

"I believe some changes are deable the Beef Trust to tax the tanmanded now without respect to a ners and the tanners to tax the shoe modication of duties levied by any makers and make dearer shoes for other country upon our experts. Tar-

Mr. Pickett was taken to the City Wilmington has the largest property known citizen of St. Joseph, died at Hall, a certificate of admission to the valuation, \$8,418,482; Oharlotte, \$8,-8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his | hospital was quickly secured from Dr. 076,805: Green

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SCRANTON, PA., December 13 .- The a called witnesses to-day before

the anthracite coal strike commission

to testify to the conditions existing at

the collieries of the Philadelphia and

Reading Coal and Iron Company.

These were the first persons to appear

against the company of which George F. Baer is the head, and considerable

interest was manifested as to the char-

acter of evidence the miners would

resent against that company. Eight

iff schedules, like all other laws are to be made, unmade, and remade, according to the public needs, and we are on holy ground and that the sacred vestments of the priests are not to be touched by profane hands.

"There are duties, notably in the iron and steel schedule, although not confined to it, which are absolutely indefensible, which no one will ever attempt to defend and which are as much at war with the the real object of protection as free trade itself.

"It is a slander from the fundamental truths of the world to say that the prosperity of the people has ever been or can ever be impaired by doing what is right and just and fair. What evi deace is there to sustain the assertio that a correction of the grossly exces sive duties would hasten the day of extreme commercial 80 tivity to a close? None whatever, save the cries of those who want to be le alone, but who ought not to be let alone, repeated by a coterie of statesmay who have become imbued with the calm philosophy of the citizen of Arasas who refused to mend his ro i in dry weather because it was unne sary, and did not mend it when ned, because it was impossible.

Whenever the people take up the subject Congress will take it up also, and whenever the people pass upon it Congress will register the decree. Local zed interests may prevail when the people are quiescent, but they cannot ride the storm of public agitation and

While Governor Cummings is a protectionist, he does not believe in exorbitant tariff duties to protect industries which have grown to be strong enough to protect themselves and he is not disposed to be driven from his position by the scare crow cry that if the tariff be touched it will bring business chaos and ruin, the fake pretence of those who like Hon. Mark Hanna want to "stand pat" and "let well enough slone." Governor Cummings doesn't insist on tearing up things but he does insist that in schedules where the tariff duties are unnecessarily and unreasonably high they should be lowered and he cites as an illustration the iron and the steel schedules on which there is a forty per cent duty which is totally unnecessary as a measure of protection because our steel makers are exporting hundreds of tons of steel and pig iron from Europe. As immense as their capacity is they cannot keep up with their orders. Couldn't the steel makers stand a reduction of the tariff on these if not total repeal, without being ruined or seriously damaged? An industry which pays its operators a clear profit of \$140,000,000 a year could certainly stand a reduction on its forty per cent. tariff. If there be any doubt on this point we have the declaration of Charles Schwab, president of the United States Steel Trust, who said, when on the stand as a

the people and handicap the American shoe maker in competing with foreign shoe makers when he enters foreign markets.

Governor Cummings is honest and right when he contends that the tariff can stand revision and that it ought to be done now.

DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE FARMERS.

Russia is an agricultural country. The Government desires to make it there will be a hitch with the naalso a manufacturing country, and tions whose exports to Venezuela with that view has adopted the will be thus hampered and subjected policy of fostering manufacturing to a double tax. industries with a protective tariff and export bounties, but in doing that entirely ignores the agricultural industry, packs the burden on the farmer and gags him to keep to appear as possible complications, him from protesting. Commenting apon this, the New York Tribune

8878: The spectacle is now seen in Russia of a government apparently discriminating between two classes of industrialists in favor of the less and against the greater. This was strikingly set forth in a single dispatch

from St. Petersburg the other day. It was stated first that Mr. von Plehwe, Minister of the Interior, had given the artisans of St. Petersburg permission to hold meetings for the airing of their grievances and discussion of means of bettering their condition and had even promised them his support in such movements. Then in the next paragraph we were told that Prince Dolgoroukoff, president of the Soudja District, has been deposed and put under police surveillance as a suspicious character because he had permitted the farmers in his district to hold such meetings and adopt various resolutions looking to a betterment of their condition. Evidently in Russia what is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander. Workingmen in the great cities may do with impunity and with government sanction things which farmers in the country must not do

