THE SOCIALISTIC VOTE.

A New Orleans dispatch published Thursday states that after an animated all day debate the Socialistic element came very near capturing the Federation of Labor in convention in that city. Since the late elections the growth of the socialistic element has become a subject of much comment and has even been made the text of sermons in the pulpit. How remarkably rapid this growth has been is shown by the following New York press dispatch to the Baltimore Sun:

Socialism has increased its national vote from 126,445 in 1900 to more than 400,000 cast this year. Official returns when tabulated may swell this to 500,-

In the Presidential election of 1892 Socialism made its first bid for national political support in this country. Its candidate, Simon Wing, received 21, 164 votes. Four years later Charles H Four years later Charles H. Matchett, of New York, was given 86.-274 votes. In the last Presidential election two Socialist tickets were in the Debs and Hammon for the So- to look altogether to the interests of supporters, while the Socialist Labor candidates, Maloney and Remmel, received 39,759.

In conservative Massachusetts the political students were astonished a lew years ago, when the Socialists east 3 per cent. of the vote of the State and obtained legal recognition ma party. Both of the old parties made bids for the support of their wandering adherents. They adopted several of the less radical planks from the Socialistic platform. This was a method adopted by Prince Bismarck to combat socialism in Germany, and the Massachusetts result was the

A year ago the Socialist vote in the Bay State was 10,761. Returns from 201 cities and towns show that the new party this time polled 32,105, an increase of practically 300 per cent. The leaders confidently predict that they will elect Socialist Mayors next spring in a score of Massachusetts one. This vastly increased vote was arcely drawn from the Republicans and accounts for the decreased Repube-n majority. I. Rhode Island the increase in the

oc alist vote is declared to have been iredly responsible for the loss of the State to the Republicans. The indications in New York are

that he Socialists made their heaviest gains to Republican strongholds. Toe results in the Western States also possess a political importance. In Milwaukee the vote for Governor was as follows: Republican, 26,118; Democratic, 20,762, and Socialist, 11,731. our of the Socialist candidates for the Legislature were defeated only by marro w piuralities.

The Socialist Vote in Chicago exceed-d 12,000, an increase of 400 per cant. Eight Illinois towns made cor-responding fucreases in Socialist

The same story comes from Indians. hio, too, shows a similar increase. The recent election places Socialism on the official State ticket there. Minneapplis cast 2,000 Socialist votes and St. Paul about 1,600 The party claims 15,000 in he State. Covington, Ky., shows an increase from 346 in 1900 to 1.708 in the recent election. The returns from Pennsylvania indi-

ate it has become the banner State for ocialist votes. President George F. Bier's precinct in Reading cast 95 Bola at votes, against 16 last year. The Socialists carried Cokeville by a heavy plurality Lancaster increased its vote from 17 to 502; Reading from 193 to more than 1,000; Williamsport from 311 to 782. Maine cast 3,000 and Texas twice that number of Socialist votes, while California more than doubled ta vote of 1900 for that party. A corresponding rate of increase

would give Socialism more than a mil-

Here is nearly a fourfold increase in the short space of two years, proof enough that this is an element which must be taken into account in future political reckonings. A remarkable thing about is that the gain is pretty generally distributed through the Eastern, Middle and Western States, being more noticeable, of course, in the manufacturing States and cities, where there is more socialistic material than in the rural districts.

Another remarkable thing about paratively, owing to tax laws which it is that it has found a lodgement in no Southern State, extending no from 6 to 8 cents per pound, against further South than Covington, Ky., which is somewhat of a manufacturing city, where it polled 1,708 votes in the last election.

Another remarkable thing about it is that is has developed sur- try grew rapidly, but that didn't prising strength in Republican give the consumers cheap sugar bestrongholds, which may not be so cause tariff laws practically presurprising after all, for these Republi- | vented the importation from other can strongholds are manufacturing countries, while export bounties cities where as a rule heretofore workmen have been voting with the Republican party and for Republican policies, under the impression | that they would not sell at home. that they, in common with their The bounties made up the difference employers, were reaping benefit and gave them a profit. from those policies. A change of So it has been in this country, sentiment as to those policies had, the tariff on sugar giving our sugar doubtless, much to do with the makers a practical monopoly of the

had been fighting before.

