ness career cannot be achieved without sound health. The business man should guard his health as he guards his capital; for health is part of his capital and the impairment of that capital affects every business interest. A sedentary occupation and quick lunches, soon show their effects in a sluggish liver. The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure "liver trouble" as well as inligestion and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

The "Discovery" strengthens the body by supplying Nature with strength mak-ing materials. It contains no whisky. cohol or other intoxicant. "After three years of suffering with liver trou-ble and malaria," writes Mr. Edward Jacobs, of Marengo, Crawford Co., Indiana, "I gave up all hopes of ever getting stout again, and the last chance was to try your medicine. I had tried all the home doctors and received but little re-lief. After taking three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and one vial of his 'Pleasant Pellets' I am stout and hearty. It is due entirely to your wonderful medicines." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets assist the

action of "Golden Medical Discovery." A TOAST TO THE LOSING MAN.

Here's to the man that loses-the patient, luckles, wight, Who battles ever manfully, though in a losing fight.

Who works away by night and day, and ever meets defeat, Yet knows that, dim, ahead of him, success-success is sweet. Drink to his health-the losing mancommoner, prince or priest-

Who has no hate for his hard fatefor he tried, at least. Health to the man who loses-the one who works in vain, The one who struggles gallantly, and garners naught but pain.

Down to the grave his heart is brave, his hope is ever high,

For he has learned what we have spurned-that it is good to try. Drink to his luck-the loser's luckskeleton at the feast-Sorrow and rue may be his due, but

he has tried, at least. Health to the man who loses—loses and pays the price-Pays the price of the loser-unfavored of Fortune's dice. Courage to dare a fate unfair-that is-

his goodly mark, Mettle and might to search for light, though groping in the dark. Drink to his health-the losing mansoldier, or slave or priest, What though he fall? He's better than all-for he tried, at least. -Baltimore American.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

- To do God's work we must do it His way. - The rays of happiness, like those of light are colorless when un-

- Too much sensibility creates unhappines; to much insensibility

- There are thousands of people who live on the cold, dark side of life.-What they need is light and

- No matter in what land the Christian if, or under what sky he turns his eyes heavenward, he looks homeward,—to the bliss and rest

- More than half of the unhappiness in the world comes fro a perverse unwillingness to look on the bright side so long as a dark side can

- The Christian who works as hard as it everything dedended on himself and as unconcernedly as though everything depended upon God, has a nearly perfect working

-Nelson Heirs: The will of the late Chief Justice Faircloth is admitted to probate His estate is valued at about \$70,000. His property is devised to his widow, relatives and friends, with handsome bequests to Thomasville Orphanage and the Baptist Female University

- Chicago Tribune: Something just as good: "Have you Dickens" Tale of Two Cities?" asked the occasional customer. No, sir," replied the new salesman at the bookstore, after a glance at the shelves, "but I see we have a Romance of Two Worlds' by Marie Corelli. Won't that do?" - Consider how august a privi-

lege it is, when angels are present and archangels throng around, when cheru bim and seraphim encircle with their blaze the throne, that a mortal may approach with unrestained confidence, converse with heaven's dread Sovereign! Oh, what honor was ever conferred like this? - Chrysostom. **TWINKLINGS** 

- Hewitt-"Is your watch right?" Jewitt-"I don't know. One can never tell what care these pawnbrokers take of them "- Town Topics.

- Stout Lady-"Does a bicycle reduce the fi sh?" Mr. Simpurse (wearily) - If you buy it on the instal - ot plan it des "-New York Weekly

- Lady Tourist (doing the Cathedral of Sections) - This is Gothic, isn't it, John?" Juvenile Vendor of "Guides" (severele)-"No, mem; this is Presby terian."- Punch

- Kate-"I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man on earth." Jane-"I would" Kate-"What for, I'd like to know? Jane—"Oh, just to spice all the other women,"--Detroit

"See here!" exclaimed the shopper, excitedly, "there's a man just dropped drad in that bargain crush!" "How inopportune!" cried the floor-walker. "We have not yet opened our undertaking department."—Phlia delphia Press.

- Skilled in One Manœuver.-"Polly, do you know much about parliamentary law?" "Oh, yes; often in our club, when somebody tells me to, I move to lay something on the table."—Chicago Record...

- Miss Santeek-"I don't believe Thomas a Kempis was such a good man. He didn't always stick to the truth." Miss Budde—"Didn't he?" Miss Santeek—"No; it was he who wrote 'Man proposes."—Town Topics.

