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ten years ago. Success commands

confidence and establishes credit.

Capital instead of having to be

There is one gratifying feature in

States have forged ahead rapidly

the others have made fair progress,

which would have justified much

more than has been said about them.

But there are some of them which

possess exceptional advantages as

of States extending from Virginia

to Alabama on the slope of the

mountains have advantages as man

ufacturing States not excelled, it

equalled, in the world. They con-

tain in workable quantities and

workable economically, all the raw

materials of commercial value-tim-

ber, iron, copper, coal, textile fibers,

everything necessary for great

and diversified industries, and with

this a fertile soil capable of support-

ing in comfort many millions of in-

habitants, and in addition to all

this, never failing water powers

abundant in numbers and adequate

to all the demands that may ever be

Give the South the same advant-

ages that industrial enterprises in

the North have in being able to

command large capital at moderate

and sometimes almost nominal rates

of interest and she would forge to

the front with a rapidity that might

astonish people who have not kept

a close eye on her industrial prog-

ress or understand what she had to

contend against in accomplishing

Business has been so systematized

in the North that every manufact-

uring business of any importance is

run on the trust plan, trusts repre-

senting many millions of dollars,

with credit in proportion. We

have nothing of that kind in the

South. Whether these trusts may

be enduring or not, or whether they

lay be successful in the long run

there is no doubt that they give the

section in which they are a tempor-

ary advantage over other sections.

where business is conducted by in-

dividual enterprise or by companies

with limited capital. This is espec-

ially true in such enterprises as the

manufacture of iron and steel where

large capital is essential to economi-

But the trend of capital is this

way, for it will come in when the

raw materials can be most easily

reached and cheaply put down at

the manufacturing plant. The next

ten years will witness much of that

and the onward progress of the

THE LOGIC OF THE SITUATION

rather a bad year, comparatively,

for Southern cotton mills and yet

they consumed 100,000 more bales

than they did the preceding year.

With the rate of gain as compared

with the Northern mills they will

soon catch up with and lead them

in the number of bales consumed.

In speaking of the report of Secre-

tary Hester, the Baltimore Sun re-

"The consumption of cotton in

Southern cotton mills begins to bear a

large proportion to the total consumed

in the United States and Canada. Mr.

Hester of the New Orleans Cotton

Exchange, reported, for example, a

taking by Southern mills in 1901, up

to December 13, of 601,196 bales, as against 828,751 bales taken by North-

ern and Canadian spinners. The gain over the preceding year in Southern

takings was over 100,000 bales. This

is as it should be. Cotton can be best manufactured where it is grown, and

at the largest profit. In periods of

high prices badly located mills-mills

far from the cotton fields-can con-

tinue to run but in hard times they

will be frozen out by inability to com-

pete with mills down South. Thus, little by little, the logic of the situa-

tion will compel the transference of

The logic of the situation is that

the cotton manufacturing industry

must ultimately center in the South

not simply to be near the base of

supplies, but that the manufactur-

ers may avail themselves of the su-

perior advantages the South offers

to that industry. This will not be

in a few years nor in a decade, be-

cause there is too much money al-

ready invested in manufacturing

plants in other manufacturing cen-

ters, and those plants will be kept

running as long as there is any

margin of profit on their output.

But the day will come when,

through competition, the margin

will become so small that a change

of base will be necessary and they

will have to get near the cotton

Planting pecan trees has become

a craze in Georgia. A correspondent

of the New York Tribune says at

the rate at which planting is now

progressing there will be within the

decade more pecan trees than peach

It is estimated that the trans-Si-

berian railroad will cost Russia about

\$500,000 before it is finished, about

fields or get out of business.

trees in that State.

the cotton industry to the South."

marks as follows:

Last year was reported to

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## FORGING AHRAD.

