per cent. to the interest earnings of his investment. A guaranteed 16 per cent. investment is something which the capitalist would eagerly avail himself

of—and search for in vain. This, how-ever, is what is offered to the subscrib-

ng employes of the Steel Corporation

under the plan referred to. The provision for the security of the returns

This scheme reaches every man

in the employment of the steel cor-

poration or its subsidiary compa-

nies, from the man who picks or

shovels in a mine or fires the furn-

ances to the salaried man drawing

his \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year, the

preference and the favors being

shown to the smaller wage-earners.

It would not be reasonable to sup-

pose that the more thrifty of this

corporation's employes would not

take advantage of such an opportu-

nity to identify themselves with

such an organization and reap, the

benefit of its prosperity and good

management, the prosperity which

is so largely the result of his labor.

Every sensible employe will realize

the advantages of this, for while he

is earning his regular wages, as

much or more, perhaps, than he re-

ceives now, he will be drawing divi-

dends on the profits arising from

that labor and interest on the stock

he holds. It will also be an incen-

tive to more cheerful labor and to

more interested and faithful ser-

The present stockholders will not

scheme will render in securing and

holding the best class of labor, in

bringing about more harmony be-

tween employer and employed, and

the long stride it will be in the way

of preventing misunderstandings

and averting strikes. It is hardly

expected that all of the 168,000 men

employed by the corporation and its

subsidiary companies will become

stockholders, for there are doubtless

many of them of the class who

spend their wages as fast as they

earn them, but the better and more

thrifty class will, and that is the

The probabilities are that if a

profit-sharing system had been

adopted in the Pennsylvania anthra-

cite mines there would have been no

strike last Spring, no eight months

of idleness and disorder, nor mil-

lions upon millions of dollars lost,

and no suffering for coal as there

and towns of the Atlantic States.

If this scheme succeeds, and there

is no reason to doubt that it will, it

will be an example that will be fol-

lowed by other organizations em-

ploying many people, and then a

long step will be taken in the di-

irection of solving the trust pro-

blem, or at least of making the

trusts less odious. It was some-

thing of this kind perhaps that

Judge Grosscup, of Chicago, had in

view when in the Nebraska Universi-

ty address he spoke of the necessity

of popularizing the trusts by bring-

ing them closer to the people and

becoming identified with them. This

scheme of the U.S. steel company

is semewhat on that line, the dif-

ference being that it gives the pref-

erence to those whose labor makes

BEEF AND COAL.

Whereas. The tariff duties upon

beef and coal, by assisting the extor-

tions of monopoly or impeding relief

from them, have proved a serious

hardship for our people; and Whereas, Such abundant evidence

is easily accessible to Congress that in-

vestigation need not cause delay in the

removal of this hardship; therefore,

Resolved, That, as American citizens,

we ask that the tariff duties on beef

Resolved, That even if the consider-

ation of tariff duties in general be

postponed we urge that an exception

be made in the case of these duties

upon beef and coal, and that they be removed and those articles placed on the free list at the present session of

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each United States

lenators and members of the Nations

When President Roosevelt sent

his message to Congress he urged

the free list, where it is nominally,

but he was silent on bituminous coal

and on meats. Some one in the House

of Representatives promptly intro-

duced a bill to carry out the

President's recommendation, but

that bill is still in committee and

anthracite is still on the dutiable

There is not a city or town on the

Atlantic coast which isn't paying an

enormously high price for meats,

solutions were adopted,

and coal be now removed

House of Representatives.

its profits.

advice and leadership.

ail to realize the service such

promised is apparently ample.

NO. 11

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE. \$222222222222222 \$22222222222222 2222222222222222 2222222222222222 222222222222222222 8888888888888888 ~22222222222222 232222222222222 2222222222222222 ************* 88888888888888888 828888888898888 38888888888888888

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

A GOOD SCHEME.