ment has grown amongst them here

for the same reason that it exists

and has grown in Europe, that is

the wide chasm that exists between

the toiler and the man of wealth

there and the governmental favorit-

ism that makes life easy for one and

lation of large fortunes, with

princely wealth on one side, with

poorly requited labor and hard

sorimmaging for a livelihood on the

other, is breeding and nourishing

socialism here as it has done there,

and is training for political activities

it leads to it. Every Socialist is not

an Anarchist, but every Anarchist

began by being a Socialist. Anarchy

extremes, Socialism disappointed,

maddened and made desperate as it

The figures given above show

remarkable growth for two years,

the more remarkable in view of the

much boasted "prosperity," for So-

cialism is an evidence of unrest and

an organized protest against the un-

equal conditions that prevail, just

as Populism, which grew so rapidly

a few years ago, was an organized

protest against the depressing con-

ditions which then prevailed. With

the passing of these conditions

Populism passed and has practi-

cally disappeared, and so will

Socialism disappear when the con-

While the present conditions ex-

ist, while the laws are so framed as

the favored few, to the detriment of

the neglected many, the few be-

coming more powerful, more arro-

gant and more despotic with their

increase of power and wealth, we

may look for an increase in the So-

cialistic element, and for more ac-

tivity and aggressiveness by their

In a country like this such an or-

ganization, from the nature of

things, can never become powerful

enough to control in either State

or nation, for the reason that its

greatest strength will be in the

manufacturing towns while it will

have but little following in the rural

districts or in the agricultural States.

This will make it impossible for it

to become a factor potent enough to

control in State or nation, but this

will not prevent it from becoming a

factor that politicians will consider

and pander to, by incorporating So-

cialistic demands into party plat-

forms, to catch Socialistic votes, of

which we have had some evidences

already, one of which is the demand

for government ownership of coal

mines incorporated in the last plat-

form of the Democratic party in

New York. In this way the Social-

istic element may exercise more in-

fluence and wield more power than

it ever could acting as an independ-

But whether acting in this way or

as a separate political organization

its rapid growth makes it a factor

SUGAR SHOULD BE CHEAP.

As a result of export bounties in

Europe and favoring legislation in

this country the sugar-making busi-

ness has been overdone and the re-

sult is overstocking and falling

prices, where prices are not kept up

by tax laws. The following bearing

upon this subject we clip from the

Advanced sheets of consular reports estimate the beet sugar crop for 1902-3 at from 5,350,000 to 5,850,000 tons,

which is much less than for any year since 1899-1900. Consul Diederich is of opinion that the crop is underesti-

mated and will turn out to be 6,000,000

tons Adding the estimated cane sugar crop of 3,470,000 tons and old stock of

former years left over, the aggregate

supply is put at 11,120,000 tons, or about 1,000,000 tons in excess of the world's

consumption. The quantity consumed

in 1901-2 was 9,369,685 tons and the

yearly increase of consumption is some six or seven hundred thousand tons. Consul Mahin, of Nottingham,

tons. Consul Mahin, of Nottingham, finds the consumption of sugar in the United Kingdom to be 91.6 pounds

per inhabitant, against 68.4 pounds in the United States. Germany, Austria

and France consume very little com-

With the bounty system pursued

in some of the European countries

the growing of sugar beets was fos-

tered and the sugar making indus-

enabled the manufacturers to ship

to other countries and sell at a

profit, although they sold at a price

from 4 to 6 cents in England.

ent political organization.

that cannot be ignored.

Baltimore Sun:

ditions that foster it disappear.

if not dangerous.

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move from Republicanism to So- home market, enabling them to oialism, preferring that to joining make their own prices, keeping just the Democratic party, which they under the price of foreign sugar with the tariff added. In England, We venture to say that investiga- for instance, sugar may be bought tion would show that the bulk of this | for from four to five cents a pound, Socialistic element is composed of while in sugar-producing countries adopted citizens, and that the senti-

the consumers cannot buy it for that. With 1,000,000 tons in excess of the world's demand for consumption, sugar should be cheap in this country and would be if it were not for the protective tariff, which is perpetuated simply for the benefit hard for the other. Rapid accumu- of the sugar makers, who are making millions of dollars annually out of the plundered American people.

