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HERE IS CONSISTENCY.

In his message to Congress President McKinley said it was our "plain duty" to make trade free between the United States and Porto Rico. There is a bill now before Congress to make imports from Porto Rico dutiable, not to make them free of duty, as recommended by the President. Representative Grosvenor, the President's friend, and his reputed spokesman in the House, is one of the champions of this bill to tax imports from Porto Rico. In his speech Thursday he is thus reported:

"Mr. Grosvenor said he was of the mouthpiece of the President, 'but knowing him reasonably well, speak-ing as an individual, and knowing all the things involved in the situation here now. I think that nothing would give the President greater sorrow than the defeat of this bill and the turning over of this House to the Democratic minority.'

He disclaims being the mouthpiece of the President, but it is well known that when the President has anything to say in the way of letting it be known how he stands on pending measures Mr. Grosvenor is the man who does the talking for him, notwithstanding his assertions to the contrary. Whether in this instance speaking as a mouthpiece or an "individual," Mr. Grosvenor takes the liberty of speaking for the President to the extent of informing his Republican colleagues that "nothing would give the President greater sorrow than the defeat of this bill and the turning over of this House to the Democratic minority."

Here is Presidential consistency for you. The President had said in his message that it was the plain duty of Congress to relieve imports from Porto Rico from tariff taxes, and the Democrats in the House, with few exceptions, and a few Republicans are trying to perform that "duty" in accordance with the recommendation of the President. But instead of co-operating with them for that purpose or commending them for it, he is co operating with his partisans who ignore his recommendation and his views on "duty" and are doing the very reverse of what he in his message said they ought to do. He now, through his friend Grosvenor, tells his Republican partisans that nothing would give him greater sorrow than that they should co-operate with the Democrats in the House and do their "duty." This is not only glaringly inconsistent but it shows how intensely partisan Mr. McKinley is, how plastic he is in the hands of politicians, and how he flies in the face of his own solemn recommendations when the party machine managers decide upon something else.

All that stuff about turning the House over to to the "Democratic minority" is rot, for the Democratic minority could not defeat that bill without Republican votes, and the def at of the bill would have no more effect in "turning the House over to the Democratic minority" than it would on the movement of the tides.

MCKINLEY WEAKER, BRYAN STRONGER.

The Republican party managers, while claiming that McKinley will be re-elected, admit that it will require work, and incidentally admit that it will require money, and a good deal of it. They concede that Bryan is stronger now than he was four years ago, and this is virtually admitting that McKinley is weaker. There is little doubt of this for Mc-Kinley has developed an immense amount of weakness, while his course in some matters has been so grossly inconsistent and contradict-

ing as to be absolutely ridiculous. In his expansion policy he has permitted himself to be swung 'round here and there, and to be have schemes of their own to work, although he had previously and repeatedly declared in opposition to | mill hands. the policy that would make these and leaders in all its contests, on the prefer the labor of adults when it up the Cape Fear.

hustings, in the press and in the can be obtained. At the present WILMINGTON STREET legislative halls, such men as ex-Senators Sherman and Boutwell. Senators Hoar and Hale, Carl Schurz and others.

It is folly to say that the utterances and writings of these men have not had an influence on the people who have been following them, and that they do not put a lower estimate upon Mr. McKinley now than they did four years ago, when they believed or professed to believe that he was a statesman of a high order, with a mind of his own and some backbone, in both of which he has since shown himself to be sadly deficient.

He has lost ground in the East by his vacillitating Philippine policy and by his vacillitating treatment of questions pertaining to the Government of our new acquisitions, and he has lost ground in the West by his breach of faith with the Silver Republicans and by the pliancy with which he has yielded to the schemes of the gold standard men, and the men who are working subsidy and other steals. He has simply shown himself clay in the hands of the pollers who worked him into any shape they saw fit. In the estimation of many thousands of men who voted for him, it isn't he but Mark Hanna who is President.

LETTI G ? HE CAT OUT.