The finance committee of the U. S. Steel Trust has devised a scheme of profit-sharing with its employes, which will make any of them who want to become such stockholders and sharers in the profits of the organization. It is said that the details of the scheme were worked out by George W. Perkins, chairman of the board of finance, and is so constructed as to make the acquisition of the stock by the employes an easy matter, while they are secured from loss in the event they leave the company's service, be taken sick, meet with accident, or anything else prevents them from complying with the con-

The plan for buying stock and making subscriptions is divided into two parts, thus:

Part 1 prescribes that from the earnings of the corporation during 1902 000, and as much more as is needed. for the purchase of at least 25,000 shares of preferred stock, which will be offered to employes of the corporation and constituent companies. At present the corporation and sub sidiary companies employ about 168, 000 men, whom it is proposed to diwide into these six classes according to the sal ries paid:

Class A will include all those who receive salaries of \$20,000 a year or

Over. Class B, \$10,000 to \$20 000 a year. Class C, \$5,000 to \$10,000. Class D, \$3,500 to \$5,000. Chiss E, \$800 to \$2 500.

Claus F will include all those who receive salaries of \$800 a year or less. The preferred stock will be offered to any employe during January at 82 50 a share. Its closing price Jan. 1

Employes can subscribe for an amount of stock not exceeding the sum represented by a certain percentage of their annual salaries, as shown in this

Chass A, 6 per cent.; B, 8 per cent. C, 10 per cent.; D, 12 per cent.; E, 18 per cent. ; F, 20 per cent. In part 2 of the plan it is explained that the corporation has been and is

now making changes in the salaries of men occupying official or semi-official positions, and the directors have approved these recommendations of the figance committee: If \$80,000,000 and less than \$90,000,-000 is earned by the corporation dur-

ing 1903, 1 per cent, shall be set aside; if over \$90,000,000 and less than \$100, 000,000 is earned, 1.2 per cent.; if \$100,-000,000 and less than \$110,000,000, 1.4 per cent.; if \$110,000,000 and less than \$120,000,000, 1.6 per cent.; if \$120,000,-000 and less than \$130,000,000, 1.8 per ceut.; if \$130,000,000 and less than \$140,000,000, 2 per cent.; if \$140,000,-000 and less than \$150,000,000, 21 per cent.; if \$150,000,000 and less than \$160,000,000, 21 per cent.

There are at present about 55,000 stockholders in the corporation, and it is proposed to give the 168,000 employes an opportunity to become stockholders if they desire to avail themselve of it. How the profits are determined and the conditions upon which the stock is issued to employes are thus stated;

The question of what constitutes profits is to be determined entirely by the finance committee, whose members, it is stated, will have no interest in the profit-sharing plan. If \$80,000. 000 is earned in the coming year,\$300, 000 will be set aside, one half to be dis tributed in cash quarterly, the other half to be reserved until the end of the year; invested in preferred stock; the stock thus purchased to be divided onehalf to employes entitled to it, the other half to remain with the treasurer of the corporation Each shareholder is to receive a certificate for his inter-

est containing these provisions:
First—That if he remains continu ously in the service of the corporation or of one or another of its subsidiary companies for five years the stock shall be delivered to him and he may do as

Second-That if he dies or become totally and permanently disabled while in the employ of the corpora tion or of one or another of its subsidiary companies the stock will be delivered to his estate or to him.

Third-That he can draw the divi lends declared on the stock while it is held for his account and he remains in one or another of its subsidiary com-

Fourth—That if without previous consent voluntarily he shall have quitted the service of the corporation or of its subsidiary companies he shall forfelt all right to the stock, and in such case it will be held in a fund which at the end of five years will be distinct a manner and amployees as shall that anthracite he put actually on divided among such employes as shall ha e complied with all the conditions.

The gist of the scheme is thus given and made plain in an editorial in the New York Times:

The various classes of employees are permitted to subscribe to the preferred stock of the corporation at the upset price of 82.50, and as these shares bear 7 per cent. dividends, the interest guaranteed is equivalent to a little less than 81 per cent. on the investment. The subscriber may pay for the stock he takes within three years, meanwhile | and not one which is not suffering | ing.

drawing dividends, and if he choose from a shortage of fuel, and is not compelled to pay extraordinary high he can have back what he has paid in and keep the difference between the 5 per cent. charged on de-ferred paymenss and the 7 per cent. earned by the stock. The salaried or wage-earning stockholder who will hold his stock for five years and anprices for which it can get, while if | Sweeping Recommendations to Legislature the tariff embargo was removed there would be a better supply of both meats and coal, and the prices would come down accordingly. And nually during that period exhibit it, with evidence that he has remained yet the statsemen who are under obcontinuously in the employ of the cor-poration and shown a proper interest ligations to the trusts dally and let in its welfare and progress, shall re-ceive a bonus in the shape of a check for \$5 per annum per share for each share he thus holds while continuously employed, and will thus add nearly 7

people suffer. Across the line, in Mexico, there was a shortage of corn the year before last and a shortage of wheat last year. As soon as this became known and there was a dispositioff shown to increase the price, the tarin was suspended, that impediment to importation removed, the speculators checkmated and the people saved from extortion. In this respect, as far as protecting the people goes, they do things better in Mexico, although we are inclined to look patronizingly upon Mexico as the less enlightened and progressive country.

