until 2 P. M. Monday.

PORTO RICO COMMISSION.

Seeking Free Trade—Opposed by the Tobacco and Beet Sugar Interests—Hearing Before Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The Senate committee on Porto Rico and the Pacific Islands held a long session to day and listened to arguments for and against free trade between Porto Rico and the United States. The Porto Rican Commission appointed by the Federal party which recently arrived in this country was heard. These gentlemen were all for free trade with the United States, wanted a territorial form of government, desired United States currency as the standard and wanted a loan authorized. Most of them favored an extended suffrage and believed that under the United States fair elections could be held.

Henry Oxnard, of Nebraska, argued against free trade because of the effect it would have upon the beet sugar interests. Mr. Hill, of Louisiana, representing the cane sugar growers, took the same view.

Mr. Frye, of Connecticut, opposed free trade on account of the effect upon tobacco interests.

Herbert Myrick made a general argument against free trade between the United States and Porto Rico because of the effect it would have upon the agricultural interests of the United States. Major Awes, who was for a long time sanitary officer of the island gave some information concerning health conditions there.

U. S. CONSUL MACRUM.

The Former Representative of the United States at Pretoria Arrives at Rome. Has a Letter for McKinley.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A special dispatch from Rome, received this morning, says:

"Mr. Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria, who arrived here yesterday (Saturday), denies that he left his post owing to a disagreement with President Kruger and State Secretary Reitz. He says he has a letter from President Kruger to President McKinley and also a message to President Loubet, but no mission beyond delivering them."

Regarding the war, Mr. Macrum said that while he believed the British would ultimately be successful, it would take a long time to convince the republics that they must submit. He said they had ample stores and munitions, and that there was the greatest enthusiasm in Pretoria for the war, and plans had been laid for a long struggle.

A KANSAS LYNCHING.

Two Convicted Murderers Hanged by a Mob at Fort Scott.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FORT SCOTT, KAS., Jan. 20.—Geo. Silbee and Ed. Meeks, half brothers, who were convicted of murder here early in the week, were lynched by a mob in the county jail yard here to-night. At a late hour their bodies were dangling from two trees in the yard, the authorities having been so completely surprised that no effort has been made to remove the ghastly evidences of the mob's work.

The two men who hailed from Kansas City had been convicted of murder in the first degree, their victim being a young German farmer named Leopold Edlinger, whose murder occurred near the city in October last.

A PLUCKY JAILOR.

Prevented the Escape of Eight Desperate Prisoners at Decatur, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, January 20.—Edward C. Flanagan, the triple murderer, led eight desperate prisoners to-day in an attempt to escape from jail at Decatur, Ga., five miles from Atlanta. Flanagan felled the jailor to the floor with a blow from a heavy piece of iron, but the injured man was game, and drawing his pistol fired into the gang of prisoners. Flanagan was shot through the thigh and fell. The other prisoners, cowed by the fate of their leader, hesitated. The shots attracted the attention of the jailor's family, and summoning assistance they managed to overcome the prisoners and all were locked up. Flanagan's wound is not dangerous.

COMMITTEE REPORT IN ROBERTS CASE.

Unanimous in Its Belief That the Mormon Member Ought Not to Be Seated.

MAJORITY FAVOR EXCLUSION.

The House Proceedings—Numbers of Bills Favorably Reported—Contested Election Case—Petition for National Legislation on Lynching.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The House spent an hour to-day in disposing of bills favorably reported, and among those passed were the measures to build the League island and Mare island dry docks of stone instead of timber. The reports on the Roberts case were also received. An hour was given to pronouncing eulogies on the late Representative Danford, of Ohio.

White, North Carolina, (colored) presented a petition signed by 2,413 persons for national legislation against lynching and mob violence, and asked that it be read at the clerk's desk. Mr. Richardson, Tennessee, objected, saying that there was no reason why this petition should not take the usual course.

Contested Election Case.

The House Committee on Elections, No. 1, divided on party lines to-day and by a vote of six to two decided to recommend the seating of William F. Aldrich, Republican, who contests the seat now held by Gaston A. Robbins, Democrat, for the Fourth Congressional district of Alabama.

It is the first decision in a contested election case at the present session of Congress. The contest was based on alleged intimidation and racial prejudices growing out of the appeals for white supremacy. A minority report will be made in behalf of Mr. Robbins.

Roberts Committee Reports.

The reports of the special committee of investigation in the case of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, were presented to the House to-day. The majority report, signed by Chairman Tayler and six of his associates, is a voluminous document, and is accompanied by a summary of the law and facts. It gives the details of the hearings, the ample opportunities afforded Mr. Roberts to present his case, his refusal to testify, and the unanimous finding of facts, heretofore published. It proceeds: "The committee is unanimous in its belief that Mr. Roberts ought not to remain a member of the House of Representatives. A majority of the committee are of the opinion that he ought not to be permitted to become a member; that the House has the right to exclude him. A minority are of the opinion that the proper course of procedure is to permit him to be sworn in and then expel him by a two-thirds vote under the constitutional provision providing for expulsion.