Former Governor Curtis H. Brogden dien at the age of 85, Thursday, in Goldsboro, N. C.

#### CARNIVAL OF BLOOD.

THE FEARFUL RITES THAT USED TO OBTAIN IN AFRICA

Human Sacrifices Were of Common Occurrence - The Execution Bowl and the Infliction of the Death Penalty on the Victims.

Ashanti, in western Africa, embraces about 70,000 English square miles in area, and its population has been variousy estimated from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000. The country proper is one continuous forest, and this is traversed by narrow, winding paths which are broad enough for pedestrians and chair and burden carriers, but not for vehicles. Despite the dense woods there is a remarkable absence of animal life, and men who have penetrated into the deepest parts of the woods have wondered at the absence of bird and beast. When the land has been cultivated, it has been found extremely fertile and productive of large crops of grain, vegetables, yams and fruits. Gold is also found in large quantities, and the principal exports are gold dust and palm oil. For many years it was one of the greatest slave shipping points. Twentyfive forts were built upon the coast in the course of as many years, and in these the European merchants carried on their

slave trade. In this barbaric country polygamy ran riot to the extent that a king's regular al-lowance of wives was 3,333, and the custom of human sacrifice was so well established that a ruler could have his subjects or prisoners killed for no reason further than that he wished it done. The system of human sacrifice was founded to some extent on the idea of piety toward parents and superiors. It is the popular belief that one's standing in the next world depends on the number of attendants sent after him. Several times every year the king visited the places where his predecessors were kept. These were not buried, but they sat in state, their bones held together by links of precious metal. There the prisoners of war were brought

before the king and executed in ways to suit his fancy. In a sketch written by Colonel George Baden-Powell in 1896, when he was a major of the Thirteenth hussars, that officer had this to say of the practice of human sacrifice: "'Kumassi' means the death place. One town possessed no less than three places of execution. One, for private execution, was at the palace; a second, for public decapitations, was on

the parade ground; a third, for fetich sacrifices, was in the sacred village of Bantama In speaking of the execution bowl, he said: "It is a large basin of brass, some five feet in diameter, ornamented with four small lions and a number of round knobs all around its rim, except at one part, where there is a space for the victim's neck to rest on the edge. The blood of the victims was allowed to putrefy in the bowl, and, leaves and certain herbs

being added, it was considered a very valuable fetich medicine. "Any great function was seized upon as an excuse for human sacrifices. The king went every quarter to pay his devotions to the shades of his ancestors at Bantama, and this demanded the death of 20 men over the great bowl. On the death of any great personage two of the household slaves were at once killed on the threshold of the door in order to attend their master immediately in his new life, and his grave was afterward lined with the bodies of more slaves, who were to form his retinue in the spirit world. It was thought all the better if, during the burial, one of the attendant mourners could be stunned with a club and dropped, still breathing, into the grave before it was filled in. In the case of a great lady dying slave girls were the victims." Then there was a death penalty for the infraction of laws. . For instance, anybody who found a nugget of gold and who did not send it at once to the king was liable to decapitation; so also was any one who picked up anything of value lying on the parade ground, or who sat down in the shade of the fetich tree. It is said that the king of Bantama, one of the provinces, preferred a richer color in the

red stucco on the walls of his palace and that for this purpose the blood of 400 virgins was used. When once a man had been selected and seized for execution, there were only two ways by which he could evade it. One was to repeat the "king's oath," a certain formula of words, before they could gag him. The other was to break loose from his captors and run as far as the Bantama-Kumassi crossroads. If he could reach this point before being overtaken, he was allowed to go free. In order to guard against their prisoners getting off by either of these methods the executioners used to spring on the intended victim from behind, and while one bound his hands behind his back another drove a knife through both his cheeks, which effectually prevented him from opening his mouth to speak, and in this horrible condition he had to await his turn for execution. When the time came, the executioners, mad with blood, would make a rush for him and force him upon the bowl. Then one of them, using a large kind of a butcher's knife, would cut into the spine and so carve the head off. At great executions torture was resorted to in order to please the spectators. It certainly seems that the people had by frequent indulgence become im-bued with a kind of blood lust and that to them an execution was as attractive an entertainment as is a bullfight to a

Spaniard or a football match to an Eng-The contract made between the king and the English government in 1874 contained a clause which provided for the abolition of the custom, but sacrifices were made until the expedition of 1895 was undertaken. The objects of this expedition were besides putting an end to human sacrifice to wipe out slave trading and raiding, to insure peace and security for the neighboring tribes and to settle the country and protect the development of trade. The expedition ended in the downfall of the Ashanti king.

