SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION.

The Philadelphia Press, in commenting upon the Philippine tariff bill, which passed the Senate, rebukes the statesmen for not keeping up with the movement of public sentiment and then proceeds to draw a rosy picture of the Philippines under beneficent American rule, as illustrative of "benevolent assimilation" viewed from the disiance. It says:

"The Senate, if it had been wise, would have adopted Senator Foraker's amendment reducing the tariff on Philippine products by 75 or even by 50 per cent. A reduction of 25 per cent is betterthan nothing. It ought to be adopted by the House.

"The country is in advance of both Senate and House on these issues. Senators and Representatives are still listening to special interests, when the mightier and saner tides of public opinion are setting to the open seas of a wider trade and the larger claims and demands of a national policy which is looking out as well as in, forward as well as backward, and lends a hand at every point to expanding influence and increasing commerce.

"Philippine imports to this country are small. The largest item, hemp, is free. The sugar of Panay and other islands is the product of a primitive manufacture, dark, unrefined and put up in small bags, It has been driven out of markets by sugar more skilful-ly refined. Aid of four-tenths of a ent a pound, which a 25 per cent. reduction will give, will not make up for distance and crude methods until new capital improves the sugar. Manila tobacco, as highly as it is valued in East Asia, as highly as Havana tobacco with us, is not likely to penetrate American markets with this reduction, though it may stimulate the production of Sumatra tobacco. For this paris of the islands are probably suited. This large thin leaf requires special clin. stic conditions, and these are so definite that this tobacco is successfully grown on the south coast of Sumatra and cannot be on the northern, narrow as is the island.

'Ine new tariff is at best, however, intended for but two years. It is temporary and meets the conditions created by the decision of the Supreme Court holding that duties could not be collected on products from the islands under the Dingley tariff. What is done now is, however, a precedent. The rebate for Philippine export duties, the payment of all duties received into the hilippine Treasury and a reduction of 5 per cent on all duties are provis ions which collectively constitute a liber I fiscal policy. No European country thus returns duties on colonial products England makes no reduc tion upon them. France and Germany give colonies tariff advantages, but the reveaue received goes into the national treasury.

"The United States proposes to give this revenue to the colony. It pays all military expenses, by other coun tries levied on the colony Pensions earned in India are paid from Indian revenues Pensions earned in the Philippines are paid at Washington. The cost of transporting teachers is paid by the Federal Government The police of the Philippine seas and its reather service is a Federal charge. The result is that the Philippine budget for education is larger than that of all India, paid from the Anglo Indian budget, and there are more Amercans teaching at the public cost in the archipelago to-day than in all India, with thirty times the population.

"More and better, no land has ever done for a dependency. Peace and rder have come under this policy. The statutes as to treason and its misprision, copied from those in our own States, which Senator Hoar is so desirous of amending, will soon be as forgotten as little used as the statutes gainst treason here. When this temporary tariff expires in 1904 a Philip-pine legislature will be passing its wn laws and making its own tariff. and the islands will be on the high road toward whatever form of govern-ment they are best fitted.

"In three years, since the United States entered the islands, day labor. wages have doubled. Does any sane man imagine that the great body of the island population object and oppose a rule which brings this advance and a peace the islands have never

As coming from a leading Republican organ this quoted editorial is a decidedly sharp rebuke to the majority in both branches of Congress, and what gives point to the ebuke is that it is true and deserved. six months. is not referring to the Philippine iff alone when it says: "The coupy is in advance of both Senate and House on these issues. Senators and Representatives are still listening to special interests, when the mightier and saner tides of public opinion are setting to the open seas of a wider trade," &c. This means reciprocity, which may be brought about by discriminating tariff modifications. What an arraignment of the Republican statesmen by a leading Republican paper. "Still listening to special interests," as, for in-

stance, in the case of Cuba. Congress has had Cuban reciprocity propositions before it ever to Legislators last year \$40,000 since it met, public sentiment is worth of free passes and thinks it unmistakably in favor of such tariff got off cheap.

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and can avoid it.

mere delusive humbug.

But there is about as much sub-

stance in that as there is in the

optimistic picture which the Press

draws of "benevolent assimilation"

as it will pan out in the near future

-within the next couple years.

