
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

OPINIONS OF MORTHERN AND WESTERN PARMERS.

In speaking yesterday of the fu ture prospects of agriculture in this country we remarked that in view of the fact that the supply of public lands suitable for agriculture was about exhausted that with the advantages the South presents to the farmer and the certain demand there will be for farming lands, there is no reason why there should not be in the years to come a large immigration into this section.

There has been for some years an annually increasing movement of this kind, more noticeable in the Southwest and in the States which border on the Mississippi, because the Western people, from where the larger part of the immigration comes, know that section better than they do others, and because lished information bureaus which send out much printed matter descriptive of the country and the inducements offered to immigrants who desire to farm or engage in manufacturing or other industries. Much valuable advertising has also been done by the Western farmers who have settled in those States and have succeeded, in the letters they have written their friends, some of which are published in their home papers. The commercial and agricultural conventions which have been held in the South for some years past, composed largele of Northern and Western men, have also-contributed much to draw attention to the South and the op-

The National Farmers' Congress recently met at Macon, Ga. In it were representative farmers from Penusylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and other States. The Southern Farm Maga zine, published in Baltimore, solicited the views of some of them as to their impressions of the South, and publishes a number of responses in the January issue, from weich we clip the following extracts as giving an idea of the favorable impression made upon the writers. We quote simply the gist of the letters from the advance sheet:

Mr. John Hamilton, secretary of the

portunities it offers to farmers and

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, observing the vast amount of land capable of profitable cultivation, and arguing for a proper rotation o crops, writes: "The salvation of agriculture in the Southern States will come not from without, but from within. It must be effected largely by the men who already live on the land The agencies that are to b) most potent in a ding these land holders are: First the agricultural college; second, the agricultural experiment station; third, the agricultural institution, and fourth the agricultural journal If these edu cational institutions are liberally sup ported and intelligently directed it wil not be long before the Southern States will be practicing diversified farming, cheapening their methods of production, improving the fertility of their lands and adding greatly to the com fort and prosperity of their agricult ural people. By these means there will be given all over the South visible demonstration of what the South ern States are capable of in the way of agriculture. The sight of this pros perity will, of itself, attract the better class of intelligent farmers from elsewhere, and the tide of immigration will be diverted from the great West to the milder climate and greater pos sibilities of the South. Ouver Wilson, of Magnolis, Ill

whose opinion of Southern agricult ure was changed by his trip, writes: possibilities in the Southern States apparent to the casual observer, but fi d that better methods are being taken, and I believe there are many farmers in the North and West who are paying high rent, without even a hope of ever owning a farm in in those sections, who would do well to investigate possibilities in the South where land is cheap and with proper culture may be brought up to a high state of cultivation, bringing profita-

Mr. John W. Sahl, of Quincy, Ill., secretary of the Farmers' National Congress, will show his faith by his touches the hem of its resources. What I think of the South as a field fro investment is best shown by the fact that I purpose to invest in it all my surplus dollars from this time

farmers in the South the following views are expressed : A. F Strange, Walshville, Ill: climate in the world, will appeal strongly to the debt-burdened farmer

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1903.

Engineer Fisher of the Jones Fell Overboard and Died From the Shock.

HAPPENED AT SOUTHPORT

Yesterday Afternoon the Tug Was About to Take a Tow. When the Accident Occurred - The Puneral Tomorrow Afternoon,

While at his post of duty yesterday afternoon at Southport Engineer J. M. O. Fisher, of the tug Alexander Jones fell overboard and died from the effects of the shock. It was a terrible tragedy an i is one that will send an arrow of pain to many a heart in Wilmington. The accident happened about 1 o'clock and in plain view of the dock at Southport. At the time the Jones. had just started out to take a tow, the schooner Rebecca A. Douglas, lying in the stream, to New York. Mr. Fisher was standing outside his engine room and when the Jones was about half way to the Douglas he pitched head first over the bulwark, only about knee high, into the water. The accident was witnessed by people on the dock and a boat was immediately sent out to rescue Mr. Fisher, who had commenced to swim in the direction of the shore. About the same time a boat was lowered from the Jones and perceiving this Mr. Fisher changed his course and commenced

