SICKLES RAMPANT.

For two years or more Commissioner of Pensions Evans has been the target of the pension attorneys, who have been plotting and working to have him removed from office for the sole reason that he has refused to let them run the office and take charge of the pension rolls and of the appropriations for pensions. These pension attorneys have succeeded in worming themselves into the Grand Army Posts and working up such a feeling against Evans that numerous resolutions have been passed by the Posts and by State Encampments demanding his removal, but as the reason alleged was that he exercised too close scrutiny over applications and was not as liberal with the pensioners as he ought to be, it would be some what embarassing to the President to remove him for that, for performing his duty conscientiously and according to the law.

Some time before the last Presi dential campaign the Grand Army doubtless on account of his influence with the President, enlisted Gen Daniel E Sickles in the war upon Evans. That's what is making trouble now and putting Mr. Mc-Kinley in a rather embarrassing position. Perhaps Gen. Sickles is act ing as attorney for the pension sharks, and is therefore trying to earn his fees, although about a year or so ago he wrote two letters to Mr. Evans warmly endorsing his administration of the office and wrote another to the President highly commending its administration and condemning the efforts then being made to have Commissioner Evans removed from office. The two letters Evans has given to the public, while the other is doubtlessly on file among the papers in the White House.

Notwithstanding this Sickles is now making war on Evans, and threatens that he and the Grand Army will make war upon the President if he doesn't vield to their clamor and demand by bouncing a man against whom the only charge is that he too scrupulously adheres to the law in the administration of his office and in refusing to add frauds to the forces that are already raiding the Treasury.

The story telling why Sickles deserted Evans and, after giving him such hearty and unrestricted endorsement, went over to the enemy. is yet to be told but whatever the reason was he joined them before the last campaign was well on in the demand for the head of Evans, or at least for an assurance that he would not be retained in office after McKinley's second inauguration.

Being an old soldier and having influence with the soldiers, Gen. Sickles had been invited to stump for McKinley. He took advantage of this fact, and wrote a letter to Senator Scott, of West Virginia, a member of the National Committee, who looked after the assignments of special speakers, stating that there was much dissatisfaction among the old soldiers and that he must have some "assurances" to placate them, and in his letter he presented the following four de-

"First. That in the event of our success Commissioner Evans will not econd. That his successor shall be a person acceptable to the representatives (to wit, the Pension Committee) of the G. A. K., recently appointed at the Chicago Encampment

of which I am one. 'Third, That the administration of the pension laws shall be governed by the liberal construction always given

Fourth, That the administration will favor the creation of a Court of Pension Appeals, substantially on the lines indicated in the bill now before Congress, drafted for the Pension Committee of the G. A. R., and submitted to President McKinley and approved by him."

The letter was written on September 29th, 1900, and in September, and on the same date, Senator Scott, who had his headquarters in New York, replied thus:

"My DEAR GENERAL: Yours of the 29th to hand and contents noted. Of course, it would be impossible for me to say to you that the President would not appoint, or that he would appoint certain individuals, but I can safely that I hardly think Evans will be continued as Commissioner, and I have no doubt that the President and all of us who are interested in his election will try to see to it that there is a Commissioner of Pensions who will be satisfactory to the old soldiers.

"I think this is all that I could say barrassing the President, and possibly the committee, but I think you can take it for granted that things will be about on the line that you suggest.
"With kindest regards, and wishing you a very pleasant trip, I am, yours very sincerely, "N. B. Scott."

The General on the strength of this took part in the campaign and assured the old soldiers and the pension attorneys that in the event of McKinley's election Evans would be bounced and a man more acceptable to them put in charge of the office. And now they say faith has been broken with them, for the eyesore Evans is still in office, is holding on in spite of them, and Mr. McKinley shows no disposition to remove him.