"Your committee desire to assert with the utmost positiveness at this point that not only is the proposition of expulsion as applied to this case against precedent, but that exclusion is entirely in accord with principle, authority and legislative precedent, and not antagonistic to any legislative action which the House of Representatives has ever taken."

WARM WIRELETS.

A dispatch from London, Eng., says: John Ruskin died yesterday morning of influenza, aged 81 years.

The Papal bull authorizing the consecration of Right Rev. Mgr. Sbaretti, bishop-elect of Havana, has been received at the apostolic delegation.

The grand jury has returned indictments charging Colonel David G. Colson with the willful murder of Lieutenant Ethelburt Scott and L. A. Demaree, at Frankfort, Ky.

The adjutant general, U. S. A., has been informed that the transport Kilpatrick left Nuevitas yesterday for Newport News with a squadron of the Eighth cavalry.

Georgia partias have invested $600,000 in the Copley Lumber Company's pine timber lands on the Ocklawaha river below Grahamsville, Fla., and will erect one of the largest mills in the South.

The State Department at Washington has been informed by U. S. agent Haywood at Honolulu that there have been five cases of bubonic plague since the last report, January 9th, and six deaths.

W. S. Mell, aged about 22, white, of Savannah, Ga., is sentenced to be hanged March 2nd, for the murder of his brother-in law, Busbee, aged 15. Mell, who was an employe of a gambling room, is well connected.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Washington, D. C., have begun a movement to purchase the old Heard building, in which the last session of the Confederate cabinet was held. The plan is to make a Confederate museum.

A dispatch from Nogales, Mexico, says that a battla has been fought by the Mexicans and Yaques Indians, in which the Yaques were defeated with heavy loss. Their killed numbered 200. Five hundred were taken prisoners.

The transport Kifanys Castle, with the Duke of Marlborough, Rudyard Kipling, Baroness Burdett Coutts, Admiral Frederick A. Maxsee and many army officers on board bound for South Africa, sailed yesterday from Southampton.

Secretary Gage, before the House Coinage Committee, advocated that the restriction allowing but $50,000,000 fractional coin be repealed, and the coinage placed at the discretion of the secretary, in order to meet the demands for subsidiary coin.

Exporters in New York who make a specialty of the South African trade, believe that the Boers are remarkably well provisioned, and that any attempt to starve them out is hardly likely to succeed soon. The United States is the source of the cereal supplies of the fighting republics.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increase $7,478,325; loans, increase $4,579,100; specie, increase $7,341,700; legal tenders, increase $4,194,300; deposits, increase $16 320,700; circulation, decrease $21,800. The banks now hold $24,185,675 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

W. L. Allison White, prospecting for minerals on Lookout mountain, discovered five skeletons in a cave. There is a difference of opinion as to whether they are skeletons of Indians or of miners who disappeared from the ore mines at Rising Fawn several years ago.

Dr. Leyds, the representative in Europe of the Transvaal government, has issued through the press a statement saying that he is in receipt of so many offers from men who wish to volunteer for service with the Boers, that he is compelled to announce that he is not authorized to enroll anybody in Europe and that every one wishing to serve in the war must go to South Africa at his own risk and expense.

THE CAMPAIGN IN LUZON.

Pack Track Captured by Filipinos—Two Americans Killed, Five Wounded and Nine Missing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The first untoward happening in the highly successful campaign now going on in Luzon is announced in the following cablegram from General Otis:

"*Manila, January 20.*—A pack train of twenty ponces, transporting rations between Santa Tomas and San Pablo, Leguna province, escorted by fifty men under Lieutenant Ralston, Thirtieth infantry, was ambushed yesterday; two men were killed, five wounded and nine are missing; the pack train was lost. The lieutenant and thirty-four men returned to Santa Tomas with killed and wounded. The affair is being investigated.

"Dorst, of the Forty-fifth infantry, struck the insurgents in the Batangas mountains, who had prepared an ambush to meet him. He killed eight, wounded three, captured seventeen Filipinos and one Spaniard; his casualties were two men slightly wounded."

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Index*: Copper mines are all the go in this county now. A party is down this week from New York with a view of purchasing property on which copper has been discovered. The Union Copper Mine continues to get out a very superior quality of ore. The concentrating mill will very shortly be in full operation. The smelter for this mine is now in the course of construction.

— Rockingham *Anglo-Saxon*: We were informed yesterday of a fatal accident which occurred in Steele's township about two weeks ago. Jean Covington, a 16-year old colored boy, formerly of this township and a son of Dinah Covington, was cutting down a tree, which fell in the opposite direction from which he expected it, and it fell on him, killing him instantly. It is said that if he had gotten a foot further in any direction but one it would have missed him.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: W. P. Hallyburton, for several years manager of the Piedmont Springs Hotel, Thursday night stabbed James Ryeson, a livery man twice in the back at Walnut Cove. The wounded man's condition is serious. The difficulty originated from a discussion.