This will be necessary to get in the

work before the next Presidential

election, for it would never do for

the party to enter another Presiden-

tial campaign with a racket on in

the Philippines after the broadcast

prediction that everything would be

serene over there within three

months after the announcement that

President McKinley was re-elected.

those islands soon and it is to be

hoped there will be both on account

of the Filipinos who for some time

have, with the remnant of armies.

been waging an unequal contest.

and on account of this country

which is sacrificing lives and a good

deal of money in this work of ben-

evolent assimilation, which the

Press anticipates in such optimistic

phrases. Assuming all this is to be

true, if, as the Press says, this

country is generously footing the

the bill for all that is being done

for the Filipinos, more than any

other country does for its colonies,

how is this country to be reim-

bursed for all that? How is it go-

ing to get back the \$400,000,000 or

\$500,000,000 it will have expended

in this work of benevolent assimila-

tion, in lifting the little brown man

up against his will? Possibly if the

Congress of the United States

would endorse the Press's editoral

and circulate it largely in the isl-

ands, the dove of peace might light

at once and the loving work of

benevolent assimilation begin *at

once; but one thing that is rather

against these prognostics is that Gov.

Taft says the Filipinos are expected

to foot those bills themselves, and

he thinks he knows something about

In Mobile some of the wooden

block pavements are being removed

to make place for asphalt. The

Register says if repairs had been

promptly made the wooden pave-

ments would be as good to-day as

when they were put down thirteen

years ago. In some of the Western

cities where wooden block pave-

ments were tried, and gave way to

asphalt, they are being replaced as

preferable. In the Southern pine

timber belt, it seems to us that with

the process of creosoting wooden

blocks ought to make ideal paving

The blue ribbon joker, or idiot, i

Mr. Gourlay, who is one of the

representatives from Nova Scotia,

in the Canadian Parliament. He

doesn't like the proposed way of

settling the Alaskan boundary ques-

tion, and thinks the best way to

settle that question would be to

whip the Yankees and annex the

The superintendent of public

schools in Kokomo, Ind., who has

been making some observations on

the digarettes, says that out of the

1,300 boys in the schools he found

400 cigarette smokers, and these

were at least two years behind the

One of the questions in England

s how to encourage the British hen

to supply more of the \$25,000,000

worth of eggs now imported to meet

others in their studies.

the demand.

for streets.

Possibly there may be peace in

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1902.

STRENUOUS AMERICANISM. concessions as would make possible a substantial reciprocity by which J. W. Ivev is U. S. Collector of both Cuba and this country would Customs at Sitka, Alaska. Some be gainers, but the majority in Contime ago he issued an order to his gress has been "listening to special deputy at Unaliska not to permit interests" and these special interests Canadian vessels about to engage in have been able to delay action and sealing to take on supplies at that possibly to make worthless such port. In view of the mutual swapaction as may be taken. These ping of "kinship" talk &c., between "special interests" are potent in this country and Great Britain. elections: they can make or unmake when the Treasury at Washington Congressmen; they know their power heard of this it asked him to report and they use it. When the Presiand if he had issued any orders of dent of the Colorado Beet Sugar that kind to revoke them. Collector Manufacturers' Association declared Ivey thereupon telegraphed the folthat if Congress didn't take care of lowing: their interests in the matter of con-"My Americanism will not allow me to rescind an order which gives cessions of Cuba the Republicans British subjects privileges within our marine jurisdiction which are denied need not look for any more aid for them, he made a center shot which

our own people. There is another has doubtless had its effect. A man matter that may attract your attention. I have recently issued orders to the with a fat wallet, which may be deputy at Skagway, a copy of which drawn upon, wields a mighter inhas been sent to you, which has put the Canadian officers located there fluence in Republican party counout of business and sent them to their own territory. You are cils than a brigade of men without wallets. They never antagonize the aware of the fact that this ofman with the wallet if they know it ficer became so offensive that he interfered with the Americans in the discharge of their official duties, opened They have been 'listening to special the United States customs mail, domiinterests" in all this tariff business nated over the railway officials, discriminated in the order of shipment in and that's why they have done their fayor of Canadian merchandise against best to freeze tariff reducer Babcock that shipped from Feattle, and collect ed moneys and performed other acts of British sovereignty, hoisting with bravado the cross of St. George from out, why every movement in the direction of tariff reform is headed the flag staff of his custom house. I off and why the much talked of rechave sent the concern, bag, baggage, iprocity to which all the Republican flag and other paraphernalia flying statesmen seem to be committed, has out of the country. You may fear the proved so far and probably for good shadow of international complications and rescind this order, but a Reed, an Olney nor a Blaine would not."

