The Meekly Star.

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his message told them it was their

"plain duty" to abolish tariff re-

strictions between this country and

Porto Rico. He urged that after

mature deliberation and full inves-

tigation, supported by official re-

ports as to the condition of the peo-

ple of the island and the terrible

straits to which they had been re-

duced by our tariff laws. But in-

spite of all that, instead of doing

their "plain duty" the leaders, in

the interest of a few people who

represented that they would be in-

juriously affected by just treatment

of Porto Rico, applied the lash to

Mr. McKinley and made him sup-

port the very opposite of what he

had so strongly recommended in his

message. As whip wielders these

SILK MANUFACTURING

Although silk manufacturing has

not attracted as much attention as

some of our other manufacturing in-

dustries it is making rapid progress

and attaining large proportions. In

view of this fact and that this in-

dustry has been added to the other

textile industries of North Carolina,

the following, which we clip from

the Boston Commercial Bulletin will

"The statistics bearing upon our im-

ports of raw silk indicate a remarkable

increase of late in the volume of do-

mestic silk manufacture. It appears

from the Government reports that

there were received here during 1899

cocoons, reeled and waste silk to the

value of \$43,546,872 against \$27,178,989

for the preceding year. We are now making fully \$100,000,000 worth of

silk fabrics, or within twenty or twen-

ty-five per cent. of the total require-

nents of the country. We have im-

ported as high as \$39,000,000 worth of

manufactured silk in a year; but, not-

withstanding our large capacity for

buying the past twelve months, our

purchases of foreign made material of

his class amounted to but \$27,800,000.

"The ingenuity of our designers has

been turned to the production of silk

goods in various grades. The success

that has followed their efforts is best

seen in the increased consumption of

goods of domestic make and the di

minishing imports of similar goods

from abroad. But it is not only in the

matter of volume that we are excell-

ing, but in quality as well. Right

here in New England as good black

silk dress goods are being made as in

Lyons or any other foreign centre.

while several of our cotton mills have

taken up the weaving of silk and cot-

ton fabrics with the most satisfactory

results. The business has long since

passed the stage when there was any

occasion for fear regarding its future,

and there are, in fact, few industries

that have given a better account of

themselves than has American silk

manufacture, or that, taking one year

with another, is more likely to yield

satisfactory returns to those engaged

These figures are pretty good proof

that the manufacture of silk has

become an established industry and

that it has come to stay. But we

import the raw material, and the

next thing in order, before the in-

dustry will be a thoroughly Ameri-

can one, will be to raise the raw

material ourselves, which can be

done, for this country is as well

adapted to silk culture as any other,

especially the southern portion of it.

But the probabilities are that a good

deal of the material used by the

mills is artificial silk, in the making

of which much progress has been

made in Europe within the past few

A CONFESSION OF INJUSTICE.

The message that the President

sent to Congress Friday asking that

he be authorized to expend for the

benefit of the inhabitants of Porto

Rico the money received in customs

duties on imports from that island

and the money that may be received

from the duties imposed by the bill

just passed the House of Represen-

tatives is a virtual declaration that

injustice has been done to Porto

Rico by this act. It is a case of

hedging by the President and is

doubtless the result of the compro-

mise made between the Republican

supporters and opponents of that

It was probably suggested and

understood, when this compromise

was made, that such a recommenda-

tion as is embodied in the message

would be sent to Congress and

promptly adopted. This is indi-

cated by the celerity with which a

bill was introduced for that purpose

and the haste with which they pro-

debate to twenty minutes on

each side. They seemed to be as

anxious as the President to do some-

thing to make the country believe it

was not their purpose to plunder

Porto Rico for the benefit of the

protected gentlemen who feared a

little bit of competition from that

island. But the tariff beneficiaries

won all the same whether the

customs duties collected from pro-

ducts coming from or going to

Porto Rico be expended for the

benefit of the people of the island or

he turned into the Treasury of the

In any event, the message of the

President is a confession of injustice

to Porto Rico, and a swipe at this

tariff while the celerity with which

his recommendation was adopted is

practically an admission of this by

United States.

be interesting:

fellows understand their business.

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the Post Office at almtgton, N. C., a Second Class Ma er.] SUBSCRIPTION P ICE.