THE PENITENTIARY.

The penitentiary of this State has been more or less of an elephant on the hands of the people ever since it was established, and the problem was what to do with it, and how to make it self-sustaining. As an improvement upon hiring the convicts out to railroad builders and others, to which there was more or less objection, farms were bought and leased, but even that didn't solve the problem for the farms had to contend against the fickle reasons and the management, which was not always of the most competent kind, and sometimes not of the trusty kind. As a general thing, however, we have not had much more trouble with our convict problem than other States have had, for it is a troublesome one in all.

Several of the Southern States have followed the example set by this State, and have either pur chased or leased farms, upon which the convicts are worked with satisfactory results, as reported.

But the present management of the penitentiary seems not only to have solved the problem of making it self-supporting, but of making a respectable balance to its credit. During the previous administration the expenses aggregated \$450,000. Under the administration for the past two years \$260,000. It cost the previous administration \$190,-000 more to run it than it has cost the present management. The net class to which the others look for earnings for the past two years have been \$40,288.44, every claim against the institution has been paid, in addition to land leases and improvements that cost several thousand dollars. It is now out of debt, starts the new year with a clean balance sheet, and it is to be hoped that the board of directors which has done so well with it will has been and now is in the cities be able to make as good a showing in its next report.

A Butte, Montana, man who recently visited his old home in Senaca Falls, N. Y., butted up against a whole lot of trouble before he got there. He dreamed that if he started on Friday he would have a rough time, but he did start on Friday and he had the roughness. On the way to the depot his horse ran away, threw him out and bruized him up. The train on which he travelled was wrecked and he was cut in the head. In St. Paul he slipped on the sidewalk and sprained an ankle. In Chicago he got a telegram announcing the death of a brother. In Cleveland he struck his head on a car wheel and was laid up for a week. In Buffalo he cut himself with a knife, had his watch stolen, and got into a fight. Now he can hardly be At a rattling big meeting in Bos. persuaded to go to breakfast on Friton a few days ago the following re- day.

> Tests have been made in Mississippi of a cotton picking machine, which it is said picks 97 per cent. of the lint, but the objection to its work is that it picks too much other stuff with the cotton. But the inventor hopes to remedy this and make it more discriminating in

One of the banks in New York will erect a building 25 stories high, which will be 327 feet from the street to the level of the roof. It will be, it is claimed, the highest building in the world, counting from a sealevel.

The wheat crop of this country was about 100,000,000 bushels less last year than the year before, but the corn crop was about twice as large as that of 1901.

The State of New Jersey looks apon Trusts, &c., as "beneficent institutions." She got last year \$4,-000,000 in taxes and fees from those she chartered.

Missouri's corn-ucopia is pretty full this year. She leads in the production of corn, Iowa coming which are controlled by the Trust, next, Kansas and Nebraska follow-

STATE EDUCATIONAL APPAIRS.

by State Superintendent.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 3.-State Su-

perintendent Joyner made public his report and recommendations to the Legislature to-day. Briefly stated, the most important recommendations are as follows: To insure the erection of better school houses, require new houses to be constructed in accordance with plans adopted by county boards and approved by the State Superintendent. To authorize county boards to set aside for building, improving and equipping school houses as much as twenty-five per cent. of the total school fund annually. To authorize the State Board of Education to use, under such regulations as they may adopt, funds in their hands from the sale of State lands, etc., in build-ing and improving school houses in districts that are least able to build for themselves. To allow an appropria-tion of not more than \$200 by one county for a teachers' institute to continue four weeks or more. To con-solidate seven colored normal schools into three strong ones. To continue the special appropriation of \$200,000 for four months' school terms. To provide for the employment of at least five deputy State superintendents to aid in the work of State supervision, at a salary of \$1,250 and expenses. To require county boards of education to pay railroad fare of county superintendents attending annual meetings of the State Associations. To prohibit the employment in cotton mills of children under twelve years and children under fourteen, who cannot read and write. To continue the special appropriation of \$5,000 for the establishment of rural libraries and to make a reasonably additional appropriation for maintenance and enlargement of those heretofore estab-