The movements of Marion Butler in pooling issues with the Republicans have not fooled anybody of ordinary intelligence, for his game has been too easily seen through. But if there was any doubt about it, the Republicans are doing talking enough now to leave no room for

Mr. Oliver H. Dockery was in Washington a few days ago, and while there talked quite freely about the prospective combine between the Republican party and the wing of the Populist party controlled by their "duty" but insist upon levy-Butler. A press dispatch to the Raleigh Post, quotes him substantial-

"Mr Dockery favors fusion with the Populists He advocates the nomination of Senster Marion Butler for Governor, and believes he will be the fusion candidate. A R-publican will be nominated for Lieutenant Gov ernor, and if the Republicans are suc cessful and Senator Butler is after ward re elected to the Senate, wil succe d him as Governor."

This fits pretty well with the folowing from a Raleigh telegram to the Washington Post, both on the

"Talks with many Republicans in dicate quite a general belief that they and the Populists will have no trouble in arranging a fusion ticket, with Ma rion Butler as the candidate for Governor and Spencer B. Adams for Lieu tenant Governor. The Republicans say that they would go into this arrangement upon the understanding, or practically the agreement, that Butler goes back to the Senate and Adams becomes Governor. They say further that Senator Butler will have to put his whole soul in the fight, as for him this year it is a struggle for political existence in North Carolina.

Here we have Oliver H. Dockery n Washington and Republicans in Raleign telling how they propose to utilize Butler to carry out their schemes, and telling the price they pay him for his services. They will make him Governor if they can then elect him to the Senate, and that will put a Republican, Mr Adams, or some other machine fel-

low in the Governor's chair. A very nice programme if they carry it out, but it shows the motive of Marion's trickery and why he is now trying to lead such Populists as he can fool into the Republican camp. But the white supremacy men of North Carolina, who see through this game, will see that it isn't played on them as successfully as Butler, Pritchard, Dockery, & Co., hope to play it.

CHILD LABOR IN O R MILLS.

The last report of our State Labor Commissioner shows that while there has been an increase of more than 50 per cent in the number of adults employed in our cotton mills within the past three years there has been a decrease of 50 per cent in the number of children employed. This is gratifying and it has been the result more of the voluntary action of the mill operators than of any agitation or legal requirements.

As a rule the employment of children is not looked upon with favor by our leading mill operators and in many cases children were emoloyed not because they were wanted but because the parents of the children desired it and made that a condition of working in the mills themselves, so that the mill owners were compelled to take the children to secure the services of their parents. Instances have been cited where the weekly earnings of fammade a mere cat's paw by men who lilies amounted to twenty-five or thirty dollars, a very nice income

considering the average earnings of But the tendency is and has been schemes possible. In permitting for some time to eliminate child himself to be thus manipulated he labor as much as possible for busihas antagonized some of the best ness if not for other reasons, for brains in his party, men who have our mill operators do not consider been with the party from its birth that kind of labor profitable and with their purchases of timbered lands

rate of progress the time is not far distant when but few children will be employed in our mills, but will be putting their time to better account at school.

Prof. Summer, of Yale Universitv. inclines to the opinion that "Marriage is a failure," and says that not more than 10 per cent, of the married people looking back on their past lives can honestly say they have realized all the ideals with which they began married life. Perhaps so. But how many bachelors or spinsters have realized all they hoped for? In this respect the married folks have an advantage over the single ones, for they have some one to share their disappointment with them, while the single folks must lug it alone.

President Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, has given contracts for four steamers to run on the Pacific to Asiatic ports, which will be the largest steamers afloat, 730 feet long, with a freight capacity of 22,000 tons. Two of them are to be completed within eighteen months. He isn't waiting nor asking for any subsidy.

Mexico is coming to the front as progressive country. For some years new enterprises have been numerous and railroad building active. It is now proposed to build an electric railway 409 miles along, at a cost of \$14,000,000, to which the federal government will contribute \$6,000,000.

In his message to Congress President McKinley said that "our plain duty is to abolish all customs duties between the United States and Porto Rico." His friends in Congress do not seemed disposed to do ing duties on stuff coming from

The Washington Star paragrapher, who seems to have been wrestling with the question, has discovered that the principal difference between Massachusetts and Kentucky is that the former produces boots and shoes, while the latter produces shoots and booze.

Lesley E. Keeley, the inventor of the gold cure for the liquor habit, died a few days ago at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., to which city he had moved from Dwight, Ill. He left an estate worth about \$1,000,000, made out of the cure.

