

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON ON OUR NEW ACQUISITIONS

When the Porto Rican tariff bill was under consideration in Congress, in reply to a question as to what he thought about it, ex-President Harrison said he feared that we were making "a grave departure" from established principles.

Holding the views he does it is not strange that, stalwart Republican as he is, he so positively refused to make even one speech in the last campaign for the reelection of McKinley, for he is uncompromisingly opposed to the administration policy of expansion and to the reasons advanced in justification of it.

If the Supreme court should, in the cases now being argued before it, hold with those who contend that the constitution does follow the flag, and that we cannot have a Republic in one part of the land and an Empire elsewhere under the flag, it will be interesting to note the devices that will be resorted to to get rid of this acquired territory and take the back track on that kind of expansion.

SOME OF THE OBJECTIONS TO IT.

A few days ago we referred to the letter of Wm. E. Curtis, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, in which he said the Hanna subsidy bill was in danger of defeat. In analyzing the bill he gives the following as one of the strong objections to it:

"One of the principal arguments against the bill is that it favors Europe over the United States. It is already well supplied with transportation facilities, and it is not to be expected that the United States will build up a lot of tramps to go as they are, while the country leads direct and regular communication with certain foreign countries."

If one of the objects, and according to its advocates the main object, is to build up American commerce, why is it that a field with so many possibilities in it as Central and South America should be entirely overlooked? It is proposed to spend a couple hundred million dollars, or more, in the construction of an isthmian canal, which would shorten the distance as to give us a decided advantage over European traders in these countries and yet we have never made any systematic efforts to form trade relations with them, but have looked on while Europeans have forged to the front and secured the bulk of the trade.

It is said that a few newspapers spread between the covers on a bed will be equivalent to a blanket or two and that a newspaper around the body under the coat is as good as an overcoat, and yet there are some people who do not think much of newspapers.

The Armour Packing Company doesn't purpose to let the Salt Trust salt it and has bought a little salt mine for its own use. This company will save about \$250,000 a year by digging its own salt.

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THE BALANCE SHEET.

In view of the contention that ship subsidies are necessary for the upbuilding of American commerce, the following analysis of the United States Treasury report, showing the growth of our commerce for the past ten months, as compared with last year, which we clip from the New York Herald, will be interesting:

Table with columns for Raw cotton, Exports, Imports, Net exports, and various commodities like Iron, steel, and manufactures.

Commenting upon these figures the Herald says:

"The value of the oils—vegetable, animal and mineral—exported is surprising, and the sum might be increased by adding 10 million dollars for oleo, included above under provisions. More than one half of all this, or about 78 million pounds, went to the Netherlands, where it is converted into the margarine some 20 million dollars worth of which is exported yearly by that little country, and cynics fancy that some of it even gets into that famous Holland butter. Some of the bills we have to pay abroad are light in comparison with what they were some years ago. For instance, the sugar imported in the ten months cost us 80 1/2 millions, coffee 46 1/2 millions, and tea 10 millions. Imports of tobacco in all forms cost us 14 millions, while on the other hand we exported 27 1/2 millions worth. Presumably owing to the war in China, our exports of cotton manufactures were but 18 million, a decrease of 11 millions, while the increased purchasing power of our people is reflected in an increase of nearly 7 millions in imports of manufactures of cotton, which amounted to nearly 30 millions."

For the ten months ended with November the value of products and merchandise exported exceeded the declared value of imports by \$72 million, being 34 millions larger than for the corresponding period of the record breaking year of 1898, and exceeding that for the corresponding ten months of last year by 145 million. From this apparent, balanced definite deductions must be made for undervaluations, earnings of foreign corporations in this country, money spent by citizens travelling abroad, the cost of ocean freight and the also great unknown amount of American securities returned. Whatever these items may aggregate, the exhibit is one to be proud of.

And yet the subsidy boomers insist that the people tax themselves \$9,000,000 a year for twenty years (and no telling how long afterwards) to help a commerce which is hustling along at such a remarkable pace.

There is but one thing that will compare with this fraudulent scheme and that is the colossal check that dares advocate it.

MAKING SCAPGOATS.

The New York Sun is one of the organs that gets red hot when it discourses on the Hay-Pannocote treaty, which it denounces without stint. It has no hesitation in saying that if Secretary Hay did the proper thing he would resign forthwith for the part he has taken in trying to force that intolerable document upon this country. Without discussing the merits (of which, according to the Sun, this treaty has none) or its demerits, why should the Sun vent its indignation upon Secretary Hay and let the rest of the Cabinet and the President go free?