President Winston's report of the . & M. College was also filed to-day, showing 450 students. He says he would have a thousand if he had room and asks for a \$50,000 Agricultural building and for an appropriation to cover the indebtedness for rebuilding Watauga Hall and the Pullen build-Lee S. Overman, C. B. Watson and

Locke Craige each have opened headquarters at the Yarborough ready for tne senatorial contest. Quite a num-ber of members of the Legislature are arriving, ready for the opening of the

RALEIGH NEGROES "RESOLUTE."

Emancipation Celebration-Supreme Court

Justices Sworn In. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 1.-In a series of resolutions adopted by the negroes in celebrating Emancipation day here, while the people are urged to cease from mob violence and subdue a growing tendency to mob negroes, regard less of who is in the wrong, the decla ration is made that since the adoption of the constitutional amendment mot violence has increased. "In the eastern part of the State," says the resolu tion, "we note since their disfranchise ment that several negroes have been shot down in cold bloom by parties known but who are still unwhipped of justice. We note also that Jim Crow cars are unequal, ill-kept, and frequently used as drinking places by white men ashamed to handle the bottles in their own cars." President Roosevelts policy in behalf of equal civil and political rights to all classes is commended and it is ordered that President Roose velt be sent a copy of the resolutions as the sentiment of negro citizens of

North Carolina. The oath of office as Chief Justice of of the North Carolina Supreme Court was administered to Judge Walter Clark to-day by Wm. Russ, clerk of Wake Superior Court. Associate Justices H. G. Connor and Platt D. Walker were sworn in at their respective homes, Wilson and Charlotte.

A KILLING AT ROCKINGHAM.

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Accidentally Sho by Henry Dockery, Jr., His Cousin. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. U., January 5 .- At

Rockingham, Richmond county, today James LeGrand was accidentally shot and instantly killed by Henry Dockery, Jr. They were returning from a bird hunt and stopped to rest in a field on the edge of town, planning for the next day's hunt. Dockery tripped backward, became unbalanced, and it is supposed he clutched his gun in a movement to balance himself. Both barrels were discharged, the loads taking effect in LeGrand's neck, causng instant death. LeGrand was the dest son of the late James T. Le-Grand, and was about 16 years of age. He was at home from Trinity High School for the holidays. The boys were first cousins.

N C. SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

Recommendations to Legislature—Special Term of Lenoir Court-Raieigh News.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—The sixth biennial report of the North Carolina school for Deaf and Dumb at Morganton was presented to the Governor today. It shows an attendance of 237. with an average cost of \$180 per child. Recommendations are made that the maintenance fund be increased \$7,500. making \$47,500, and that \$2,500 be alowed for permanent improvements.

ride a school for the feeble-minded. Gov. Aycock to-day issued a commission to Judge E. B. Jones, of Wins ton, to hold a special civil term of Lenoir county court, January 12. The Secretary of State issued a charter to-day to the E. S. Chesson Mercantile Co., of Elizabeth City, capital \$25,000.

It is urged that the Legislature pro-

Gardner & Lacey fiad a Pire.

A special from Georgetown, S. C. dated Jan. 1st, says: "A destructive fire visited the large lumber plant of Gardner & Lacey early this morning. entirely destroying the planing mills. The plant is over the river on a penin-sular and, as no vessels had on steam at the hour, the fire engines could not get to the flames. Splendid work was done by the department, however, and the flames were subdued, but not before they had destroyed property worth \$10,500, on which there was insurance amounting to \$6,000."

MYSTERIOUS NAME PLATE.

Squabble in Manicipal Circles as to Which Committee Shall Have Credit for Pifth Street Bridge.