A Government geologist says while he was boating in the Philippine waters his boat one day ran over a stretch of water in which there were 50,000,000 snakes of varied hues. The brand of booze he imbided is not given.

The New York Sun publishes an editorial headed "The Mule Vindicated." The mule needs no vindication by the Sun. He is abundantly able to take care of himself.

CALL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

To the Democratic Voters of North Carolina:

"By order of the State Executive Committee, notice is hereby given that the next State Convention of the Demo cratic party will assemble in the city f Raleigh on the 11th day of April. 1900 for the purpose of nominating caudidates for State offices, the selection of delegates to the National Convertion, and the transaction of such other business as it may proper to consider and deter Each county will be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate to the said convention for every one hundred and fifty Democratic voters, and one delegate for fraction over seventy five Democratic votes cast therein at the last Gubernatorial elec-

"Notice is also given that at the time of the call of the State Convention your Executive Committee passed unanimously the following resolution: "Resolved. That the question of primaries for a selection of a candidate for United States Senator be referred to the people in the call for the next State Democratic Convention for such ction as that convention may deem best."

"F. M. SIMMONS, "Chr. State Dem Ex. om. "JOHN W. THOMPSON, "Secretary.

Chartered to Load Logs,

The British steamship North Flint, of 1,408 tons burthen, Capt Owens, has been chartered by Mr. Will L. Miller to take a cargo of gum logs and other timber from this port to Glasgow for the Acme Tea Chest Company. The steamer sailed from Tyne Feb. 3rd for Las Palmas and wili be here in due time. Mr. Miller already has two cargoes ready at the company's pier at Point Peter and still another steamer will be along in a few weeks. Mr. Miller says the Acme people were highly pleased with the first cargo, which went in December last aboard the steamship Moonstons. and that the logs were declared superior for veneering purposes to any ever shipped from the United States. It is needless to add that the managers of the company are highly pleased

RAILWAY COMPANY.

Enjoys Largest Passenger Traffic of Any System in the State-Statistics by Corporation Commission.

An insight to any city's industrial and commercial importance, it is said, may be gained by an examination into statistics of patronage accorded by the public to its street railway system. I this be a criterion-and it must be admitted that it is in a large measurethen Wilmington leads her sister cities in the State in this respect. According to the annual report of the Corporation Commission for the year ending December 31st, 1899 copies of which were received in the city yesterday, the Wilmington street railway for the fiscal year ended June 30th, last, handled 725,878 passengers, which is well in advance of the yearly traffic of any other street railway company in North Carolina, though several of them have a larger mileage of track and other seeming advantages. The Asheville railway company comes next, with a traffic of 682,252, and Charlotte for the same period handled 615 826 passengers.

The detailed report of the volume of business done by the several street reisway companies in the State, as given by the Commission is as follows: Asheville and Biltmore Street Railway and Transportation Company-

Total mileage 34; passengers carried during the year 234.518; passengers per mile of track operated, 78.166. Asheville Street Railway Company -Total mileage 61; pa-sengers, 682, 252; passengers per mile of track oper

ted. 104 962. Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company-Total mileage, 55; passengers, 615,826; passengers per mile of track operated 123 165. Pinehurst Electric Railway Company-Total mileage 81; passengers, 7.333; passengers per mile of track

operated, 1,106. Raleigh Electric Company-Total nileage, 41; passengers (estimated) 527.935 (plant operated at los-). Wilmington E ectric Street Rulway Company .- T dal mileage, 41; pas sengers, 725 878. Winston-Salem Rail way and Elec-

passengers 331.106; passengers per mile of track operated 55 743. During the six months ended Jan uary 1st, 1900, the Wilmington Street Railway Company handled 489,186 passengers, an increase of about twenty per cent over a corresponding period last year, which with the increased traffic in the Spring and early Summer will bring the figures of the next fiscal year far in advance of those for the

year ending June 30th, 1899.

In this connection it is only fair and ast to say that the enormous traffic of the Wilmington Street Railway Company is not alone attributable to favor able conditions for a big business in Wilmington. The admirable way in which the interests of the travelling public and those of the company are protected by General Manager A. B. Szelding, has much to do with the very liberal patronage ac corded the system. Prompt and effi cient schedules; extra cars for extra occasions; polite attention by employes and a host of other little things have all contributed to make the Wilming ton Street Railway the best and most successful institution of its kind in the entire State.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Comparative Statement With Last Year' Receipts at Wilmington.