under penalty of the knout and Si beria. Ye; the farmers have the greater cause for agitation, for the policy of the government in finance bears far more hardly upon them than upon them than upon the urban artisans. That was the gravamen of the resolu tions adopted at Soudja and elsewhere, for permitting which Prince Dolgoroukoff has been degraded and punished. The local agricultural commissions declared that the govern ment seemed to be encouraging manufacturing industries at the expense of agriculture, and to be increasing to a crushing degree the burden o indirect taxation upon the agricultural classes. It was pointed out that in the last twenty years indirect taxation has been increased by 100 per cent., or by 64 per cent. per capita of the population; and this is so arranged that it falls chiefly upon the farmers. The indirect taxes are not, as some have supposed, levied

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upon articles of luxury, and thus upon the purses of rich nobles. They are levied upon the barest necessaries of life, such as even the humblest moujiks

their claims by installments out of lotte and employed Col. Hamilton C. the customs, a part of which was to Jones and Mr. E. T. Cansler, two of the best criminal lawyers in the State, be set aside for that purpose. Of to defend Bishop. This is construed course France will object to that to mean that the relatives of the fugi arrangement being interfered with by tive know of his whereabouts and are planning for his surrender. Great Britain and Germany, and It was reported here yesterday that

they will have to pay some regard to Bishop was in Wilmington, but the best information is that the report what France says on that matter, or was untrue. Inquiries at Petersburg find their claim-collecting business last night also brought forth the in formation that he was not in that a somewhat expensive one.

city. And then if they resort to a peace ful blockade, and the Venezuelan

REV. MR. NORMAN'S LAST DAY Government insists, as it says it will upon collecting the duties which the Mr. Joseph G. Brows, of Raleigh, Tells of two claim collectors have collected, His Parting Conversation in Wilming-

ton With Deceased Minister.

the young travelling man, in Peters-

Mr. Joseph G, Brown returned to Raleigh Wednesday from Laxington. It is a very easy thing to get badly He was the most intimate friend of mixed up in business like this when the late Rev. W. C. Norman, and there are other interests involved. with Messrs James H. Southgate and Some of these are already beginning Rev. F. M. Shamburger, left Conference as a committee to attend the with the result that Great Britain funeral of Mr. Norman. Speaking and Germany, which went in with about his last talk with his dead friend Mr. Brown said to a reporter of the

> "Late Saturday afternoon Mr. Norman came over to me in the Confer-

The Becker family of St. Louis has gone wild celebrating the birth of a girl baby, the first girl that has put in an appearance in that family in 140 years. It would take the census man a long time to enroll all the Becker boys but the poor felversally popular in Wilmington as in every other place where he had preach low never had any sister until this ed, and it took us some little time little one arrived. to make our way to the river side.

Senator Pritchard says he wants . m. Vick bounced because he isn't a Republican. As a matter of fact Vick is probably a better Republican than Pritchard. At least there is no record of his ever having "held his principles in abeyance" to pool issues with the Pops for the spoils of office.

in their horns.

and arranged for the payment of

Miss Carnegie, six years old, will be presented by her father as a Christmas gift with a \$2,500,000 house in New York. He and his wife will jointly occupy it with her as tenants, and pay her a big rental. While they remain in it they will try to keep on good terms with the landlady.

A German bacteria artist who has been figuring on it says there are at least twelve million bacteria in one cherry and nearly that many in a grape. Now imagine the number of bacteria a healthy boy would have in him after a half hour interview with a cherry tree or a grape vine.

According to the school rolls there are in this State 687,599 per-

home, No. 408 Angelique street. His death was due to old age and general debility.

"Mr. Alderman had been a resident of St. Joseph for the past 34 years, and conducted a sale and feed stable. He retired from active life two years ago. "He is survived by his second wife and four children. The children are Charles Alderman, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Mary Highsmith, of Sparta, Mo. ; James Alderman and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, both of Dover, Okla.

SOME CHRISTMAS STRAWBERRIES

\$2.50 Per Quart in New York.

"David Alderman, an old and well

the first. "Mr. Alderman was 78 years old and Deceased was 57 years of age and was born in New Hanover county, N. boarded with two children, both small. C. He was the youngest son of a famat 917 South Eighth street. His wife ily of fifteen children. All his brothers died a year or two ago. His brother, and sisters are dead. In 1849 Mr. Al-Mr. Robert T. Pickett, is foreman of derman removed to Sparta, Mo., where he took up the work of a farmer. He the street force and took charge of the remained on the farm until 1868 when remains at the hospital last night. he removed to St. Joseph and entered The funeral will take place this mornthe sale and feed business, buying and ing at 10 o'clock from Market Street selling horses. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock this morning from M. E. church, the services being conthe late residence and the interment ducted by Rev. J. W. Potter, the will be in Register cemetery, where Mr. pastor Alderman's first wife was buried.'