The subscription price of the We ly Star is a

NOT WITH PRITCHARD

We have published extracts from letters by a number of Populists who refuse to wear Butler's ring in their noses, and follow him into the Republican camp to fight against the adoption of the constitutional amendment. But there are also a good many Republicans in the State who refuse to wear Pritchard's ring and follow him in opposition to the amendment. Such prominent leaders as Col. Cowles, of Statesville. Hon. Thos. Settle, of Greensboro, T. M. Argo, of Raleigh, and others, have come out in favor of the amendment and given strong reasons why they favor it. In the Raleigh Post of Friday there is a letter from a Republican of Henderson county giving his reasons for refusing to follow Pritchard, and for supporting the amendment, from which we clip the following:

"The majority of voters in my township and county (Henderson) are Republicans, and I belong to the majority. I have no intention of severing my connections with the grand old party, but when the Republican lead ers depart from the beaten path and advocate a policy which has for its object the retarding of the social political and industrial progress of the State, I cannot and will not go with them; nor do I believe my fellow Republicans will knowingly do so. I have reference to the opposition of the Re publican party in this State to the rati fication of the constitutional amendment, which action is, I am thoroughly convinced, a deplorable blunder. have become of this opinion, not from reading the delusive representations of any party, but from a careful study of the amendment itself and the de cisious of courts bearing on the cons titutionality of the amendment.

"I am, as I have already said, Republican, and expect to remain one but I am not one of those so called Republicans, such as Senator Pritchard, Congressman Linney and others are proving themselves to be, who seem to think that in order for a white man to be a Republican he must consider himself no better than a negro, and be willing to submit to negro domination. Now, if it took that to make a Republican I would not vote a Republican ticket so long as I have any respect for myself er my race, or any auxiety for the welfare of the white people of the State, and 1 believe these are the sentiments of most of the Republicans of Henderson county, for the most of them are honest men and white. A true Republican is far from being in favor of negro domination, and will not cast his vote against a measure he is convinced will make white supremacy permanent and negro domination an impossibility even though it be called a Democratimeasure and is opposed by unprinci-pled Republican efficer holders, whose selfish interests lead them to work against the best interests of the people of the State."

The Republican machine managers, composed principally of Internal Revenue and other Federal office-holders, are doing their best to solidify the white Republicans against the amendment by gross misrepresentation as to its scope and effect, but notwithstanding that there are thousands of white Republicans who will vote for it, for many Republicans are just as anxious to eliminate the negro as a political factor as the Democrats are. They have become tired of negro domination in their party, and are anxious to get rid of it, and for that reason if for no other, will vote for the amendment.

UNDER WHIP AND SPUR.

Under whip and spur, even drawing upon the sick bed and the hospital for the necessary votes, the Republicans carried their Porto Rican tariff bill through the House of Representatives Wednesday, a bill which if properly entitled should | ceeded to pass it after limiting be called a bill to treat Porto Rico as American territory for purposes of spoliation and taxation and for other purposes as foreign territory. The majority was not large, only eleven, and this would have been reduced five or six if all the Democrats who were opposed to it had been at their post.

There were more Republicans opposed to it than the vote shows, but these were whipped in to save the bill and the Republican party from defeat. With them victory for the party amounted to a good deal more than sticking to their convictions and opposing to the end a measure that they as representatives condemned. As representatives they opposed it; as partisans they voted for it under the whip and spur of

whipped in Mr. McKinley, who in gress.

THE WEEKLY STAR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1900.

A FRIGHTFUL FALL. mediately Take Possession and Wind Mr. John Kane, Bridge Inspector for the Atlantic Coast Line,

IT IS FOR CONQUEST.