—— The Winston Aldermen adopted an ordinance Thursday night making vaccination compulsory. A violation means a fine of $50 or thirty days in jail. The citizens are given ten days to comply with the law. A Mount Airy man says over $500 citizens of that town were vaccinated on Tuesday. He says smallpox is now scattered throughout the county. Salem offers free vaccination to all her citizens for 30 days.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: City Engineer, J. M. Bandy, of this place and W. R. Richardson, county roads engineer for Guilford county, has been for several days surveying water power, location, etc., for the Capel-Cotton Mill Company. They located the dam and canal and found the water power all that was desired. The company is placing the material on the ground preparatory to putting up the buildings at once, and expect to have the spindles running by the first of October. The houses for mill operatives are already in process of erection. The company is a strong one. The site is on Little River, four miles south of Troy. Two other cotton mills will be put up just below this one.

— Charlotte *News*: The Catawba is not only to be harnessed but dredged. The promoter in the latter enterprise is Mr. Thos F. Walker, of this city. A year or more ago Mr. Walker worked in and about the mines along the river at the head of Paw Creek, and "made fine wages all Summer getting gold out of the river." This "put him to thinking," he says, and his thinking resulted in the formation of a company to be known as the Catawba Placer Mining Company, with William L. Scott, of Wilmington Delaware, president and Secretary; W. C. Kenum, of Georgia, manager of the dredge boat; T. F. Walker assistant manager. The company is to dredge the Catawba in the search for gold. The company has already secured a lease on nine miles of the river. When Mr. Walker dredged the river several summers ago, with crude appliances, he got out a ton of earth a day. The new machinery which the company has purchased is guaranteed to wash a ton a minute. "Is there really any gold in the river?" asked the reporter of Mr. Walker. "Why, there is just plenty of it," he answered.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Hon. George F. Edmunds is opposed to expansion, but at the same time he is in favor of appropriating several millions of dollars for expanding purposes. There are times when our lawyers are placed in rather ticklish situations. —*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— The great preponderance of bachelors over spinsters—the former numbering 7,427,767 and the latter 3,224,494—in the United States furnishes a very convincing reason why Congressman-elect Roberts should not be recognized. — *Baltimore Herald, Ind.*

—— It is rather paradoxical that the government should find itself called upon to defend itself against its defenders; nevertheless, that seems to be about the size of it, in the claims for prize money filed by Dewey and Sampson on behalf of themselves and their men.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— There is no question that Chairman Hanna will need a great deal of money for the coming Presidential campaign; but he will be able to make a considerable saving at the outset in not being obliged to purchase the negro delegates from the South to the Republican National Convention this year.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Monroe *Enquirer*: The city aldermen have passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for any one to come to the city of Monroe from a smallpox infected district unless they have a health certificate. No effort is being spared to keep down the smallpox here.

— Art Criticism—"Daubs has painted a dreadfully bad picture. What shall I say about it?" "You can safely say it is full of individuality."—*Chicago Record.*

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THE RACE PROBLEM.

Committee of Representative Men Organized in Montgomery, Ala., to Study and Discuss the Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., January 20.—In this city this evening, there was organized by a committee of 25 representative men of different ecclesiastical and political affiliations, a Southern society for the study and discussion of race problems in relation to the welfare of the South. The first annual conference will meet in Montgomery in May of this year. Representative speakers from all parts of the South will be asked to speak on different phases of the problem from the standpoint of the South. The programme will be so framed as to be fair to all sides The speakers will deal with the subject of the franchise, with the relation of the negro to education and religion and with the relation of the negro to the social order—including a discussion of the lynching question.

Governor Johnston, W. W. Screws, editor of the Montgomery *Advertiser*, Judge J. B. Gaston, Captain J. M. Faulkner, Dr. B. J. Baldwin, Judge Jonathan Haralson and leading clergymen of all denominations have been associated with the movement.

The War Department gives out the statement that the total receipts for the entire island of Cuba for the month of December were $1,733.221.

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We have a large Cotton Towel at 5c. Bleached Cotton Towel, 42 inches long, extra good value, at 10c. Good Linen Towel, 36 inches long, 10c; 40 inches long at 12½c.
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We have a large line of Trunks, Leather Grips and Valises which we are selling at the lowest price.
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We have a nice line of Rose Wool Blankets which we wish to close out. We will sell a ten quarter, all wool, five pound Elkin Rose Blanket for $3.25; eleven-quarter, six-pound Blanket, same kind, for $4 00. A cheap Blanket (cotton), ten-quarter, 48c. A good Cotton Blanket, weight 2½ pounds, at 85c per pair.
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STATEMENT OF
Atlantic National Bank,
WILMINGTON N. C.
At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.
RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8.79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79,160.28	
Due from other banks	169,160.99	
Cash on hand	79,351.51	327,672.78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,940.00
Deposits U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207,093.55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	76,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.
Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

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