Are they not all practically as responsible for it as Secretary Hay? Wasn't it discussed in Cabinet council and approved before it was submitted to the Senate for ratification? If the President had not approved it it would never have gone to the Senate, and yet the Sun has not a word of reproach or rebuke for the President, but jumps on Secretary Hay as if he alone were the offending party.

The fact is it is an administration measure, and the President is as anxious for its ratification as Secretary Hay is, and is using his influence to secure its ratification, and therefore it is manifestly unjust, and dishonest, too, to hold responsible for it a man who is really less responsible than the chief under whom he serves, and with whose approval that treaty was submitted to the Senate.

But it is the custom with some party organs to make scapegoats to screen the more responsible parties. Alger was made a scapegoat to screen the administration and now they are playing the same game with Hay.

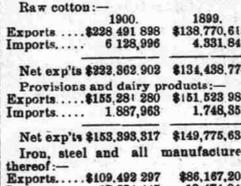
Married at Burgaw. Mr. David Sparkman, of Rocky Point, and Miss Katie Hand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hand, of Burgaw, were happily married Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church at Burgaw. It was a lovely wedding and there were many attendants. A delightful reception was given at the home of the bride's parents after the wedding. Among the Wilmingtonians who witnessed the marriage were the Misses Ennett, Miss Henrietta Shepard, and Dr. C. T. Hawes, Messrs. G. Grady, Robt. Hand, Jr., and Sparkman Sibley.

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THE TIMBER PROSPECTS.

Mr. H. McL. Green, a Veteran Dealer, Talks of the Prospects and Prices for the Coming Season.

With the advent of Winter and Spring, the season of logging up the Cape Fear and the rivers tributary to that stream, comes much speculation on the part of the timber prospect for the coming year. This speculation is not alone confined to the saw mill men but there is also a large number of other people who are dependent to a more or less extent upon the industry.

A STAR representative yesterday had an interview with Mr. H. McL. Green, who has been in the timber business for the past 29 years, fifteen years of which time, at first, he was a dealer and the past fourteen years an inspector of timber. Mr. Green has recently found time, aside from his duties as county treasurer, to again enter the field as a dealer in timber and has, therefore, informed himself of the situation which, combined with his long experience in the business, has well qualified him to speak with authority on the subject.

Asked as to what the market will do this Winter and next Spring, he said the general outlook for long leaf, hard and yellow pine was bright, and he thought it would bring good paying prices all the season. But as to short leaf or Rosemary timber, he said that he could not speak so favorably, as it was dull and hard to sell, but he thought it would improve, and advised all who thought of cutting short leaf to observe the length of 16, 24, 28 and 32 feet.

Logs, he says, are bringing the following prices according to size and quality: Pine—Sixteen feet long, 12 inches and up in diameter, \$5.00 per m.; knotty, \$3.25; wormy and box-faced, \$3.00.

Cypress—Sixteen feet long, 20 inches and up in diameter, \$6.50; same length, 16 to 20 inches in diameter, \$5.50; same length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter, \$4.00; knotty timber, \$3.00.

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A VALUABLE INVENTION.

Mr. J. L. Grafflin Has Secured Letters Patent for Improved Mechanism.

Mr. Jno. L. Grafflin, of this city, and a machinist in the shops of Mr. C. M. Whitlock, has just received through his attorneys in Washington, Messrs. A. A. Snow & Co., letters patent for a very useful invention in the form of a key-seat cutter, which will prove a boon to the "workers in iron and steel" everywhere.

The invention is an improved machine for cutting key-seats on shafts, its object being to provide a simple and portable key-seat cutting mechanism, which is adapted to operate upon shafting placed in any position or of any diameter, the seat forming device having an automatic feed movement and being so controlled as to insure the formation of the key-seat in parallelism with the axis of the shaft operated upon.

Mr. Grafflin is yet undecided as to what he will do with his invention. He has received several very flattering offers for his patent from Northern concerns, but thinks now that he will manufacture the machine himself. This he can do, placing them on the market at a cost of about \$50 each.

His Sentence Extended.

Mr. S. E. Memory, of Whiteville, who was in the city yesterday, told of a rather unusual incident which took place at Whiteville Sunday. A negro who was sentenced at the present term of Columbus Superior Court to three years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse, became so violent and uncontrollable in the jail Sunday that it was necessary for the jailer to chain him to his cell. Judge Robinson, who is presiding over the court, hearing of the negro's frenzy, ordered the clerk to extend his sentence to five years instead of three. Cutting up campers cost him two years longer imprisonment.

New Cashier for Atlantic National.