Bishop Potter, of New York went all the way to Duluth, "the city by the unsalted sea," to lecture to the denizens on the "Civic Rea factor that may prove troublesome sponsibility of Individuals." He did it in thirty-five minutes, and Socialism is not Anarchism, but got \$150 for his talk. The newspapers thought they didn't get enough for the money, got mad and salted him and his lecture next is nothing but Socialism carried to day. Then he got mad, gave 'em back the \$150, and left Duluth with no very high opinion of that

A 94-year old citizen of Mount Holly, N. J., jabbed his digits into he eyes of an 84-year old boy just secause the boy accused him of vot ing the Democratic ticket at the last lection. But a man who at the age of 94 would vote the Republican ticket must be one of those hopeless incorrigibles who would do almost anything in the way of gouging.

Mr. A. J. Glasgow, of Millersburg, Pa., who pursued the avocation of Bible seller and Sunday school organizer in the day time and horse-thief in the night time, was found guilty in eleven charges and was sentenced to five years and nine onths in jail and a fine of \$1,400 so that he wasn't doing such a fine business after all.

A trolley car recently spun from Cleveland to Toledo, a distance of 120 miles, in 190 minutes, pretty swift travelling; but trolley cars have been run in Germany at one hundred miles an hour. That speed, they say over there, is entirely prac ticable as a steady thing. The only question is to make it safe. They are working on that now.

Washington dispatches say there s little probability of anything be ing done at the coming session of cougress in the way of establishing reciprocity with Cubs. They will keep on fooling with this thing until Cuba may conclude that she can get along without reciprocity.

The Federation of Labor, at its ession in New Orleans, Tuesday, did a proper and sensible thing by voting down that resolution pensioning "naturalized" citizens, workmen, who had reached sixtyfive years of age, and had earned less than \$1,000 a year.

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, expresses the opinion that both the Republican and Democratic national conventions will be held in St. Louis in 1904. That's Louisiana Purchase Exposition year, and the President makers will take advantage of the opportunity to see the big show.

That New York preacher who scored the women of his congregation who wear drop-stitch colored stockings put his foot in it, as it were. The women objected to his fooling with their stockings, got mad, and he lost his job.

The list of members of the next House of Representatives, prepared by the journal clerk of the House, shows 208 Republicans and 178 Democrats, which gives the Republicans a majority enough for all practical

Mr. Wu Ting Fang didn't take his wife with him when he left Washington. He let her remain to rest a week or so. Cute chap. He had twenty-six big trunks with a lot of boxes of his own to look after.

The American hen lays eggs enough to girdle the earth at the equator twelve times if laid end to end, and yet she is not doing any extraordinary cackling over it.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP REPORT

Yield and Quality of State Products Compared With an Average.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22.—The State Department of Agriculture issued today the following November crop report based on reports from correspondents in every township: Yield of cotton, compared with an average crop, 86. Yield of cotton, compared with last year, 102. Yield of tobacco, compared with an average, 97. Quality of tobacco, compared with an average, 100. Yield of corn, compared with an average, 90. Yield of peanuts, compared with an average, 91. Yield of awest potatoes, compared with an average, 91. Yield of awest potatoes, compared with an aver-

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE BLADEN LYNCHING EPISODE.

Meeting of Board of Directors of New Company Held Yesterday Afternoon.

W. E. WORTH, PRESIDENT.

Geo. O. Gaylord Chosen Vice President and James Kyle Secretary and Treasurer-The Capital Stock Will Be Increased.

At a meeting of the Board of Direc tors of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company, held vesterday afternoon at 3:80 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. W. E. Worth was chosen president of the company: Mr. George O. Gaylord, vice president, and Mr. James Kyle, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gaylord presided at the meet ing and other members of the Board present were Messrs. W. B. Cooper, Jos. H. Watters, S. P. McNair, R. R. Stone, Frank Andrews and M. W. Jacobi. Mr. James Kyle was also present as secretary. Mr. W. E Worth was out of the city and Mr. H. L. Vollers was unavoidably detained elsewhere, forbidding a full attend-It was ascertained at the meet

ing that already there is more than \$10,000 of the stock subscribed, but while only that amount is required to begin business upon according to terms of the resolution at Thursday's meeting of the stockholders, it was deemed expedient to increase amount to \$15,000, the maximum capits stock advised by the stockholders. In order to secure further subscriptions to the stock Messrs. Jos.