It need not be supposed that all the property found in the palace was of great value. There were piles of the tawdriest and commonest stuff mixed indiscriminately with quaint, old and valuable ar-

The celebrated dinner service of Dutch silver, the king's golden hat, his golden chair of state and, above all, the royal stool, the emblem of the king of Ashanti had been removed before the victorious English troops took possession of the "palace," which was nothing more than a collection of straw and mud covered huts. These were destroyed by the English troops, and some of the sacrificial paraphernalia was blown up with dynamite.-New York Tribune.

His Little Joke. An enterprising Philadelphia restaurant proprietor hung out a large blackboard sign one day with the following announcement: "You Can't Beat Our 15

Cent Dinners." This sign proved to be a good drawing card until a young man of humorous turn of mind came along. The latter, seeing the sign, stopped and, after scrutinizing it closely, smiled one of those smiles which bode no one any good. He waited until none of the employees was watching, and, taking out his handkerchief he erased the letter "b" from the word "beat."

The transformation was complete, and it was not until a crowd had collected that the proprietor of the restaurant discovered why there was a larger crowd

An Illustration In Point. "Right ahead of us," resumed the trav-eler who was narrating his experiences, "yawned the mountain pass" "Do you know," artlessly interrupted one of the younger women in the company, "that seems very queer to me? How

ean a mountain yawn?" "Did you never see Cumberland Gap. miss?" he asked. And there were no more interruptions -Chicago Tribune.

Why Not Indeed? "With the help of Providence," said the pious physician, "I hope to restore you to health."
"Ah!" exclaimed the sick woman whose sole ambition was the achievement of so-cial distinction, "if I must have the cli-mate of Rhode Island, why not New-port?"—Philadelphia Press.

#### A FAMOUS SEA FIGHT THE ARMY BILL

FARRAGUT'S GREATEST VICTORY AND HOW HE WON IT.

The Story of the Battle of Mobile Bay, In Which the Great Admiral Fearlessly Sailed Over the Mines

Planted In the Harbor. On the night of Aug. 4, 1864, the Union fleet rode at anchor outside the harbor of Mobile. The defenses of the bay were formidable and carefully devised. The only deep water channel for the passage of ships lay directly under the guns of Fort Morgan, the waters of the bay being for the most part shallow. Across the entrance, from Fort Gaines to the edge of the deep channel, the Confederates had driven a double line of stakes and in the channel itself they sunk a triple row of torpedoes and submarine mortal

Within the harbor and above Fort Morgan lay the Confederate fleet, commanded by Admiral Buchanan. Consisting of three gunboats and the ironclad ram l'ennessee. It was small in point of numer, but formidable from the strength of the Tennessce, an improvement on the Merrimac and the most powerful ironclad constructed in the south,

Against this array of forts, vessels and submarine mines, Admiral Farragut commanded a fleet of 21 wooden vessels and

four monitors. Every preparation having been made for the approaching battle, Admiral Farragut, in the silent watches of the night went below into his cabin, as Nelson had done before him at Trafalgar, and wrote to his wife, "I am going into Mobile in the morning, if God is my leader." A half past 5 next morning while the admiral was quietly breakfasting, he said to his fleet captain, "Well, Drayton, we might as well get under way," and an hour later the line of battle moved slowly into the bay. Lushed together two by two, the vessels sailed in pairs, a smaller with a larger ship, the Brooklyn leading the column and followed by Farragut's flagship, the Hartford. Ahead, in single file, went the four monitors, led by the

Farragut had ordered himself lashed to the rigging close under the maintop, from where he could clearly see the progress of the battle. The Tecumseh fired the first two shots and was the first to attempt the daugerous crossing of the line of torpedoes. The monitor had singled out the Tennessee and was bearing down upon her. She was within a hundred yards of the Confederate ram, when a sudden explosion was heard, and the Tecumseh. having struck a torpedo, plunged headforemost, with her colors still flying, to the bottom of the channel.