The Charleston Evening Post of the 18th inst. says: "Mr. Andrew Moreland, of this city, will leave on January 1st for Wilmington, N. C., where he goes to take the position of cashier in the Atlantic National Bank. He has been with the Carolina Savings Bank for eight years."

Editor's Avenue Flight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) News, was afflicted for years with Piles, that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Remedy. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best sale in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

CHAMBER COMMERCE.

Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon for Consideration of Important Matters.

THE CULLOM BILL ENDORSED.

Proposed Inland Water Route for Wilmington Explained—Manufacturing Plant for Castle Haynes—Stevadore and Pilotage Laws.

Probably the most important session of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce held this year was the special meeting yesterday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, at which a number of matters of vital consequence to the business interests of the port were brought up. Prominent among these were the Cullom bill; the matter of the proposed canal from New Topsail inlet to Harrison's creek; a project to dredge out the Northeast river to Castle Haynes; the compulsory pilotage and stevedore laws, and other matters of minor importance.

Messrs. M. S. Willard and J. A. Taylor, comprising the committee to whom was referred the matter of the Cullom bill, presented an exhaustive report, dissenting from the request of the Louisville Board of Trade, that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce exert its influence for the defeat of the measure in Congress. The report consists of over six typewritten pages and is entirely too lengthy for publication in the STAR to day. The bill is designed to extend and enlarge the powers of the Inter State Commerce Commission and has been pending for some time. Consideration of it was given by the Chamber less than a year ago and a comprehensive report endorsing it by Mr. J. Allen Taylor was approved at the time.

The question was upon this occasion brought up by a request from the Louisville Board of Trade that the Wilmington Chamber go on record as opposing it, which the meeting yesterday afternoon failed to do but adopted the report of Messrs. Taylor & Willard answering every objection raised by the Louisville body and pointing to many advantageous propositions embodied therein. The secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the report to each member of the House and Senate from North Carolina and request their cooperation in the matter by the passage of the Cullom bill. The question of the proposed canal from New Topsail inlet to Harrison's creek, in Pender county, was next introduced and Capt. Edgar D. Williams, by request, explained the many advantages that would accrue to the port from the improvement and illustrated the details of the project by charts. Capt. Williams began his remarks by saying that Wilmington was the only port of any size that did not have some inland water way provided by the government. The plan is to cut a canal of 8 to 8 1/2 feet depth from New Topsail through Harrison's creek to Northeast river, thereby connecting with Wilmington by North-east river, which has a uniform depth of 9 to 10 feet from Harrison's creek to Wilmington. By this method small vessels bound north or south may travel an inside fresh water route free from danger and adverse winds. It would prove especially beneficial to larger such as trade through the canals from Philadelphia and Baltimore and through the Albemarle and Chesapeake and Dismal Swamp canals to Elizabeth City, Washington and Newbern and also to the small class of government vessels, cruising up and down the coast, and yachts bound South to Cuba and Porto Rico. All of these would come by the proposed route instead of going from Beaufort 90 miles to Frying Pan Lightship; thence to the Cape Fear bar 23 miles and up to Wilmington 30 miles, making a total of 143 miles. The distance by the new route would be 50 miles from Beaufort Cape Lookout light to New Topsail, 8 miles, through the canal to Northeast river 8 miles, and thence down to Wilmington 27 miles, making a total of 85 miles and escaping the dangers of Frying Pan, likely adverse winds and to the smaller craft.

It is calculated that the dredging would cost the government from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per mile but Capt. Williams thinks the amount would well spent as it would greatly increase the commerce of the port and prove an untold benefit to yachts and other small craft.

MARRIED AT ROCKY POINT.

Prominent Young Man of Currie Led to the Altar Miss Carrie Sparkman, of Rocky Point.

A very pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Mr. C. N. Sparkman, of Rocky Point, yesterday at noon in the marriage of his charming daughter, Miss Carrie Nixon Sparkman, to Mr. Jesse Frederick Lucas, a son of State Bank Examiner George L. Lucas, of Currie. The ceremony was performed in the Rocky Point M. E. church by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw, and the bridal attendants consisted of Mrs. D. D. Sparkman, dame of honor; Miss Thyrus Lucas, sister of the groom, maid of honor; Mr. Lee Simpson, best man; Mr. J. Bruce Black, Mr. D. D. Sparkman and Mr. E. T. Huggins. Miss Henri Shepard, of Wilmington, was organist and ushered in the bridal party to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. An intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana was softly played during the ceremony and the party retired to the tapers of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride wore a becoming going-away gown of grey cloth with gloves and hat to match. The church was beautifully decorated in palms, ferns, and other evergreens.

