SUBSCRIPTION P.JCE.

THE VALUE OF GOOD ROADS.

Yesterday we made reference to the good roads convention which is to be held in Raleigh next Wednesday and Thursday, and quoted in that connection an extract from the letter of Prof. J. A. Holmes, in which he said "the improvement of our public roads is a feature of the industrial development of our State of more vital importance than any question now before the masses of our citizens." Every word of that is true, and the remarkable thing is that so few people, not only in this but in all the States, realize the importance or value of good roads. They will become excited, travel many miles to attend public meetings, and wage hot campaigns and very often have lively scrimmages over political questions of an economic or other character, but we likely to take a rosy view of the have never yet seen them warm up situation and conclude that things on the good roads question, when are going on pretty well. We venevery man, woman and child is directly or indirectly interested, and | Philippines who is drawing a good when with some it means more money than any other economic we are making fair progress in question, State or national, with bringing the little brown men in. which they have to do.

The re-ident of the city realizes that good, smooth roads radiating from the town would be nice things to have, because they would give pleasant drives into the country, but very few appreciate or think of the value to the towns of such roadsfrom a business point of view. And yet good roads mean thousands of dollars annually added to the trade of the town which has the advantage of them. The town merchant is almost as much interested in and dependent upon them as the farmer is, and the farmer is as much interested in them and dependent upon them as the lumberman is on the streams that float his winter cut of logs to deep water. But there is not one farmer out of ten who appreciates this, not from lack of intelligence, but simply because he and those who cultivated his fields before him had become accustomed to dragging along over such roads as they had and inever gave good roads

serious thought. If a farming section was hemmed in by streams to deep to foard or by shallow streams that frequently became impassable all would see the importance and necessity of bridging those streams, and they would freely tax themselves to pay the cost of bridge building, but bad, impassable roads are just as much a drawback on them and just as much in the way of getting their crops to market easily, quickly and in good time as these obstructing streams would be and yet very few farmers seem to take that view of it. It sometimes, and not infrequently. happens that in the Fall after the raius set in and during the Winter islands, to establish American suwhen rains are followed by freezes, premacy and to make the Filipinos and in the early Spring, the roads loyal and law-abiding "subjects," become impassable for weeks at a and they have good, substantial reatime when it is not only difficult sons for it, as will be seen by this but impossible for a team to pull a salary list, ranging from \$2,750 to loaded wagou over them on ac- \$20,000 a year. Soft snaps, they are, count of the depth of the mud. and likely to last, for them or Suppose then the prices of farm pro- others, from five to twenty-five ducts go up, what can the farmer do | years, according to the opinions of but deplore his inability to get officers serving in the islands. to market when he may be in urgent need of the money he could get if he could haul his stuff to market. lost in a railroad depot a valise full There isn't one farmer in a hundred of sermons. He sued the company who has not been placed in such a for \$1,060. the money value he set predicament as this some time.

upon them. The court divided In the eastern part of the State | this by 4 and a fraction and gave on the sandy plains the water passes | him a verdict for \$250. Later the through and the roads dry in s sermons were returned to the depot short while, but in the hill country by the fellow who stole them and when the red clay becomes thor- had no use for them. Now there oughly saturated and worked up is a chance for the preacher to ge with the tramping of animals they \$1.060 worth of sermons for \$250 become mortar beds and it some- as the company would doubtless be times takes weeks for them to dry | willing to dispose of them at that sufficiently to become passable. price.

Under these conditions is it to be wondered at that the life of the average farmer is a life of drudgery, that there is little progress on the farm, that the boys and girls want to get away from it, and that the average farmer has persuaded himself that farming doesn't pay? It doesn't pay, and it would be surprising if with these handicaps it did feller gave in benefactions last year

There is no better external index has enough left to buy all the skim of the condition of the farmers than milk and bread he can eat.