he was rescued life was found to be just extinct, caused so, pronounced by the physicians, by the shock. Mr. Fisher was about 40 years of age and a resident of Southport, although he was perfectly at home here. He was a man of strong character and popular with his fellowmen. As an engineer he was rated A1, and had been connected with the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company for many years. He was a member of Orion Lodge No. 69, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and Live Oak Camp No. 6,

to swim back to the tug. In the

meantime Mr. H. C. Corlett, pilot of

the Jones, had jumped overboard and

was the first to reach Mr. Fisher,

around whom he placed a line and he

was pulled aboard the Jones. When

Woodmen of the World, both of this city. A wife and children are left to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place at Southport to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Woodmen and Odd Fellows will both attend and the former has an official notice in to-day's issue. The steamer Wilmington will go down to Southport at 10 o'clock in the morning and a low passage rate has been made for all who wish to sttend the funeral. I. is not known just how the accident occurred; whether Mr. Fisher stumbled and fell over the bulwark, or whether he was taken sick and fell

BURGLARS BOLD PAY AN XMAS VISIT.

ment by the cold water.

Two Negro Men Make a Successful Raid on the Rock Spring Hotel-Entered the Rooms of Guests.

One of the boldest and most successful robberies that has taken place in Wilmington for many moons transpired Christmas morning. It was accomplished by two negro men and it was their boldness that crowned their pefarious efforts with success. The Rock Springs Hotel, on Chesnut street, between Front and Water, was the scene and its proprietor, Mr. Daniel M. Currie, suffered to the extent of losing about \$42.

The robbery was committed at 1 o'clock in the morning, an entrance being effected through the main entrance of the hotel. After ransacking the first floor, where the money was obtained, the thieves went to the second floor and visited the rooms of sev eral of the guests. One of the bold pair entered the room of a lady guest, a Mrs Applebry, while the other entered the room of Mr. F. J. Vincent. In each instance the occupant was awake at the time, but the intruder, with cool effcontery, quickly apologized for what he said was a mistake, and, being taken

for a servant, escaped. The thieves also broke into the cook's room and, as he was away at the time, carried out his trunk and placed it in the back yard, where it was rifled. Mrs. Applebry did not obtain a sufficlent look at the negro who entered her room to describe him, but is positive it was not the one who entered Mr. Vincent's room and who he described as of ginger cake color, about dents of England and 343 to resi- 5 feet-6 inches in height, and as wearing a soft hat and an overcoat. Consequently the theory, although there were other signs, that there were two robbers.

Serious Accident in Bladen County. A correspondent of the STAR at Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 24th, writes: "Quite a serious accident occurred ten miles northeast of this place yesterday. While on a deer drive a gun was accidentally discharged, seriously injuring Mr. Wright Edwards and his nephew, Mr. Rafe Edwards. Seven large buckshot entered Mr. Wright Edwards' ankle and foot. It is not yet known whether his foot will have to known whether his foot will have to be taken off. The heel of the young man was shot off. Both are good men." other side hounds, with nothing but

J. A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, N. C, has sold the Lincoln cotton milis to R. C. G. Love, of Gastonis, N. C., for \$300,000, The plant is one of the pioneer fine yarn mills of that secHANBS-CONNOR NUPTIALS.

self a Charming Wife.

interest the Raleigh News and Observer's account of the marriage of Prof. R. D. W. Connor, principal of the High School, this city, and Miss Sadie It is as follows:

impressive and joyous one. The drawing rooms and dinning hall were tastily decorated in lovely paims and cut flowers. In the spacious hall where the ceremony was performed, mistletoe, ferus and paims were used in profusion as a back ground for the altar.