This is a fair sample of strenuous Americanism that will hardly be appreciated by the gentlemen to whom it was addressed. Mr. Ivey doesn't propose to reverse himself and he doesn't propose to let any of our British cousins up there put on scollops in his bailiwick.

When Mr. Gourlay, of Nova Scotia, reads that telegram he will doubtless, unless the Treasury Department sits down on Collector Ivey, advocate declaring war instant ly and annexing the United States.

Chin Tan Sun, a son of China, is a multi-millionaire, and the richest Chinaman in this country. He came to San Francisco as boy, without a nickel, saved his earnings, started in the fish business, caught an American wife, started a lottery and the rest was

The Marconi system of wireles telegraphy is now in operation on twenty-five ocean steamers, with twenty-two land stations, which transmit messages at the average speed of twenty-two words a minute. It has passed the experiment-

An auxious enquirer asks the New York Sun why a dog wags his tail. That's what the dog's tail is for, to wag, and the dog has to wag it himself because if he wanted to he couldn't get any other dog to wag it for him. Some people ask such foolish questions.

In Kentucky they don't mind vendettas and that kind of thing much, but they are drawing the line on the wife beater. There is a bill before the Legislature to establish the whipping post for that kind of fellows.

France has the distinction of having more dogs to the square acre than any other European country, 2,864,000 in all, or 75 to every 1,000 inhabitants. And France isn't much of a country for sausage, either.

CURRENT CUMMENT.

- In eight years after the discovery of oil Baku, Russia, a mere village, convenient to the oil fields became a city of 140,000 poulation and had 120 oil refineries. Baku is in an inhospitable climate, is hemmed in and is 560 miles from the principal seaport. What a future awaits Houston and Beaumont .-Houston Chronicle, Dem.

- There is trepidation among the iron manufacturers of Germany over a report that President Schwab of the Billion Dollar Steel Trust. bought up during his recent visit to Europe nearly all the shares of the Swedish Ore Company. This is regarded as preliminary to a more active invasion of the European market by the Steel Trust. Swedish iron United States to Canada, which he ore is of excellent quality, and if thinks Canada could do in about imported to the United States in ballast free of duty it would serve to further stimulate American steel ore would be a good thing, whether coming from Sweden or any other

region .- Philadelphia Record, Dem. - General Joe. Wheeler says that there were more persons killed in the Galveston horror than in all the battles on this Continent, except those in the four years' conflict beginning in 1861. With the introduction of long-range guns, when battle began at a range at one and a quarter miles' he argues, the death rate is comparatively small. Indeed. "the danger in modern warfare is little greater than that of dodging around street-cars in Philadelphia In the future, battles will be at a A New England railroad gave out distance of one and a half miles on level stretches of country, and nearer, perhaps, in hilly positions," the General concludes .- Richmond Dis-

patch, Dem.

STRAWBERRY CROP.

Outlook for Approaching Season is Bright for Yield, Prices and Quality. THE REFRIGERATOR SERVICE.

> The Fruit Growers' Express Promises im proved Transportation - Truck Growers' Journal's View of the Situation.

Forty days hence this section of Eastern North Carolinia, or at least that portion of it devoted to strawberry culture, will be all aglow with feverish excitement over the approaching heavy movement of the berry crop. which, this year, all concede, will be the largest in the history of the industry in this section.

The Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal, the official organ of the Eastern Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, in itsissue of yesterday presents a page review of the outlook for the season, which makes altogether interesting reading for growers's and those interested in the handling of the crop. Altogether the Journal's estimate of strawberry increase in acreage this year over last is fully 20 per cent. Much of the increase however is of last fall's planting which will not yield more than half crop. The vines have been well cared for all through the winter and the field- are generally all well strawed. From every point at which inquiries have been made respecting conditions and the general outlook for the 1902 crop, reports of a most encouraging character have been received and the growers generally are in a very hopeful frame of mind. By all it is conceded that the yield this year bids fair to be unusually heavy and the fruit of a superior qualify. Vegetation has been held back by reason of the cold winter thus far, as a result of which there has been no premature budding or forward growth of the vines. When spring opens, therefore, and the season for budding is ripe there will no doubt be a harmonious blending of all the elements in favor of a good and wholesome yield and a high order of

In the vegetable line, the Journal says, the outloook is equally bright. Lettuce shipments have been going forward practically all the year round, and shipments are of good average value. The bean and pea crops will be up to the average this year and far ahead of last season, while the potato, canteloupe and watermelon crops will be among the most important in the history of this section. The farmers have their work of cultivation well under way, and the season's returns should be large and remunerative.

Mr. H. T. Bauman, the enterprising business agent of the Truckers' Association, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee in this city, submitted a statement showing the acreage in strawberries to be about 4,767 acres along the lines of the W. & W., W. C. & A. and A. & Y. roads. This indicates an increase over last year of not exceeding 10 per cent., but the Journal yesterday differed with Mr. Bauman on that point and places the increase at fully 20 per cent. Detailing its reasons for that estimate, the Journal says that along the W. C. & A. road and connections, the increase will be fully 50 per cent. over last year, while the greatest increase along the W. & W. road is to be found south of Wallace. Above that point there will be no increase to speak of, any increase at others. Along the Yadkin division the increase will be largely confined to the territory between Wilmington and Parkersburg, although at Fayetteville a slight in-

crease is reported. In a detailed report of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Truckers' Association in this city, upon which Mr. G. B. Robbins, of the Fruit Grewers' Express, was in attendance, the Journal says of the rerefrigerator service this season:

"With Mr. Robbins the question of equipment for the coming year was discussed most satisfactorily and he assured the committee that no stone would be left unturned by his company to give the shippers a gilt-edge refrigerator service in every particular Although he would not commit him self in words and language to that effect Mr. Robbins gave the committee reasonable assurances that the C. F. X. cars would most likely form a part of his company's 1902 equipment for this territory. Our people are quite familiar with the C. F. X. cars and are generally preferred by our shippers to any other equipment for the transportation of strawberries. Year in and year out it is a good carrier and with additional icing statious in this terri tory at various points along the Wilmington & Weldon and W. C. & A. railroads, facilities are better than

MONEY WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

Board of Education Makes Certain Funds for Pour Months' Term Will be Paid.

[News and Observer, 28th.] At a meeting of the State Board of Education, held yesterday afternoon, it was made certain that sufficient money would be forthcoming from the State Treasury to insure a four months' school term in all of those districts where the county school fund is not sufficient to secure the constitutional requirement. No county board need have any uneasiness lest their share of the appropriation be not paid

over in due time. - Rev. J. J. Payseur returned Friday from Fortress Monroe, Va., where he stood his examination for enlistment as chaplain in the U. S. army. He it now awaiting orders from Washington.

BUILDING BUOM AT BURGAW.

Pender's County Seat is Plourisbing. Army of Produce Solicitors Arriving.

was in the city yesterday on one of his periodical professional visits. When asked by a reporter for the news, Mr. Williams said: "You can say that our town, Burgaw, is now on the boom. Three large brick stores are just being completed there and they will be occupied very soon by wide-wake merchants, who are on the look-out for the strawberry business about 60 days hence. The stores are all handsome oces, of large size and are a valuable addition to our place. I have travelled from Wilmington to Rocky Mount much in the past few weeks and I find no such building boom as there is now on at Burgaw."

Speaking of the strawberry outlook Mr. Williams said that the advance solicitors was already arriving in the strawberry belt He also said that the disposition on the part of the growers this year seemed to be to sell their signments to parties of unknown resconsibility in the North. They were badly fooled in some instances and paid for their berries in bogus checks Judge Shepherd A Candidate. last season and don't want a repetition of that treatment this year.

HARBOR MASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Vessels of Ninety Tons and Over That Arrived Here During February.

The monthly report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, shows arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over during February as follows:

American -8 steamships, 9,460 tons barge, 1,600 tons; 10 schooners, 2,-915 tons. Total vessels, 19; total tonnage; 13,975.