Yesterday we published an article showing how the South was forging ahead in point of population as compared with other sections, and herein we present some figures, for which we are indebted to the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, showing how she is forging ahead as a manufacturing section. Last week's issue publishes an elaborate analysis of the census figures on the industrial development in the South, from which we quote the following:

"The South has become a manufac-turer on a billion-dollar scale—indeed, it were better to say on a billion-anda-half-dollar scale, for the value of the products of its factories in 1900, according to preliminary figures of the twelfth census, was \$1,466,669,495, which was greater by nearly \$450,000 000 than the value of the products of manufactures in the United States in 1850. The total for 1900 shows an increase of \$549,440,468 over the total of 1890 in the value of products, and of \$494,847,237 in the amount of capital invested, which in 1900 amounted to \$1.153,670,097, against \$658,795,860 in 1890. The growth in the value of products in the ten years is shown in

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	Value of	
LEGITOR	1890.	1900.
Alabama	\$51.226,605	\$83,793 804
Arkansas	22,559 179	44 883,783
Die.Colum'a	38 971,419	47,667,622
Florida	18 222,890	38,189,894
Georgia	68,917 020	106,654,527
Kentuckv	126,719,857	154,590,069
Louisiana	57 806,713	121,181,683
Maryland	171,842 593	243,752,990
Mississippi.	18,705,834	40,431,386
N. Carolina	40,375,450	94 919 663
S. Carolina.	31 926,681	58,748,731
Tennessee	72,325,286	107,527,060
Texas	70,433 551	119,414,982
Virginia	88.363 824	132,735,620
W Virginia	38.702,125	74,177,681
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Total ... \$917,229,027 \$1,466,669,49 The analysis shows that the average rate of capital in the South during the ten years was 75 1 per cent., and that this rate was exceeded in eight States, with Louisians leading with 235 3 per cent. Louisiana led also in the actual increase of capital, \$78, 330,178, though Maryland led in th mount of capital invested in 1900, \$163 423 260. The average rate of in-crease in the value of products in the South was 59 9, which was exceeded in nice States, North Carolina leading with 185 per cent., and Maryland le d ing in actual increase with \$70,910,397.

These are interesting figures, but

their full significance may not be fully understood by those who are not familiar with the conditions that have prevailed in the South for much of the time since the war and the obstacles against which our "captains of industry," to use one of President Roosevelt's phrases, had to contend. The South had been so largely an agricultural section that the impression was, and quite naturally, that Southern men had little inclination to or ability for industrial enterprises of a manufacturing kind which presupposed more or less experience. That impression was so strong that when the South began to show a disposition to enter actively on the manufacture of cotton goods it was predicted that the effort would be a failure because Southern men had little experience in that business, had no skilled labor and the most they could hope to do would be to manufacture the coarser lines of goods the manufacturer of which it was not difficult to master.

When Southern men embarked in iron and steel-making the same might have been predicted with even more appearance of plausibility, for while some Southern men did have some experience in the manufacture of cotton they had literally none in the manufacture of iron and steel. They had all these things to learn and had not only to learn them themselves but had to

But in addition to this was the limited capital in this section and the consequent difficulty of raising money to invest in new enterprises, success of which remained to be demonstrated. These new enterprises had to be established to enter the field with others of a similar character in other sections which had been long established, were under skilful and experienced management, and had ample capital at their command, with unlimited credit if it became necessary to use that. This is especially true of the cotton manufacturing and of the iron and steel industries. It would be easier now | twice as much as the first estimates. to raise a million dollars to invest But it will pay in the development of by mobs. Mr. Crumpacker seems in either of these industries than it the vast region through which it to be in his element when he is enwas to raise \$100,000 fifteen or even runs.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1902.

INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

Governor Aycock is taking great deal of interest in popular education, but not any more than he should, or any more than any citizen who looks to the future prosperity of that while seme of the Southern his State and welfare of its people should take. Every State which is wise and would build well for the future should put the means of at least a rudimentary education within the reach of all of its sons and daughmanufacturing States. The range

Under present and prospective conditions this applies to North Carolina with more force than ever, for by law, with the adoption of the constitutional amendment, not only the illiterate negro is disfranchised but the illiterate white man will be disfranchised after 1908, so that the boys now growing up who will come of age by that time must learn to read and write before they can become entitled to the franchise.

From all the accounts we have the negroes are showing much, and commendable, interest in this matter, and are very active in preparing themselves to meet the constitutional requirement as to reading and writing.