"At 8:45 Miss England rendered very charming!" Rubenstain's maleds in charmingly, Rubenstein's melody in F and proposity at 4 o'clock to the soft strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, entered the bridal party in the following order: Miss Kate Con-nor, sister of the groom, and Miss Daisy Hanes, cousin of the bride, in soft white gowns with green sashes, they carrying the broad white satin bridal ribbons, forming an alsle, up which came the maid of honor, Miss Mary Hanes, sister of the bride, in white organdie, carrying a lovely bouquet of red carnations. Next came the bride leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her to the groom who, with his best man, Mr. David Marion Connor, came from the left of the drawing room. Following the bride came Masters Frank and Robert Hanes, brother and cousin of the bride, who looped up the bridal ribbons very effectively and stood on either side of the altar, and while the Evening Star" from Tanahauser was softly played the Rev. W. L. Sherrill pronounced the solemn and beautiful words of the marriage service.

and on her hair she wore a wreath of real orange blossoms. From 4:30 to 6 o'clock a reception was held for the relatives and friends present. Misses Adelaide Gaither and Laura Sanford received with the bridal party, whi cousins of the bride.

"The bride is a very lovely and charming woman, possessing many

"Mr. and Mrs. Connor left on th evening train for Wilson, N. C., to spend the holidays with the groom's

BIG SUCCESS PINANCIALLY.

This Christmas Was a Record Smasher

for All Businesses. tistic success in Wilmington every add that it was a great success financially. Everybody seemed to have a sufficiency of the blessings of this world and records show that money overboard, to be revived the next mowas spent quite lavishly.

All the merchants report big busijudiciously.

The business done by the Southern Express Company was enormous and far in excess of last year. The receipts were about \$200 more. The number of outside vehicles employed to deliver packages, aside from the regular wagons, was about double. The mail was exceedingly heavy,

the same as last year. All this goes to show that Wilmington is prosperous and advancing year

ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIES

Annual Meeting in Raleigh - Officer -Elected-A Lively Discussion.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.-The North Carolina Association of Acadenies completed its sixth aunual session here this afternoon. A. F. Sams, of Cary High School, was elected president; Martin H. Holt, Oak Ridge, vice president; F. S. Aldridge, Trinity

There was a lively discussion over f evident opposition. discontinue its December meetings. and meet during the summer with the State Teachers' Assembly.

BOLD BANK BURGLARS.

Robbed the Bank at Union, Mo., of \$15, 000 - Building Completely Wrecked.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.-The bank at Union, Mo., was robbed of \$15,000 in a sensational manner by burglars between 1 and 2 A. M. to-day, according to a special to the *Post-Dispatch*.

Residents in the vicinity of the bank were aroused by the sound of an explosion and some of them rushed into the street. The burglars, then leaving the bank, opened fire at random and were successful in intimidating the would-be captors until they had made

Oscar Busch, a hardware man, who put his head out of a window only to e confronted with the muzzle of a pistol, states that only two men left the bank. Other accounts place the

is \$50,000.

ABOUT WILMINGTON.

Mayor Waddell Writes to the Manufacturers' Record of Its Progress.

IN THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER

Porty-Odd Other Mayors Tell of th South's Prosperity - The Record Calls Attention to Work of Our Chamber of Commerce.

The business men of Wilmington will find the Christmas issue of the Manufacturers' Record of special interest, as it contains much about the of Railroad Rates." progress and prosperity of the South. Letters from almost fifty mayors are published, each setting forth the advantages of his respective city. Mayor Waddell has a very interesting letter, as follows:

"It is a fact which cannot be denied and which every business man in this city will testify to, that the general business and industrial progress and outlook here is better in every way than ever before. The Manufacturers Record publishes every new enter prise in the South, and has given those recently established in and around Wilmington, but, of course, the mere mention of these can convey no jus idea of the real advance industrially and commercially, or of the quickened spirit that prevails in business of every kind. I have been told by returning persons who lived or visited here prior to November, 10, 1898 (from which we date our new ers), that they hardly recognized the place as the same, so great has been the improvement development andfin the spirit of the

peop.e.
"The bank deposits are growing ray idly, labor is fully employed, the volume of business steadily increases and buildings are multiplying; rail road facilities and steamboat traffic are larger, and foreign shipments are greater. There is not and never has been any "boom," but there is a steady growth and a healthy one. The most recent enterprise in which our "live" Chamber of Commerce is interesting a crusade among the farmers of ad joining counties in behalf of tobacco planting, which will be something new, except in a small way, in this re gion. The recent removal of the of fices of the Plant system to headquart ers here of the Atlantic Coast Line has added to the social and business life also. But I feel I am exceeding my allotted space.