It seems that Corporal Tanner gave the business away by publicly charging a violation of faith, and asserting that pledges had been

given to General Sickles. When cott's attention was called to this. and to what Gen. Sickles had to say about it, he dodged by saying that he did not remember what he had promised Sickles, and would not either affirm or deny that he had promised that Evans would not be re-appointed, but if he had such promise was not made by authority of the President. This made Sickles mad and he therefore gave the press Senator Scott's letter as above. The General says this letter was his authority for giving the assurances he did to the army posts which he talked to, and complains that it puts him in the position of having deceived the veterans to secure their

votes for McKinley. He follows this up with a statement in which he says the President was cognizant of this letter of Senator Scott, that he had talked with him about Evans, and that McKinley assured him that Evans would not be reappointed, and went so far as to give him, confidentially, the his successor.

On June 17 he mailed a letter to the President calling his attention to the embarrassing position in which he (Sickles) was placed by the retention of Evans and reminding him of the promises made to him by Mr. McKinley on the 11th March when he (Sickles) and delegation of veterans called at the White House to congratulate him on his re-election. He has not received a reply to this letter yet, and when he does if there are any denials in it he says he will produce the evidence to substantiate what he says, and to convict somebody of gross deception. He winds up by remarking that if Evans be not removed and that promptly there will be "music," but if he be "the band will not play."

However this thing goes it puts Mr. McKinley in a very uncomfortable position, for if he does not remove Evans he will incur the denunciation of the G. A. R., and if he does on their claim, on the charges they make against him. will justly bring upon himself the the pension attorneys and their

A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIF-FERENCE.

Ex-Senator Pugh, of Alabama, is a McKinley expansionist, not because that kind of expansion is right but because "we have expanded." While in Washington recently he called on the President and told him that he approved of his insular policy. In an interview afterwards he is thus quoted:

"I was opposed to the war, and I did not approve of the acquisition of Porto Rico or the Philippines, but now that we have them I don't believe we ought to relinquish our sovereignty over them. Congress will govern the islands as territories. This may be called imperialism, but it is an imperialism where the people are the sovereign. I am opposed to ever admitting the insular territories to statehood.

This is the talk of a man who has no fixed principles, and goes with the crowd that is on top. We haven't expanded any more now than we had when Senator Pugh was opposed to expansion. He is simply on the same plane with the man who opposes looting a bank but the looting having been done approves it and takes his part of the loot. He opposed it as a matter of principle, and of policy, and both of these are just as strong now as they were

"We may call this imperialism," he says, "but it is the imperialism of the people." What people? The people representing the Republican party; simply the imperialism, or the despotism of a multitude instead of one man or a few. The despotism of the multitude when wielded over others is not a whit better or more to be defended than the despotism of

At the close of the war between the States there were some Republican statesmen who advocated keeping the seceding States out of the Union and governing them as territories, just as Mr. Pugh now proposes to govern the insular possessions. They passed laws putting the Southern States on probation and forced them to accept negro suffrage and other things repulsive to them. Did Mr. Pugh endorse that? Logically he should have endorsed it, for the reasons he gives for his views on the insular question were just as applicable after the failure of the Confederacy and the Federal power had "expanded"

over the South. from a Southern man, posing as representative of his section, who has any respect for consistency or the principles of a lifetime, it is simply contemptible.

And now the Indians are in it. It is said that the biggest oil gusher yet struck is on the lands of the Creek Nation, Indian Territory.

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MUNICIPAL

City Board of Audit and Finance Was in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

Proceedings of Meeting Were Not Ex tended, But Are Intensely Interesting-Several Aldermanic Expenditures Disapproved.

The City Board of Audit and Fi nance met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, all members having been present except Mr. Jesse Wilder. City Clerk and Treasurer King was present at the request of the Public Building Committee of the Board of Aldermen and explained the awarding of the contracts for the various improvements at the City Hall, which work is being urged by the Aldermanic body. Alderman Parker was also present and urged concurrence name of the man he had selected as in the action of the Aldermen in awarding the contract for the extension of water pipes into Fifth street

> ward. The Finance Board refused concurrence in either award upon the grounds stated in its communication read at Monday's meeting of the Al dermen. The Finance Board contemplates that there will be a shortage of about \$3,200 in the matter of the new income tax, which revenue is taken away from the city and county by the new Revenue Act. Then also it is forth by the Board that balance to the new year is about \$20,000 short of the preceding year and expenditures should be guarded zealously. Then, too, as the cream of the back tax collections has been already turned into the city treasury, it is anticipated that there will naturally be a falling off in this particular.