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NORTH CAROLINA WATER STRAWBERRY POWERS.

the condition of the roads. They are almost as good an index as the houses they live in. When you see We have written frequently of a neat, trim, cozy looking house, the numerous water powers in and comfortable looking stables and North Carolina, and the practically barns you may conclude that the unlimited power they are capable of family which lives in the house are supplying for manufacturing indusin comfortable circumstances and tries. The U. S. Geological Survey and are deriving some profit and is giving some attention to the benefit from their labor, but when measurement of the flow of these you see a shackly old house, with streams, as we gather from the folbroken windows and old hats and lowing in a bulletin issued by the other things stuck in to keep the Division of Hydography, which will rain and wind out, and you see totbe read with interest: tering fences and cattle without shelter you may conclude that the people who live in that house are on the ragged edge and wouldn't require any argument to convince them that "farming doesn't pay."

As a rule, when you pass through a

section of country with good roads

you find comfortable houses, good

out houses, well kept and well cul-

tivated fields, and a general air of

well doing, the cause of which, if

there be any question about it, is the

SOFT SWAPS, THESE.

Judge Taft, Civil Governor of

the Philippines, who has within the

past week been favoring the Senate

committee with his views as to the

prospects of pacifying the Filipinos

and making good, loyal Americans

out of them, thinks that isn't such

a hard job as a good many suppose

it is and as some of the military

commanders over there seem to

think, judging from their official re-

We wouldn't cast any reflections

on Judge Taft's sincerity, but gen-

erally speaking when the average

man has a good job which pays a

handsome salary he is more than

ture to say that every man in the

salary agrees with Judge Taft that

That most of the men holding civil

positions over there are pretty well

paid will be seen from the following

Secretary to the commission... 8,500

First assistant attorney general 4,530

Chief justice of Supreme Court 7 500

Governor Taft, president of

Assistant secretary to the com-

lands.....

Collector of customs.....

Deputy collector of customs...

Autorney general...

second assistant attorney gen-

oral....

Solicitor general.....

Judges of courts of first instance

stance, outside of Manila, from

Manila.....

City clerk

City engineer.....

Superintendent of police.....

Chief and assistant chief of

City attorney.....

Assistant city attorney.....

struction.....

posts

Director general of posts.....

Assistant director general of

Insular purchasing agent..... Commissioner of public health.

Chief health inspector.....

Four assistants to chief of insu-

lar constabulary, each 2.750

Of course these patriots have abid-

ing confidence in our ability to soon

stamp out not only the fires but

the embers of insurrection in the

A preacher travelling in Virginia

The Senate sat down on Senator

Hoar's bill to increase the salary of

Congressmen from \$5,000 to \$7,500

per an, by a vote of 44 to 15. The

fifteen were nearly all rich old roos-

It is said that John D. Rocke-

more than \$3,000,000. But he still

ters, some of them millionaires.

Assessor 4.000

secret service......

8,000 to..... 5,000 M-mters of municipal board,

3 500

3,000

3 500

6.000

list of salaries:

ports.

good roads that not only make pros-

perity possible, but easy.

"Tae State of North Carolina is well adapted by nature for the development of water power. Its surface may e compared to the upper face of a huge wedge whose edge corresponds to the ocean shore line, and whose gradual rise illustrates the State's inressing elevation toward its western porder, culminating in the Appalachian Mountain ridges, where are massed some of the highest peaks east of the Musaissippi rive. Among these high forested mountains the rivers of the State rise and find their way seaward, at times with rapid descent.
"One of the well defined physical

features of the State is a broad strip of country known as the Piedmont Plateau, whose eastern border is roughy parallel to the Atlantic ocean, and about a hundred miles, more or less, west of it. It is composed of hard and ancient rocks, into which the rivers have not been able to cut their way o deeply as in the softer rocks below. Over this plateau many of the streams of the State must pass, crossing its eastern border in a succession of falls and rapids, which furnish admirable water power sites. So marked is this feature, which can be traced entirely across the State, that it has been termed the 'fall line.' The fall line must be considered of especial economic importance, for along it, as has been said, occur many valuable water powers, of which some are already in use and others may be developed. Considerable activity has been shown of recent years in studying the power possibilities of the North Carolina streams and gaging stations, conducted by the U S. Geological Survey, which have been maintai .-d on the Roanoke, New, Tar, Neuse, H.w, Deep, Cape Fear, Yadkin, Catawba and other streems At these stations measurements of flow are made, daily records of height kept, and information obtained on whofurther develorment of their waters neasurement in North Carolina is a