The critical moment of the fight has now come. The wooden vessels backed upon one another and became entangled in what seemed to be inextricable confusion. The line of battle was doubled up in the most dangerous part of the passage; the ships were at the mercy of the guns of the fort and the enemy's vessels. The brilliant daring of Farragut in this crucial test, his prompt decision and bold action were the qualities that won the day at Mobile, as they were on that May day when Dewey entered the barbor of Manila. Seeing that the Brooklyn wavered after

the terrible disaster of the Tecumseh, the admiral signaled, "What's the trouble?" The answer came, "Torpedoes ahead!" followed Farragut's famous reply, which will go down in history: "--- the torpedoes! Go ahead. Four bells (full

The admiral's flagship, the Hartford, now took the lead. On she went, full speed, straight for the line of torpedoes. Complete silence fell upon the crew as the flagship passed the fatal line. A scraping sound was heard against the copper bottom of the vessel, but no explosion followed, and as the warship cleared the submarine defenses with fly ing colors, the victory was practically won. After a short delay the other vessels followed their admiral across the line and up into the bay. During all this time the Union ships

had been exposed to a galling fire from the forts and the gunboats, answering with their own formidable broadside and moving in a very storm of shot, which inflicted heavy losses and great damage. Fort Morgan and the line of torpedoes had been bravely passed, the Confederate gunboats had surrendered or taken to flight, and the various vessels of Farragut's fleet were brought to anchor around the flagship in the upper part of the bay. At this stage of the conflict Admiral Buchanan made his great error. Instead of remaining under the protecting batteries of Fort Morgan he brought the Tennessee up the bay, inviting a single handed fight with the whole Union fleet. It was a charge of splendid daring, but ill advised and purposeless. Farragut's men had been leisurely eating their breakfast and clearing their decks from the debris of the battle, expecting several hours of quiet, when the warning cry, "The ram is coming!" ran through the ranks. Instantly the order was given, "Attack the ram . . at full speed," and the great ramming strug-

gle began. Again and again the big wooden vessels charged, bows on, and struck the enemy's ironciad. Blow followed blow and still the Tennessee stood impregnable. The shot of the broadsides glanced harmlessly from her armored sides.

After awhile the monitors joined in the contest, and the continuous hammering was kept up while shot after shot shook the great frame of the Tennessee. At last the rudder chains were shot away, the smokestack was broken, the ship became helpless and Admiral Buchanan was wounded in the leg. The command was taken by Captain Johnston, who for 20 minutes longer held out against the fearful pounding, and then, damaged and

flag and surrendered. Thus was the great fight ended and Farragut left master of the bay. Deeds of gallantry and heroism, which aroused the admi-ation of the entire land, brightened these scenes of horror, and the real and skill of the officers, the discipline of the crews and the splendid marksmanship of the gunners brought out the highest commendations from Farragut. On both sides the courage of the men was only equaled by the remarkable daring of the two admirals. But with Bu-

measured 20 inches from the tip of his gose to the tip of his tail.

They don't have family prayers in the said the youngster. "They never did that at our house before." "And what was that?" graciously asked

Common Fine in White and Burlap sacks, 100 pounds each.
Coars Grain Salt in 10 pound sacks.
Table Salt in 3 pound pkts. 100 pkts to barrel Sales which we have booked will be filled "Why, just before the minister got ready to go he read a little out of a book, and then they all got down and smelled of the chairs."—Lewiston Journal. Orders solicited. The Rise of the Cranberry. HALL & PEARSALL.

The cranberry is a product of the country's development, coming forward in the last 50 years from a small, hard, bitter berry to a handsomely shaped and good sized fruit. As the quality has improved the berries have increased in popularity with consumers until supplies are hardly sufficient to satisfy normal demands.-National Fruit Grower. Outstripped It,

"As I recall things, you once had a fu-ture before you," said the old friend.
"Yes," replied the fate tossed man,
"but, you see, I fived so fast that I got ahead of it."—Chicago Post.

## IN THE SENATE.

Little Progress Made, Though Some Committee Amendments Were Adopted.

DI: ATORY TACTICS EMPLOYED

None of Contested Amendments Considered-A Few Calendar Bills Passed. mong These Was \$5,000 for Moore's Creek Battlefield.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, January 5.-While the Senate was in session for over three hours to day little in the way of important legislation was accomplished. The committee amendments to the Army Reorganization bill, to which no objection had been raised, were agreed to, but none of the con tested amendments were considered. Dilatory tactics were employed by Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, o prevent the consideration of matters that would advance the business of the Senate. A few unobjected measures were taken from the calendar and

monument on the Moore's Creek battlefield, North Carolina. When the section of the Army bill was reached providing for the app int ment of volunteer officers to be officers in the regular army an extended discussion ensued.

passed, among them a bill to appropri

ate \$5,000 to enclose and beautify the

Senator Money declared there were many officers in the volunteer army who were as clearly entitled, as gentlemen and officers, to commissions in the regular army as the cadets who, by hazing and by their testimony before the investigating committees, "are to day disgracing the whole coun try at West Point.'