This narrows the question down to whether the white people will be lukewarm and indifferent while the negroes are active in the efforts to maintain their position as a political factor in the State. There are about forty thousand of them who can vote, and with those who will learn to read and write before 1908 they will form a mighty factor, will hold the balance of power and being better informed than heretofore will be apt to insist on having more to say about party management and party policies. Thus, even viewed from a political standpoint only, it is essential that effort should be made to qualify every white boy for franchise.

outside of politics which should inspire an interest and stimulate efforts in this direction. Regard for the youth of the State, to enable them to take their part in the battle of life and be better able to take care of themselves should do it, and so should regard for the prosperity of the State, for the educated brain is such a help to the hand that the man possessing both becomes three times the wealth producer that the hand worker alone does. It is a duty the State owes. not only to itself but to its children to give them at least a rudimentary education, on which they may be afterwards able to build themselves.

Sitka, the capital of Alaska, is pretty far North, but the Secretary of the Alaska Geographical Society informs us that the mercury has never been known to reach zero in that town. He adds that there is not a single State in the Union which shows as low a maximum summer temperature nor one which has not registered lower winter minimuns. It seems from this to possess the combined qualifications for a summer and winter resort.

The farmers up in Surry county are looking for an early spring, because they say severe winters are always followed by early springs. They are corroborated by the New Haven (Conn.) Palladium, which has come to the same conclusion, based upon the performances of the wild geese, birds, etc. Well, if they have an early spring up there the Surry people will be apt to come in for some of it.

There is a proposition to erect a monument to Levi Coffin, who, before the war, was manager of the "underground railroad," by which stolen slaves were run from the South to the North. There is something suggestive in the name of Coffin, which, with a skull and crossbones, would be a suitable device for the monument if it ever be built.

A San Francisco firm has been buncoing the Government and the soldiers in the Philippines by shipping them stuffed quinine capsules. In a recent shipment of 7,000,000 capsules it was found that the capsules were filled with starch, with just enough quinine to give them a bitter taste. The starch ought to be taken out of those fellows.

It isn't every city which can treat conventions with a sure-enough earthquake, but that's what Mexico did a couple days ago for the arbitration conference. As it was a sort of impromptu affair it caused some quaking among the delegates and cut short the speech of one who had just warmed up.

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, stands sponsor in the House of Representatives for the bill giving the United States jurisdiction in cases where foreigners are lynched gineering some freak bill.

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

**Instructors in County Institutions** Met at the Court House Yesterday.

ENTHUSIASTIC CONFERENCE.

Address by Professor Catlett on Modern Methods-Reports from All Districts Were Very Encouraging-Petition for increased Salaries.

The meeting of the teachers of the various public schools in the county at the office of Prof. Washington Catlett, the superintendent, yesterday morning was fraught with much interest and profit to those who were

As a result of the meeting a nucleus was formed for the organization of Teachers' Association and many other matters of interest were transacted.

The exercises were opened by an entertaining and instructive talk by Prof. Catlett on the best methods of teaching mathematics and reading. The subjects were exhaustively treated by Prof. Catlett in an saddress of more than an hour and a haif. He also referred in a general way to all branches taught in the schools.

Prof. Catlett's remarks were follow ed by an informal discussion of gen eral school work in which all the teachers participated and manifested a lively interest. Reports from all sections indicated that never before were the country schools in a more flourishing condition.

Prof. Catlett says he thinks the corps of teachers in New Hanover the best in the State and he never knew enthusiasm to run higher. Nearly all the schools now have libraries started and these are growing daily. Not one cent from the State has been received toward supplying these; in fact, the work of establishing libraries in the schools was instituted in New Hanover before the State took up the ques tion and there has been no occasion But there are other considerations thus far to call for the outside assist-

> There is commendable progress in beautifying the grounds of the various schools and the teachers report that the entire country has received inspiration from this source and many country residences are being made more beautiful for the work begun by the children.

The school on Middle Sound, District No. 3, has won especial distinction in the establishment of its library and mprovement of its grounds, and as a reward for the energy of the teacher and pupils a movement is on foot to have the County Board of Education resent to that institution a handsome

Perhaps the most important consideration eration of the meeting yesterday was the question of salaries. There has been much discussion of late in the State in regard to the pay of public school teachers, and yesterday the teachers in joint assembly drew a petition for presentation to the County Board of Education asking that their pay be increased, which will no doubt be done at an early date. The teachers cite that the cost of living has ecome much higher and that their duties have become more burdensome since the schools have reached the present advanced stage.