There may be in some other sec tions of this country or in some other countries streams capable of furnishing more power than our streams can, but there is no section of this country, nor of any other country that we know of, of an equal area, which contains more power-giving streams that may be readily utilized. Owing to the mountain ranges within and on the borders of the State, nearly all the rain that falls upon it, and a good deal that doesn't, runs across the State, and the flow is sufficient in every one of them to supply more or less water power, and some of them a practically unlimited amount of it. In these streams North Carolina has a source of power that ought to make her one of the greatest manufacturing States in the Union, and doubtless will in time. And this means a

port of the general investigation which

the Geological Survey is making of

the water resources of the country."

There was an elopement somewhat out of the ordinary in an Indiana town where a young woman of 32 summers eloped with her sweetheart of 92 winters. There was objection to the match, so the girl with a buggy drove to his house, lifted him into the buggy, scooted and soon had the knot connubial tied. She was not to be fooled, because her sweetheart was worth \$150,000.

The Board of Health, in New York, the other day struck a pulverized stone quarry, and condemned a pile of there and a half tons of baking powder, which contained 29 per cent. of powdered stone. Capital stuff to feed light weights on who hanker for heft.

The Cubans will get there American fashion if they are given a reasonable time. They know how tocount ballots now, as they do it in emergencies over here. At the last election in Havana the count showed up with a good many more votes than were cast.

It is estimated from the returns already in, although not complete, that embezzlers in this country and in Canada got away last year with about \$7,800,000. The king bee was the Cincinnati fellow, who on a salary of \$25 a week swooped \$400,000.

An old woman died in Middleton, N. Y., a few days ago who had been supported by charity and was supposed to be a pauper. In rummaging about her house after her burial over \$10,000 in money was found hidden in different places.

California grows nuts as well as fruit and other truck. Last year she shipped 15,000,000 pounds of walnuts and 500,000 pounds of almonds. Here is a pointer for North Carolina, which can grow nuts as well as California can.

Mr. Loyd George figures out that by the time the Boers are subdued it will have cost Great Britain \$2,000,-000,000. A "humanity staggering"

Truckers Arranging for Its Movement Upon the Opening of the Season of 1902.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS.

Executive Committee of Past Carolina As sociation Met Yesterday and Had Conference With Traffic Massger Emerson, of A. C. L.

For the purpose of considering matters of transportation in view of the approach of the strawberry season a meeting of the Executive Committe of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association was held here Friday morning in the rooms of the Morchants' Association in the Seaboard Air Line building.

Every member of the committee was in attendance as follows: President W. L. Hill, of Warsaw; J S. Westbrook, of Wallace; J. A. Westbrook, of Mt. Olive; W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn; Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, and Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie. There were also in attendance the meeting Mr. Henry T. Bauman, the Association's enterprising business agent; ex-Judge W R. Allen, the Association's special counsel, and Mr. G. B. Robbins, of Chicago, general manager of the Fruit Growers' Fxpress.

After considering matters of transportation in detail at the morning sesston, a conference was held in the afternoon with Traffic Manager Enerson, of the Coast Line, the result of which is reported by several members to have been very satisfactory. The truckers are contending, through their committee, not for better rates, but for a more efficient service, that of last season not having been entirely satisfactory. It is believed that this season will witness a decided improvement.

The strawberry crop this year is ex against something over 300,000 crates last year. Shipments will begin about April 5th, it is expected, and the early meeting of the committee is to have everything in readiness for the expected increase of shipments.

There is believed to be no material ncrease in the acreage in strawberries up the Wilmington and Weldon rail road, but a larger acreage by about twenty five per cent. is said to be planted in the Chadbourn belt.

DEATH OF MRS. N. H. SMITH.

She Passed Away at Her Home in Pay etteville Early Yesterday Morning.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following in reference to the death of Mrs. N. H. Smith, who has relatives and a large number of friends here:

We regret to announce the death o her home on Haymount, this morning at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Smith had been critically ill for several weeks, and her death was not unexpected.