That was an interesting bit of municipal gossip that was going the rounds of the street corners yesterday and the reporter craves the pardon of those interested, while a smile is suppressed and just the least amount of detail is given. The pride of an Alderman is pro-

verbial and sometimes leads to interesting complications. Not a long while ago, when the contract for the new iron bridge over the railroad at Fifth street was about to be let, there was a squabble on the then-constituted Board of Aldermen of Wilmington as to which committee should be in charge of the matter. Finally, the controversy drifted into personalities-very ugly little flings-and one committee was even charged with wanting authority because the names of its members would appear on a plate with that of the mayor and contractor, and be attached to the structure as a perpetual token of their services Things drifted from bad to worse and finally Aldermen Frank Maunder, Louis Skinner and Geo. Harriss, who then constituted the "Special Bridge Committee," resigned from the Board. Nothing more was heard of the matter and the Streets and Wharves Committee took charge of the construction of the bridge. The contract had in the meantime gone to the builders and when the material for the structure arrived a short time agosad to relate—the names of the "Special Bridge Committee" were on the plate with that of Mayor Waddell and the

Now the interesting part of the story comes to light. That plate, bearing the names of the ex-Aldermen, is said to have disappeared from the rest of the material and found its way to some place where, it came to the ears of the Mayor, certain alterations were being made upon it. Then the Mayor "took a hand." Chief of Police Furlong was summoned and commissioned to forth- | tion with find that plate. That he did, but he refuses to be interviewed on the matter in any of its details and an also commissioned to keep an eye on the bridge and see that none but the original, the only original plate, appears thereon. The Chief has his weather eye with him and thus endeth the chapter.

contractor.

This is a story of the mysterious disappearance of a name plate or the wounding of an Alderman's pride.

SENSATION AT KINSTON, N. C.

Villiamston Authorities Ask for Arrest of Prominent Travelling Salesman. [Special Star Telegram.]

KINSTON, January 1 .- A telegraphic equest from Williamston, N. O., officials to officials here to arrest R. L. Gardner for seduction and murder, created a sensation here this morning. Gardner was a travelling salesman, widely known in Eastern Carolina. and made Kinston his headquarters. He represented Jeffreys & Shelton, of Richmond, Va. A gentleman here saw Gardner in Richmond on Sunday last at the Murphy Hotel, and was told by Gardner that he would leave that evening for Beaumont, Texas. Par-ticulars are meager, but it is learned that Gardner's victim was a young woman prominently connected at Wi liamston and that her death, which occurred on the 21st of December, was due to the effects of medicine taken, supplied by Gardner. Gardner is about five feet eight inches high, of slender build, and weighs about 140 pounds. He is cleanly shaved, has augheng blue eyes, and is of pleasing

SUBSCRIBERS EMPLOYED COUNSEL

Fight Against Advance of Sewerage Rates Will Be a Very Warm One.

The committee of original subscri bers in charge of the fight against an advance in rates by the Wilmington Sewerage Company yesterday employed Messrs. Marsden Bellamy and George Rountree to advise them in regard to the legal aspect of the question and to carry the matter into the courts, if need be, for final adjudica-

Death Near Wrightsboro Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, wife of Mr. J. H. Johnson, a well known citizen living near Wrightsboro, died at 11:45 o'clock yesterday morning after a two week's illness with fever. Mr. Johnson was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Chadwick and a young woman of many noble and admirable virtues. She leaves a sorely bereaved husband, two little sons and a daughter, the old. est being five years of age. The funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning from Acorn Branch church by Rev. Y. E. Wright, of Scott's Hill, and the remains will be interred in the family burying ground.

Death in Pender County. Miss Bertha Stokes, the young daughter of Mr. Wiley Stokes, of Holly township, Pender county, died yesterday, aged 18 years. She had been ill with consumption for a long time and her death, while not unexpected. was a great shock to friends. Mr. J. W. Burton came down to the city last

the remains. - The Florence Times says the A. C. L. has recently decided to raise the salary of the track foreman from \$40 to \$45 per month, in response to the request of the brotherhood of railway track foremen and that increase went into effect Jan. 1st.

HOSPITAL WANTS FUNDS.

Managers of James Walker Institution Make Appeal for Larger Appropriation from City and County.

The following card issued to the public by the managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital will be read with interest: To the Public. . The Board of Managers of the The

James Walker Memorial Hospital submit the following statement in con-nection with that Institution: When Mr. Walker decided to build the Hospital, and present it to this community, there was one phase of the matter which gave him much anxious thought, and that was the fear that the money necessary for operating expenses might not be forthcom ing. To make sure as far as possible he called for a meeting, at which were present the Mayor and Aldermen, the Board of County Commissioners and many of the heaviest tax-payers of the city. At this conference it was finally decided that \$8,000 a year should be set apart for permanent maintenance -the city to contribute two-fifths and

Considerable doubt was expressed a the time whether this sum was enough and several of those present at the meeting were in favor of a larger appropriation, but finally consented thave \$8,000 named in the charter as minimum, with the understanding that if this sum was insufficient for keeping the Hospital up to modern standards then the faith of the meeting was pledged to see that the neede amount should be secured.

the county three-fifths.