Msi C. H. White was ordered paid at the rate of \$25 per month for about six weeks' service as municipal court clerk. Bills of Belden & Howie and Chestnut & Barrentine were also ordered paid. The allowance of the Aldermen of \$7.50 to Grace Davis, colored, for injuries received by fall ing on a sidewalk, washed out by recent rains, was disapproved. Action was postponed on the matter of in- to him and the report was placed on condemnation of everybody, except crease of salary of W. T. Pickett, time keeper for the street laborers. Alderman Johnson was present and urged

The bond of City Attorney Bellamy for the collection of back taxes in the sum of \$5,000 with Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy and Messrs. W. E. Springer, John D. Bellamy and Herbert Mc-Clammy, was approved. The matter of contract was left open for a revis-

The tax ordinance as adopted by the Aldermen was approved, with the ex ception of the property tax rate hav ing been made \$1.65 instead of \$1.75. The action was unanimous with the exception of Mr. W. A. Riach, who voted nay.

The chairman was instructed to call the attention of the public to the fact that all claims against and all contracts with the city are not valid unless approved by the Board of Audit and Finance.

Bill in favor of the Cowan Livery Company for the new police patrol wagon (\$225) and harness (\$70) was disallowed on the ground of excessive charge.

The usual bills for current expenses were audited and approved.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

General Improvement in Cotton Ind cated in the Eastern District.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, July 2.—The Weather Bureau's weekly report of general crop conditions is as follows:

In the districts east of the Rocky Mountains, the week ending July 1st has been intensely hot with devastating winds in Texas and the States of the Lower Missouri valley and middle Rocky mountain slope. East of the Mississipdi river, the excessive heat has so far caused no serious injury, but in portions of the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the Central Gulf States rain is much needed.

Cotton is now in general need rain in the central portions of the cotton belt, but is standing the drought very well. In portions of Southern Texas the rainfall has been ample. but the crop in that State is generally in need of rain. A general improve ment is indicated in the eastern districts, but the condition of the crop in Georgia and South Carolina is still unpromising, although cultivation in these States has made favorable pro-

Odd Fellow Installation. Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., last night installed officers for the ensuing term as follows: J. F. Stanland, S. P. G.; George Darden, N. G.; David K. LeGwin, V. G.; J. T. Riley, secretary; Wm. Goodman, treasurer; P. Heinsberger, Jr., warden; W. G. A. Otersen, conductor; A. W. Allen, chaplain; L. L. Boon, R. S to N. G.; Corbett, I. G.; W. G. T. Keen, O. G. The installing officers were District Deputy Grand Master S. Behrends, assisted by Past Grands W. H. Yopp, J. N. Jacobi, W. W. Yopp, J. W. Hawkins, W. G. T. Keen.

About the Encampment, Mr. F. A. Applegate was yesterday awarded the contract for the encampment buildings at Wrightsville and he will begin work at once, as the lumber was shipped down yesterday and Mr. Perry is making great progress clearing on the grounds. There will be three mess halls and twelve kitchens. The old pavilion will be used for officers' headquarters.

- The report of the harbor master shows arrivals of 28 vessels of 90 tons and over at this port during the mouth of June. Of these, 9 were steamships, 2 were barques and 12 were

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Standing Committees Appointed by Presi dent Pearsall-Managers Held Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange THE TAX ORDINANCE ADOPTED held yesterday, President Pearsall made public announcement of the standing committees for the year as follows, the same having been approved:

> Finance-H. W. Malloy, W. B. Cooper, J. L. Cantwell.
> Law (including internal revenue)
> Wm. Calder, J. A. Taylor. Information and Statistics-W. H Sprunt, G. J. Boney, W. R. Kenan. Marine—H. G. Smallbones, M. J Heyer, J. A. Arringdale. Cotton Classification—B. F. Hall D. L. Gore, H. C. McQueen. Manufactures—R. W. Hicks, J. H. Chadbougn, Jr., T. D. Meares, H. W

Malloy.
Railroad Transportation-C. Worth, S. P. McNair, G. J. Boney, J r. King, H. L. Vollers. Membership—Walker Taylor, J. H. Watters, W. R. Barksdale.
Telegraphic Reports—M. J. Corbett, Jno. Frank, C. C. Brown, R. H. Pickett.