She was a daughter of the late Nathan A. Stedman, Esq., of this city, for years treasurer of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, and sister of ex Lieut Governor Charles M Stedman of Greensboro, Sheriff Frank H. Stedman and Miss Fannie Stedman of Wilmington. She leaves a husband and four children: Miss Sadie, Master Howard and Misses Fannie and Lizzie

Mrs. Smith was in every sense a fine woman, and especially was she a de-voted mother and wife. She was a good Christian woman, too, and was a strong member of the Fayetteville Presbyterian church.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, from the First Presbyterian church. Sheriff Frank H. Stedman, of Wilmington, arrived in the city yesterday and Mej or Chas. Stedman is expected from Gr-ensboro this afternoon. Mrs. R A Kingsbury, a ni-ce of Mrs. Smith's, and W. S Bernard, a nephew,

also arrived from Wilmington at noon.

[Fayetteville Observer 7th] "The funeral of Mrs. N. H. Smith took place at 11 o'clock this morning from the First Presbyterian church in the presence of a large number of peo-ple. The pastor, Rev. H. Tucker Graham, conducted the services. The re mains were interred in Cross Creek cemetery, and there were many beautiful floral tributes. A noble woman has gone from among us. Peace to her

'The following were the pallbearers: "Honorary—A. E. Rankin, W. L. Hawley, E. H. Williamson, R. M. Prior, T. C. Whitted, all elders of the Presbyterian church. "Active-Messrs J. M Lamb, Jno.

Garrason, W. L Holt, John R Mc-Neill, N. E. Bunting, A. S. Huske, W. N. Williams and D. H. Ray. Skinner In; Bernard Out.

Raleigh News and Observer, 8th: Harry Skinner, Greenville, N. C., was autographed with a clear hand at the Yarborough at about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Claude M. Bernard was not present when this was done. but doubtless he turned over uneasily in bed when this took place. To-day Bernard goes out and Skinner goes in as District Attorney. That is the purpose of appearance of the new Federal official on the scene of action. Mr. Skinner had "nothing to say" when seen yesterday. He did not know

whether he would remove to Raleigh,

what changes might take place after

he took charge or what was going to

Captured In Wilmington.

Florence Times, 8th: "Sheriff Burch has been notified of the capture in Wilmington of Eli James, a negro wanted in Florence for assault and battery with intent to kill. James shot old man Thomas Gregg several months ago on a plantation near the city. Gregg was thought to have been fatally wounded, but he recovered."

N. C. ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Organized in Roleigh-Officers Elected. Pourteen Successful Applications for License to Practice Law.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6 .- Oaly four teen out of a class of thirty-three were successful in the examination before the Supreme Court for license to practice law. The following received license: H. A. Cranor, Wilkes: N. G. Duncan, Sampson; C. J. Rose, Cumberland; C. A. Armstrong, Montgomery; H. L. Edwards, Rutherford; E. J Nelson, Caldwell; J. P. Bunn, Nash; T. W. Jones, Buncombe; H.S. Harris, Pitt; F. E. Davis, Rutherford; D. W. Perkins, Pasquotank; G. H. Mitchell, Wake; W. A. Worth, Norfolk, Va.; J. H. Marion, Chester, S. C.

The North Carolina Anti saloon League was organized to day, with N. B. Broughton president, Dr. T. N. Ivey secretary and J.C. Blair treasurer. A State superintendent will be put in the field to agitate the work. The constitution declares its purpose to be the abolition of the liquor saloon. There are three departments of work-agitation, legislation, law enforcement. Editors of-all religious denominational papers in the State and twenty or more ministers and laymen were here and participated.

PROBABLY PATAL SHOOTING

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Shot His Sister Near Tarboro-Fire at Washington, N. C.

[Special Star Telegram.] TARBORO, N. C., Feb. 8.-The sixteen year old son of D. M. Christenberry accidentally and probably fatally shot his fifteen-year old sister short distance from town yesterday afternoon. The boy snapped a gun at some birds flying over the house, but the weapon was not discharged until t was taken from the shoulder. The load went through a window where the girl was standing and entered her

body in the region of the liver. A great conflagration is reported to raging in Washington, N. C., and about two hundred thousand dollars worth of property has already been

THE POULTKY SHOW FOR 1903.