The Record says that the financial ndustrial and commercial health o its cities is one of the surest indica ions of the prosperity of the South during the past year and that Wil-mington, N. C., where, under the auspices of a live chamber of com merce, is being made a crusade amon the farmers for the encouragement of tobacco culture is among the cities whose merchants are feeling the effects of agricultural prosperity.

DANCE AT POINT CASWELL

Many Wilmington People Attended th Elegant Affair Friday Night and Were Royally Entertained.

Quite a number of Wilmington folks attended the Christmas german at Point Caswell Friday night. It was given by the young gentlemen of of much elegance and of much plea-

place, was a scene of great loveliness, for, aside from the radiant sight furnished by the handsomely gowned ladies and their gallant escorts, it was profusely decorated with ferne, pot plants and flowers. During a cessation of the festivities an elaborate

repast was served. The german was gracefully led by Mr. Lee Simpson, of Point Caswell, and Miss Camilla King, of South Carolina, who is a Wilmington visitor. Among the guests present from here were Mrs. J. L. Paddison, Misses | al fight, the Jones woman being one Nell Paddison, Esther Alexander, Mary O'Hanlon and Maud Paddison,

and Mr. Frank Alexander. The chaperones of the delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Johnson, Burgaw; Mrs. J. C. Paddison, South Carolina; Mrs. Irene Stewart. Mt. Airy; Mrs. James Thompson, South Carolina; Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paddison and Mrs. Peterson, Point Cas-

The music was furnished by an orchestra from Raleigh and the ball room decorations were made by a Richmond florist.

THREE MEN SHOT.

In a Pight With Town Officers at Di boro, Jackson County, N. C. BY Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DILLSBORO, N. C., Dec. 24.-Philip

and George Morgan, brothers, and George Cunningham, living about three miles from Dillsboro, at the Harriss clay mines, in Jackson county, N. C., came to Dillaboro this morning and became intoxicated and disorderly. When Town Marshal C. W. Dills, assisted by T. W. Mason. undertook to arrest the men who had created somewhat of a panic, all three men drew knives and pistols and defied the officers. A fusilade of shots followed. After the shooting had ceased it was found that George Cunningham was shot in the shoulder, George Morgan in the head and Philip Morgan above the right eye. George Morgan will probably die, but it is thought the others will recover. Dills and Mason were not hurt.

One white man was fatally injured one white man was fatally injured at Atlanta last night in the wreck of a College Park trolley car, which left the track and crashed into a brick building near West End. Seven other white people were injured but not seriously. Six colored passengers also sustained slight injuries.

Fire at Athens, Tenn., desroyed the three-story hardware store to Bayless & Moore and several adjoining mercantile establishments. The total loss

CARDINAL GIBBONS II

The Cage Suddenly Gave Way-The Cardinal Unispered.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.-While Cardi nal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, and other leading churchmen were descending in an ele-vator at the Hotel Schenley to-night to meet about three hundred representameet about three hundred representative Pittsburg citizens, the cage suddenly gave way and the occupants
started downward at a rapid pace.
Fortunately, the drop was but twenty
feet and none of those in the cage were
injured. Great excitement prevailed,
however, as the crash of the elevator
when it struck the ground floor was
heard all over the building and the
guests all rushed to the elevator shaft.
Cardinal Gibbons was one of the first
to leave the partly wrecked cage. He to leave the partly wrecked cage. He promptly assured those present that he was uninjured as were all those who made the downward trip. The concussion resulted in the elevator breaking the lighting pipes at the bottom of the shaft and caused the re-

ception for a time to be held while each guest held a candle. The operator stated that the power seemed to have given out, and this caused the sudden descent. Cardinal Gibbons arrived from Baltimore to-day to take part in the Gol-den Jubilee celebration of the Passion-ist Fathers of the United States, which begins to-morrow and will last several days. He was met at the Baltimore and Ohio station by a committee of prominent churchmen and escorted to the Passionist monastery, where he will remain during his stay in Pitts

Among those who will assist in the celebration is Right Rev. Leo Haid, Chief of the order of the Society of Benedictines and Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina.

LYNCHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Negro Man and His Wife Hanged by a Mob for the Brutal Murder of a White Parmer Near Greenwood.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27 .- A. special to the News and Courier from

Greenwood, S. C., says: W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the Troy section of thir county, was foully murdered in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wide-man, or his wife; both of them living on the place. Both of the negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated

Mr. Jay, on returning home on Friday day afternoon, heard Wideman abusing or fighting his (Wideman's) wife. He went to the cabin and or dered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterward, Mrs. Jay heard the report of a gun and saw the two negroes running away. Calling for her husband she had no answer and on looking over the yard found him dead in a pool of his own blood. Al-

most his entire head had been blown The alarm was given and parties were soon scouring the country in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured. Before the coroner's jury ooth acknowledged the deed, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman accused the man. They never changed from this but died accusing each other of the crime. While in the custody of a constable on the way to jail they were stopped at the Winterseat Bridge, by a crowd of infuria-ted friends and neighbors of Jay and both negroes were lynched. The lynching took place about midnight, even hours after the inquest. W. K. Jay was a good citizen and prominent Mason, having been a high fficial in the Grand Lodge of South

NEW YORK BANKS.

Carolina.

Statement of Averages for Pive Days of the Week Just Closed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The statement averages of the clearing house banks for the five days of this week

Loans \$875,321,500, decrease \$539, Deposits \$865,953,600, decrease \$1,902,400. Circulation \$45,656,400; increase \$40,700. Legal tenders \$69, 293,300, increase \$1,214,800. Specie

\$153,744.800, decrease \$3,234,300. Reserve \$223,087,600, decrease \$2,020,-Reserve required \$216,488,400 decrease \$475,600. Surplus \$6,549,-200, decrease \$1,544 400. Ex-U. S. deposits \$16,596,800, decrease \$1,546,300.

MARTINIQUE'S VOLCANO,

Mont Pelce in Violent Eruption, Throwing Out Clouds of Dust and Smoke. By Cable to the Morning Star.

St. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 27 .-The cable ship Newington, which arrived at Lucia, B. W. I., yesterday, reported having passed Mont Pelee, Island of Martinique, at 10:30 in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of grey moke and dust were pouring out of the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices say that the cone was luminous during the

PROST IN PLORIDA.

Fesred That Orange Trees Have Been Killed or Badly Hurt. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 27. Last night was the coldest of the season so far, the thermometer reaching 24 here and 30 at Tamps, with a killing frost. It is feared that young orange trees are killed or badly hurt as the previous warm weather had kept sap in the upper limbs. There is considerable fruit yet in groves and in some sec-tions that may be harmed consider-

TO PIGHT TOBACCO TRUST.

Independent Cigar Dealers to Hold a Convention January 15th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-Independe eigar dealers from all over the counry will hold a convention here January 18th, to discuss way and means of fighting the so-called tobacco trust. The plan is to form a national association with headquarters in Chicago. The convention is expected to make a close combination with the trade unions—in particular the cigar makers and tobacco workers unions.

Sanders, a negro aged 31, after accepting the hospitality of a woman near Hodges, in Greenwood county, S. C., charged her with stealing \$1.50 from him. Upon her refusing to surrender it, he got a shotgun and fired, twice, killing her instantly. He was arrested and lodged is jail.

works. He writes: "The South does Doctrine, for this is simply a matter not know of its riches It has but of dispute not about territory, but Regarding the opportunities for ment of payment. It will simply

sented leaving the matter of collecwith its low price and with the finest

of the North, who can never get out stood by the nations of the old of debt on account of the high price of world, that the Monroe Doctrine world, that the Monroe Doctrine can never with the consent of this country come before The Hague or any other European tribunal for

F. E. Mudge, LaSalle, Ill: "You have good farm lands there cheap. We have good farmers here, with lands too high. We must come to the land.'
T. L. Roberts, Jopps, Ill: "I would advise any one who is seeking health, wealth and happiness to try the South, especially Florida, Georgia and Alabams. Of course, I am too old to farm, but the young and the middle-aged should go the South, as I think it far superior to the Western lands for all

Hiram Vaman, Verons, Wis. "If Northern farmers should invest in land in Georgia and work as they do here and in the West, I see no reason why the could not make a success."