Southport Shipping—A. H. Brenner A. S. Heide, D. McEschern. Inspection—C. H. King, L. B Naval Stores Quotations—C. H. Rob inson, J. T. Rankin, M. J. Heyer, H. K. Nash.

Cotton Quotations-Wm. Calder P. McNair, D. L. Gore, J. F. Mc Forestry-J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., A. Arringdale, James Sprunt.

The arbitration committee has a

eady been elected by the board. President Pearsall supplementer his announcement by the statement that a committee on forestry had been added and emphasized the necessity of same. Members of all committees were urged to perform actively their duties and work for the interests of the Exchange. Thanks was extended to the recent special committee, which added so materially to the membership of the organization. Prospective new members are asked to visit the rooms of the Exchange and investigate for themselves the great benefit to be derived from a connection with the in-

Mr. D. L. Gore, delegate to the recent Southern Industrial Convention at Philadelphia, made an interesting report of the proceedings. Un motion the thanks of the board were extended

The communication from the Manchester (Eng.) Cotton Association with reference to damaged country cotton was referred to the president of the exchange and it was recommended that a reply to the Manchester Association be prepared and forwarded.

DANCING BY THE SEASHORE.

Delightful German Last Night at Seashor Hotel by L'Elite Cotilion Club

night by L'Elite Cotillon Club in the ball room of the Seashore Hotel at thirty couples participated. Among those dancing were:

Joseph Armstrong with Miss Julia

Parsley; Horace Emerson with Miss Ida Brown: Wm. Emerson with Miss Amy Harlow; T. D. Meares with Miss Nellie McMillan; Wm. McK. Bellamy with Miss Mardita Elliott; S. C. Potts, Jr., with Miss Conrad, of Baltimore; Wm. Walker with Miss Louise Bellamy; Preston Cumming, Jr., with Miss Bessie Burruss; Burke Bridgers with Miss Anabel Latimer; Harry West with Miss Bessie Gore; Louis Hatch with Miss Rena Johnson; Geo. Parsley with Miss Beulah Armstrong; Chris. Pierce with Miss Nellie Faison, of Washington; Wm. Peck with Miss Jennie Williams; Emmett Crow with Miss Mary Short; Frank Harriss with Miss Lucy Bridgers; E. S. Nash with Miss Isabel Rountree; Pierre Holmes with Miss Barbara Staton, of Norfolk; Ed. Bailey with Miss Virginia Bailey: H. B. Short, Jr., with Miss Mary Black; Milton Calder with Miss Nellie Hamilton, of Richmond; Reston Ste venson with Miss Mildred Davis; Hargrove Taylor with Miss Mary Wiggins; Robert Calder with Miss Elizabeth Elliott: Wm. Walters with Miss Margaret Bridgers; Eugene LeGrand with Miss Laura Clark, and Jack Bell with Miss Emma Northrop.

The dancers returned to the city a 12 o'clock midnight by special train over the Seacoast railway. Hollowbush's Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