Preparations Being Made by Association for Big Exposition in January.

Already the Wilmington Live Stock Association has begun preparations for its second annual poultry and pet stock show to be held in 1903.

The fair just closed was so successful in every particular that the enterprising gentlemen at the head of it at once called a meeting and decided to begin work at once for a show much larger and in every way upon a more extensive scale. The dates will be January 4th, 5th and 6th, 1903, and a premium list will be issued that will attract exhibit from all this immediate Mrs. N. H. Smith, which occurred at section of the South. The Association deserves every praise for the interest it is creating in the breeding of fine poultry.

An Opinion in Bankruptcy.

Raleigh News and Observer: "Judge Purnell yesterday rendered a rather mportant opinion in bankruptcy, in the case of H. G. Carver & Co. The judge holds that creditors who seek the benefit or protection of the Bankrupt law must institute proceedings in the bankrupt court by petition within four months of the making of the gen eral assignment. Otherwise the bank rupt court has not authority to inquire into the conduct of the assignee under the State insolvency laws, as to how he disbursed or distributed the funds, provided said assignee has distributed such funds prior to the adjudication in bankruptcy. As to any funds or prop erty unadministered in the hands o the assignee at the time of the adjud cation in bankruptcy, such funds will be turned over to the trustee in bankruptcy, to be administered in the bankruptcy court.'

His Assets \$25.

Stewart & Godwin, attorneys of Dunn, N. C., yesterday filed a petition in the U. S. Court here asking that W. F. Dupree, farmer, of Harnett county, be adjudged a voluntary bankrupt. The liabilities are \$7,752 88 in judgments secured against him about seven years ago while he was in busi ness. The assets consist of wearing apparel valued at \$25.

Miss Annie Lee Married.

Thursday's Wilson News has the following of the marriag; of a young lady who formerly resided here: "Miss Aunie Lee came up from Fremont yesterday to attend the carnival last night. This morning at 12:30 o'clock GREENVILLE, PA., Feb. 8.-A she was quietly married to Mr. E. H. Clark, of Richford, Vermont, at the residence of Rav. James Thomas, who

performed the ceremony.' - A reward of \$100 is offered by Governor Aycock for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Scotland county of Joe Ridley, who murdered Sherrill Ward in Scotland county on January 24th last, and then burned the house and body with it.

THE WORTH COMPANY.

Judge Boyd Declines to Vacate the Order Appointing Receivers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 8 .- A special to the Observer from Greensboro, N. C, says that Judge Boyd today declined the motion made by fficers and a majority of the stock officers and a majority of the stock holders of the corporation to wacate the order appointing receivers for the Worth Manufacturing Company. This company owns and operates three cotton mills in Randolph county. The case has been hotly contested. It now goes to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Capt. L. H. Webb Dead.

Capt Lewis Henry Webb, once resident of Wilmington and a brother of Mr. W. G. Webb, of this city, died Wednesday night at his home in Franklin, Va., aged 74 years. Capt Webb was born at Rockingham, N. C. but moved to Wilmington soon after the Civil War and conducted a music store for several years on Front street. near where Solomon's shoe store is now located. He was a gallant Con federate soldier and commanded Co. A, 13th Battalion, N. C. Artillery. He had a decided literary talent and contributed to the History of N. C. Regi ments in the Civil War, lately pub lished by Judge Walter Clark. He is survived by a wife and three daugh ters; also, two brothers, Mr. W. G Webb, of Wilmington, and Mr. H. H. Webb, of Pickens, S. C.

State Library

Alert Coast Line Conductor,

Charleston News and Courier: 'One of the conductors on the Atlantic Coast Line running between Charleston and Wilmington has made splendid record in capturing scalp ers' tickets. Up to date he has collect ed fifteen fares from passengers who had bad tickets and put twelve passenkers off the trains. This conductor is very progressive in his methods. has a memorandum book in which he records a description of holders of all Charleston excursion tickets when such holders are on their way to this city. When the tickets come into his ession on the return trip he refers to his memorandum and ascertains if the persons presenting tickets tally with the description in his book. In this way he is able to keep a close watch on all travellers and his work thus far has been most effective."