Those present at the meeting yester day were Miss Pattie D. Thorne Wrightsville Sound; Miss Kathleen Elmore, Middle Sound; Miss Jennie T. Oldham, Myrtle Grove; Miss Augusta Wiggins, Delgado; Miss Reba Myers, Delgado; Miss Newbury, Castle Haynes; Mr. J. P. Herring, Masonboro: Mr. E. C. Herring, Greenville; Ma. E. D. Bowen, East Wilmington, and Mr. M. Bowen, Acorn Branch. Prof. Catlett will hold a meeting of the colored teachers of the county in

GENERAL MANAGER COMING.

February.

Vice President Barr, of the Seaboard Ali Line, Will Be Here to Look Into the Double-Daily Train Service.

In response to the invitation from the allied commercial bodies of the city, Vice President and General Manager Jno. M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line, has written that he will be here soon after Feb. 1st, and will then hear the petition of the business men of Wilmington relative to the double-daily passenger service on the Carolina Central to Hamlet, frequent mention of which has been made in the STAR.

The following letter from Vice President Barr was received yesterday by Mr. L. B. Rogers, secretary of the ioint committee:

"PORTSMOUTH. JAN. 17, 1902. Mr. L. B. Rogers Wilmington, N. C. "DEAR SIR:—I have received inviation of the Committee of the Produce Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Merchanta' Association and Wholesale Grocers' Association, of your city, to visit same and have thousand feet is now being realized; pleasure in acknowledging the receipt same and thanking you therefor.

I will have pleasure in accepting your invitation at an early day and will visit your city soon after Feb. 1st, with our Traffic Manager and General Passenger Agent. Yours Truly, "J. M. BARR."

Illicit Distilling in Nash.

A correspondent of the STAR writing from Spring Hope, Nash county, says: "Revenue officers came in town this evening about 8 o'clock with two this evening about 8 o'clock with two illicit stills cut up. They were of sixty and one hundred gallons capacity, copper stills and in good shape when found. One was worn when found. The offices turned out about eight hundred gallons of beer. No arrests were made. The stills were found on the edge of Franklin county."

THE SMALLPOX CONTAGION. WILMINGTON STREET RAILWAY CO.

Local Health Department on the Qui Vive. Warsaw Quarantines Against Clintos-Dr. Tayloe Here.

The smallpox situation in Eastern North Carolina appears to have approached the serious. Although no cases or evidence of the disease have developed in Wilmington or immediate surrounding country, the health department is expecting an outbreak at any moment and are preparing for it.

From Wilson, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and Clinton there comes report of the prevalence of the disease, and travelling men say, except at Wilmington, there is much disturbance among the people over it.

Capt. Robert Green, chief quarantine officer of this city, has his weather eye open for the disease, and is meeting all trains as far as possible and watching for suspects. Dr. Harper, the city superintendent of health, and all his inspectors, have their "lamps trimmed and burning," and if Wilmington escapes an outbreak it will be due to their diligence.

Warsaw yesterday quaranteed aginst Clinton, from whence are reported a number of cases of very virulent form.

Dr. Joshua Tayloe, of Washington, N. C., State smallpox inspector, arrived in the city yesterday morning from the infected district and had a brief informal conference with Dr. Harper. He says some of the cases this season are of a very severe type but a majority of them are light. He expects to return, to several points up the W. & W. road to-day.

Dr. Tayloe went to Clinton to investigate three particular cases in prominent families there, one of the patients being a Miss Patrick, who has a mild case. He says that one of the other two cases is a very serious one and death may result.

MARRIED AT LAURINBURG, N. C.

Mr. James Lytch McNair Wedded to Miss Gertrude McIntosh Thursday

Special Star Correspondence. LAURINBURG, N. O., Jan. 16 .-At half past five o'clock this afternoon the marriage of Mr. Jas. Lytch McNair and Miss Gertrude McIntosh was celebrated in the Methodist church here, Rev. L. S. Massey, the pastor, performing the ceremony. Miss Kate

Hamer presided at the organ.