Saloon in Bankruptcy

Messrs. Bellamy & Peschau, attorneys for certain Wilmington creditors, yesterday filed a petition in the U.S. Court asking that J. E. Hinnant, proprietor of the Diamond Saloon on Front street, be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt. The aggregate amount of the claims is about \$500, as follows: I. B. Rhodes, \$45; Sol. Bear & Co., \$65; J. S. R Hinnant, \$240; William J. Bellamy, \$60; George Harold, \$35; M. Bellamy, Jr., L. S. to N. G.; A. F. H. J. Gerken, \$15; C. O. Alexander. Gibson, R. S. to V. G.; H. S. Mc- \$65. July 6th is the date asked for the Such talk might be expected from Girt, L. S. to V. G., Frank Lafella, hearing by Referee S. H. MacRae. men like Foraker or Beveridge, but R. S. S.; J. D. Mote, L. S. S.; L. L. Mr. William J. Bellamy is counel for the defendant who is a well and favorably known as any saloon man in the city, and his attornev says that an investigation shows that his liabilities are about \$1,800, assets \$1,200, most of the latter being mortgaged to Strauss, Gunst & Co., and others.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The propri-etors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist, and get a 10c trial bottle Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

THE CITY HOSPITAL MANAGERS.

Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday Afternoon-Superintendent's Report

The Board of Managers of the City Hospital met 'yesterday afternoon at the Court House, Chairman McEachern presiding and all members in at-

tendance. The usual monthly report of the conduct of the institution was read and approved. It shows among other interesting statistics that during June 53 patients were located at the institution, of which number 28 remained over from the preceding month. Seven patients died during June and twenty-eight were discharged, and 18 were left remaining July 1st.

The expenses of the hospital were \$694.55 against \$631.04 receipts, making a difference of \$63.51. Of the receipts \$168.48 was realized from pay patients and \$45.90 from prescriptions. The rest was from the city and county's appropriations.

Suit for Damages.

Archie Waters, administrator, yesterday entered suit in the Superior Court of Pender county, against the Angola Lumber Company. He alleges as a cause of action that his intestate. Louis Waters, colored, was killed on May 10th, while in the employment of said company; that his death was due to the negligence of the overseer of said company in permitting a tree to be cut down upon him. The plaintiff claims damages in the sum of \$5,000. R. G. Grady, Esq., is counsel for plaintiff.

Coming from Manila.

Mr. John E. Platt, a former Wilmington boy and a brother of Lieut. W. P. Platt, now of Fortress Monroe, is expected home in a few days from Manila, where he has been enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam as a member of the Forty-first Regiment. His regiment was mustered out yesterday in San Francisco and his numerous friends here will greet him cordially. Lieut. Platt is also expected home about the time of his brother's arrival

Red Men Elected Chiefs,

Cherokee Tribe No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, has elected officers as follows for the ensuing term; Sachem-W. J. Jordan.

Junior Sagamore-J. E. Smith. Prophet-J. Warren

Keeper of Records, J. E. Walton and Keeper of Wampum, W. H. Lane were elected last Hunting Moon. These with appointive officers will be installed on July 11th.

Accidentally Shot. Mr. Henry Suggs, of Delgado, who was recently married, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded Sunday afternoon by his young wife, who was toy ing with a pistol which she did not A delightful german was given last know was loaded. The ball struck the young man on the right side of the head, knocked one of his eyes from its Wrightsville Beach. The german was socket and lodged in the frontal bone led by Mr. Platt Davis, and about above the nose. The young woman is almost overcome by grief at the sad ccident.

Reward for Murderer.

As will be seen from an advertisenent in another column, the County Commissioners of Brunswick have supplemented the reward of \$200 recently offered jointly by Cape Fear Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Navassa Guano Company for the arrest of the murderer or murderers of the late Capt. Price at Meares' Bluff. The Brunswick authorities offer \$200, which makes the total reward \$400.

CAPTURED BY CHINESE.

Pive Men Engaged in Looting a Town

Fifty Miles From Pekin. By Cable to the Morning Star. PEKIN, July 1 - Five men calling hemselves Americans were captured by Chinese troops in a town fifty miles from Pekin, and were to-day turned over to Major E. B. Robertson, comnander of the United States legation guard here. The men were armed, and emanded five thousand taels from the reeper of a pawn shop and got five hundred. They filled five carts with plunder and then began shooting, not knowing that the town was occupied by one hundred Chinese troops. The United States legation was notified and the quintette were brought in. All parts of Pekin occupied by the British for police purposes were turned over to-day to the Chinese authorities. The foreign ministers will meet July 3d.