Foreign-4 steamships, 4.712 tons: barque, 410 tons; 4 schooners, 718 tons. Total vessels, 9; total tonnage, 5,840

The grand total of vessels for the month was 28; the combined tonnage. 19,819. The report compares very favorably with that of February last

Telephone to Lumberton.

The merchants of the city have re newed their efforts of a few months ago to get the Inter-State Telephone Company to build a connecting link between Cronly and Lumberton, N. C., giving Wilmington connection at the latter place with the various towns on the Lumberton exchange, including Fayetteville and Rockingham, N. C., and Marion, S. C. The route to Lumberton was surveyed some time ago, but for some reason the line was built as far as Cronly and stopped there. Merchants along the proposed line are very anxious for the service. Letters advocating the construction of such a system were received this week from J. B. Stancill, Allenton: N. A. Carlyle, Lumberton, and others

Great Palls Mfg. Co.

The Great Falls Mills, near Rock ngham, recently purchased by Mr D. L. Gore, of this city, have begun operations and are turning out a hand some product in Rockingham A. sheet ing and heavy drills. About 85 hands are employed and six bales of cotton consumed per day. Mr. Claude Gore, formerly of Wilmington, is superintendent and secretary and treasurer of the mill. Contracts have been placed by the company for a new electric lighting system and automatic sprink: lers, which will be installed during the summer. The mill has 4,500 spindles, the decrease at some places offsetting | but will be enlarged if conditions are favorable.

300 Delinquents in the County.

Apropos Chairman Simmons' ref erence in his call for the State Democratic Executive Committee meeting to the poll tax requirement for voting, a reporter yesterday glanced over the list of white delinquents in New Hanover county and found that there were 300 good and lawful white citiwho will be deprived of their franchise at the polls unless the tax of \$2.69 is paid before May 1st. Of course many of those on the list have removed from the county, but there is yet a goodly number who will have to settle up before voting next election.

New Shallott Steamer.

Mr. F. P. White, owner and builder of the new steamboat now being constructed at Shallotte N. C. to ply between that point and Wilmington, was in the city yesterday. He says the hull has been completed and the machinery is now ready for installation. The new steamer will be ready for her trial trip in about to days and will cost \$2,500 when completed.

To Be Elected This Year.

In response to several inquiries the that the officers to be elected this year are a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Superior Court, a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, four Superior Court Judges, Congressmen and all county officers. A United States Senator is to be elected by the next Legislature.

Clear Pactory at Fayetteville.

Fayettevile Observer 28th: "A Cumberland county man (a Mr. McKay) has established a cigar factory in the brick row. It is on a small scale and at present only two expert operators are employed. Mr. McKay is using tobacco grown on his farm in this county for the present and it makes a very good cigar, too, we are told by those who have smoked them. Suc-cess to the little factory; may it grow and grow." COLUMBUS SUPERIOR COURT.

Adjourned Saturday-Very Little Business Transacted During the Week. Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, L. V. Grady, Esq., returned Satur day from Whiteville where he had been in attendance upon the one-week term of Columbus Superior Court,

which adjourned Saturday night.

The court was engaged a greater

portion of the week in hearing a long case entitled Lucas vs. the Scaboard Air Line railway, in which the plain tiff seeks to recover of the defendant \$3,000 for an alleged overflow of his lands near Marlville, N. C., by water. The suit was begun in Bladen Superior Court, on one occasion a verdict of \$2,800 having been set aside and on the other, the case having been transferred to Columbus county for trial. The hearing this time began on Wednesday afternoon. Maj. Jno. D. Shaw, of Rockingham; Jno. D. Shaw, guard of the small army of produce Jr., Eaq., of Laurinburg, and D. J. Lewis, Esq., of Whiteville, were the attorneys for the railroad, while those for the defendant were C. C. Lyon, Esq., of Elizabethtown, and J. B. Schulken, perries on the spot and not risk con- Esq., of Whiteville. The remainder of the Columbus term last week was devoted to criminal cases.

A Greensboro correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:"A gentleman who is in a position to know what he is talking about says it is a fact that Hon. James E. Shepherd will be a candidate before the Democratic State convention for the nomination of Chief Justice of the Surpreme Court of North Carolina. A rumor to this effect was heard ten days ago, but it is only within the past day or two that it has been known that Judge Shepherd would oppose Judge Clark. I is also said that Judge George H. Brown, Jr. of Washington, who is a brother in-law of Judge Shepherd, will not be a candidate for an associate justiceship".