The committee amendment providing that volunteer officers might be appointed to second lieutenancies was disagreed to, thus restoring the House provision that volunteer officers might be appointed to the grade of first lieu tenants.

Commenting upon this part of the ill, Senator Daniel, Virginia, de clared that he wholly disagreed with the committee which had drawn the bill. As to the proposition for the bill. As to the proposition for the ery for rolling silver, punching appointment of volunteer officers to blanks, etc. In one of the places a the regular army, Senator Daniel said: screw press, weighing five tons, was 'It looks like a skillful piece of engineering by a regular army officer to, ounces of silver, and quite a large teep out of the army many of the brightest and best military spirits of the country. This is the most pro scriptive bill against the volunteers of this country that has ever been pre

Senator Daniel declared sarcastically that the bill constituted a beautiful welcome to the volunteers returning from the Philippines, providing as it did that no volunteer officer could look forward to any better grade than that of first lieutenant in the regular

"This is an exclusive bill," he de clared, "provided for the purpose of being exclusive. I am not in favor of turning over the military affairs of the country to the regular army." At 3.25 the Senate adjourned.

Senator Bacon to day introduced the ollowing resolution: "Resolved, by the Senate, That any and every public document, paper or record on the files of any department of the government relating to any sub ject whatever over which Congress has any grant of power, jurisdiction or control, under the constitution, is subject to the call or inspection of the Senate for its use in the exercise of its constitutional powers and jurisdic

The resolution went over for future consideration.

The Gross Amount is \$480,709,005, Breaking All Records.

GOLD IN THE TREASURY.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, January 5 .- "The gold in the Treasury," said Ellis H. Roberts, United States Treasurer, "is \$480,709,005, breaking all records. At the end of March, 1889, the treasury held \$328,293 901, which was the largest sum accumulated during any administration in recent years until within the last two or three years. Our immense gold holdings are due, of course, to the great prosperity of the country, to the increased production of gold in all directions, and in large part to the fact that the United States is now the creditor nation of the world."

Captain John S. Groom, aged 73, lied at Liberty, Mo. He was in the Mexican war under Doniphan and fought for the Southern cause in the or service in the Confederate army.

#### COUNTERFEITERS OF

ALL-SILVER COIN.

Important Arrests Made in New York City-Eight Men Caught at Their

Netarious Work.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- The officials of the secret service of the Treasury Department, under the direction of Chief Wilkie, made a number of important arrests in New York last night and this morning. For at least two months the secret service people have been at work to discover the makers of a large number of all silver counterfeit coins, mostly quarters and halves, which were being freely circulated in New York city. The result has been that Pio Paris and seven companions, all Italians, were arrested and are now in jail awaiting the action of the United States commissioner. The fact that large numbers of these all-silver counterfeits were being freely circulated in New York during the last two years has given Chief Wilkie a great deal of trouble. The coins being of almost pure silver, 900 fine and fairly well made, they readily passed wherever presented and rendered extremely difficult the task of locating the makers and passers.

The arrests came about in this way: Some time ago two Italians called on Messrs. Platt & Co, of Gold street, New York, large dealers in sheet silver and gold, and purchased thousand ounces of sheet silver. One of the men was observed at the time of the purchase to compare one of the sheets with a coin which he took from his pocket, probably with a view to determining whether the sheet was of the same thickness as the coin he had in his possession This circumstance was made known to the secret service officials by Messrs. Platt & Co., and a force was immediately set to work upon this new lead. From the fact that the men took away with them only a small part of the purchase, it was assumed that they would shortly return for the rest. After a time the two men again appeared and took away another quantity to 111 Mangin street, on the east side of New York. From there they were shadowed to 95 Watt street, on the west side. The secret service officials forced an entrance into both houses, where they found several of the men, eight in all, at work. The Mangin street house, as well as the house on Watt street, was fully equipped with modern machinin operation. About a hundred basket, full of steel dyes, were se cured.