H. Watters and S. P. McNair were delegated to solicit business north of Market and west of Third street; Messrs. M. W. Jacobi and R. R. Stone, to s olicit south of Market and west of Third street; Messrs. G. O. Gaylord, H. L. Vollers and D. McEachern were other sections of the city; Mr. Frank Andrews was asked to secure stockholders in the country and Mr. W. B. Cooper was given any territory in which he desired to work.

The present plan is to build one warehouse, one prize house, a stemmery and the necessary stables and camp houses. Of course, these will be added to from time to time as the market develops. A committee appointed at Thursday's meeting of the stockholders is now at work, inspect ing sites for the buildings.

The Directors adjourned yesterday afternoon to meet next Thursday af ternoon at 3:80 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. At that meeting the soliciting committees hope to report that the maximum amount of the paid-in capital stock has been subscribed.

MARCONI WIRELESS SYSTEM

Little Probability of Establishment Station Here Unless for Sake of Connection-The Conditions.

Mr. Daniel Kelly, representing th Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, whose arrival and the purpose of his visit has been noted in these columns, spent yesterday in conference with local business men relative to the establishment of a station of his company here or at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. It is not thought that much encouragement was given to the project, but Mr. Kelly will report his investigations here to the head officials of his company, and whatever is decided in the matter will be announced in due

It is not generally thought by shipping men that a station of the wireless system will pay here, on Wilmington business, but the connection may be regarded as an advantageous one on the circuit extending north and south. Mr. Kelly will remain in the city today, but will probably leave to-morrow for Norfolk, Newport News and Baltimore. He is an exceedingly clever gentleman and the shipping men of the port were glad to confer with him, even though they could give him little encouragement as to the paying qualities of the investment proposed to be made here.

LEATHER TRUST ENTERS THE STATE Will Establish Tanneries in Several Conn-

ties-Raleigh Tobacco Market. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 20.-The United States Leather Company, of New Jersey, domesticated to-day by paying \$500 to the State and \$500 to Swain county, where the principal office in the State will be. The tax is on one hundred and twenty-five millions, paid in, capital. The great leather trust proposes to establish a number of extensive tenneries in the State, notably at Bryson City.

Julius Baker, a white farmer, was

struck by a Southern train at the Fayetteville street crossing here to-day and seriously hurt. He was walking on the track and paid no attention to the

warning.

The Oak City Warehouse and Investment Company, of Raleigh, was chartered to day with \$50,000 capital and will build a new tobacco warehouse, two prize, houses and a stemmery. It will promote in every way possible the development of the Raleigh tobacco market. C. B. Barbee is one of the principal stockholders and president.

Fireman J. M. Eason, colored, of Suffolk, Va., was killed in an accident on the Carolina railroad near Edenton, pared with an average, 91. Yield of sweet potatoes, compared with an average, 92. Yield of sweet potatoes, compared with an average, 98. Yield of pared with an average, 98. Yield of cow peas, compared with an average, 98. Generally injuring the encow peas, compared with an average, 98. Since and J. E. Bowen a Norfolk, Va., contractor.

EEKLY STAR.

Pull Story of the Affair Which Created Much laterest la Wilmington-Mr. Singletary's lojuries.

[Special Star Correspondence.] CLARKTON, N. C., Nov. 21 .- We were very sorry to see in your paper yesterday an erroneous report of a lynching at Bladenboro Tuesday night. There was no lynching. The circumstances are as follows: On Monday night about 10 o'clock a party of a dozen or more unknown men went to the home of Mr. Aytch Singletary, who lives four miles south west of Bla-denboro, called him to the door and shot him. There were a good many shots fired, but only one shot hit the mark, that going directly into Mr. Singletary's right eye, which necessi. tated its removal. The operation was performed by a specialist in Wilming. ton. This specialist writes: "Operation a success; ball not found. It went straight through the eye, one-eighth of an inch internal to optic nerve; so ball went in on a dead level and ranged obliquely inward slightly." The provocation which caused the trouble was that Mr. Singletary had some neighbors' hogs shut up It was the fourth time he had shut them up, but the first time he had exacted pay before the hogs should be taken away. Now the owners of the hogs are men of bad character and are supposed to have headed the crowd which did the shooting. So on Tuesday night a poss of twenty-seven men with warrant for these men went to their homes to

arrest them, but found that they had just left their beds and were supposed to be in "Big Swamp."