About to Lose the Medal.

Particulars have not yet reached the city but from meagre reports the medal long held by Wilmington for fisticuffs on the streets by prominent individuals is about to be wrested away by Kenansville, Duplin county. series of fights in which town and county officials, lawyers, doctors, etc., figured is reported from that quiet bailiwick this week.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Mount Airy News: The furniture factories are shipping large quantities of goods, considering the fact that this is the dull season of the year. - Elizabeth City Economist: The fatal disease that has been going the rounds among the horses is getting to be very severe in this city. Kramer Bros. have lost five in the past few days; also, A. B. Seeley & Son have lost three. Several more of our citizens have lost horses by this disease during the past week.

- Raleigh News and Observer On account of heavy rains Friday night the French Broad river has Currie & Bros., Clarkton; Caldwell & risen far above the high water mark, flooding the river district. The waters are higher than in years, two feet above the flood of last fall. Business is practically suspended in the river sections of the city. The cotton mills have been forced to close down with much damage and loss. The tannery is surrounded and there is serious loss to property. Inmates of houses along the river were forced to leave their homes. Some narrowly escaped being drowned during the rescue of submerged home holders.

- Greensboro Record: Dave Sergeant has started out in the inventive line quite young. If he will de velop his talent he can make quite s good thing of it, if his first venture is criterion. He has invented an electorical trip for use in liberating horses connected with the fire department It is connected with the alarm and when the bell sounds stroke the trip is thrown, liberating every horse in the stable, the contri vance being so arranged that the halters are unfasted at once and the animals take their places under the drop harness. One of his inventions is in use at the engine house, at the Eagle headquarters, Southside, etc.

- Durham Herald: From a message received here Thursday night about 12 o'clock it seems that incendiaries are making a determined effort to burn the town of Thomasville. The message simply stated that the town had been fired three times during the last three nights and asked the police to get the Durham blood hounds in readiness to start there at once. Thomasville's first fire came on Tuesday night. At that time a numer of business houses were burned and the loss was estimated at about \$10,000 with one-third insurance. On the following night-Wednesday-there was another fire and this time the loss was about \$4,000. The fire last nightthree in three nights-confirmed the suspicion of incendiarism.

Fike died at this place on last Sunday, and in his death our town has lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens. He was the last survivor of twelve brothers and sisters, most of whom died when quite old. It was a family remarkable for their height. several having been six feet and five nches. This family was also remarkable for the singular fact that of twelve brothers and sisters, only two of them ever married. The deceased was in his 76th year. — We much regret to hear of the death of our good old 'political editor" of the STAR finds friend, Mr. W. G. Murchison, of Al-hat the officers to be elected this year bright township. He was a brave soldier during the war, volunteering as a member of Company G. Twenty-sixth Regiment, and nevershirked any duty. Miss Sallie J. Hill died in Washington City on last Monday night, and was buried in the Episcopal churchyard in this place Thursday. She was born and reared in this place, but for the past fifteen years she had been a clerk in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington.

- Chatham Record: Mr. Henry H.

- Some Doubt About It: "Do you think your father is pleased with your engagement to me?" he asked.
"I'm just a little uncertain as to that," she replied. "Has he said anything about it?" "Not directly, but after your interview with him the other evening he looked at me a long time very solemnly and then said: 'And l always thought you were a girl of reasonably good judgment, Chicago Post.

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HAUSER MUST SERVE. Appeal of Case to Supreme Court stopped at the Trigg shipyards.
The Weather Bureau to-night calcufor House-Burning Has

HIS SENTENCE TEN YEARS.

Been Abandoned.

Will Begin Upon His Term in Penitentiary as Soon as Dismissal is Certified Down From Higher Tribunal. Convicted November 9th

H. Hauser, the Swiss watchmaker tried and convicted at last November's term of the New Hanover Superior Court for having set fire to and partially burned his jewelry store on Market between Front and Second streets, will not have the advantage of a hearing of his case on appeal to the Supreme Court as was expected.