Chief Wilkie said to-day that thi gang probably was responsible for at least eighty per cent. of all the silver counterfeits which had been put in circulation in New York during the last two years.

#### CIGAR MANUFACTURERS.

A Deal in Progress-Ten Million Dollars to Be lavested in the Project. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 .- While no positive statement could be obtained from a reliable authority in relation to the purchase of a controlling interest in the cigar manufacturing firm of Powell, Smith & Co. by the American and Continental Tobacco Companies, it was generally understood to day that such a deal is being negotiated. It is rumored that \$10. 000,000 are to be invested in the project; but as far as the negotiations have gone nothing definite has been realized, but definite arrangements may be brought about early next week.

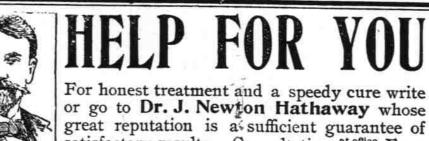
TO CEASE HOSTILITIES.

Orders Issued by the German Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee. By Cable to the Morning Star.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4 —A dispatch re ceived here from Tien Tsin says Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee has notified his staff to cease hostilities. but that some of the commanders had not been informed of these instructions. It is explained that they are in the field after Boxers.
Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have again urged Count Von Walder see to ask the commanders to desist from hostilities.

The car shops of the Virginia and Southwestern railroad, at Bristol, Tenn, burned. A new locomotive and other rolling stock, together with office records, tools and machinery were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The Right Rev. Bishop William Wigger, of New York, died shortly civil war, organizing two companies | after midnight last night at South Orange, N. J.



or go to Dr. J. Newton Hathaway whose great reputation is a sufficient guarantee of satisfactory results. Consultation of by mall Free. Contracted or Hereid-tary Symbilits in all its | Kidney and Urinary | Weak Back, Painful, Diffi-

Blood Poison Contracted of Hereidtary Syphillis in all its terrible stages, producing copper-colored spots on face or body, fittle ulcers on the tongue, in the mouth or throat, falling out of the hair or eyebrows, decay of the flesh or bones, completely and forever eradicated without the use of injurious drugs, leaving the system in a pure, strong and health

Varicocele or enlarged veins, which home Treatment dence always successful. Write for free book just published and fexual power; also Hydrocele, Gonorrhea, Symptom biank if you cannot call Gicet, Stricture and all Private and Venereal J. NEWTON HATHAWA

HAS ARRIVED WITH

459 tons

American Salt.

"Nellie Floyd"

To Repair

cles use 1

Majors

Remember MAJOR'S RUBBER CEMENT

cult. Too Frequent, Bloody or Milky Urine; all functional diseases of the Heart, Lungs, Liver and Stomach; also Catarrh, Rupture, Rheumatism, Piles, Fistula and all Blood and Skin Diseases and all Female Diseases treated according to the latest and best methods known to medical science Home Treatment By correspondence always suc-

J. NEWTON HATHAWAY, M. D. Dr. Hathaway & Co., 22% South Broad Street. Atlanta, Ga. MENTION THIS PAPER WHEN WRITING.

## We desire To express Our sincere thanks

through your paper to Chief of Fire Department Chas. Schnibben, Capt. W. P. Monroe, and their efficient corps of assistant firemen individually, for the admirable way in which they managed the fire which broke out in our Department Stores at an early hour yesterday

Mercer & Evans Company.

CENTRE OF POPULATION.

It Now Rests in Southern Indians, Near the City of Columbus. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 5. - The Census Bureau has issued the following. "The centre of population is in the following positions. Latitude 39 de grees 9 minutes 36 seconds; longitude 85 degrees 48 minutes 54 seconds "In ten years the centre of popula tion has moved westward 16 minutes 1 second, about fourteen miles, and southward two minutes 20 seconds, or about three miles. It now rests in southern Indiana, at a point about seven miles southeast of the city of Columbus."

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

A Treaty Said to Have Been Arranged at St. Petersburg. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 5.-A special dispatch from Pekin, under yesterday's date,

"According to an official Chinese source, Russia has arranged to make a treaty with China at St. Petersburg. The Chinese minister there has been appointed to act for China.

WARM WIRELETS.