The present Board of Manager have given their best efforts to the ad ministration of the affairs of the hospi tal. They have felt that the magnifi cent gift of Mr. Walker should supported in a manner creditable to our city and county and in such a way as would show that the community appreciated the act of the generous benefactor. The management have, therefore, not been parsimonious, and at the same time have done their best not to be extravagant or authorize any needless expanditure.

We believed it was the desire of th people of New Hanover county that the institution which administered to the institution which administered to the wants of the sick and suffering in this city.

Other real estate transfers in this which animated its generous donor. The past year has demonstrated that the present standard of efficiency cannot be maintained on the appropria-

where we must at once secure an additional appropriation or impair its service. The Board of Managers are anxious public must wait until the not willing to incure a debt, looking Board meets Monday night. He was to the future to secure funds to can-It is their object in this communication to place the matter before the pub-

lic, so that every one may be informed, and then make application to the proper authorities for an increase in the present appropriation. The hospital belongs to the people and ought to be fully supported through taxation until some other method is found. Respectfully,

Walter G. Mckar, (president); W. H. Sprunt, (vice president); Chas. P. Bolles, (secretary); W. J. H. Bellamy, Saml. Bear, Jr., M. J. Corbett, DeWitt C. Love, Geo. R. French, M. S. Willard, managers.

PRETTY WEDDING AT DUNN, N. C.

Mr. T. H. McNelli, Formerly of This City,

Married Christmas Eve. The numerous friends in this city of Mr. Thomas H. McNeill, formerly of Wilmington, but now editor of the Democratic Banner, of Dunn, N. C., will be interested in the announcement of his marriage, which took place in the parlors of the Oates Hotel at 7:30 o'clock Christmas eve.

The bride was Miss Bertha Gerald, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gerald, late of Kansas City, and the ceremony was performed in a beautiful manner by the Rev. W. B. Morton in the presence of a party of friends, among whom were Mr. A. B. Harold with the bridegroom, Misses Annye Harper and Ora Wilson with Messrs. C. R. Young and A. L. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Privett and Miss Viola McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson.

After the ceremony the company re paired to the home of the groom's father, Mr. H. C. McNeill, where a delightful reception was held. On the following evening a reception was given the bride and groom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Privett, the last named being a sister of the groom.

The Deadly Toy Pistol. In several Virginia and North Carolina cities the large "cannon" crackers were placed under a ban during the holidays. In the supposedly harmless toy pistol a much more dangerous substitute has been found. Seven boys have died in Norfolk from toy pistol injuries followed by lockjaw. The mayor has issued an order to the poice for the immediate confiscation of all toy pistols. Ten boys have died in North Carolina and one in Richmond. from the same cause. Two boys are in a critical condition in Petersburg. In Wilmington a number of boys were injured, but none of the cases has as yet proved fatal.

Land Entry in the Country. By patent recorded yesterday at the office of the Register of Deeds, John D. Sidbury enters a tract of land containing 465 acres in Cape Fear township on the east side of Island Creek and bounded by the lands of E. Pick-ett, F. M. Foy and others. The patent is signed by Governor Charles B. Avcock and Secretary of State Bryan Grimes.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED.

Accident on the N. & W .- Pireman Killed and Engineer Injured. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROANOKE, VA., January 3 .- While running twenty miles an hour, near Bedford City to-night, the boiler of the locomotive on the second evening for a casket in which to inter section of passenger train No. 4 on the main line of the Norfolk and Western railway exploded, killing Fireman C. E. Gill, of Roanoke, and injuring Engineer J. H. Myers, also of Roanoke, so badly that he may die from his injuries. Besides a severe shaking up, no one of the passengers was injured, and the trainmen, with the exception of Gill and Myers, escaped unhurt.

PITTSBURG LUMBER COMPANY

Bonds to Amount of \$50,000 Floated fo Purpose of Extending and Maintain-

isg Already Large Business.