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There are good points in all of these extracts, but it should not require much time or effort to show the advantages of the South over any other section of the country as an agricultural section. It has the advantages of climate that no other section save Southern California has and that is an essential factor in successful farming, not only from the standpoint of remuneration, but in the lesser amount of hard labor and hardship. In the North and West the long Winters and the short period between ploughing and planting time and harvest makes constant and hard work necessary, while in the South the shorter and milder Winters give longer growing seasons and plenty of time for ploughing, planting and harvesting without any extraordinary labor. This, of course, makes farming a

much easier occupation in the South than it is in those sections. In the North and West the growing season is so short that two crops of any kind are a rarity, while in the South two and sometimes three crops of different kinds may be grown upon the same land in any year, and all crops of domestic or commercial value. The crops that may be grown in the North or West are comparatively few in number while in the South any crop grown in the temperate zone, with a number that are grown in the tropics can be produced in abundance and neary every year is added something of value to the list. As an illustration silk-growing and tea-culture and pineapple growing have been added within the past few years. Either af these may become

a great industry in the sections adapted to them. But these are only a few illustrations of the possibilities of the South as to variety of products, and when it comes to the ordinary crops of the Northern or Western farm such as wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, turnips, the grasses, &c., the South cannot only compare with the best lands of the West, but can with proper care and cultivation excel in both quality and quantity. The best wheat and corn grown in the United

States, that is corn for human food, and for making a better quality of pork, is grown in North Carolina. Some day, and not so very remote either, the South with progressive and improved methods will be, as an agricultural section, the garden

spot of America.

IT GOES TO THE HAGUE. The solution of the Venezuelan dispute seems to be that it goes by consent of all the parties concerned as principals in it to The Hague. This may not prove the speediest. but it will be the best solution, for having agreed to submit the matter to it none of the nations can reasonably object to its findings, especially since this tribunal was organized as a sort of court of appeals of the nations by the consent and co-operation of all the leading

President Roosevelt hesitated to act as arbitrator, although that was the desire of England and especially of Germany, because he saw diffi culties in the way and the possibility that so acting might event ually put him or this Government in an undesirable situation as to our relations with the South American Republics and involve the Monroe Doctrine, while there were others, including some of the Senators. who seemed to fear that it was a trap laid for President Roosevelt of which those Governments might take advantage hereafter in cases of similar disputes, or if questions

or scope of the Monroe Doctrine. It is said that the only reason why President Roosevelt listened to dents of Germany. suggestions that he should act as arbitrator was in the first place to hasten settlement and thus lessen the danger of war; second because he did not want the Monroe Doctrine to come before any European tribunal to pass upon directly or indirectly. But this tribunal will have nothing to do with the Monroe Doctrine, for this is simply a matter about debts, and in deciding upon the merits of the cases before it, it will not prescribe a method of payment or method of the enforcegive its verdict as to the claims pre-

tion to the nations concerned. But in addition to this it has been distinctly announced and so under- year, worth about \$7,000,000. TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

interpretation or arbitrament. We interpret that ourselves and stand upon our interpretation, so that there is no danger whatever of the Monroe Doctrine being involved in this settlement, as far as the decison of The Hague Commission

A PRETTY BIG SCHEME. For some time there have been reports of a contemplated national organization of farmers, called in the press dispatches a "Farmers' Trust," which was to be backed by many millions of capital, and put the farmer in a position where by co-operation he could control his crops, and not be at the mercy of combines or speculators or men who conered crops and put prices up one day and down the next. It seems that the development of this scheme has been going on, and has advanced so far as the organization of a society known as The National Society of Equity of North America, to which a charter has been issued under the laws of

Indiana. Its objects are thus stated: 1. To promote and encourage organization and co-operation among farmers, stockmen, horticulturists, gardeners, and men of kindred vocations by the establishment of a national society, with such branches and such local socities as may be necessary

to carry out such objects.