A reception and breakfast were given the bride party at the home of the bride at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and last night at the home of the groom at Currie another reception was given. The wedding was a delightful event for all those in attendance and the popular couple received many congratulations from friends.

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ject, was continued with instruction to report at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. J. H. Chadbourne, Jr., stated that a party of capitalists had in contemplation the establishment of a \$300,000 manufacturing enterprise at Castle Haynes and he desired that the Chamber of Commerce take up the matter of having the government to dredge Northeast river to a depth of 13 1/2 feet to that point. He stated that he was informed that the river already had a depth of 9 feet to Castle Haynes and for this reason the plan would be very feasible. The matter was referred to the committee on Harbor Shipping and Commerce, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Smallbones, Jas. H. Chadbourne, Jr., and Capt. E. W. Van C. Lucas.

The matter of a change in the laws governing and regulating stevedoring at the port of Wilmington was, upon motion of Mr. M. S. Willard and seconded by Mr. J. A. Taylor, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. C. W. Worth, J. T. Riley and J. A. Springer.

Mr. J. A. Arrindale, president of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, brought up the matter of alleged excessive port charges and attacked the compulsory pilotage law. Action on the matter was deferred until both sides could be heard upon the subject. The question evoked quite a lengthy discussion participated in by Messrs. M. S. Willard, Jas. H. Chadbourne, Jr., and others. At length a motion prevailed that the president appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting. President Jacobi stated that as the question was one of so much moment, he would take time to make selections of members of the committee.

Those present and participating in the meeting were Mr. M. W. Jacobi (president), Colonel John L. Cantwell (secretary), Messrs. T. D. Meares, A. B. Skelding, R. N. Stone, J. A. Springer, J. A. Taylor, M. S. Willard, B. S. McManus, W. N. Harris, W. R. Edwards, J. H. Chadbourne, Jr., W. M. Cumming, Col. Walker Taylor, Capt. E. D. Williams and representatives of the press.

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ACCIDENTAL KILLING AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Charlie Byrd, a white youth of Fayetteville, and a son of ex-Chief of Police Byrd, of that city, was accidentally killed late Saturday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of Charlie Jones, an associate of about his own age, with whom he was swapping pistols on Person street, as they were on their way home to Campbellton, a suburb of Fayetteville. Young Jones was attempting to get his revolver out of his inside coat pocket when it fired, the ball taking effect just below the collar bone, ranging downward and coming out below the left shoulder blade. The wounded boy fell into the arms of a man standing near and died instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental homicide. Both boys stand well in their community and young Jones is almost prostrated with grief at the killing of his companion.

COLUMBUS COURT ADJOURNED.

The special term of Columbus Superior Court at Whiteville adjourned yesterday. Judge Robinson and others interested in the session passed through the city yesterday returning home. There were four commitments to terms in the State penitentiary including the old man, D. J. Reglister, who was sent up for one year for manslaughter.

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CALL TO DR. WELLS.

He Will Be Asked to Become Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT.

New Serving Second Church of Stanton, Va., and Will Visit Wilmington on a Trip South During the Holidays. Congregational Meeting.

At a congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, held Sunday immediately after the morning service, a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church was extended to Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Stanton, Va., to succeed Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, who resigned more than a year ago to accept a call to Warren Memorial church, Louisville, Ky. The action was merely an endorsement of the selection made by a committee appointed for this purpose several months ago and it is believed that the Rev. Mr. Wells will accept. The committee has had much correspondence with him and the members think he is inclined to the idea of coming. He will visit the church and preach a sermon very soon and he will likely announce his decision about that time. He is regarded as a very able man and the church will feel fortunate in securing his services in the event he will accept.

The congregational meeting was presided over by Rev. J. W. Paxton, who is temporarily supplying the pulpit, and Mr. B. F. Hall, as clerk, kept a record of the proceedings. The committee announced its selection through its chairman, Mr. C. H. Robinson, and the call was extended without a dissenting voice. The other members of the committee are: Mr. B. F. Hall, Mr. W. M. Cumming, Mr. W. A. Riach, Mr. W. E. Worth, Mr. W. J. Crosswell and Capt. Henry Savage.

Rev. Dr. Wells will come South to spend the holiday season and he likely make his visit to Wilmington either on his way down or upon his return. He is a native of Mississippi and is about thirty years of age. He is married and has three children.

A THOUSAND TONGUES.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough, that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles 10c. At R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

THE FIRES LAST NIGHT.

Residence of Jos. Sternberger and Store of Dan Benton Burned.