Mr. Singletary is a man of fine character, a law abiding citizen and is respected by every one. He is an independent, one horse farmer, and has a large family. The soward which did a large family. The coward which did the shooting left the following note on Mr. S.-'s fence: *

"Mr. Singletary—you had better put up your fence as soon as you can and if we have to come after any more hogs, you will find yourself in hell some morning." The whole community is very much

aroused. It is the most cowardly and dastardly deed ever committed in that part of the county.

The present stock law was made an issue in the late campaign and carried

In that immediate community, how ever, the most of the people opposed it, Mr. Singletary being one of the minority who voted the Democratic ticket which was for the present law. Very respectfully, LESLIE B. EVANS, S. G. WOOTEN.

NO LYNCHING IN BLADEN.

Reported Summary Punishment Visited

Upon Davis and Son Is Incorrect-Mr. Singletary Doing Well.

There was much inquiry in the city yesterday for developments in the matter of the supposed lynching of Ed Davis and his son, near Bladenboro, in Bladen county. It now appears from advices from Elizabethtown and Clarkton that Davis and his son met with no foul play and disappeared from home to avoid arrest. The causes which led up to the shooting and the subsequent mysterious disappearance of the man and his son were reviewed at length in these columns yesterday morning.

A telegram to the STAR from a thoroughly reliable source at Clarkton last evening says: "Reports of the lynching of Ed Davis and his son are untrue. Both are at large. Much excitement."

Mr. Singletary, the gentleman who was shot and lost his right eye by the wound, spent a very quiet day at the hospital here and is believed to be out of danger. He will possibly be able to return home this week.

OneHonest Man.

Eighteen years ago Mr. Martin O'Brien, of this city, loaned to a man named Patrick Buckley five dollars in cash. Soon after receiving the loan, Buckley went North to look for more lucrative employment. Years passed and Mr. O'Brien heard nothing of the man whom he had befriended in time of his distress, but yesterday morning as Mr. O'Brien opened his mail at the postoffice, there was a surprise in store for him. In a letter from Mr. Buckley to Mr. O'Brien was a money order for five dollars, payment of a debt contracted nearly twenty years before. The case is a very extraordinary one.

Fromble With a Negro.

Mr. John Kure, foreman of a gang of laborers employed in laying the conduits for the underground system of telephone wires, had trouble yesterday afternoon with an unruly negro named Dorsey George. The negro made at Mr. Kure with an axe, when the foreman wrested it from his hands and was giving him a good drubbing until both were arrested by Special Policeman C. T. Croom. The charge is engaging in an affray.

An Extraordinary Petato

Mr. M. H. Kelly, pre Opera House Bar, Second and Princess streets, had a most extraordinary potate on exhibition at his place. It is very large, weighing about five pounds, and viewed from any side its formation is after the likeness of some animal in the natural kingdom. The big potato was presented to Mr. Kelly by a friend.

Weston R. Gales Dead,

Rev. Weston R. Gales, the well known evangelist, died at Montreat, N. C., Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, He was a native of Raleigh and the remains were taken there for interment yesterday. Mr. Gales ranked high in the evangelistic world and conducted hundreds of revivals throughout this and other States. the other, a coachman was thrown from a runabout, but pluckily retained his hold of the reins and brought his horse to a standstill.

FIRE AT COAST LINE.

Serious Conflagration Early This Morning, Occasioning Great Property Loss

IN STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

Flames Originated There From Unknows

Source and Gutted the Passenger

- Building -- Spread to the Shed and Was Uncontrollable, Fire which broke out shortly after o'clock this morning in the Atlantic Coast Line building at the west end of the Front street passenger shed.

almost completely gutted the structure

that will require several days to deter-In the building were the A. C. L. ticket offices and waiting rooms for passengers, the office and warehouse of General Storekeeper P. H. Walsh and the general offices of Mr. F. H. Fechtig, Purchasing Agent of the sys-

The fire originated from an un nowa source in the warerooms of Mr. Walsh, the general storekeeper. Smoke was discovered issuing from the building by several employes on the yards and an alarm was sent in to the department from box 24, under the passenger shed. The fire was one of the most stubborn the men have ever had to contend with. The first two stories of the building were of brick and the superstructure, which formed the third story, in which were located the ticket offices, waiting rooms and Mr. Fechtig's officer, were of wood. For a long time no blaze could be seen and dense clouds of smoke poured in unbroken streams from every window and from under the eaves of the roof. In Mr. Walsh's office there was a quantity of oil, waste and many documents, while in Mr. Fechtig's offices there were large quantities of paper, stationery and office supplies. For more rived there was no sign of a blaze.