The war against the Boers was

prought about under hypocritical

pretences, which did not deceive

everybody, but did deceive the masses

of the British people, but now that

they have had a few victories, the

leaders in this war have become

elated, thrown off the disguise and

confess the real animus that inspired

them. In the jubilation in London

over the raising of the siege of

Ladysmith, the Lord Mayor in

addressing the people assembled

around the Town Hall said: "I

thank the Almighty God for the

glorious news. We have awaited it

patiently. We are satisfied that

under the humane laws and govern-

ment of this country the Boers, in a

very short time, will be loyal citi-

The war was precipitated osten-

sibly for the purpose of redressing

the grievances of the Outlanders,

and to secure them the rights to

which it was claimed they were

entitled. That's all. It was em-

phatically denied that there were

any designs upon the two Boer Re-

publics, or any intention to encroach

upon them. But the Boers under-

stood it, and prepared for the war,

which they saw was inevitable, and

hence the Orange Free State, al-

though not a party to the original dis-

pute, made common cause with the

Transvaal Republic, tecause it knew

it would be doomed if the Transvaal

The history of events, and the

confessions of English war leaders

are justifying the apprehensions and

the action of the Boers, and are show-

ing up the hypocrisy that covered

the plundering conspiracy that has

forced Great Britain into a war that

has already cost her millions of dol-

lars and thousands of lives, and will

many thousands more of lives, and

will end in infamy to her, although

she may succeed in grabbing their

land, and in planting her flag over

these outnumbered people. It is a

conclusion that accords with the

British treatment of the Boers from

the beginning, running back a hun-

dred years, and all for the gold

Bresbie Skiles, of Reading, Pa.,

wears the title of "king of the fox

hunters." He is 83 years old, but

takes as keen an interest in the pur-

suit of the fox as any of the boys do.

We knew an old gentleman in this

chaser that when he grew too deaf,

after passing the age of eighty, to

hear the hounds yelp, he took young

men along to do the hearing for him.

Some colored citizens of Delaware

a few days ago got hold of a re-

ligious tract urging men to be better

and became so much interested in it

that they quarrelled over it, and fin-

ally got into a pitch battle and one

of them was left on the field stabbed

with a big knife. At last accounts

he wasn't even doing well much less

A German engineer is said to

have discovered a practicable canal

route across the isthmus only eleven

miles long. Since the discussion of

the Nicaragua scheme there have

been, according to reports, no less

than a dozen shorter and better

routes discovered. If they keep on

they will discover a canal after

The Chinese have a tree from the

seeds of which they squeeze a sort

tallow from which they make

candles. The seeds are very fat

and after the fat is extracted make

a daisy fuel. It is said that some of

these trees have been planted in this

State and in South Carolina, where

Young George Pullman wants a

divorce, but his wife is opposed ex-

cept on conditions. The principal

one is the payment of \$400,000,

which is the valuation she sets upon

the knot connubial. George is won-

dering how he is going to squeeze

that much money out of an annual

Kaiser William, whose income is

\$8,401,238 a year, has asked for a

little increase of \$1,000,000 a year

in his salary. He thought he was

saw the reported incomes of Rocke-

feller, Carnegie and some of our

Men do not rank very high in

Brooklyn, N. Y., but a high value is

put upon toes. One of the burgers

there recently recovered \$5,000 dam-

ages from a railroad for the loss of a

great toe. He has another left, and

the usual complement of lesser ones.

The Jumbo automobile is owned

by an Australian, who uses it as a

they are growing nicely.

allowance of \$3,000.

other boys.

better.

awhile.

diggers and territorial expanders.

zens to the British empire."

Mr. Kane Lost His Footing While on Top of the Coast Line Coal Elevator-The Funeral This Afternoon at

Mr. John Kane, bridge inspector of the Atlantic Coast Line, met with a frightful fall yesterday morning at 8.30 o'clock. He had gone up on the Coast Line's coal elevator, at the foot of Brunswick street, and had a couple of men with him, Messrs. Ben Watson and Fred Blanchard, to line the reloading bin with sheet iron. The bin is 55 feet above the wharf. While walking across a bridge from the main bin to the coal bin, he stumbled and fell. Mr. Blanchard being above and seeing him stumble cried out in alarm and attempted to catch him but to no avail. He went down feet foremost, with his assistants horrified at the fate that awaited him

Mr. M. H. Johnson, foreman of the Coast Line carpenter force, was standing on the grond thirty feet from where Mr. Kane struck the wharf. When he saw that he had fallen, he was fixed to the spot with fright, He saw Mr. Kane in his descent clutch wildly at the truss under the bridge, but the force of his fall broke his hold, and striking with his feet against some of the timbers he was made to cut a somersault and sent whirling to the heavy plank wharf. He struck with terrific force, and immedialely Mr. Johnson went to him, being joined by Messrs. Watson and Blanchard as soon as they could get down from the top of the elevator. Mr. Johnson found Mr. Kane conscious in spite of cost her many millions more and his awful fall, but it was apparent that the monopoly it has built. In furtherhe was terribly injured. Pulling off ance of this plan he published two adhis coat and putting it under Mr. Kane's head, Mr. Johnson sent one of the men to call a surgeon. Meanwhile, Mr. Kane with great fortitude