Walthough won the six days bicycle race at Boston. The distance covered was 1099 2 miles. The United States training ship

Buffalo and the Scorpion have arrived at Laguayra, Venezuela. The builders' trial trip of the battleship Illinois will take place February 15th, off Cape Henry. All of the armor plate, except that for the tur-

rets, is on the ships. F. M. Player, dispenser at Kingstree, S. C., was arrested yesterday on the charge of malfeasance in office. The dispensary was robbed of a large sum of money Christmas night.

Tom Sharkey and Kid McCoy are matched by Manager Jim Kennedy, of the Twentieth Century Athleuc Club, of San Francisco, to meet in a twenty-round bout there on February Official announcement was made

n the Central railroad of New Jersey. ecently accquired by J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, has been sold by that firm to the Reading railroad. Mrs. Mary E. Lease has changed her mind-about suing her husband, Charles Lease, for divorce, The suit which was prepared two months ago, was never filed and never will be un

esterday that the controling interest

less the Leases quarrel again. In Goochland county, Va., yesterday, Wm. Tyler, colored, attempted to chastise his son, aged 18, when the latter seized a double barrelled shot gun and emptied its contents into his father's ody, killing him almost instantly.

The murderer escaped. Two legal executions took place in Mississippi yesterday. William Mc-Culloch, a white man, was hanged at Woodville for the murder of a man named Cole, and Will Kerby, a negro, was hanged at Vicksburg for the murder of Isaiah Johnson.

The Illinois Central railway and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, beginning Sunday, January 13, will inaugurate a daily Pullman buffet sleeping car service from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., over the "Dixie Flyer" route through Nash ville, Chattanooga and Atlanta. CATARRH

CATARRH

Ely's Cream Balm Easy and pleasant to use. Contains no in-jurious drug. It is quickly ab-

It is quickly absorbed.

Gives Belief at once.

It Opens and Cleanses the Nasal Passages COLD IN HEAD Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restored the Senses of Taste and Smell. Large size, 5 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial size, 1 cents by mail.

ELY BROTHERS. 56 Warren street, New York. sep 15 tf sa tu th Write Quick Scholarship POSITIONS GUARANTEED. Under \$8,000 Cash Deposit.

Railroad Fare Paid. Open all year to Soth Sexes. Very Cheap Seard. Georgia-Alabama Business College, Mason, Georgia.

Seed Rye. 50 Bushels Rye. 25 Bushels Seed Wheat.

75 Bags Hudnut Grits. ,000 Kegs Nails. 4 Car Loads Hoop Iron. 9 Car Loads Flour. 5 Car Loads Hay.

800 Cases Canned Goods. 150 Bags Coffee, 700 Boxes Tobacco, Bargains. 500 Bags Shot.

A'so, three Mules for sale. Write or call and we will give low prices. D. L. CORE CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS,

### For Christmas.

Apples, Oranges, Nuts. C. C. Nuts, Candies in Baskets Buckets and Boxes. Raisins.

and a full line of Heavy Groceries. We also have a few selected Mullets and Mullet Roe left.

Williams Bros.

## We thank each customer

For his business during 1900. Continue with us if you please New customers badly wanted

A. E BRUNSON, J. F. BLIZZARD, F. D. MCLEAN will call for your orders, W. A. COLWELL and I. W. COOPER will wait on you at headquarters. 308, 810 and 312 Nutt street.

W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. O.

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits. Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children-Experience against Experiment.

#### What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhosa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea-The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of

The Kind You Have Always Bought In Use For Over 30 Years. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, TT MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

# Wilmington's Big Racket Store

Just north of the Postoffice, has just received a big lot of New Goods.

MILLINERY-French Felt Flats | on hand about 5,000 pairs. in assorted colors, worth \$1.00 each, are now 50c; fresh and new. Lady Smith Hats and Walking Hats | In our \$2.00 line you can get any oc and 98c are now 50c. 100 new Felt Hats in assorted styles, our regular 50c line, are now to close out for 25c each. 100 very fine silk dasped Velvet Hats, worth \$5.00 each, now \$2 50.