Lohengrin's melody announced the appearance of the ushers, Messrs.

Daniel Shaw and M. M. McKinnon, who were followed by the attendants in the following order: Miss Dora Smith with Mr. Clifton Blue; Miss Galloway, of Wilmington, with Mr. Alex. P. McLean; Miss Mattie Hamer with Mr. Bailey Evans; Miss Mary McNair with Prof. Milton Mc-Intosh. Then came the groom leaning on the arm of Mr. J. A. Jones, and following came the bride elect on the arm of her sister, Miss Ruby Mc

Mr. and Mrs. McNair left on the 6:80 train for an extended tour of Northern cities. Mr. McNair is the only son of Mr. J. F. McNair so well known in Wilmington. The bride is one of Laurinburg's most popular young ladies, the daughter of Mr. P. McIntosh.

More Robbery at Town Creek.

Southport Standard: "Deputy Beck reached here on Saturday with Frank Age in custody, who was committed to jail from Justice McKeithan's hearing on a charge of robbing Dr. Henry on Monday night of last week. Dr. Henry is a very aged gentleman of Town Creek, who was called to his store by a man who said he wanted to buy something. With his lantern and a small amount of money in a cigar box he went out to the store, and as he stepped up to the door the negro jerked the box from him and ran. Dr. Henry and daughter, Mrs. McKoy, both say that Frank Age was the man, which led to his arrest and imprison ment to await the next term of Supe rior Court. He is a son of Ben Age who has caused considerable excite ment recently in Town Creek."

Against Town of Southport.

Southport Standard: of the city of Southport against S. W. Rowan, Jr., the agent firm, has been decided Neill against the city. The suit origi nated by his refusal to pay the tax as soliciting agent levied by the ordinance in such case, and came up be-fore Judge McNeill by appeal from the Mayor's decision, and was argued in chambers since our last term Superior Court. Judge McNeill ren-dered his decision last week to the

Olerk of Superior Court, his judgment being against the city, that is, that the ordinance was invalid, being a violation of the Inter-State Com merce law. The case may be appeal ed to the Supreme Court by the city. Timber Receipts Heavy. Heavy receipts of timber by raft on "Bad luck to me, sor, if I don't belave omebody's cut off the other end of this

the river continue. Crops in the upcountry last season were well nigh a failure and many farmers turned their attention to timber cutting, hence the large supply. As a natural sequence of heavy receipts prices have turned to the downward. For common mill timber, \$4 to \$5 per fair mill, \$6 to \$7; prime mill, \$7 to \$7.50, and extra mill, \$8 to \$9 per

thousand. Prices last week were

Why Not Wilmington?

higher.

Mr. Geo. A. Hoderness, of Tarboro, President of the Carolina Telegraph and Telephone Company, says that his company has bought the Dunn and Smithfield exchanges with their toll lines; that he will run a copper line from Selma to Raleigh, and then a man in Raleigh can telethone over the system from the State capital to Morehead City. Fayetteville, Washington, or any intermediate points in Eastern North Car-

Certificate of Reorganization Filed at Raleigh - State Taxable Property. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17 .- A certi ficate of reorganization of the Wilmington Street Rallway Company was filed to day in the office of the Secretary of State. The capital is \$200,000, divided into shares of each common and preferred stock. The officers are: President, Hugh MacRae; Directors, O. P. Bolles, Jr. M. F. H. Governeur, W. W. Bandolph and Junius Davis.

The State Auditor to-day issued eport showing the taxable real and personal property in North Carolina and the tax derived therefrom. It shows a total valuation of \$261,449,879. against \$252,891,755 for the previous year. The State tax for the year was \$547,932.10, a gain of \$18,542.64 over the preceding year,

STATE ENGINEER MCREE.

te Will Have His Office in Raleigh--Treas urer's Receipts and Disbursements. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 18.-The Council of State to-day directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to write Capt. J. H. McRee, State En gineer, to bring his maps, etc., and make his headquarters in Raleigh. It was ordered also that an office be provided for him in the State Capitol building.

The State Treasurer issued an a nual statement to-day showing that the total receipts, general and special for the year ending November 30th 1901, were \$1,744,650.20 and disbursments, \$1,690,872.73.