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Stanly Enterprise: A well-to-do armer reminded us the other day that here were twelve freshets last year. This year has started off with a goodsized one.

- Richmond Headlight: Amanda Covington, a colored woman who re sided a few miles above Rockingham. was found dead near her house door last Sunday morning. The verdict of to procure the game. the coroner's jury was 'death from

- Rocky Mount Spokesman: last Saturday, February 1s', Mrs. Martha Bartholomew, an aged lady, who lives near Spring Hope, was found dead in her bed. She had re-tired the night before in her usual health and had made no complaint of

- Winston Journal: There seems to be a great stir among the dogs in the eastern part of this county and also in Guilford county. Many of the cattle are suffering death at the mouths of mad dogs and several peo ple have also been bitten. Several dogs were killed at Colfax Monday and four were killed at Friendship

Wednesday. - Statesville Mascot: A movement is being discussed looking to the building of a cotton seed oil mill in Statesville. A large ginning plant would be operated in connection with it and the same power could be used to run an ice factory. The men interested in the movement are level headed business men who will come to Statesville if the proper encouragement is offered

- Tarboro Southerner: Thomas Felton, of this county, died a few days ago in his 97th year. He left a large number of descendants, even to the fourth generation. ---Byrum, whose husband fought in the war of 1812, died in Wake county last week. She had been drawing a pen sion since 1834, and was 108 year. 10 months and 3 days old. — The first hanging in Wilson county since the war will take place February 26th. A special term of court will be held in that county March 17th, and two more murder cases will come up. George Gay will be tried for the killing of Wade Aycock in a saloon there last November, and W. D. Ruffig will answer for the murder of Mr. Bullock two years ago.

- Raleigh Post: One of the most shocking affairs is reported from Mt. Olive. The unfortunate victim of the accident was Mr. John L. Kornegay, one of the most influential, and one of the highest estermed citizens of his neighborhood. He lived about six miles from the town of Mt Olive and was on his way home Tuesday afternoon when he met death instant ly. Mr. Kornegay had been to town to do some trading and was leisurely driving toward home, about three miles from town when, it is supposed. his horse became frightened. There were no witnesses to the lamentable affair. The first to learn of the fate that had befallen Mr. Kornegay were some country people who had also been to town and were on their way home. They found his lifeless body on the roadside with his neck broken, lying where he fell from his buggy.

FATAL BLASTING ACCIDENT.

One Man Killed, Four Patally Injured and Seven Others Badly Hurt-Nearly All the Victims Italians.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

fatal blasting accident occurred on the new cut off of the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad near Orgood, two miles east of here, this evening. One man latally is jured and seven are suffering from tractured limbs, ribs and internal injuries. Superintendent Thomas McConville, of Secontary tained a fractured skull and a double fracture of the left leg. All the other injured are Italians, and their names could not be learned, as they are known to the contracting firm only by numbers. The scene of the accident was a twenty-five foot cut, about a thousand feet from the new steel viaduct, which is being constructed by the American Bridge Company. The men and entered the cut with Super-indendent McConville and were pre-pared to make a blast; the charge had just been connected up, when some one tampered with the battery and set the blast off without a moment's warn-

ing. The men were buried beneath tons of earth and rock. A mob of Italians, friends and relaives of the injured men, are scouring the country for Foreman Charles Haggerty. who was on the bank when the accident occurred, but who left for parts unknown as soon as the explosion took place. BANK ROBBERS DRIVEN OFF BY A WATCHMAN.

A Lively Exchange of Shots-One of the Robbers Wounded - Pailed in At-

tempt to Blow Open the Vanit.

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LUMBER SITUATION

Mills in This Section of the

State Are Said to be Rushed

With Orders.

MANY VESSELS FOR CARGOES

here Are More Than Twice the Number

Here Last Year-Several Plants

Are Enlarging - A Very

Hopeful View Taken.