The two-story frame dwelling, No. 218 North Sixth street, owned by Annie C. Evans, colored, and occupied by Mr. Joseph Sternberger, was damaged to the extent of about \$500 last night by a fire which originated in the rear of the residence from a cause unknown. The department responded to an alarm from box 34 at 11:25 o'clock and soon had the flames under control. There was \$700 insurance on the building. Dwelling No. 216 adjoining Mr. Sternberger's residence and owned and occupied by Annie C. Evans, was damaged slightly but was fully insured. St. Mark's colored Episcopal church, also adjoining, was damaged to a slight extent. The alarm at 1:15 o'clock this morning was on account of the burning of the grocery and liquor store of Mr. Dan Benton, corner Orange and Magnolia streets. The building was owned by Mr. Sol. Bear and is practically a total loss. The stock was also a total loss and was valued at about \$800. The building was valued at \$600. The amount of insurance could not be ascertained. The origin of the fire is unknown.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED.

Shot by Deputy Sheriffs While Releasing Arrest in Guilford County.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WINSTON, N. C., December 19.—Frank Huffines and his brother, whose name was not learned, were shot and mortally wounded at the home of their father near Oak Ridge, Guilford county, about 6 o'clock this morning. The shooting was done by Deputy Sheriffs J. W. Mooney and J. W. Sheriffs at Kernersville. They were deputized to arrest the brothers on warrants charging them with being two of the parties who broke into and robbed a bar room near Kernersville, Sunday.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Frances Harper, an Aged Widow Lady of Newbern, N. C.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Frances Harper, a widow, some 70 years of age, met with a horrible death at her home in this city about 9 o'clock this morning. Having a young child, Mrs. Harper lay down in front of a fireplace to warm herself. While in this position her clothing caught fire and she was fearfully burned. She died within a few minutes in great agony.

NEWBERN JOURNAL.

The twice-escaped prisoner, John Manning, whose various adventures have already been prominently featured before the public, is again in the custody of Craven county. He was arrested Monday at Aiden, Pitt county, and taken to Craven county jail in Lenoir. Yesterday he was brought here by Deputy Sheriff H. G. Draney. Manning was at once across the river to work on the roads with the force of assistants brought here from the farm. His abrupt departure will be hindered by a ball and chain attachment, which is fastened to one of his ankles.

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REV. E. W. WOOTEN DEAD.

Prominent Baptist Minister Passed Away at Prong, N. C., Last Friday.

Rev. E. W. Wooten, of Prong, N. C., near Whiteville, died at his home last Friday, after an illness of several weeks of typhoid fever. He was 72 years of age and was in the Baptist ministry for years, being one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of that section. His death is deplored throughout the community.

DECEASED IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE SONS.

Deceased is survived by his wife and three sons, Rev. Frank Wooten and Messrs. Richard and Edward Wooten, of Prong. Also by two brothers, Capt. Thomas Wooten and Mr. Shade Wooten, of Clarkton.

THE FUNERAL WAS CONDUCTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND HE WAS BURIED WITH MASONIC HONORS, HE HAVING BEEN A PROMINENT MASON FOR YEARS.

The interment was in the family burying ground.

GREAT FIRE AT COLUMBIA.

Jerome Hotel and Other Buildings Destroyed—Total Loss is Estimated at \$142,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19.—To-night Columbia was visited by the most disastrous fire in twenty years. The Jerome Hotel and three large mercantile establishments on Main street and four smaller ones on Assembly street were destroyed. The total estimated loss is \$142,000; insurance, \$58,000.

The fire started at 8 o'clock in the rear of Van Meier's furniture store, a late having exploded. A lively street and a hay warehouse adjoining caught in almost a second's time, and the fire started to burning through to Main and Assembly streets, clearing everything until stopped by an alley dividing the square.

The Jerome has been political headquarters for the State for years. The building and furniture were valued at \$75,000; insurance, \$20,000. Other losses: J. M. Van Meter, two store buildings \$15,000; stock (furniture) \$30,000; insurance \$30,000. M. McCarty, stock of groceries and house hold effects, \$3,000; insurance \$4,000. King Backett Store, stock \$6,000; insurance \$6,000. May stables, contents \$1,000; insured, B. F. P. Leppart, exchange, \$1,000; insurance \$1,000. William H. Lykes, store building, \$3,500; insurance, \$3,000.

The fire was under control by midnight.

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By Telegram to the Morning Star. WINSTON, N. C., December 19.—Frank Huffines and his brother, whose name was not learned, were shot and mortally wounded at the home of their father near Oak Ridge, Guilford county, about 6 o'clock this morning. The shooting was done by Deputy Sheriffs J. W