A comparative statement of the re ceipts of cotton and naval stores at crop year and for the week ending yesterday are posted at the Produce Exchange as follows:

Week ending February 23rd, 1900-Cotton, 5,724 bales; spirits, 226 casks; rosin, 3 450 barrels; tar, 3,462 barrels; crude 133 barrels.

Week ending February 23rd, 1899 Cotton, 702 bales; spirits, *1 casks rosin, 1,929 barrels; tar, 1 628 barrels; crude, 159 barrels. Crop year to February 23rd, 1900-

Cotton, 254,399 bales; sprits, 29 060 casks; rosin, 154 770 barrels; tar, 70,281 barrels; crude, 11.542 barrels. Crop year to February 23 d, 1899-Cotton, 284 712 bales; spirits, 27.272

casks: rosin, 152,995 barrels: tar, 64,207 barrels; crude, 10,765 barrels. It is noticeable from these figures that the receipts of each item for the past week are very materially in ad-

vance of those for a corresponding period last year-especially so as regards cotton, which has for the past three or four weeks made gains of nearly ten fold and pressed the crop year receipts to this time very near to those for the same period last year. The receipts of all naval stores at

Wilmington this year are gratifyingly in advance of last season's receipts, nctwithstanding a reported shortage

ON NORTH CAROLINA COAST.

Wreckage from a Vessel Supposed to Have Gone Down With All on Board.

[Special to Richmond Dispatch]

NORFOLE, VA., February 23 .-Wreckage coming ashore to-day on the North Carolina coast appears to show that there has been a disaster off shore recently. All aboard the vessel probably went down with her. There was a fifty mile gale along the coast on Tuesday and a stiff storm last Saturday. The wreck is believed to have occurred during Saturday's storm. Reports from Ocracoke, near Hatteras, state that a large piece of what is believed to be the deck of a 400 ton schooner came ashore and fouled the cable of the British steamer Ariosto, stranded there. Marine men fear that a schooner, of which they know the name, is lost. They will not tell her name, fearing to cause needless alarm to the friends of those aboard this par ticular vessel. The identity of the wrecked yessel may not be known for several days, probably never.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Inquired lato Circumstances of Killing of Young Joe Hodges-Funeral Will Be Held To-day.

A coroner's inquest to examine into the facts and circumstances of the killing of young Joe Hodges, pressman at the Dispatch office, whose tragic death was noted in yesterday's initiated. STAR, was held yesterday morning at the Court House.

Dr. W. W. Lane was sworn in by Dr. R J Price as chairman and the other jurors were Messrs. R. W. Hayword, E G. Yopp, James War wick, B H. Atkinson, and J. M. Hall The only witnesses examined were Mr. J. E Lewis, foreman of the news composing room, and J. M. Judge, a printer, who stopped the press after the accident. The evidence was sub stantially the same as printed in the STAR yesterday and the following verdict was accordingly rendered: That the deceased came to his death

from a blow on the head delivered by some of the machinery of a printing press while he was working under the same. We believe this to have been due to lack of precaution on his own part in failing to shut off the electric current. We further believe, from the evi-

dence submitted, that the accident could not have been due to the inter ference of any other person.

Purchased a Lumber Plant. The STAR has on several occasions noted the large purchases of timber lands in this and adjoining counties by the Angola Lumber Company, of Norfolk, Va., and predicted that the movement by this concern which is backed by a capital of \$50 000, would result in a material advancement for Wilmington's lumber interests. It now turns out that the Angola people are agotiating for the purchase of the Peregoy Jenkins lumber plant on the east side of the Cape Fear river just above the Hilton Bridge. Mr W. T Sears, general manager of the company, has arrived in Wilmington and is arranging for the consummation of the deal which in all probability The plant under its new management will be thoroughly overhauled and its capacity of 40 000 feet of lumber per d-v increased to something like 80, 000 feet. Tram roads, an order for rails for which has already been placed, will be run into the interior and other improvements made.