2. To obtain profitable prices for al products of the farm and garden and orchard. 3 To encourage the building of cold storage houses and warehouses in the principal market cities, or in all

the localities where necessary, so that farm produce may be held for advant-4. To encourage prohibition of the adulteration of food and the marketing of the same.

of agriculture, horticulture,

6. To secure equitable rates of transportation. 7. To open up new markets and enlarge old ones. 8. To secure new seeds, grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., from foreign countries, disseminate the same, with view of improvement of present crops and giving a greater variety.

stock raising and gardening.

9. To report crops, crop conditions and market reports in this and foreign countries, so that farmers may operate intelligently in planting and market-10. To encourage the establishment of institutions of learning, so that farmers and their sons and daughters may be educated in scientific farming. and for the general advancement of

11. To encourage the improvement f highways. 12. To encourage the irrigation o To promote social intercourse 14. To encourage the settlement of lisputes without recourse to law. 15. To establish similar societies in

foreign countries. The incorporators are E A. Everett, H. A. Hirshfield, Mark Turner, A. N. McKinney, Hirkam Miller and Sidney Conger, odiana oil inspector. All are heavy The organizers and officers-elect are all Indiana men. Whether this is a scheme to make money out of the farmers or for their good re-

mains to be seen, but it has evidently mapped out a pretty large-sized work, and will doubtless, in the end. if systematically and honestly carried out, prove of no little benefit to the farmers of the country. Rev. Dr. Millburn, the blind

chaplain of the Senate recently re. signed, believed firmly that when the Senate started on business without prayer something unfortunate would surely happen. There was no prayer because the Dr. was unwell, the day Tillman and McLau rin had their scrap. It seems to take prayer to keep the dignified Senstors down, but even with it there could be a good deal of im-

provement in them sometimes. T. T. Fortune, a New York negro sent on an investigating expedition to Hawati and the Philippines, is quoted as saying that the "importation of the true negro will be the solution of the labor problem. Wonder if Fortune's "Afro-American" and his "true negro" is one and

The inventive genius in which the American leads all other people still holds its own. The present year has been a record breaker, the number of patents granted exceedshould arise involving the meaning ing that of any previous year. Of the patents issued 999 were to resi-

> The Frick Coke Company of Pennsylvania has made a voluntary increase of eight per cent. in the wages of its 20,000 employes, which amounts in the aggregate to \$1,600, 000 in the year. That's better than waiting for and wrestling with strikes.

Col. Jack Chin has started a new

industry in Kentucky. He has estab-

lished a fox incubating and hound

incubating farm. On one side of the

farm he raises foxes and on the

a wire fence between. The great watchmaking town in Switzerland is Chaux-de-Fends, which turns out 300,000 watches a

fligh School Principal Takes Unto film Wilmington folks will read with

Hanes, of Mocksville, N. C., which took place at the latter place Tuesday. "Miss Sadie Hanes and Mr. Robert Diggs Wimberly Connor were married this evening at 4 o'clock at "Oakland," the palatial residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanes. The affair was indeed a very

"The bride was charmingly gowned in a dainty creation of white crepe de chine, chiffon and duchess lace. Her shower bouquet was white carnations Miss Booe and Miss Alice Lee invited the guests into the dining room, where refreshments were served by six little

friends throughout the State, and the room is a son of Associate Justice H G. Connor. He was educated at the State University, and at present is principal of the Wilmington High

That Christmas, 1903, was a big arone knows well, so it only remains to

ness and some say their sales were away ahead of many a previous year. The trade, too, was neither spasmodi nor troublesome to handle, but on the contrary was steady and in most cases rapid, although money was spent

though in actual weight it was about

[Special Star Telegram.]