By an instrument filed for record yesterday at the Court House, dated Dec. 1st, 1902, the Pittsburg Lumber Company, by authority granted at deed of trust to the People's Savings Bank, of this city, securing an issue of \$50,000 in bonds of the first named corporation and covering all the property of the Pittsburg company, including real, personal or mixed, as well as all rights and franchises now owned or that may hereafter be acquired by the lumber company. The bonds are one hundred in number of the \$500 denomination and bear five per cent. interest pavable semi-annually. The conditions to the deed of trust

least, the sum of \$35,000, with loss, if any, payable to the People's Savings of the Havana species can be raised. Bank and shall insure also against legal liability in damages for personal njuries sustained by any employe from negligence in operation of its plant and business, in at least the sum of \$5,000. The deed also contains a provision for a sale of any part or the whole of the property upon an equitable basis, if so desired, and also provides machinery for action in case any default shall be made in the payment of principal or interest on the bonds. which mature Dec. 1st, 1912. The deed is signed by M. D. Hays, president, and William B. Hays, secretary, of the Pittsburg Lumber Company, with acceptance of the trust by H. C.
McQueen, president, and F. W. Dick,
cashier, of the People's Saving Bank.
The money to be raised is for the purpose of extending and maintaining the already large and profitable lumber business of the Pittsburg company

connection were made yesterday as to Pittsburg Lumber Co., for \$1,250, a was accidentally discharged." parcel of land on the west side of the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, about three-eighths of a mile north of the railroad bridge. burg Lumber Co., to Col. Thos. Evans and wife for \$250, a parcel of land on the west side of the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, one mile above the railroad bridge.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Statesville Landmark: Col. R. Abernethy, of Ocean View farm, is devoting his attention to fine stock of all kinds. Among his Jersey cattle are a grandson and granddaughter of Pedro, a Jersey bull that sold a few years ago for \$1,000.

- Winston Republican: This month Mt. Airy will vote on the issuing of \$50,000 in bonds for water works. The opinion is that the proposition will be carried. - The 'Lily White Club," a colored organization, was raided by the police during the holi-days and found to be a veritable gam-bling den. The managers submitted and were heavily fined.

- Louisville Times: Wm. Allen, colored, who lives about 4 miles from town, finished his coffin on December 19th, 1902. Sixteen years ago, he says he owed \$2,800 and prayed for his life to be spared until he could pay this off, and now he is ready to die. He is 66 years old. He owns 3 horses and plantation and is prosperous.

- Durham Sun: A most distressng accident occurred near Yates' Chapel Wednesday, in which a boy by the name of Will Davis, was shot and killed by Bud Daniel. The two boys were rabbit hunting. Daniel was in front and had a gun upon his shoulder. The gun in some manner became discharged and the whole load entered Davis' breast, killing him almost instantly

- Asheboro Courier: In cleaning up the court house by the janito since the installation was found a large roll of Judge Boyd's charge to the Federal Court grand jury in October 1902. It will be remembered that this charge of a judge on the bench was printed in circular form with large scareheads of "Federal Court's Auhority Over State Elections; Vote Juaranteed to all Races Alike." etc. t is probably the first time and the only time in the history of this or any other State that the charge of a judge f any court was used as a campaign

- McDowell Democrat: The one sad incident which marred the otherwise pleasant festivities of Christmas day in Marion was the tragic death of John McCall. At about 2 o'clock P. M. he walked up Main street, speaking pleasantly to several acquaint ances as he went along. When he reached Mr. Thomas' bar he went in there and passing behind a screen he drew a revolver and shot himself through the head. He must have died instantly as Dr. Morphew, who was quickly in attendance, nounced life extinct. No cause other han that of despondency from continued ill health can be assigned for

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TRANS-CONTINENTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Solid Double Daily Service from New Orleans to San Francisco-Traffic Al-

liance Between Prisco and S.A.L.

NEW ORLEANS, January 3.-A big hange in the method of handling trans-continental passenger traffic via the New Orleans gateway will go into effect to-morrow morning, when all trains of the Southern Pacific will cross the Mississippi river from the Illinois Central depot, giving a solid double daily service from New Orleans to San Francisco, The Frisco system, which has just announced its intention of entering New Orleans, and for which over \$1,000,000 has been expended in city property for terminals,, is also likely to operate a meeting of the stockholders at Wil- from the new terminals and the Queen mington on Nov. 24th, 1902, filed a and Crescent practically closed its arrangements with the Illinois Central to do the same.