A Severe Accident.

Mr. Solomon Godwin, one of the operatives at Capt. Preston Cumming's saw mill at foot of Dock street, sustained the painful injury of having the thumb and forefinger severed from his right hand by contact with a ripsaw at which he was working yesterday morning. There were also gashes between the fingers and in the palm of the same hand. He had just cut a piece of timber and sllowed his hands to slip on the boards through which the saw was running to a point beyond and in drawing his hands back, the right hand caught in the saw with the results stated. He was taken to the office of Dr. D. W. Bullock where his wounds were dressed. Mr. Anderson Hewlett then took him to his home on Third and Wooster streets.

Georgetown's Lumber Business.

The Georgetown Grocery Company, of Georgetown, S. C., has recently pur chased a vessel cargo of cross-ties in the vicinity of Willard, N. C., and will ship them by schooner from Wilthe port of Wilmington for part of the mington to New York. Mr. A. P. Webber, a member of the firm, was here yesterday making arrangements for the shipment and went up last evenng to Willard to look after the interests of his company there. The lumber business at Georgetown, Mr. Webber says, is booming and the marine shipping in this line from that port is fast assuming the proportions of Wilmington's commerce in this particular.

Mail Contract Closed. The steam tug Buck, Capt Herbert Ward, has been awarded the contract by the government to carry the mail to Southport for the term beginning July 1st. The transaction was made through Mr. E G. Parr, a postoffice official of Richmond, and Capt. Ward fixed up the necessary papers yesterday. The same hours as are now in effect will be observed, viz: leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 9 o'clock A. M., and return at 5 o'clock P. M.

Back from Durham,

L. V. Grady, Esq., and Mr. Walter E. Yopp, delegates to the State Council Jr. O. U. A. M., return d yester day from Durham, where they have been in attendance upon the sessions. The Council was harmonious in every detail and the variou reports showed remarkable growth of the order in the State. The next Grand Council will be held in Winston. Wilmington me in six votes of securing the next meeting, but was defeated.

Seabright Proceeded.

The steamer Seabright, Capt. W. A. Sanders, after repairing damage re cently sustained during her experience with rough seas from Little River, S. C., proceeded yesterday on her regular schedule. It is but fair to the sturdy little steamer to say that she got into Southport under her own steam even after her terrible struggle with wind and wave. The Jones accompanied her from off Caswell, but it was only as a matter of precaution and not from necessity.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old cheap wrapping paper.

THE ELKS WILL BUILD.

The Committee Recently Appointed by the Wilmington Lodge Authorized to Purchase a Lot.

Wilmington Lodge No. 532, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. continues to grow. At the meeting last night seven new members were

That the Lodge will erect a hand some building sooner or later is a fixed fact. At the meeting last night the building committee was authorized to buy a lot on which an option had been secured. The lot is the southern side of the lot of Messrs. I. M. Bear and I. J. Sternberger, next door north of the Seaboard Air Line building. The Elks' lot is next to the S. A. L. building, and it fronts thirty three feet on the west side of Front street and runs back a depth of one hundred and sixty-five feet.

Meeting of Sunday School Workers. There will be a conference of the pastors, superintendents, assistant superintendents, officers and teachers of the denominational Sunday Schools of the city in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium on Friday, March 9th, at 8 o'clock in the evening. There will be speaking upon interesting topics by well known Sunday School workers, and an excellent musical programme will be rendered.

It is desired and expected that all of the Sunday Schools of the city will be represented. The pastors and superintendents of the different churches have been requested to announce the call of the meeting to their congregations and Sunday Schools to-day. The programme will be announced later.

Rebuilding at Carolina Beach. Many of the 'cottages at Carolina Brach, which were destroyed by the November storm, are being rebullt and the indications are that this popular resort will present even a more handsome appearance by reason of the improvements than before the hurricane, which played havoc on all hands Contractor Thad F. Tyler is completing the cottage of Mr. S W. Sanders, which was recently bought by Mr. N. M. McEachern; Contractor C. D. Morrill is at work on three new cottages Smallbones' new cottage is practically completed and the foundations are laid for Mr. D McEschern's new cottage. Mr. M F. Croom will probably rebuild soon and it is understood that Mr. L. Vollers will also rebuild. Repairs are also going steadily forward on the hotel and bar building.