The case would have been heard by the Supreme Court in Raleigh next Tuesday, but the attorneys for the defence in the action decided that there was no longer any use to fight the case and failed to perfect the same on appeal, which virtually amounts to a withdrawal. On Tuesday, therefore, the case will be called in the Supreme Court and it will be in order for the State's attorneys, Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, Herbert Mc-Ciammy and Wm. J. Bellamy, Esqs., to make a motion for dismissal, which disposition of the matter will, without a doubt, be made. The dismissal will then be certified down to the Clerk of the Superior Court in New Hanover and Hauser will be sent to the penitentiary to begin a term of ten years in that institution.

The trial of Hauser lasted four days in the Superior Court and created much interest at the time from the volume and sensational character of the evidence for the prosecution. Attornevs for Hauser made every effort to get a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy set aside and a new trial ordered, but without avail. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court and bond fixed at \$2,000. Hauser could not give the bond and has since been confined in jail here, pending the result of the appeal to the Supreme Court. He has been a most exemplary prisoner and a number of friends have worked hard to secure his release. He is 51 years of age and a man of much more than ordinary intelligence. The crime of which he stands convicted was committed on August 11th, last year. He was tried in the Superior Court No-

vember following.

Suggests That It Would Not be Politic for President Roosevelt to Make a Visit to South Carolina.

TILLMAN TALKS WITH PLATT

NEW YORK, March 1.-The Times

will say to-morrow: Senator, Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, was a caller on Senator Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday (Saturday). The talk lasted over half an hour. One of the principal topics of conversation was the posed visit of President Roosevelt

to the Charleston Exposition. Senator Tillman is said to have been very explicit in his assertion that it would not be politic for President Roosevelt to make a visit to South Carolina, owing to the state of public feeling there over the McLaurin-Till man incident and the withdrawal of President Roosevelt's invitation to the Senator to meet Prince Henry at dinner at the White House, which was followed by the telegram from Lieu-tenant Governor Tillman of South Carolina cancelling the invitation to the President to present a sword to Major

Micajah Jenkins. Senator Platt, when asked about the conversation, said: "I have had a talk with Senator Tillman. The facts which have been brought to my attention will be laid before Roosevelt. I shall advise the President not to go to Charleston." Senator Platt declined to discuss the matter further.

THE DAMAGE AT ASHEVILLE.

Miles of Railway Track Washed Away

and Bridges Gone-Town of Marshall Flooded. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 1 .- The damage done by the storm here to railroads is incalculable and no trains have arrived since Thursday. Miles of track in all directions are washed away. The Asheville-Knoxville division is almost completely submerged and railway bridges gone. The Mur-phy branch is undermined.

Great damage was done at the Vanderbilt farm at Biltmore, where part of the truck houses and heating plant were swept away.

At Marshall the waters flooded the entire village. Live stock, buildings and railway cars were swept away, leaving the people terror stricken for fear all would be lost. Nearly fevery building in Marshall is undermined. In the rush of waters at Marshall the building containing the library of Senator Pritchard, valued at \$2,000, was clew to the perpetrators. Heavy rains swept away. A reward of \$1,000 was have probably obliterated the trail so offered at once to have the books saved, and men struggled to do this, but the force of the waters could not be overcome and they were lost.

SCHOONER FOUNDERED.

John B. Prescott From Newport News With Coal-Crew Saved.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., March 1 -News that the five-masted schooner John B. Prescott, of Fall River, bound from Newport News for Boston with 4,209 tons of coal foundered, February 23rd in latitude 39.04 north, longitude 72.13 west, was brought in here to-day by the schooner Savannah, which came in with Captain Harding and the crew of twelve who were rescued from the Prescott, which went down while the Savannah was standing by.

VIRGINIA TOWNS

James River Still Rising-Lower Part of Richmond Will be Plooded-Destruction and Havoc at Pulaski.

STORM DAMAGE IN

By Telegraph to the Morning star. RICHMOND, VA., March 1.-James river is still rising, and by to-morrow the lower part of the city will be flooded. One freshet is following another and the prospect is that the gas supply will be cut off, and work

lates on a twenty-foot rise, seven feet less than the highest in recent years, but all persons who could be seriously damaged have had ample warning.
A Hot Springs, Va., special says it will cost \$20,000 to repair the damage by the flood in the Warm Springs valley, and a heavy force has been put to work on the Hot Springs branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and

travel will be running through by to-Whiriwind at Pulaski

ROANOKE, VA., March 1.—The train service is much improved over what it was in southwest Virginia on Friday, though traffic is still seriously delaye on account of the many washouts and inundated tracks.