About 2:30 o'clock, however, the entire interior of the building shot unward in a light flame. Passenger cars and a number of private cars under the shed were pulled up the tracks as the shed was at that hour considered doomed. Three lines of hose were kept continuously on the building, but apparently with little effect.

It was after 3 o'clock this morning before the fire was gotten under control. The firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the building in which they originated, but the threestory structure is well nigh a complete wreck. The cabinet in the ticket office and a number of records were saved before the top of the building collapsed. There was a fortunate change of the wind as the fire reached its height

iant work by the firemen is perhaps due the fact that the passenger shed at the station did not catch. Owing to the peculiar construction of the building it was a very difficult fire to subdue. The firemen did well

about 2:30 P. M., and to this and val-

and accomplished great work. As before stated, it will perhaps require several days to arrive at any. thing like an estimate of the loss, but it will go up into the thousands. It is thought that the Coast Line was partially if not fully protected by insurance, but the burning of the offices will cause great inconvenience.

Seaboard Schedule Change,

Effective to-day there will be a slight change in the schedule of the passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line entering Wilmington. The train which formerly arrived from Charlotte at 12:05 P. M. will hereafter reach here at 12:80 P. M. and, departing, the same train will leave at 3:20 P. M. instead of 3:05 P. M. as heretofore.

A DARING ROBBERY.

Two Mail Sacks Containing \$10,000 Taken

From a Mail Wagos. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.-The Chicago oostoffice was the victim to-night of one of the most daring robberies that has ever been perpetrated in this city." Ten thousand dollars is the amount believed to have been secured by the robber, who made his escape without leaving any clew to his identity. Two mail sacks containing the money which had just been picked up from two of the down town sub-stations were left in an unprotected wagon, in front of the Masonic Temple, while the mail carrier went into the building to gather mail that had accumulated there. The carrier was gone but a moment and when he returned his horse and wagon had disppeared. While the carrier was in the building, the robber, who evidently had been waiting his opportunity jumped into the rig and drove away.

The street was full of people at the time, but no one seems to have no-ticed the thief. No trace of the robber has been secured. Both the mail bags were full of registered letters.

NEW YORK BORSE SHOW.

Exhibition Ended Last Night-Two Exciting incidents. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.-The horse show ended to-night, after the most successful exhibition in its history. successful exhibition in its history.

Two exciting incidents occurred during the day. In one, S. W. Stillwell, manager of Dr. Seward Webb's stock farm at Shelbourne, Vt., while exhibiting an entry of Dr. Webb's daughter, Miss F. E. Webb, in a saddle class, stopped a runaway horse whose rider had lost control, and in the other, a coachman was thrown from a runabout, but pluckily retained his hold of the reins and brought his horse to a standstill.

Ship Situation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Representative Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, arrived here to night to remain for the session. He expressed considerable gratification over the speakership situation. His figures give him a total of 119 votes already declared and pledged, against 105 votes required.

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- Laurinburg Exchange: We hear that Mr. Wesville Quick, the champion hunter of the sand hills, killed a large white fox while out hunting one night last week. - Kinston Free Press: Cryus
Dixon, the murderer who escaped
from Trenton jail some time ago, has
been seen in the pocosin near the scene of his crime. A man was going through the swamps and stumbled upon him, whereupon Dixon covered him with a gun and ordered him to leave. He

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Washington Gazette: A farmer tells us he is now engaged in picking a crop of cotton that would not have matured but for the mild weather that has been prevalent this month, and while he was in Norfolk last week he was informed the truckers, if no frost come within ten days, would be shipping strawberries and a second crop of beans.

and damaged property to an extent - Monroe Enquirer: From samples sent to this office we judge that the velvet bean crop in this county is fine. A number of farmers in this county planted velvet beans, as an experimental crop, last Spring. The vines are fine and are full of beans, but the beans will not mature in this climate. Even in this exceptionally late Fall the indications are that fros will kill the beans.