Mr. Pickett was a hard-working man of good character and his death will be generally regretted. He had been a faithful member of the street depart-Charleston Trucker Will Sell Some at ment for several years.

A special from Charleston, S. C.,

Recommendations to Legislature by Adjutant General-Hamlet Grocery Co.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13 .- Adjutant General Royster, of the State Guard, filed a report for the General Assembly with the Governor this evening. He asks that the law be amended to allow the payment of the usual appropriations to companies and batteries of artillery; that regimental bands be paid \$100 each; increased pay for the quartermaster general; that a building be used as an arsenal and for other State purposes; that all military records be filed in the office of the Adjutant General. The State Guard membership is 4,996, against 2,083 last year. The general condition is much better than ever before. Six compaies disbanded and four new ones were organized during the year.

tered to-day with \$25,000 capital. Hancock are the incorporators.

1903 SPECIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Hundred Thousand Dollars Voted by Leg Islature Apportioned-Telephone Co

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11 .- The Su perintendent of Public Instruction completed the apportionment of the first \$100,000 of the 1903 public school fund to-day upon a basis of fifteen cents per capita. There are 678,599 children. requiring \$101,789.85, the hundred thousand being supplemented with \$1,789.85 from the State Board swamp

land fund interest. New Hanover has \$1,196.85; Onslow, \$622.95; Pender, \$729.90; Brunswick, \$671.55; Duplin, 1,177.20; Scotland, \$632.40; Columbus,

Taxes raised in the State the past C. T. Harper, city superintendent of year were: For schools, \$1,189,219.08: health, and he was hurried in the county purposes, \$1,593,254.45; munipatrol wagon to the institution in cipal, \$1,149,902.68; State taxes, in cluding pensions, \$1,169,024.53. Grand total, \$5,051,400.69. which he died two hours later. He never regained consciousness and was The total State debt is \$6,527,770;

practically dying from the stroke of county indebtedness, \$2,237,039; town indebtedness. \$4,866,477.51. Grand apoplexy when he reached the hostotal \$13,131,286.51. The State investpital. His entire left side was affected ments amount to \$4,415,050. and his power of speech was gone from

Collector E. C. Duncan, of the invitnesses were called and the princiternal revenue office here, appoints pal grievance presented was that men Jno B. Koonce, of Jones county, clerk who went on strike were discriminated in the revenue office to succeed I. M. against. Deaton, who became chief clerk to suc-There were a large number of other ceed Dr. Cyrus Thompson, resigned.

witnesses called during the two ses-Koonce passed the civil service examisions, but most of the testimony heard nation. V. C. Downing, of Cum' Twas of a cumulative nature, relating land, is appointed clerk to succh E mostly to alleged unfair local condi-

tions. Among the witnesses heard was President mitchell. His testimony related principally to the manner in which he computed the averages he gave yesterday, which showed that The following vessels cleared yesbituminous men received from 40 to 50 terday: British steamer Rosewood, per cent, more wages than the anthralight for Savannah; British schooner cite miners. Counsel for the Delaware

and Hudson disputed Mitchell's meth-W. S. Fielding, with cargo of lumber. od of arriving at the averages. The and shingles from the Cape Fear Lumminers will close their case probably on Monday when the operators will open their case.

THE MONEY STRINGENCY.

Treasury Department Will Take No Action for Relief of the Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Secretary Shaw declines to say anything for publication as to the attitude of the Treasury Department in regard to the present money stringency in New fork. There is reason to believe, however, that no action whatever is contemplated now or at any time in the near future, It is understood that the department takes the position that the government is not involved in the present situation, and that Wall street must rely upon its own resources to tide over the present stringency. At this time the treasury has no available cash in hand above a moderate working balance approxi-

mating \$58,000,000 and it is not its present purpose to further reduce this sum by making additional deposits in national bank depositories or otherwise.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Entered Upon Consideration of the Regu-

lar Appropriation Bills.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, December 18 .- The House to-day entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and made rapid progress, fifty pages of the 142 pages of the bill having been comple-ted before adjournment. Several of the Democratic members, among them Mr. Maddox, of Georgis, voiced their protests against reporting a big appro-priation bill one day and taking it up he next, without affording sufficient time to members outside of the com-

WHITES AND NEGROES.