Lumber mill men in this section of

the State were perhaps never more

jubilant over the outlook for a good

year's business than now. The prices

are said to be entirely satisfactory and

the mills are rushed with orders. As

an evidence of the latter fact there are

now eleven sailing vessels in port here

for lumber cargoes and the railroads

are unable to furnish cars as fast as

the mills desire to rush shipments

North. Last year this time there were

not half so many vessels in port for

lumber and there was little, if any,

The Southern Milling and Lumber

Journal published in Wilmington con-

tains in its, current number a leading

editorial in which a decided optimistic

view is taken of the situation and the

facts seem to bear the opinion out. It

also publishes a symposium of views

of leading lumber mill men in this and

other States which are decidedly en-

couraging. It is stated by several cor-

respondents that never before has

North Carolina pine had a brighter

outlook than now. During 1901 the

demand was excellent but there was

little response in prices, with the result

that the product was sold lower

than its value throughout the

year. Now, as one correspondent

of the Journal expresses it. "the

manufacturers of North Carolina pine

have 'loaded their gun' and they have

done it well; it is simply a question

now of 'shooting it off' intelligently,

mills are adding to their plants, all

of which is in contemplation of the

The recipts of lumber by raft on the

season and as a general rule the rafts-

men have received prices in propor-

tion to the general boom in the trade.

A COLORED FIREMAN KILLED.

Fire Broke Out la the A. C. L. Depot

Freight Depot and Seven Cars De-

stroyed - Neighboring Towns

Called On for Help.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, N. C., Feb. 8 .- One

man killed, and a loss of fifty thou

sand dollars in buildings and twenty

housand on goods, is the result of a

It began at 5 o'clock in the ceiling

the firemen could not cope with it.

At 9:22 a falling wall of one of the

stores killed Ed. Pead, a colored fire-

Five stores, two offices and two bar

Neighboring towns were called on

One Old Dominion steamer came up

At 10 o'clock the fire was dying

HOMICIDE AT FERNANDINA.

Edward Burton, Superintendent of th

S. A. L. Railway Shops, Shot and

Killed by a Machinist,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

FERNANDINA FLA., Feb. 8. - Edward

Burton, superintendent of the Sea-

board Air Line Railway shops here,

was shot and killed in his office this morning by D. M. Sylvester, a

machinistf, who had until a few min-

utes previous to the tragedy been

working for the company. Burton,

it seems, placed a non-union man to

work in the shops yesterday to which

Sylvester and one or two other union

person late yesterday afternoon and a

wordy dispute ensued. When time

was called this morning Sylvester

again began a dispute with the super

intendent and the latter discharged

taking effect. Burton fell back, and

expired suddenly without speaking. Bylvester surrendered to the sheriff.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Station On Pamilco Sound.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

action of minor business and the re-

always borne a good reputation.

men objected. Sylvester, leading

the matter, complained to Burton

to the dock and aided the department.

but moved off at the explosion.

for help, but the order was counter-

disastrous fire at Washington, N. C.

this afternoon.

instantly.

but no one was injured.

rooms were destroyed.

DISASTROUS FIRE

It is a noticeable fac

heavy year's business.

complaint as to the shortage of cars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. LANCASTER, PA., Feb. 8 .- About :30 this morning an attempt was made to rob the Gap National Bank, at Gap, Pa., sixteen miles east of this city, ending in a lively exchange of shots between the town's watchman, David Stamix, and the burglars. Stamix heard an explosion in the direction of the bank and upon proceeding there found three or four men standing in front of the bank building. He demanded to know what they were doing there, and was promptly ordered to hold up his hands. Stamix complied but with a revolver in his hand and but with a revolver in his hand, and he opened fire on the burglars, wounding at least one, as there were blood marks where they had been standing. The robbers returned the fire, Stamix backing away towards the home of the cashier with the view of getting as

sistance. When the shooting began two or three other men ran out of the bank building, and joining their comrades. disappeared in the darkness. An examination of the bank disclosed the fact that they had made an ineffectual effort to enter the front of the vault, and then attempted the rear end. They had bored a hole into the rear plating and had attempted to blow the vault open with dynamite or nitro-glycerine,

but without success. One of the supposed bank robbers, whose wound was dressed at Atglen, was subsequently arrested at Parkes burg. He was brought to Lancaster this afternoon. He has a bad wound in the face.