The 'Frisco thas published its charter in Louisiana and five weeks ago published it in Mississippi, and it is currently believed that the Yoakum road will enter the city both by the west and the east, very little construction being necessary to do either. It is also suggested that the 'Frisco and Seaboard Air Line may enter into a traffic alliance for handling eastern business to New Orleans, the 'Frisco and Seaboard Air Line connecting at Birmingham.

G. N. Coffey, of the United States Department of Agriculture said here are that the company will keep the buildings, machinery and fixtures of just begun operations in tobacco lands the plant insured against fire in at the department to develop a tobacco country where it is said a fine grade

DYING IN A HOSPITAL.

Miss Bessle Palmer, Who Was Shot by Miss Elsie Barrett, in Chicago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, Jan. 3. - Miss Bessie Palmer, shot yesterday by Miss Elsie Barrett, was reported dying at the hospital to-day. Miss Barrett is under

Miss Palmer, known on the stage as Mile. Anits, is quoted as saying that Miss Barrett having returned home at 2:80 A. M., to the flat they occupied together, noticed in the parlor a promi nent physician, who, Miss Palmer said, had been treating her. Miss Barrett upbraided the actress for "having such late company," and Miss Palmer responded sharply. Then, Miss Palmer said, Miss Barrett shot her, the bullet severing the jugular

pillow," said Miss Barrett to-day. "In follows: Ool. Thos. Evans and wife shifting it from one side to the other it

PEOPLE BADLY PRIGHTENED.

Another Pall of Earth at Olyphant, Pa. Other Buildings Endangered. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 3.—Just before noon to-day another fall of earth enlarged the big cave-in at Olyphant and removed over half of the support from peneath the Evans building, which stands on the corner of the cavity made by yesterday's cave-in. The louse projects far over the cave and it is feared that it will be swallowed up. Several large cracks have appeared on the surface of adjacent property and the feeling of security which prevailed at daybreak has given way to one of alarm.

The Delaware and Hudson Company has built a switch to the edge of the cavity and is dumping hundreds of car loads of ashes into the big hole. It will take about a week to fill it even if t does not become enlarged. There is imminent danger that three other ouildings will disappear and the residents of the town are badly frightened.

KILLED HIMSELF.

Jas. H. Robin, President of a Bank at Silverton, Colorado.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star SILVERTON, COLO., Jan. 3.-The body of James H. Robin, president and principal owner of the Bank of Silverton, which closed its doors yesterday, was found to-day three miles below town, with a bullet hole through the right temple. In his right hand was still clutched the revolver with which he had ended his life. His wife and three children are in England at

The bank which is a private corporation is said to have had deposits amounting to \$150,000 or more, and a report is current that Robin had borrowed large sums from the bank to arry on mining operations. He was nterested in the Iowa Tiger, Silver Lodge and Bird extension mining

DEADLY TOY PISTOL.

Pour More Patalities in Norfolk-Total So Par Thirteen Deaths.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star NORFOLE, VA., Jan. 3.-Four more lives were added to the long list of fatalities growing out of lockjaw produced by burns received from toy pistols during Christmas. This brings the total up to thirteen deaths and there are at least two cases which will result fatally.

One of those who died to-day was George Spencer, a seaman in the navy, twenty-five years old. He died at the naval hospital here. The others are John Turner, colored, nine years old; Lynn Walker, colored, five years old, and Leonard Drumgold, colored, eight years old.

PAYMASTER ROBBED

Held Up by Three Men-One of the Robbers Shot and Captured.

BUSSEY, IOWA, Jan. 8.—W. R. Sullivan, paymaster for the Bussey Coal Mine, near this place, was held up by Bussey, Iowa, Jan. 8.-W. R. Sul three robbers early to-day and robbed of \$1,800. After the robbers had obtained the money Sullivan secured a shot-gun and began firing at them.
One of the men was seriously wounded,
being shot in the face and arm. He
was captured and taken to Knoxville
for treatment. He refused to give his name. The other two robbers escaped with the money.

> - Graham Gleaner: Graham, during the year 1902, made fine ad-vancement in material advancement and in the growth of population. No other year in the history of the town, other year in the history of the town, we venture to say, has there been witnessed the building of more dwellings. During the time one cotton mill has been built and the work on another completed, and the capacity of another increased, and the progress in other lines has kept pace with the above. mantioned.