Success of a Wilmingtonian.

The many friends of Mr. Robert H Sykes, son of our esteemed towns people, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Sykes, were glad to see him here during the holidays. He has recently been appointed secretary of the Geological Survey of North Carolina, with headquarters at Chapel Hill, and is now with Prof. J. A. Holmes, who is well a young man of ability and promise. and since leaving here about five years ago to make his home in New York city has met with considerable success. While in that city he was a trusted employe of the law firm of Tracy. Boardman & Platt, and upon the election of Hon. Tom C. Platt, the Republican "Boss" of New York city, to the United States Senate, he selected Mr. Sykes to be his private clerk. This was a great compliment, considering the fact that Mr. Sykes has always been a strong Democrat. His appointment was gained only through merit and hard work. He returns to North Carolina on account of health considerations and a natural desire to be once again near his home folks.

Negro Stole a Pig.

John Sharkless, colored, was sent over to jail for the higher court by Mayor Waddell yesterday on the charge of false pretence. Sharkless was arrested by Policeman Frank. George at Fourth and Bladen streets A few days ago he went to Market street and Dock, where Mr. A. S. Benton had brought pork to the city for sale, and told him he had been sent for a dressed pig by Mrs. McIn-Intosh, who conducts the Fulton House, where Sharkless was employed about a year ago. Mr. Benton 'gave him the last pig in his cart, and when he went to collect for same, it was found that no boy had been sent to buy a pig. The police went to work on the case and soon had Sharkless in the toils, though he denies every

MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE.

Eight Persons Were Killed and Pive Injured at Chilpancingo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—The latest elegram from Chilpancingo places the number of killed by the quake at eight and the injured five. Among the latter is the Governor who is only slighly hurt.

Why the Line Was Endless

The following story is told of a you line, which put his patience severely to proof as well as every muscle of his arms, he muttered to himself, but loud enough to be overheard by an officer: "Sure, it's as long as today and tomorrow! It's a good week's work for any five men in the ship, bad luck to it! What! More of it yit? Och, murther! The say's mighty deep, to be sure!" After continuing in a similar strain and conceiving there was little probability of the completion of his labor he suddenly stopped short, and, looking up to the officer on the watch, he exclaimed:

> The Hot Air Balloon. It is related that the hot air balloon had its origin in a petticoat. Mms. Mont golfier had washed her garment, intend-ing to wear it to a great festival the next day, and hung it over a chafing dish to and floated it up into the air. The lady, in astonishment, called her husband to see the sight. He at once grasped the idea and was not long in producing the hot air balloon.

An Odd Perquisite. One of the most curious perquisites in connection with English coronations is the right of one of the peers to claim the bed and bedding used by the heir apparent on the night preceding the coronation. In olden times this was a perquisite of considerable value, as the "bedding" usually consisted of richly embroidered coverlids of velvet or silk, with priceless hangings of cloth of silver and gold.

The Australian aborigines are not the only users of the boomerang, nor were they the first to use that missile. The Egyptians knew all about it, just as they seem to have known all about everything

REPORT OF THE

CANAL COMMISSION Unanimously Recommends Ac ceptance of the Offer of the

TO SELL TO UNITED STATES.

Panama Company.

The Report Was Transmitted to President Roosevelt Last Evening-It is Very Voluminous-Will Be Sent to Congress Probably Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The sup plemental report of the 1sthmian Canal Commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to dis pose of its property to the United States for \$40,000,000 was delivered to President Roosevelt this evening. The members of the commission refuse to discuss the nature of the report, and like reticence was maintained at the White House, but it was stated on excellent authority that the report unanimously recommends that the offer of the Pausma Company be accepted. The report, it is stated, is very volumi nous, going into all phases of the question and attempting to meet the objec-tions that any legal complications will arise out of the purchase, or that there will be any international difficulties should the deal be consummated.

The report was completed about o'clock this evening, and after being signed by the members of the commis sion was carried by Admiral Walker chairman of the commission, to Sec retary Hay, who transmitted it to the President. The latter will send the report to Congress the first of the week, probably Monday.