Town Creek Improved.

Steamboat men who have been plying between Wilmington and points on Town Creek, in Brunswick county, are very much gratified at the recent very material improvements made in dredging out the channel and otherwise improving the course. Prior to this work the mouth of the creek and many points in the stream were dangerous to navigation, and it was with difficulty that the larger river boats could go in and out without danger to themselves. The work by the engineer's corps came in good time, and the rice planters and boat owners dependent upon this stream are profuse in their praise of the local government authorities who had to do with the improvements.

Cotton Still Advancing. There was still another rise in the local cotton market yesterday in sympathy with the New York spot market, which was quoted in the after noon at 9 1-16 cents for middling. The Wilmington quotations are firm on a basis of 85 cents for middling, which figure has not been approached on the local market since October, 1895. Early in this month of the same year as high as nine cents was reached.

- From the annual report of the Corporation Commission for the year 1899 it is gleaned that Wilmington has more building and loan associations than any city in the State Eight of these institutions have home offices here. Charlotte is next in order with three; High Point with two; Concord

one each - The schooner Melissa Trask Capt. C. H. Cobb, was cleared yesterday for Port de Paix, Hayti, with a cargo of lumber, shingles, lamp oil, brick and four spars, by master. The vessel is by George Harriss, Son & Co.

with two and eleven other towns with

- Col. W. J. Woodward, Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias, is arranging to hold a district meeting in Winston, March 2nd. Elaborate ar rangements are being made to entertain the visitors.

Stedman For Sheriff. In looking over the list of candidates

for Sheriff do not forget that Frank Stedman is the man who, in 1890 seized the Democratic banner, which had been trailing in the dust for 25 years, and carried it to Victory. In that memorable campaign he was the man who had the grit to accept the nomination, and attack the entrench ed position of the enemy, carrying it by storm, and thus establishing Democratic rule in New Hanover county What else did he do? He spent his money freely for the whole Demo-cratic ticket and when it was found that our candidate for County Treasurer had been defeated by a few votes. he appointed him Special Deputy, with a salary almost equal (net) to that of the Treasurer.

Frank Stedman can stand the Jef-fersonian test—'Is he honest? Is he capable?" This was demonstrated newspapers at your own price? If so, practically when he held the position call at the STAR office. They make a for which he is now the Peoples Candidate.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TO A PRESSMAN.

Mr. Joe Hodges Killed by the Press at the Dispatch Office Yesterday Evening. His Head Horribly Crushed.

A dreadful accident occurred yesterday evening at 5 35 o'clock to Mr. Joe Hodges, the pressman at the office of the Evening Dispatch. He was engaged in running off the paper on the Cottrell power press, which is operated by electricity, and had about twothirds of the edition off, when it is supposed that something went wrong with the running gear of the machine. At any rate he was inside the frame of the press at the back of the bed, and while several employes of the office were looking on they were horrified to see the press suddenly start. The bed plusged back on the young man, and his head was caught between the plunger, and the air chamber, a hollow device into which the plunger goes to break the force of the bed as it flies forward and backward. Mr. Jim Judge, one of those who were present, as quick as a flash stopped the press before it made another revolution, or it would have mashed the pressman to a pulk. When the bed of the press released his head he feel inside the frame without uttering a cry. The awful force with which he was struck had knocked him senseless and he was unconscious when taken from the midst of the a schinery. It is not known how the press started, as the band was on the "idler," but it is presumed that in tightening a bolt Mr. Hodges came in contact with the rod which throws the band from the "idler" to the driving wheel.

Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy was immedi ately summoned and was at the un fortunate young man's side in a few minutes. While the injured man lay unconscious on the floor of the press room, he shaved the side of his head and dressed the wound. It was hardly necessary to have done so, however, as a glance showed that he was fatally injured. The left side of his skull was crushed and ther was a terrible gast three inches above the ear and extend ing inward as far as the fluger could be put. The is jured man was sent to the city hospital, and died within five minutes after he arrived. He died at for Maj D. O'Connor; Mr. Walter 725 P. M just about two hours after he received the injuries. He never regained consciousness

Mr. Hodges was 22 years of age and was the son of Mr. Jesse Hodges, well known ship carpenter who is a present at Norfolk, Va. His mother is dead, but he has three younger brothers, Edward and Willie, who are here. Rutus who is in the country and a sister, Mrs. Charles Potter, who resides in Richmond, Va. The de e-a-ed was formerly employed at the STAR office and at the other newspaper and printing at differen times and some time lately had been a messenger boy at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He quit that job to take the position as press man at the Dispatch office. He has been boarding recently with Mrs. Pickett, on Second street, between

Orange and Ann streets. Dr. R. J. Price, the coroner, upon being notified of the death of Mr. Hodges, viewed the body, and upon an affidavit being made out, he summoned a jury and will hold an inquest this morning at 10 o'clock at the court house. The following jurors were summoned last night to investigate the case: Dr. W. W. Lane, James Warwick, E. G. Yopp, B. H. Atkinson J. M. Hall and R. W. Haywood.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Brought by the Wife of State Senator McLellan, of Louisians.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, February 24.-Mrs. Am ber Louise McLellan, wife of Orris Irving McLellan, a State Senator in Louisiana and worth, it is said, mor than a million dollars, applied for divorce to day. She testified that her husband's cruelty toward her was so her life. Her bill charged that in 1896 Mr. McLellan tried to have her interdicted, or pronounced inca pable of carrying on her own affairs When given her choice of a mad house or the street, Mrs. McLellan said she chose the asylum, and stayed there two months. About Christmas, 1898, she fled from New Orleans to Chicago where a friend found her employment The testimony showed the husband to be the owner of the dry docks at New Orleans, a line of street cars, large plantations, blocks of real estate in New Orleans and an income of \$50,000 year. Mrs. McLellan's lawvers asked the court to award Mrs. McLel lan \$5,000 a year as alimony and the possession of her personal property, worth \$7,500. "If the case is as it eems," said Judge Tuthill, "she ought to have a share of that million.

A NEW YORK TRAGEDY-

Woman Shot and Killed at Hotel Endicott. Murderer Committed Spicide. By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.-Mrs. E. NEW YORK, February 24.—Mrs. E. Michigan. The fifth member will be P. Hayes, wife of Dr. E. P. Hayes a announced later. It is generally bedentist, formerly of Chicago, but now with offices at the hotel Endicott in West 81st street, was shot and killed to-night in her apartments in that hotel by Dr. Frank D. Caldwell, an assistant of Dr. Hayes.

Caldwell then shot and killed him-

Dr. Hayes was found in a drug store near at hand and hurried to the rooms. He was quite distracted, talked wildly and it was feared for a time that he would have to be restrained. He could not offer the faintest suggestion of a cause for the wild act of

Mr. William C. Elam, editor-inchief of the Norfolk Virginia-Pilot, died at his home in Louisa county, Va., at 1 P. M. yesterday.

- Mount Olive Advertiser: Many thousands of bushels of fruit and vegetables are allowed to go to waste in this section every season when the price is too low to allow of shipping. - Winston Journal: Superintendent of Schools Wharton, of Greensboro, thinks there have been 20,000 persons vaccinated in the Greensboro section of Guilford county, and not a single serious case so far as he knows. - Aberdeen Telegram : A white Republican of character, and a good business man of this county, was here this week and stated that he believed

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

that all the white R-publicans except the office seekers would support the constitutional amendment. - Greensboro Telegram: The little three-year-old child of Mr Henry Long, of Colfax, was accidentally killed yesterday afternoon. The child was playing near the well, which was being cleaned out by workmen, when a heavy piece of timber fell on his head The skull was fractured and the

unfortunate little sufferer died in about an hour. - Durham Herald: About a year ago Fred Morrow, of Vance county, killed a negro man because he insulted Mrs. Morrow, and then made his escape. Since then he has been in hid ing. A few days ago Mr. Morrow came to Durham and remained he e until Monday when he left for his home, near Williamsboro, saying he would then surrender to the authori ties and stand trial. Mr Morrow be longs to a very prominent Vance coun-