Shooting Affray in the Business Section

of Asheville, N C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

of the negroes reached for his gun,

whereupon the proprietor and two

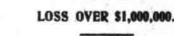
white patrons began shooting. One

of the negroes was shot four times-

not, however, fatally.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 13 .- A





mittee to properly examine it. No

material amendments were adopted.

Woman Committed Suicide for Pain

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12 .- The Hid-

tears in her eyes she said she always hanked me, because she said I had been the instrument in God's hand of bringing him into the church.' That's all he said about the conversation, but saw the thrill it gave him to know that the man converted under his ministry had died triumphant in the faith. We walked by the river shore and

then turned our steps back to the residence portion of the city. It was then dark, and we separated. After he had gone a few steps he called back to me and said: 'Tell your son (a student at Trinity) to come to see me often.] wish to keep in close touch with him, and these were the last words I heard him speak. They were characteristic of the man-always interested in others and particularly in young men by whom he was always held in the high-

est esteem." THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Statistics of Crime in the State.

denite Granite Company, of Salis-

bury, was chartered to-day with \$100,-000 capital, to develop granite quar-ries and mineral lands in Alexander

such a grand flourish, may find it News and Observer: advisable to change tactics and pull

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"Christmas strawberries are being ence room and said: 'I have been picked this week on the plantation of waiting to read the report of the Joint Fritz Horres, in St. Andrew's parish, Board of Finance, but I have asked across the river from Charleston. brother to read it for me. I feel There is a ten-acre field in full bloom, that I must have some fresh air. Come and let's walk down to the river.' I went with him. On almost every square somebody stopped to speak to Mr. Norman, for he was uni-

and as the berries were not due until May the remarkable yield has astonished the truck farmers. It is said that this is the first time in the history of the planters that a May crop ripened early in December, and unless there is an unexpected frost Horres will make a small fortune on the crop. The berries find a ready recall one lady who stopped him. I walked on slowly and had to wait five sale in New York at the startling price of \$2.50 a quart. Local dealers or ten minutes for them to finish their

who wanted to corner the market for conversation. When he rejoined me home consumption had to abandon Mr. Norman said: 'She was telling the idea when isformed of the price. me about the death of her husband as Charlestonians will not pay such who had a triumphant death. With extraordinary prices for a fruit that is often a drug on the market in the spring and early summer."

TOBACCO GROWING AROUND CURRIE.

Experienced Man From Granville County Interesting Farmers-Notes.

[Special Star Correspondence.] CURRIE, N. C., Dec. 12.-Mr. W. R. Walker made this year four bales of cotton on 22 acres of land. Mr. Walker is one of our largest truck farmers, and believes in making a

plenty of hog and hominy in addition to his truck. He will also plant some tobacco next year. Mr. William Booth, a gentleman from Granville county, who understands cultivating and curing tobacco. expects to locate in this vicinity next year. He is oing around this week to see the farmers to find out how many of them will plant tobacco.

The Manchester Robbery. Fayetteville Observer: "The At-

lantic Coast Line detectives have dropped the Manchester robbery case. as well as the local officers-Deputy Sheriff Monaghan and Officer Benton-with the assertion that there is

THE NORTH CARULINA STATE GUARD.

[Special Star Telegram.]

ber Co. to Petit Goaer, Hayti, and the schooner Eva A. Danenhower, with cargo of lumber from the Cape Fear Co. to New York. HIGHER WAGES. General increase for Trainmen on the

Mr. Koonce.

Clearance of Vessels,

Southern Railway System.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, DEC. 11.-A general increase of wages of trainmen on the Southern Railway, averaging about five per cent. in amount, has been granted. This statement was made by General Manager Eckert today, who stated that the majority of the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen, largely on the main line of the Southern system, had received increases. There was no horizontal advance, but the raises were made on individual merits. The

wages of the engine crews were raised from two to eight per cent. and the conductors and brakemen in a few instances as high as 10 per cent.

The Hamlet Grocery Co., was char-T. Goodwin, H. E. Gibbons, and J. E.

shooting affray, followed by a number of arrests, occurred to-day in the

centre of the business section of Asheville. Two negroes walked into a white restaurant and were at once ordered to remove their hats. One