State who was such an inveterate

hemorrhage. He was conscious till the

on the bridge over Northeast river at

PEBRUARY HEALTH REPORT

Remarkably Fine Showing for Healthful. ness of City-Sanitary Statement. The meeting of the board of health

for a future meeting. the Superintendent of Health, for the month of February shows that during

this period 37 deaths have occurred. 10 of the decedents having been white and 27 colored. Of the 10 white deaths 2 were females and 8 males; of the colored deaths 12 were males and 15 females. Two bodies were brought to the city for interment and six transit getting along pretty well until he there was not a case of contagious any quarantines placed during the month for scarlet fever, diphmonth and this department of the report is probably the best in years. Four certificates of identification were having been found in fair condition,

freight carrier to and from a gold mine 372 miles in the interior. It weighs 14 tons, is operated by a gaso-But these leaders had previously the Republican majority in Con- line motor of 75-horse power, and the Glencoe Stock Farm, of Mr. Thos. can make eight miles an hour loaded. 'A. McIntyre in Onslow county.

BLACKWELL TOBACCO CO. Temporary Receiver Appointed to Im-

RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.-A bill in

office of the U. S. Circuit Court to

wind up the affairs of the Blackwell

to the highest bidder and distribute the

proceeds to the stockholders of the

company; to make such sale, and con-

duct the business pending the sale.

Percival S. Hill, of New York, is ap-

pointed temporary receiver of the

property, business and assets of the

company. He is directed to imme-

diately take into his possession all its

property. Mr. Hill is secretary of the

American Tobacco Company and

President of the Blackwell Company.

The sale will be at public auction, at

court may hereafter direct. Bidding,

however, must begin at, say, \$200,000

to \$800,000. Pending such sale

Judge Simonton has issued an in-

junction restraining all creditors

and stockholders of Blackwells, Dur-

ham Tobacco Company and claimants

maintenance of any suit or action

against the company. Creditors and

stockholders are notified to appear be-

fore Judge Simonton of the U.S. Cir-

cuit Court at Chambers in Charleston,

S. C., on April 17th, 1900, at 10 o'clock

A. M., to show cause if any they have

why, injunction shall not be contin-

ued until final disposition of the

case and why a permanent receiver

should not be appointed for the prop

erty. The principal ground on which

a receiver is asked is an interview of

Maj. William A. Guthrie, of Durham,

(printed in the STAR on February 21st)

in which Maj. Guthrie said he would

make an effort to compel the Tobacco

Trust to pay the farmers of North Car-

olina a fair price for tobacco, quit vio-

vertisements setting forth: First, that

application would be made to the Gen-

June session to charter the Durham

Anti-Trust Tobacco Company, with a

manufacture tobacco. This, the plain-

Tobacco Company, say is a threat

against the interests of the Blackwell

Company, in which they are stock-

THE NEW COTTON FACTORY.

All But One of the Constructing Engineers

Who Have Been Erecting Machin-

ery Have Gone Home.

quite a number of constructing en-

tracts to put in machinery at the Del-

putting in the steam and water pipe

system. He will be here a few days

longer fitting the piping for some of

Mr. Maurice Rose, who represented

the Mason Machine Works, of Taun-

ton, Mass., finished his part of the

work yesterday and will leave for

Taunton to-day. He put in 240 Mason

looms and has given instructions to

the loom fixers and help since he got

the looms in running order. Last

night the loom fixers presented Mr.

Rose a handsome Odd Fellows' pin as

a token of their appreciation of his

Besides the 240 Mason looms, the

Delgado Mill has 100 Cromptou looms,

the colored dve tanks.

instructions.

equity was filed here to-day in the

Up Affairs of the Concern. Killed Yesterday. [Special Star Telegram.]

HE FELL FIFTY-FIVE FEET.

Oakdale Cemetery.

directed the men how to handle him.