- Smithfield Herald: A moocasin snake was killed near here this week that measured 7; inches in cir-cumference and 67 inches in length. - A large force of laborers are now engaged in building the railroad from Wilson's Mills out to the iron mine two miles distant. Active operations will begin as soon as the track is com-pleted, as the washery has been ready pleted, as the washery has been ready to run for some time.

- Littleton Reporter: Reports from tobacco growers are discouraging. They report decline in prices on all the lower grades of tobacco. The high prices prevailing prior to the consolidation of the two big tobacco companies are no more. This is as we expected when the consolidation was effected. Let our farmers prepare a small crop of tobacco for the next sea son and greatly reduce the supply, and thereby enhance its value. - Weldon News: Civil Engineer Hayes, of Petersburg, has been en

gaged for the past few days in making surveys with a view of widening the canal of the Roanoke Navigation and Water Power Company. Last week Hon J. D. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was here conferring with Major. J. W Wilson, president of the company, and at this conference the matter of improving the water power was discussed and engineers were put to work to as-certain the probable cost of the same. The deepening and widening of the canal will mean a great deal for Weldon, as it will give us a water power reasonable to suppose that this improving of the water power is to be made in order that some large new manufacturing enterprise may be started here.

- Wilson Times: Wilson sold over 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco last week. — The business men of Lucama voted to establish a sash, door and blind factory at their place and they will commence business a soon as \$5,000 is subscribed. At meeting last week several shares wer taken at \$50 a share. — Mr. W. G Satts' saw mill was burned near Elm City yesterday, a week ago. — Mr. Jerome Bowen, chief of police, ar-rested Nathan Adams last Saturday night in that place and brought to Wilson on Sunday. He was tried here Wednesday before 'Squire Wood and bound over to court. Adams is negro, and has had trouble with Mr. Batts and was heard to remark that his "saw mill property would not do him any good."

- Concord Tribune: The mills of the Cannon Mfg., Co. shut down this evening on account of having no coal to run on. The Cannon bleachery was closed down this morning and the other milis close this evening. How long this will be for cannot be said. The company has coal ordered and coal on the way to Concord, but none on hands. It takes several car loads of coal a day to fire the engines at these mills. The Cabarrus mill will not close to-day, it having coal enough to run till Monday evening. The Gibson mill will not have to close before Tuesday. To close down all of these mills would mean a very heavy loss to the company and work a hardship on the numberous employes. For these reasons it is to be hoped that the shut down will not last but a few days.

PEDERATION OF LABOR.

Officers Re-Elected-Boston Chosen as the Next Place of Meeting. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22.-The American Federation of Labor to-day reelected the following officers: President, Samuel Gompers; First Vice President, James Duncan: Second Vice President, John Mitchell: Third Vice President, James O'Connell; Fourth Vice President, Max Morris; Fifth Vice President, Thomas J. Kidd: Sixth Vice President, Dennis A. Hayes; reasurer, John B. Lennon; Secretary,

Frank Morrison.

Fraternal delegates to the next labor convention of Great Britain, Max S. Fayes, and Martin Lawler; Fraternal delegate to Canada, John Coleman. Place of next convention, Boston.

REJOICING AT PANAMA.

celebrated here by a demonstration which began yesterday evening and lasted throughout the night. While firing a cannon at the fort this morning in honor of the event three soldiers were killed and two wounded by a premature explosion.

GANNON, OF ILLINOIS.

Expresses Gratification at the Speaker-

KILLING OF PITZGERALD COLD BLOODED MURDER.

Held Up by Secretary Balley While luster Shot the Mas Prom Behind. Mr. Hunter, Sr., Contradicts It.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star GUATEMALA CITY, Nov. 21 .- Wm. A. Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids, Mich. was shot and killed to-day by W. G. Hunter, Jr., son of the United States minister. Hunter fired the shots from behind Fitzgerald, with Jas. O. Bailey, of Kentucky, secretary of the United States legation here, standing by with a drawn revolver. Both then ran away with their revolvers in hand. They were arrested, but are now at liberty, Minister Hunter claiming immunity for them. It is asserted that Fitzgerald had no chance to defend himself and that he was an inoffensive man. The lives of the Hunters and that of Bailey are threatened by indignant Americans.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The State Department to-day received reports minister. Hunter fired the shots from

Department to-day received reports from Dr. Hunter, minister at Guate-mala City and Consular General Memala City and Consular General Mo-Nally, at the same place, regarding the case of Godfrey Hunter, Jr., and Secretary Balley, of the American le-gation there, who were parties to the shooting affray resulting in the death of Wm. Fitzgerald yesterday. Mr. McNally's dispatch gives the affair the aspect of a shocking and cold blooded murder, making it appear that Secre-tary Bailey was a party to the crime, holding up Fitzgerald with a revolver in front while Hunter shot the man from behind.