Park High School, secretary and treasroposed compulsory education legisation, sentiment being divided. A resolution endorsing compulsory education when adequate school houses are provided was withdrawn in view It is probable the association will

number of burglars at seven. With the departure of the robbers an examination of the vaults was made. It was discovered that all the money was gone. The building was completely wrecked. No clue to the robbers, who are believed to be professionals, has been discovered. LEGISLATIVE REGULATION OF RAILROAD RATES.

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Discussed Before the American Economic Association by W. D. Hises, Vice Pres. of the L. & N. R. R. Co.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. PHILDELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The second ession of the fiftieth annual meeting of the American Economic Association, held at the University of Pen isylvania to-day, was devoted to a discussion of the topic "public regulation of railroads." The principal speakers were Charles A. Prouty, interstate commerce commissioner, whose paper was on "National Regulation," and Walker D. Hines, vice president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad,

Mr. Hines spoke in part as follows: The Interstate Commerce Commission is neither an expert nor an impartial tribunal, as is proved by its decisions and the action of the courts upon them. It is unnecessary, unwise and unjust to give such a tribunal practically final power over the private capital invested in railroads, as at present the mistakes of the railroad can be adequately corrected in the courts.
Under the proposed method, the mistakes of the commission could not be corrected anywhere.

The claim that low rates are due to railroad competition and that as such competition is disappearing the power to reduce rates should be given to the commission is fallacious, because the generally low basis of rates is due to the competition between markets and between products, and to the fact that conomical railroad management necessitates constantly increasing the volume of traffic, and these conditions are bound to continue. Some members of the commission

argue that rates ought to be reduced, but they have not exercised the au thority they have to put that view into effect. However, despite the increase as in volume of traffic and in efficiency of machinery, railroad net carnings are diminishing and the cost per ton per mile is increasing. Although traffic conditions are not likely to permit increased returns, still as an abstract proposition the railroads un-doubtedly have the right to share in the general prosperity when all other services and commodities increase in

The third session of the association was held this afternoon. Professor John B. Clark, of Columbia University, delivered an adress on "The Dynamics of the Wages Question." discussion followed, after which the convention adjourned until Monday.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Mount Airy News: The town

commissioners won in the bar-room

fight last week. So there is no pros pects for the saloons being reopened mere right soon, if ever in the future.

Mr. J. D. McCollum killed six fine hogs Friday, weighing 2,428 pounds. The largest weighed 484 counds. They averaged nearly 404 - Monroe Enquirer: 'Squire H.
L. Price, one of the best farmers of

Sandy Ridge township, has been ex-perimenting with a new breed of hogs, the "Mammoth Black" breed. Mr. Price killed three seven-months-old pigs one day last week weighing 200 pounds each, and yesterday he killed a fifteen-months-old pig weighing 408 - Chatham Record: After a long sickness Dr. West Harriss died at his home near this place on last Tuesday, in the 78th year of his age. that place and proved to be an affair | Four men voted in Hickory Mountain township at the last election, whose

united ages amounted to 349 years and

all voted the straight Democratic The large hall, where the dance took | ticket. Their names and ages are as follows: Samuel B. Perry 90 years old, A. S. Dowd 88 years, Oliver Mc-Math 87 years and Hugh W. Peoples 84 years. - Favetteville Observer: A white woman named Bettie Jones, was found on the edge of the Buxton woods, on Wilmington road Tuesday, in a semi-drunken state, with a great gash cut across her face. She was carried to her home near by and it is said she will recover. She refuses to tell how she was there or who cut her. It is

said that there was a number of wo-

men and men drinking in the woods

and soon became engaged in a gener-

of the victims too badly hurt to get - Washington Progress: The truck crop next year will be larger than usual. Much preparation has lready been made for this crop. Fall crop of Irish potatoes is the finest ever known in this section. - The farmers in this section of the State are in better condition than we have ever known them. A good crop was raised and fair prices obtained. More debts have been liquidated and more improvements made than usual. Farm lands are bringing better prices and town property brings a hundred per cent, more than it did only a few

years ago.

near the Mississippi line, have been sold to a syndicate of New York Massachusetts and Wisconsin capitalists headed by F. R. Webber, of Bos ton. The price paid was in excess of

Sixty-five thousand acres of timber

lands lying in Northwest Alabams

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