No Trouble Anticipated

Paris, Jan. 18.—It is explained here that if the sale of the property of the Panama Canal Company is concluded, juris-consults will be appointed to de side whether a ratification by a French tribunal is required, or whether the vote of a general meeting of stock-holders will suffice. In any case, however, it will be a matter of form. No obstacle is anticipated on that

The report goes fully into the steps perfect title to the United States, for in addition to the present Panama Canal Company, the oldest organization and the Colombian government must be reckoned with. The report finds, however, it is said, that the new com pany can give a clear title. It is stated the report says, that when the commission made its recent report favor ing the Nicaraguan route, no offer to sell to this government had been made by the Panama Company. The offer of \$40,000,000 made in behalf of the company, by M. Lampre, it is said, hanged the situation completely. I s further stated that the report shows hat a litle over one thousand shares of anama Railroad stock is owned by individuals outside the Panama Canal Company and that these can be pur chased for a comparatively small sum Other obstacles to the sale, the repor says, also have been removed.

THE LATE JAS. H. CHADBOURN.

Tribute of Respect to His Memory by th Cape Pear Pilots.

At a special meeting of the Cape Fear Pilots, held at their office yesterday, the committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of the late James H. Chadbourn, pre sented the following:
"It would be heartless indeed to

permit to pass from our midst forever the familiar figure and face of a friend without placing upon record our esti nate of the man. James H. Chad bourn has laid down the burden and prosses of life and having passed over the river, rests now under the shade awaiting that summons which wil arouse all mankind from their long sleep. He has gone to his long sleep and the mourners go about the street addened in thought and stricken in heart, for a life long friend has passed from us forever. "For sixteen years he served

chairman of the Board of Commisioners of Navigation and Pilotage His excellent judgment, impartial de cisions and painstaking service endeared him to all; for his keen sense of justice has many times been appa rent. It was while in this capacity through his wise forethought, the widows and orphans of deceased pilots were provided for, and for nearly thirty-five years he has been identified

with us, young and old. "We would be recreant indeed now not to let the world know the esteem and regard in which we held him. Each and every one of us learned to respect and revere him and to look upon him as a friend, kind-hearted by nature, cordial in manner and chee ful always to his friends. We will miss his pleasant smile and those attributes which made him to be revered by us. On many occasions he has proven good friend to many of us with kindly counsel and sound advice. His death will ever be mourned by us, for we have lost a good friend.

"C. C. MORSE,
"J. W. CRAIG, "J. J. ADKINS, "A. M. GUTHRIE, "J. A. WILLIAMS, "Committee

REPORTS RIDICULED.

Boers Say There is No Truth in Rumor of Peace Negotiations. By Cable to the morning star.

LONDON, January 18 .- Dr. Leyds, the representative in Europe of the Transvaal, according to a dispatch from Amersterdam to Reuters' Telegram Company, had a conference today with the Boer delegation at The Hague at the house of Mr. Wolmarans. No official statement has been given, but there is good authority for assert-ing that the conference was merely a

periodical meeting.

The dispatch says the reports of a the dispatch says the reports of a strong peace movement are ridiculed by the Boers themselves, who say that such stories are simply fabricated by British agents, with a view to British publication, subsequently turning them to advantage in South Africa. The Boers deny that any negotiations are in progresses.

are in progress.

Dr. Leyds left to-day for Utrecht.

## SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Smithfield Herald: Mr. J. B. Smith. of Meadow township, last year had 6½ acres in tobacco, from which he realized \$1,030.

- Kinston Free Press: Mr. Jno. Sanderine, of this county, had the misfortune to lose his barn and stables by fire yesterday morning. The loss was about \$250 with no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

- Winston Journal: The death of Rev. J. N Jefferson occurred Thursday night after a brief illness with a grippe. Mr. Jefferson was in the eighty-third year of his age and was a retired divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, having served as a minister of the gospel for sixty years in that denomination.

sixty years in that denomina - Nashville Graphic: Mr. Watson Battle, a well known citizen of this county, died at Manchester, Va, last Monday after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Battle for some time had been in feeble health, and t was several months ago he went to Manchester to visit friends and where he succumbed to the dread disease. The deceased was 70 years of age.