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Minister Hunter's statement is a very flat contradiction of this report. He says that his son Godfrey and Secretary Bailey, while sitting on a bench in a public park, were attacked by Fitzgerald, who struck Hunter and snapped a pistol, which failed to explode. Hunter thereupon shot and billed him. The existence of a conspiracy between members of the Amerspiracy between members of the American colony, including Consul General McNally, is charged by Dr. Hunter. It is said here that a bitter personal feud has existed for several years between Dr. Hunter and Mr. McNally. The State Department will wait to hear from the Guatemalan government before taking action in the matter.

THE DAVENPORT HOLD-UP.

Five Masked Men Stopped the Train, Dynamited the Express Car and Robbed the Safe.

By Telegraph to the MorningStar. CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—General Manager C. A. Goodnow, of the Rock Island road, to-day gave out the following

statement of the Davenport hold up: "Our No. 11, leaving Chicago at Texas, via Kansas City, was lexas, via Kansas City, was stopped about a mile and a half west of West Davenport by a man displaying a red light, using a switch lamp taken from the west switch of the yard in the vi-

cinity for that purpose. Five men compelled the engineer and fireman to cut off the mail and baggage cars and run the two cars farther west about one mile. The engineer and fireman were then compelled at the point of revolvers to go to the express car and open the door. The baggage man and express man were taken from the cars to the engine and three men left to guard them and the engineer and fireman, while two blew open the Chicago safe of the United States Express Company

in the express car. "All the contents of the safe were taken, the roof and side of the baggage and express car were badly damaged, about fifteen feet of the roof being entirely blown off. The train was de-

tained two hours and ten minutes. "The men engaged in this robbery all wore masks, dark clothes and slouch hats and kept in the dark as much as possible, so from that cause, and owing to the excitement, our employes are unable to give any description of the men except that one was a very tall, slim, raw-boned man, possi-bly six feet tall, and three medium sized men.

DAVENPORT, IA , Nov. 22 .- The officers in charge of the bloodhounds reported to-night that they had succeeded in picking up a trail and were following the supposed tracks of the five robbers. The hounds took a scent, now being followed, near the scene of the robbery. They went to a farm from which a wagon was stolen and then traced the rig to Jamestown. The dogs were then taken to Blue Grass where they again took the scent and were working north at last reports. The police here have arrested Richard E. Ridley, and Luther G. Hayward. strangers, on suspicion.

COTTON MILL MERGER PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Committee Has Pinally Passed Upon All Properties Offered Quer a Hundred Plants Taken In.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 22.-The otton mill merger committee practically completed its work here last night, having finally passed upon all properties offered them, and there will be another meeting here in about three weeks to pass upon properties that were accepted in every respect, except that some formalities, such as affixing seal, etc., to papers submitted had been

At this adjournment meeting, new options, which are constantly coming in, will be examined and passed upon by the committee. A leading ber of the committee gives the infor-mation that over a hundred plants have so far been accepted, and that several, which are all right, except Demonstration Over the Signing of the

Treaty of Reace.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PANAMA, Nov. 22.—The signing of a treaty of peace by Minister of State

Perdomo and General Herrera was calculated here by a few casts.

meeting upon the amendment of op-tion prices.

"The merger plan is now an accom-plished fact," said he. "In every in-stance we have allowed just about the price for each they would have brought if new. The papers have been forwarded to the underwriters in New York, or will be in a few days, and the incorporation articles will be taken out in New Jersey in the course of a few days."

After several months negotiations the Austrian and Hungarian iron and steel industries have succeeded in forming a gigantic combination, comprising twenty-three separate establishments, the capital of which aggregates \$70,000,000.

Ohief Justice Fuller will sit, as requested, with Judge Waddill, in the cases designed to test the constitutionality of the Virginia election law.

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