The town of Pulaski, Va., presents a scene of havoc and destruction, the damage caused there by a whirlwind amounting to many thousand dollars. The entire roof of the hotel Pulaski was blown away. The damage to the hotel is more than \$2,000, and scores of other buildings were unroofed. The rich farm lands along the Roanoke river between Salem and Christiansburg have been denuded of

fences and crops.
At Clifton Forge last night, Guy Craft was standing on a bridge that crossed Jackson river when it gave way beneath the pressure of the raging waters. Craft was thrown into the stream and drowned.

A REBELLION IN CHINA.

Missionaries and Other Poreigners Ordered to Leave Province of Kwangsi Under Pledged Protection.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, March 1.-The Chinese for eign office now admits that the rebellion in the vicinity of Nanning, province of Kwangsi, seventy miles north of the Gulf of Tonquin, is very grave, though this was denied yesterday. Over 1,000 former soldiers are engaged in pillaging. An edict has been issued commanding the Chinese authorities to afford protection to the missionaries and other foreigners. Mr. Conger, the United States minister, has notified Prince Ching, head of the foreign office, that he expects China will and protect the foreigners in that part

WASHINGTON, March 1.-The State Department to-day made public the following cablegram from Consul Mc-Wade at Canton, China, dated February 27th, reporting the outbreak of a rebellion at Nanning: "I learned almost at midnight that a rebellion had broken out at Nanning, in the province of Kwangsi. At the request of the gov ernor of Kwangsi the missionaries were ordered by me to leave immediately under a pledged escort, to be taken to

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING.

Wuchow. Details later."

Framp Steamer Wilster and British Steamer Acara Ashore-Crews Rescued by Life-Savers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ROCKPORT, MASS., March 1 .- The ramp steamer Wilster, from Fiume for Boston, is hard and fast on a ledge off Thatcher's Island. Her crew of twenty-three men have been rescued. The Wilster is in grave danger, as the sea is breaking over her. She has a cargo of sugar consigned to Boston merchants. The Wilster lost her bearing in last night's fog and rain storm and brought upon the ledge less than a quarter of a mile off shore. Being in the midst of the breakers, the steamer could not be reached in boats and it was some time before the life-savers succeeded in getting a line to the stranded vessel. Then the breeches buoy

NEW YORK, March 1.-Oak Island life Saving Station reports that the British steamer Acars, from China ports for New York, is ashoreat Jones

was adjusted and after several hours

all the members of the crew were

brought ashore

The crew have been landed at Jones Beach. The captain, engineer and the first mate are still on the vessel. The sea is breaking over the steamer but she does not appear to be in any immediate danger.

MURDER, ROBBERY, ARSON.

Merchant and His Clerk Killed in Their Store and the Building Burned Over Their Dead Bodles.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 1 .- Michael Shrenck and Jacob Carter, a merchant and his clerk, were murdered last night in Shrenck's store, sixteen miles in the country, and the store burned up on the dead bodies. Shrenck's body was found in the embers near the safe, which had been blown open with dynamite or gunpowder, and evidently rifled. The store was situ-

ated in what is known as the Black Ankle district, near the Ogeechee river. Shrenck's place was called Whiskey Hill. It was much frequented by hunters, hence persons in the neighborhood thought nothing strange when they heard two or three explosions like gunshots. Carter's body was found lying where his bed had been, covered with the remains of blankets. He had evidently been shot while in bed and asleep. There were several evidences of murder. robbery and incendiarism, but no dogs cannot trace it.

BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Pive Persons Buried in the Debris and Undoubtedly Killed-Pifteen Injured.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star. CLEVELAND, O., March 1 .- The fourth floor of the Cleveland Baking Company's plant, on Central avenue, fell beneath the weight of a large number of barrels of flour to-day, crashing through the three under floors into the basement. There are floors into the basement. There are five persons missing, four girls and a man. They are buried beneath the mass of debris in the basement and are undoubtedly dead. Their names: May Kelly, Mollie Roemer, Florence McGrath, Maggie Heiser and Joseph Woelker, Thirteen persons were in-