produce evidence that will result in his acquittal. - Elizabeth City Economist: Mr. T. R. Bland an old an esteemed prominent member of the Baptist church, departed this life on Sunday night, after retiring for the night. He was found dead in bed on Monday morning. He was 76 years of age. Our most enduring work and monu ment is the pecan trees in the Court House lawn. They were planted there by Elihu White, of Belvedere, who departed his life last week, and ourself. We sugguested it to him about ten years ago, and he readily co oper-

ty family and is certain that he can

ated with us. - Charlotte News: Mr. C. L. Mulwee died at his home in Crab Orchard to waship yesterday afternoon after an illness of one week. Deceased was 32 years old — Friends of Hon. F. I. Osborne are of the opinion that he will secure the place on the Pailippine Commission Mr. Osborne is still in Washington. Nothing has oeen heard from either he or Senator Pritchard in regard to the matter. -Pandermonium reigned at the Ging ham mill this morning. It was indeed a laughable sight to see over 400 fright ened operatives scramble for the doors and windows in their efforts to evade the vaccinating physicians.

- Lexington Dispatch: The American Furniture Co. will ship a car load of furniture to Boston, Mass., this week. This company many tures an excellent grade of furniture and their goods are rapidly achieving a wide reputation. — Mr. Jno. T. Sink. Jr., of Lexington township, killed a hog last week that is remark able for the amount of cash it has etted its owner. It was a sow and weighed 508 pounds when killed Mr. Sink says he has raised one hundred and nineteen pigs from this sow, which he sold for exactly \$352 Add to this the present worth of pork per pound, say five cents, and it will be seen that he realized exactly \$377 40 from one

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. W. R. Tarlton died at his home in White Store township last Thursday (15th), aged 82 years. - Mr. Branch Barnhardt died at the home of his mother, at Norwood, Thursday morning. Mr. Barnhardt was depot agent at Alb-marle and was taken violently ill with typhoid fever about ten days ago — The 5 year-old son of Moses Clinton, col., who lives on Capt. Boggan's place, four miles from town, fell in the fire last Saturday (17th), and was so badly burned that death ensued Sunday. The child's parents were in town when the accident occurred, only two or three small

children being present. - Greenville Reflector: On Wednesday Chief of Police James arrested a colored man named Joe May. Since the robbery of Mr. Laughinghouse last week this man has been under sus picion and has been shadowed. When he was arrested Mr. Laughinghouse was telephoned for to come to Greenville and see if he could recognize him. Mr Laughinghouse arrive here in the afternoon and said the man's appearance corresponded perfectly to one of those who assailed and robbed him. When searched May had a copy of the Daily Reflector hid in the lining of his coat. From Mr. Laughinghouse's statement the man was placed

in jail to await furtner developments. - Raleigh News and Observer: The Cooperville Brick Company, of New York, has decided to establish a pl nt in this county, on the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad, with a capacity of 40,000 brick daily. Property has been purchased. — The new cotton mill to be erected in Smoky Hollow, Durham, which was originally capitalized at \$25 000, will now cost 450,000, 200,000 more having been added to the capital stock. The new factory will have 16,000 spindles and 800 looms. Ground is to be broken great that she felt obliged to flee for next month for the erection of the plant. The Durham Hosiery Mill. which is owned by General Jultan S. Carr, will be removed to the same locality. The capital stock of this company, which was originally \$100,-000, has been increased to \$250 000. Work will begin right away, and it is expected that the new hosiery mill will be ready by the first of September. — The new power house of the Durham Electric Light Company is to be erec ed in Smoky Hollow. It will cost \$50,000, and is to be equipped with the best and morst improved machinery, making the plant equal led by none in the State.

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Four of the Five Members Have Been Selected by the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, February 24 -It was officially announced to-day that four of the five members of the new Philippine commission have been selected. They are Judge Taft of Ohio, Luke E. Wright of Tennessee, H. C. Ide of Vermont and Dean Worcester of lieved he will be Bernard Moses of California.

BURNED AT SEA.

An Unknown Barque-The Crew Feared to Have Been Lost.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Shipping men fear that the crew of the thousand ton unknown bark, which the American ship Manuel Laguno saw on fire at sea, has been lost. This belief is strengthened by the report of the Ward line steamer Cienfuegos, now in this port. Her log book shows that on February 18th she passed close to a raft on which was a lot of clothing and blankets.