NO ONE INJURED.

Collision of Trains On the S. A. L. Near Portsmouth, Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NORFOLK, VA. July 2.—The Atlanta special over the S. A. L., just after leaving Portsmouth last night for the South, crashed into a train of the Norfolk and Portsmouth belt line which was standing on the S. A. L. crossing. One car of the belt line was mashed up and the passenger engine was badly damaged. Fortunately the car was empty and the engineer and fireman of the engine jumped. No one was injured.

\$200,000 FIRE.

Hoosac Tunnel Docks, Charlestown, Mass, With Merchandise Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Boston, July 1 .- A fire which for an hour threatened to do great damage, broke out on Pier 5 of Hoosac Tunnel docks, in Charlestown to-day The pier which is the Boston terminus of the Warren Line Steamship Company was destroyed, with a large quantity of merchandise. The steamer Sachem, from Liverpool, which was unloading at the pier, was towed out of danger before she had suffered seriously. Six freight cars on the dock were consumed. The loss is placed at \$200,000.

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REGARDS STRIKE AS WON.

Statement of President O'Connell of th International Association of Machinists-Pinancial Aid.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, July 2 -President O'Connell of the International Associ ation of Machinists said to-day that he regarded the machinists strike as pracically won. "Even if an order should be issued at this time directing all men out to return to work on the old basis," he said, "the nine hour day would be won." Continuing, he said: The movement has been attended with every success and in many respects is the most remarkable struggle on record. There are now only eight thousand men out and agreements are being signed every day reducing this

"It has not been a strike. It has simply been a cessation of work. A strike in the mind of the public means riot and bloodshed. The machinists have had none of this. It is true there have been one or two cases of assaults, but these are liable to occur at any time and cannot be chargeable to the machinists.' The first financial aid to be received

by the machinists since their strike began was accepted by President O'Connell to day, in the form of a check for \$5,000 from the American Federation of Labor.

A LODGING HOUSE FIRE.

Two Persons Killed and a Score of Others Injured at Butte, Mont .- Property Loss About \$4,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BUTTE, MONT., July 2.-Two dead, two severely if not fatally injured, and a score more or less hurt, is the result of a fire which broke at the Pullman lodging house here early this morning. A number of men were experimenting with a gasoline lamp n a saloon on the lower floor of the odging house when the lamp exploded, scattering flames in all directions. The building was of wood and before the fire department arrived the flames had eaten through the lower floor and were spreading to the upper stories. The lodging house contained about a hundred guests, none of whom were able to save anything except what they wore. Most of them escaped by jumping from the first and third story windows. A number were carried out unconscious by the firemen, but so far

erty loss is about \$4,000 with no in

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Alleged Frauds in Connection With the Endowment Rank of the Order.

as known all will recover. The prop

Hy Telegraph to the Morning Star. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 2.—At the special meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Chicago next week, it is understood a report will be made exposing persons alleged to have been implicated in a deal by which a former Illinois insurance ager of the K. of P. Endowment Rank \$3,500 for a "clearance card," and a letter of recommendation from the rank. U. B. Hunt, secretary of State, who is a supreme representative in the order, will attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge and will ask for an investigation and indictment of the offenders, if there is evidence to warrant such action. The story is that the \$3,500 bought a report showing that an investigation had been made and that the affairs had been found satisfactory.

Later the Illinois and Connecticut insurance authorities began an investigation of the rank. This is not yet

LORD RUSSELL ARRAIGNED.

Taken Into Custody at the House of Lords On Charge of Bigamy. By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, July 2.- Earl Russell accompanied by the (ountess (Mrs. Somerville) drove to the House of Lords this afternoon and appeared at the bar. He was formally taken into custody, on the charge of bigamy, by the Black Rod, General Sir Michael

Earl Russell made many obeisances n advancing to the bar. Formerly was the custom to approach the bar in a crawling position, on hands and feet, but this has been modified. On reach ing the bar Lord Russell sank on his knees and remained there till the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Halsbury, told him to rise. When asked if he had any application to make, Earl Russell re ted that the trial be postnoned be yond July 18th, in order to enable him to prepare his defence His application will be heard July 4th. The Earl was released on bail. The proceedings were private.