Dr. D. W. Bulluck, the Coast Line surgeon, was soon by Mr. Kane's side. and was soon afterwards joined by Dr. E. J. Nixon, medical examiner of the Atlantic Coast Line Relief Department, They administered emergency relief to the injured man and he was taken on a car to the city hospital by way of the track of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad. Both the surgeons accompanied him and did everything in their power for his relief but he died from his injuries at

11.05 o'clock. It is wonderful that Mr. Kane survived more than two hours after his frightful fall. His pelvis was fractured and he sustained several internal injuries. His scalp was also lacerated and contused, but the skull was not fractured. His lower extremities were considerably bruised. The immediate cause of his death was internal

Mr. Kane was aged about 52 years and was said to be a man of quiet habits and sturdy character. He was employed as bridge inspector by the Atlantic Coast Line four or five months ago, and having completed some work Castle Haynes, he arrived here his car on Wednesday night to work on the coal elevator. Before engaging with the Coast Line he was in the employ of the Edgmoar Bridge Company, of Wilmington, Delaware. He was not a married man, so far as is known, and being a stranger to the railroad people, it is not known where his home is. A search in his pockets and among his effects in the car in which he lived, resulted in the finding of letters from a sister and a nice in St. Louis, Mo. They were telegraphed the sad news of his death.

was again postponed yesterday afternoon and no definite date has been set The report of Dr. W. D. McMillan

permits were issued. Eleven cases of smallpox were treated at the pest house but at the close of the month diseases in the city, nor were theria or smallpox. Not a case of typhoid fever was reported during the issued and 1,131 inspections were made by the officers, 619 of the premises and 137 in bad condition. Thirty-eight special inspections were made and 871 closets attended. Lime and acid orders were issued to the number of 104 and 24 rooms were fumigated.

- Mr. Paul Mattocks has succeeded Mr. Isaac Hogeland as manager of DOCKERY-BELLAMY HEARING.

Argued in Part at Washington Friday by Deckery's Counsel-An Affidavit from Mike Dowling.

[Charlotte Observer Special.] WASHINGTON, March 2.- The con-

tested election case of Dockery vs. Bellamy came up to day before elections committee No. 2. W. H. Dud-Durham Tobacco Co., sell its property | ley, the famous blocks-of-five man, appeared for Mr. Dockery, assisted by Claude Dockery. Mr. Bellamy was represented by Hon. Chas. M. Bus-bee, of Raleigh, and Hon. Frank I. Osborne, of Charlotte. Mr. Dudley made the opening argument, and occupied about four hours, contending that the Democratic leaders entered into a conspiracy to carry the State and in order to do so resorted to murder, whippings, use of whiskey and negro intimidation. Mr. Dudley's arguments were assumptions of fact not proven by the record, and many not even referred to in the evi-

dence. He contended that through such time and under such terms as the an intimidation 10,000 the district were not cast and that if allowed to vote they would have voted for Mr. Dockery. These contentions were in the teeth of the fact that appeared in the evidence that the vote of the Sixth district of North Carolina was the largest vote cast in the South in the last election and was nearly 10,000 greater than in to its property from institution or former years, the vote being even larger than that cast for General Grosvenor in Ohio; Reed or Dingley, of Maine, or of any Republican leader in the House. Dr. Dudley, after arguing the case on its merits, agreed to open up the case again, and to take testimony, showing a weakness in his case. He submitted an affidavit of Mike M. Dowling, setting up intimidation and use of whiskey or the part of Representative Bellamy in Wilmington. This man Dowling, it is said, was arrested in Wilmington charged with highway robbery. Dockery has had this man in Wilmington obtaining affidavits in opposition to Mr. Bellamy. Mr. Dudley even went so far as to bring in lynchings that occurred a year after the election.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dudley's argument the case went over until Monday next, when Messrs. Busbee and Osborne will be heard for Representative Bellamy. At the session Tuesday testimony will be introduced lating the laws of the State, and stop showing up the record of the man Dowling mentioned above.

TOWN CREEK IMPROVEMENT.

eral Assembly at the June session to Work Finished Up Early This Weekrepeal the charter of Blackwell's Dur-Black River Next in Order. ham Tobacco Company, of Durham;

second, that application would be The government stump puller Gen made to the General Assembly at the eral H. C. Wright, Capt. P. T. Dick sey, early this week finished up the dredging and other improvements to capital not exceeding \$25 000,000, to Town Creek, and Capt. R. M. Capps who has been employed on the works, tiffs, who are officers of the American told a reporter yesterday that this water course is now in excellent condition for navigation by those boats which ply up the stream.