Thirty dozen Sailors, nicely banded, for 20c each. 125 rolls No 80 Ribbon, regular price 30c per yard, all in assorted colors, are now 20c yard. 500 pieces of new Embroidery and Insertion from 5c to 25c per yard. 500 Baby Caps, samples to close ou

A big line of new Velvets, all colors, from 50c per yard up. 1,200 bunches Feathers, Wings, etc., to close out; worth 10 and 15c, all Nice Quills two for 1c. LADIES' CAPES-A nice, full

very cheap, from 10c to \$1 00.

sized Cape, fur trimmed, worth \$1.00, now 69c Velvet Capes as low as \$1.00 each and up to \$5.00 each, all grades and CLOAKS-We have 150 Cloaks to

A good Cloak as low as \$1.50, lined broughout. Our \$5 00 Jackets are now \$4.00 each. Our \$7 50 line are \$6 00 each, and our \$10 00 Cloaks are now \$7.50 FURS-Now is the time to buy

Fur Collarettes with 3 tails on each end, for \$1 60; regular price \$2.00. Fur Capes and high collars at \$2 00. and all grades and prices up to \$5.00 SHOES-We have just received a

big shipment of them, and now have

We have the Battle Axe Shoes in all grades, ladies' and men's. toe you want and any size, and every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction. We also handle the Wolfe Bros. line for children, all solid, guaran-

teed, from 50c per pair up to \$1 25 We have 135 pairs Misses' and Children's Rubbers at 10c pair. 100 Ladies' Rubbers at 25c pair. 1,000 yards Remnant Percale, yard wide, good quality and pretty patterns at 5c yard.

IN LADIES' DRESS GOODS-We claim to have more goods in this line than any house in Wilmington. We have all grades. Finest Crepons, Serges, Cashmeres and Henriettas, Laides' Cloth, Venetian Cloths, Meltons, double faced Skirt Goods, Flannels and Suitings,

and the new Suitings for waists.

We have the quantity and the styles, and we guarantee the price to meet any competition on any ground We want your trade and we want you too look at our line before buying elsewhere. KID GLOVES-We have just re-

ceived a new supply of nice, new Kid Gloves in button and lace fastenings. in all sizes, from 54 to 71 Our \$1.00 Glove is warranted. Ladies that wear No. 54 and No. 6. We have 150 pair that we want to sell. They are the Foster Nook best

Glove, worth \$1 00 in these two s zes only; we will sell at 50c pair. Ask to see them. Remember the cards and the presents. We are giving away chairs, lounges, glassware, chinaware, tables, etc., given away free with cash pur-

THE BIG RACKET STORE.

208-210 North Front Street, Near the Postoffice.

GEO. O. GAYLORD,

PROPRIETOR.

Statement of the Wilmington Savings & Trust Co. WILMINGTON, N. C. At close of business, Bec. 13th, 1900, condensed from

Report to Corporation Commission. Real Estate. 3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures 100.00
Burglar Prof Safety Deposit Boxes 100.0
Cash on hand and due from city banks 69,055 44
Due from out of town banks 5,105.40

Interest paid to depositors 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly. H. WALTERS, Vice President. J. W. NORWOOD, President.

S. P. MCNAIR.

W. E. SPRINGER

J. W. NORWOOD.

\$400,000.00 to lend on good security By the ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.

With a larger combined capital, surplus and profits than any other bank in Eastern North Carolina, and the largest line of deposits in the State, the Atlantic National Bank has ample means to treat liberally customers offering satisfactory security. J. W. NORWOOD, PRES. D. L. GORE, VICE-PRES. F. J. HAYWOOD, JR., ASST. CASHIER.

P. L. BRIDGERS, D. L. GORE. H. B. SHORT. GROCERIES.

CLOSE PRICES. BEST QUALITY, PROMPT

Send us your orders.

D. MCEACHERN, Wholesale Grocer.

SHIPMENTS.

204 and 206 North Water street

**SEASONABLE GOODS** 

MULLETS, new catch.

G. A. NORWOOD

Best Cream Cheese, Martin's Gilt Edge Butter, Bagging and Ties. SALT.

A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS IN DEMAND AT THIS SEASON. Sole agents for

ROB ROY FLOUR. MCNAIR & PEARSALL.

disabled, the Tennessee ran up the white

chanan this amounted to recklessness. with Farragut it was genius.-Jessie Peabody Frothingham in St. Nicholas. There was once killed in England a rat which holds the record for size. He was gray as a badger, weighed 2% pounds and

A Young Barbarian. household circle of a certain 5-year-old. Thereby hangs a story of an embarrassing episode. The minister called the other day and at the close of his call offered prayer. The next day the 5-year-old aforesaid, the bright and shining light of the household where the prayers were offered, entertained her mother's callers with an account of the pastor's visit. "And they did an awful queer thing,"

California redwood contains practically no resin, but a large amount of water, which makes the green wood so exceedingly heavy that often the lower log of a lase will sink in water.