COAST ARTILLERY.

One Million Dollars to be Expended by th Government for Quarters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Washington, July 2.—The quarter-

naster's department of the army has

completed arrangements for the expenditure of one million dollars for quarters and barracks for men of the coast artillery. These buildings are to be erected at fortifications that have already been constructed or are now in course of construction. The build ings are to be constructed at Fort Howard, Baltimore; Fort Washington on the Potomac river near Washing-ton; Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Caswell, N. C.; Sullivan's Island, Charleston, S. C.; Fort Morgan, Mobile, Ala.

FIRE RAGED IN HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

Flames Started in Adelphi Hotel and Gained Great Headway Before Discovered.

HOTEL FILLED WITH GUESTS.

No Water and Engine Out of Repairs. Flames Spread Rapidly-Many Residences and Other Buildings Destroyed-Loss \$200,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA, July 2 .- A fire raged in the heart of this city from 11 o'clock this morning till 5 o'clock this evening, resulting in a loss of \$200,000. The flames started in the Adelphi Hotel from an electric wire on the fifth floor and had gained great headway before being discovered. The hotel was crowded with guests, many of whom were women. Of these a number fainted when the alarm of

fire rang out through the halls and it

was with great difficulty that they

were removed from the building.

Many attempted to leap from windows, but were prevented from doing There was not a gallon of water in the city reservoirs when the fire start ed and all of the engines in the city were out of repair. The flames spread rapidly and soon half a dozen residences were on fire. The brick annex to the Adelphi Hotel, on the other side of the square, also caught fire and was destroyed. This, as well as the hotel proper, was handsomely furnished. All is a total loss, together with a livery stable and a number of private offices, fruit stores, barber shops and dozens of smaller structures. The fire engines that were sent to the scene from surrounding towns soon broke down and the flames spread rapidly and unbindered. Prostrations among the firemen were numerous, but none will result

ANOTHER GREAT COMBINE. Organization to Control the Bituminous

fatally. C. W. Yost, of Catlettsburg,

was struck by a falling wall and his

skull fractured. He is in a serious

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 1.-The Leader to-morrow will say: Before the first of September all of

the big companies producing bitumi-

nous coal will have been gathered

into one organization, similar to the

United States Steel Corporation. The

Coal Output of the United

States.

capitalization will be enormous, probably second only to that of the big From what can be learned work upon the big coal trust has been un der way for a greater length of time

than any of the other industrial combinations. J. P. Morgan, the advocate of coalition, first started in with his coal combinations three years ago, making the first movements along the line of controlling the products of the Ohio and West Virginia fields. At that time he obtained complete control of the mining property in Hocking and

Shawnee valleys. The proceedings in the present com bination are similar to those displayed in the formation of the steel trust. The aim of it all is to effect one complete monopoly of the bituminous production in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac. To the accomplishment of this Mr. Morgan is said to have given himself without reserve and will take it up as soon as he returns from

VIRGINIA LYNCHING.

Negro Taken From Jail at Lawrenceville

and Hanged by a Mob. By Telegraph to the Morning Star RICHMOND, VA., July 1.-Joe Walton, a negro, who was arrested several days ago for attempting a criminal assault on Miss Kate Clarke, daughter of Mr. J. H. Clarke, residing near Triplett, in Brunswick county, was, Sunday night, taken quietly out of the jail at Lawrenceville by a band of about fifty to seventy-five men and hanged to the county bridge, four

miles from town. The mob rode quietly into town about midnight, just as the night train for Danville passed. Pickets were thrown out and several men went to Jailor Mitchell's house and made him give up the jail keys. The crowd then went to the jail, took Walton out, conveyed him to the place selected for the execution and swung him off. The mob then dispersed.

VIRGINIA'S CONVENTION.

A Franchise Proposition—Excludes

groes From Holding Office. By Telegraph to the Merning Star. RICHMOND, Va., July 2.-The constitutional convention was in session just thirty-five minutes to-day. The than on yesterday; that of spectators

smaller.