Boats drawing five feet of water may now pass safely up and down the creek and the improvement in great measure is considered permanent. About \$8,500 was the appropriation available for this work and it is learned that this amount has been practically exhausted and no more work of any consequence can be done until a new appropriation

For the past four or five months The General Wright came up to the gineers have been here for the various city last evening and will in a few machinery companies which had condays begin work removing obstructions in Black river, commencing at gado Mill. Since the mill has been the point up the stream to which the completed, the men have been taking river is navigable and working this their departure, and now only one reway. After the Black river work is mains-Mr. Joseph B. Page, who is completed, it is probable that some here for Bowles & Warwick, of Richwork will be done in Northeast river. mond, Va , who had the contract for

BILL TO REDUCE RATE OF POSTAGE

Introduced in the House by Mr. Bellamy. Referred to Committee.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy has introduced in the House "a bill to reduce the rate of postage on first-class mail matter to one cent for each half ounce or fraction thereof," and the same has been referred to the Committee on the Postoffice and Post-Roads and ordered o be printed. The full text of the bill is as follows

Be it enacted by the Senate and

House of Representatives of the Unit-

ed States of America in Congress as-

sembled, That on and after the first

day of July nineteen hundred, on all

the Act approved March third, eighteen

hundred and eighty-three, entitled

"An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Depart-

ment for the fiscal year ending June

thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eightv

four, and other purposes," reduced to

two cents for each half ounce or frac-

tion thereof, postage shall be charged

at the rate of one cent for each half

Sec. 2. That all Acts so far as they

fix a rate of postage different than

that herein provided on such first-class

matter are to that extent hereby re-

S. Kenan, of Raleigh. He was 78

years of age, very scholarly and a

highly respected citizen of his county.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old

cheap wrapping paper.

ounce or fraction thereof,

and 100 Woods looms, making 440 in matter of the first class, as defined by chapter one hundred and eighty of the The machinery in all the departlaws of Congress, approved March ments is now complete and the mill is third, eighteen hundred and seventynine, entitled "An Act making ap making rapid progress in its operation. propriations for the fiscal year ending The dye works have been started in June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and the past few days, preparatory to turneighty, and for other purposes," and by that Act declared subject to posting out colored goods. age at the rate of three cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, and by

ANOTHER SMALLPOX CASE.

A Colored Girl With the Contagion on Greenville Sound-The House Quarantined and Guarded.

Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, was notified yesterday that there was a suspicious case of sickness in the colored public school on Greenville Sound. Last night he and Dr. R. J. Price went down, and diagnosed the case as smallpox.

The patient is a colored girl about | The Late Stephen Graham. 14 years of age, daughter of Jason The late Stephen Graham, of Ken-Loftin, who lives on Mr. Percy ansville, an uncle of Capt. W. Cowan's place. She is broken out R. Kenan, of this city, whose death was with pustules, but is getting along very announced in yesterday's STAR, was well. Dr. McMillan had the house graduated at the University of North quarantined and put a guard over it to Carolina in 1841. He was afterwards prevent contact with the patient. The admitted to the bar at Kenausville for girl and her parents and another child the practice of law and was subseare corr lled in the house. All have quently elected to the Legislature, been vaccinated. The school children where he served with credit to himself who have been in contact with the girl and to his constituency. He was also will be vaccinated. the uncle of Jos. G. Kenan and Miss Annie Kenan, of Duplin. and Mr. T.

May Festival.

It is quite likely that Wilmington is to have a magnificent May Festival. At the last meeting of the Wilmington Musical Association, a committee was appointed to consider and report their recommendations as to having a music festival in May.

DEAL CONSUMMATED.

chase of Peregoy-Jenkins Mill Plant.

\$16,500 THE CONSIDERATION.

Plant Will Be Overhauled and Enlarged, Trade Was Closed by Attorneys Last Night-Tram Reads to Be Built Into the Interior.

The STAR a few days ago stated that live announcement of a sale.

Last night, however, at a meeting of interested parties the deal was consummated and the property is now in the hands of the Angola people, who will thoroughly overhaul the plant, probably enlarge its capacity from 40,-000 feet per day to 80,000 feet, run tram roads to the interior, where large acreages of timber have been purchased and put the mill into operation perhaps as early as thirty days.