— Wadesboro Messenger Intelligencer: On the 10th of last October Mr. George R. Parker, of this place, received a handsome Maltese cat, by express, from, Pine Bluff. The cat was sent him by Mr. John T. Patrick. The cat stayed with Mr. Parker a few days and then disappeared and nothdays and then disappeared, and nothing more was heard of it until a short time ago, when it turned up at its old home at Pine Bluff. The distance traveled by the cat on the return trip was something like 50 miles, as Pine Bluff is about that distance from

- Monroe Enquirer: The Henderson Roller Mili Co. has entered suit against Mr. John D. Medlin for \$5,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that Mr. Medlin has circulated the report that the Henderson Roller Mill is guilty of the adulteration of flour sold at its mill. — From what we learn from stock dealers not a mule will be brought from the Western markets to this county this season. There are more live stock sellers than buyers, and mules can be bought here heaper than they can in be bought in Kansas City.

- Fayetteville Observer: Phobe McNeill, a negro girl 17 years of age, was placed in jail Thursday by United was placed in jell Thursday by United States Commissioner Morrisey, charged with selling whiskey. She carried her six months' old baby to jail with her.

— Deputy Sheriff Faircloth Thursday arrested Wm. Perry and Albitina Walker, charged with burning the barn of Rebeson Elliot in Fice Hill Sunday night. The case was taken up by the Grand Jury Friday, and Perry was discharged, and a true bill was found against the woman, who is only 20 years of age. The woman was em-ployed by Elliott and he had had some trouble with her.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Reported by Committee-It Carries \$16,701,445.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-The House of Representatives was in session less than an hour to-day. Only routine business was transacted, the most important feature of which was the reporting by Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, of an urgency deficiency bill. The bill

next Monday. The Senate amendments to the House bill appropriating \$90,000 for a government exhibit and floor space at the Charleston Exposition were agreed

to and the bill passed.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was completed by the appropris tion committee to day and reported the House. It carries \$16,701,445, distributed among the different departments. The naval items include \$4,-000,000 for armor on ships now under construction The bill contains an item of \$3,150,000 for the payment of rebates to tobacco manufacturers as provided in the war revenue reduc-

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

Woman and Man Rescued by Piremen from a Burning Building.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 18 .- Cut off from access to a fire escape a few feet away, Mrs. Helen M. York and John Blanch, linotype operators, stood in a window of the fourth floor of a Milton Place building to night with flames below and behind them. Slowly the firemen raised a long ladder until the top round reached the window where Mrs. York was trying to keep her dress from taking fire. The man beside her helped her to step on the ladder. Then, through smoke lighted up by flames sweeping over the sill they had just vacated, both descended to the street. It was the most thrilling fire incident witnessed in Boston for many

Though the aspect was serious for some time the actual loss was no very heavy, being only somewhat over \$50,000. The building was occusled by printers and paper dealers and for the storage of electrical goods.

DEFAULTING TOWN TREASURER

dmits That He Is Guilty of Both Porgery and Embezziement.

By Telegraph to the Morning star. WELLESLEY, MASS., Jan. 18.-In statement made to the select men of this place, former town Treasurer Albert Jennings, who was arrested Thursday night on a charge of forging a note for \$5,000, admits that he is guilty both of forgery and embezzlement and that the amount involved is \$35,000. In the statement Jennings says: "I will take my oath that all the money which I have obtained by forgery and embezzlement was \$35,-000. There is nothing more."

Jennings came here last night after being released from jail on \$4,000 bail, furnished by his sister. Later he resigned as town tressurer.

A MISSING CASHIER

Affairs of the Commercial Bank of Poiton. Mo., is Bad Condition By Telegraph to the Morning Star

FULTON, Mo., Jan. 18,-Further investigation into the affairs of the Commercial Bank, which has been closed, following the disappearance of its cashier, Philip S. Adams, shows the bank to be in a much worse condition than was first reported. An additional shortage of \$5 800 in collections since shortage of \$5 800 in collections since January 1, was discovered to-day. George B. Carstarphen, chief of the State Banking Company, to day said that at least \$10,000 in money is gone and perhaps more. The bank held about \$5,000 of county funds. Nothing has yet been heard from Cashier Adams.