Mr. Braxton, of Augusta, offered a franchise proposition, calling for \$100 property qualification, taxes to be paid six months prior to voting, and a poll tax of \$3; an educational qualification and excluding negroes less than three quarters white blood from holding any office except that of colored school teachers. Voting by ballot is prescribed. Parties desiring to vote on matters affecting local taxation shall own \$100 property in the town, district or county affected by such vote.

STORM IN KENTUCKY.

Several Persons Reported Killed and Crops

Badly Damaged. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MIDDLESBORO, Ky., July 2.-Half a dozen small farm houses and many large barns were destroyed last night by a storm of great violence which swept through Cumberland Gap, in Powell's Valley. Several persons are said to have been killed, but only one name, that of Perry Smith, has been

reported. Crops were badly damaged. Red Hot From The Gun

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NO DEVELOPMENTS IN STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE

Belief General That the Real Test Wil Not Begin Until the Close of Hot Weather.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., July 20.-The sec and day of the strike of the sheet stee and steel hoop workers of the Ama gamated Association opened witho interesting or exciting features. was evident that neither side antic pated early developments, as the was no unusual activity about th combine offices and the utmost qui prevailed at the headquarters of the workers. As President Shaffer marked, the conditions of the prese strike were peculiar and no deside results were expected for ten days two weeks. By that time the manufacturers having all necessary repair. at their mills completed, would b anxious to resume operations. Th struggle would then begin in earnest The belief is quite general, however, that the real test will not come unti the close of the hot weather and th general resumption of business in the early Fall, and in the meantime it i thought that the conflicting interests will see their way clear to recede from their present positions. That President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, is preparing for the rainy day which may come if the strike is prolonged indefinitely, is evident from the circular sent to the association lodges to-day. The circular directs the lodges to levy assessments upon their members, the money to be used for the relief of such members of th association as might be out of work. The money collected by these assess ments of the lodges will be for warded to Pittsburg, where it will be placed in the general fund of the asso ciation. The latter has for years been creating a strike fund, systematically and methodically. This fund is said now to amount to between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The combine officials do not appear to be worrying over the situation and say they do not recognize a condition of a strike as yet. Some of the officers intimate that there may be a renewal of negotiations at any time and a settlement effected. In outside circles the belief is growing that the strike will be called off before t gets fairly well under way.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

State Institution at Buffalo Insolvent and Closed Its Doors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Stat BUFFALO, July 2.-The Niagara bank, a State institution, has closed its doors. The following notice was posted on the doors signed by State Superintendent Kilburn: "I have

closed and taken possession of this The Niagara bank was organized September 15, 1891. It has a capital of \$100,000. The bank superintendent was seen in the Niagara bank and asked why the bank was closed. He said: "I have closed this bank because I think it insolvent. The main reason for the failure is the failure of the City National Bank. This bank is insolvent to an extent not vet ready to be announced but I do not

deem it safe to permit this one to continue business any longer. As to whether this bank has been in trouble heretofore I have nothing to say." - Newton Enterprise: The wheat cradle has almost become a relic of the past in this county. There have been more binders sold in Newton this year than ever before. They are being used in fields, which a few years ago, were considered altogether too rough. Wheat was damaged considerably by the heavy rains last week. The greatest damage was done to the standing

covered with mud. Some of the farm ers saved their crop by hitching five horses to their reapers and driving through mud half way up to the hub -- The farmers around Newton are having great trouble with their crops. The last two weeks have been spent in the harvest field. During this time the rain has brought forth a great deal of grass. Now, after the harvest and rains are over, it is almost impossible to secure hands to work the crops. This is the most critical time of the year and if hands are not soon found, the crops will be ruined. --Capt. J. R. Gaither will resume work at his gold mine east of Newton next week. This is one of the richest mines in western North Carolina. He showed us a few days ago two oyster cans full of ore that had been broken up in small pieces with a hammer, that fair ly glittered with the yellow metal.

wheat. It was blown down and

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