The sale was made by George L. Peschau, Esq., of the firm of Bellamy and Peschau, attorneys for M. C. Stewart, of Baltimore, owner of the property, and the price paid was \$16,500, for all the equipment, etc., of the mill and a five years lease upon the tract of land upon which the property is situated. The purchasers were represented by George Rountree, Esq., and there were also present at the meeting at which the sale was made Mr. J. W. Perry, president; Mr. H. F. McCoy, secretary, and Mr. W. T. Sears, general manager, of the Angola Lumber Company. The purchasing company is an es-

As late as last Summer the STAR made mention of the very great activity of the Augola Company in purchasing timbered lands in this and adjoining counties and it is announced that they hold options on something like sixty million feet on the stump. Spurs of railroad track will be projected from different points along the A. C. L. railroad and along the river, and in this way the logs will be frieghted to the mill.

The purchase means much for Wilmington's commercial and shipping interest and the new enterprise will be welcomed with open arms by Wil-

naking extensive improvements at the Peregoy-Jenkins mill which the company recently purchased here. The railroad tracks running through work on the machinery and yards getting things in readiness for operation the latter part of this month.

Mr. S. C. Shane, of the firm of S. C. Shane & Co., Norfelk, Va., managers of the Rubber Roof Paint Company, is here with a force of six painters and they are at work covering the roofs of all the buildings with rubber paint. The buildings will be greatly improved in looks as well as in a substantial way when the job is

Mr. L. C. Tilley, of Norfolk, arrived here yesterday to take charge of the planing and dry kilns of the company. His wife came with him and they will make Wilmington their home. The enterprise will bring several new families to this city.

Death of Mrs. Joseph McLaurin.

The STAR regrets to chronicle the

Mrs. McLaurin was born in Nantucket, Mass., and was in the 76th year of her age. She came to Wilmington when a young lady to reside with her sister, the late Mrs. R. B. Wood, Sr. The immediate members of her family who survive her are her husband, Mr. Joseph McLaurin, and four children-Mrs. Walter Coney, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. James H. Taylor, Mr. L. W. Mc-Laurin, and Miss Kate B. McLaurin, of this city. Mrs. Coney having been telegraphed that the end was near, ar-

rived in the city yesterday afternoon, The deceased lady was the oldest iving member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and was a woman of exemplary Christian character. In her death a good woman goes to her reward. Her bereaved family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

- Criminal Court for the Eastern District will be convened by Judge Dossey Battle in this city next | crease \$9,621,000; specie, decrease \$4,week. Mr. W. R. French is now engaged in making up the docket. There will be about seventy-five cases, none of which important, many of none of which important, many of

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Angola Lumber Company's Pur-

negotiations were on foot by the An gola Lumber Company of Norfolk, Va., looking to a purchase of the extensive saw and planing mill plant of the Peregoy-Jenkins Lumber Company on the east side of the Cape Fear river, just above Hilton Bridge, but the plans were not sufficiently ma tured at that time to make the posi

pecially strong one and has a paid up capital stock of \$50,000. Mr. Sears. general manager of the company, and Mr. McCoy, the secretary, will in all probability make Wilmington their home when the plant is put in opera

mingtyn's business men.

ANGOLA LUMBER COMPANY.

Extensive Improvements at Their Mi Plant-Seventy Men at Work. The Angola Lumber Company is

the plant are being changed so as to made a most convincing and appealrun through all the buildings of the he grew pathetic and a suspicious plant and form a belt line around the yards. About seventy-five men are at

finished.

death of Mrs. Joseph McLaurin, who passed away yesterday morning at 11.30 o'clock at the residence of her son, Mr. L. W. McLaurin, 414 Chesnut street. She had been an invalid for some months, and, though her death brings great sorrow to her household and friends, it was not unexpected.

newspapers at your own price? If so, none of which important, many of call at the STAR office. They make a them having been continued from last legal requirements of the 25 per cent.

- Durham Herald: The Postal Telegraph Company now has a line direct from here to Charlotte. The line has been opened up and is ready for use. On this route the following towns and cities have offices which can be reached by our people: Burlington, Greensboro, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte.

- Sanford Express: Some of the farmers say the acreage in cotton will not be increased or even so large this year as it was last, as many of the farmers sowed down much of their cotton land last fall in wheat. Had they then known that the price of cotton would advance in the spring they would hardly have sown so much small grain.

- Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. Stephen Graham died at his home in Kenansville on the night of March 1st, in the 79th year of his age. Mr. Graham was a representative type of the old time Southern gentleman, and has long been a respected and prominent citizen of Duplin county. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1841, and was a member of the Legislature of 1848 49. He was an uncle of Col. Thomas S. Kenan.

- Kinston Free Press: Fire was dscovered in Snow Hill Wednesday night about 3 o'clock in the restaurant of Walter Busbee, colored. The flames could not be controlled and when the fire had spent its force it had consumed three buildings owned by Mr. C. B. Sauls, used for a restaurant, grocery stores and dry goods stores; and the store of McD. Pate used as a bar and storage house. The fire ori-

- Rocky Mount Argonaut: We regret to chronicle the sudden death of Mrs. N. B. Dickens, which occurred Monday morning last. Mrs. Dickens had a stroke of paralysis Sunday morning and never rallied and died about 6 o'clock Monday morning. — Edgecombe county has purchased two road machines and eight horses to pull them and proposes to go into the good roads combine along with the other enlightened, progressive counties of the State.

- Fair Bluff Times: Last Saturday afternoon (24th ult.) about three o'clock, Snow, the six year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jenkins was accidentally and dangerously wounded by a gun in the hands of Bettie Hemmingway, a colored servant girl in the employ of Mr. Henry Coleman, son in-law of Mr. Jenkins. The shooting took place at Mr. Coleman's house about six miles east of this place. A small son of Mr. Jenkins' having gone to mill there, taking with him the little girl and shot-gun, the negro not knowing the gun was loaded took it up and pointed it at Snow, and said: Look out, Snow, I am going to shoot you." The little girl begged her not to shoot, telling her the gun was loaded and dangerous. When within a few feet of her she fired, the whole load of number 4 shot taking effect in the right side. The load of shot is supposed to have lodged in her right lung, and has not yet been removed, as probing causes most intense suffering.

A GREAT SPEECH.

Major Stedman's Effort in the Pretzfelder Case is Highly Spoken of.

[Greensboro Record] The speech made by Maj. Stedman in the Pretzfelder case Saturday is spoken of in high terms by those who heard it. Its effect on the jury is best told by a gentlemen who is a tip top judge of human nature. He dropped up in the court room and heard the Major talk for some time. When he _came down he met a prominent attor ney, and remarked:

That jury is going to give Pretzfelder a verdict. "How do you know-what makes you think so?" asked the lawyer. "I have been listening to Major Stedman's speech, and he has got the jury 'nodding' at him and you know what that means. They are uncon-

scious of what they are doing, but it shows they are agreeing with him. Watch and see. Sure enough he was right. Pretzfelder got a verdict for \$2,500. It may be remarked that about all who followed the hearing thought he would lose, and most of those agree that it was in great part Major Stedman's speech that saved him. He ing talk to them, while occasionally

moisture was noticeable in the eyes of

Death of C. L. Banner.

several members of the jury.

The Greensboro Evening Telegram of a recent date announces the death at Richmond of Mr. C. L. Banner, who is well and favorably known here as railroad postal route agent on the Yadkin division of the A. C. L. He was a native of Mt. Airy and had gone to Richmond to have an operation performed for catarrh, dying soon after the operation, He had been in the railway mail service for about six

HOPELESSLY ADRIFT AT SEA.

Revenue Cutter Onondago's Pruitless Search for the Steamship Minerva. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Va., March 3 -The evenue cutter Onondago arrived here this afternoon, after a week's fruitless search for the Spanish steamship Minerva, which is helplessly adrift at sea without coal. The Onondago searched two hundred miles off the coast for the lost Spaniard and was forced by lack of provisions and injury sustained by her condensers in Thursday's blow to put back to port. The cutter's officers and crew believe that the Minerva had either foundered at sea or been carried north.

RACE TROUBLE IN ALABAMA.

Negro Lynched for Shooting a White Man-Several Negroes Shot. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 4.--Race trouble is threatened at Letohatchie, twenty-five miles south of this city. It is reported that one thousand negroes are congregated and are threatening. It is said that last night some white men went to the house of Jim Cross. a negro, called him to the door and shot him, Afterwards the crowd shot his wife, son and daughter. Only a few days ago Sam Powell, white, was shot by a negro in the same neighbor-hood. The sheriff of Montgomery county has been telegraphed to for aid.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus re-serve, decrease \$6,037,000; loans, in-