PROPOSED ELECTION BILL

Considered by House Committee On Elections-Supported by a Number of Southern Republicans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 .- The bill supported by a number of Southern Republican Representatives proposing a strong Federal election law against intimidation, ballot box frauds, etc., was considered to-day by the House committee on Election of President and Vice President. Messrs. Barthold of Missouri and Gibson of Tennessee, who have assisted in framing the pro-

posed bill, were heard on the extent of the election irregularities in their States and elsewhere in the South. They explained the alleged partisanship of election boards as made up by the governors, and also cited recent decisions of the courts which showed, they contended, that the judicial branch took a rather lenient view of pallot box irregularities. Mr. Gibson said it was bad enough to deny the franchise to the negro, but when the white man also was denied the franchise, the situation became intolerable. This drew a spirited rejoinder from river have been unusually heavy this Representative Sulloway of New Hampshire, who maintained that black and white alike were entitled to pro-

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tection in exercising the franchise.

The hearings will continue next

AT WASHINGTON. Boer Delegates Said to Have Decided to Accept the Conditions Laid Down by Lord Lausdowne.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 8 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company fram Utrecht indicates the probability of the removal of the Boer headquarters to Geneva on account of friction between Mr. Kruger and his assistants

and the Dutch government. Dr. Leyds, representative in Europe of the Transvaal, says that the recent proposals looking to the establishment of peace in South Africa made by the Dutch premier, Dr. Kuyper, were an unwarrantable interference in the affairs of the Transvaal. Some of the Boer delegates, it is said, are at vari-

ance with Dr. Leyds. of the Atlantic Coast Line depot, and LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to a news agency from Brussels says: The freight depot and seven cars were "It is understood here that the Boer delegates have decided to submit to destroyed. Kegs of powder blew up the conditions laid down in Lord Lansdowne's communication to the Dutch government, and are preparing a communication to the British government asking permission to visit South man, who was terribly crushed, dying Africa and setting forth the object of the proposed visit. It is expected that the request will reach England next week."

MRS. SOFFEL'S CONDITION.

Her Husband Has Retained Counsel for Her Detence, But Does Not' Want to See Her.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.-Mrs. Sofel, who aided in the escape of the Biddles and was shot during the battle which resulted in their re capture and death, shows considerable improvement in her condition to day. She is suffering more from mental distress than from the wound, and it may be a week or more before she can e removed from the Butler Hospital o the Pittsburg jail. Her husband, ex-Warden Soffel,

as retained counsel for her defence, but says he does not want to see her or bave any communication with her n the future.

Mrs. Soffel is receiving letters from all over the country. Most of them contain tracts and advice of a religious nature. When she opens a letter and discovers that is one of this character, she turns it over to some of the nurses without reading. Many letters are also from attorneys, proffering their services, free, in her defence.

HARDSHIP AND EXPOSURE.

at Vineyard Haven. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., Feb. 8 -Burton was very prominent in social circles. He was forty years of age. Sylvester is a young man and had Two seamen, Thomas Peck and Harry Shudter, the latter a Japanese, who were lost from the fishing sloop Dark while attending their trawls twenty miles off Atlantic City, N. J., last Tuesday, were picked up by the fourmasted schooner Anna Murray, from Newport News for Boston, and landed here to-day, badly frost bitten. They are now being treated at the marine hospital. They tell a pitiful story of hardship and exposure sdrift in their small ice-laden dory for two days and nights before succor reached them. Bill Passed for Construction of a Light WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.-The House to-day devoted an hour to the transmainder of the day to eulogies on the

mainder of the day to eulogies on the life and public services of the late Representative Burk, of Texas.

Among the bills passed was one to authorize the construction of a light station at Bluff Shoals, Pamlico sound, North Carolina, at a cost of \$80,000. The Spanish mail steamer Alfonso XIII has arrived at Vera Oruz, and brought in eight men rescued from a wrecked American fishing vessel from Pensacola, Fla.