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that it is only the bad ones that need

anything he said after that decision

Yellowstone Park soon after that.

But the Advertiser doubtless cor-

rectly represents his views on this

they offended the trusts and are sur-

rendering to them to retain their

If the Supreme Court sustains the

decision of the Court of Appeals

then they will make a dead set on

Congress to modify the Sherman

act, to pull its teeth out, so to

speak, so that it could not hurt the

"good trusts," which means every

trust that has money or influence

But the Supreme Court may

modify that decision without re-

versing it by putting a less drastic

interpretation on some of its fea-

tures than the Court of Ap-

peals did, which would let the

trusts out of some of the restric-

tions they complain of. If it fails

to do this then their reliance will

be on Congress to get it to revamp

the Sherman law so as to make it a

practical nullity as far as the great

The trust people are not half as

badly flurried as some of them ap-

pear to be. They still have a grip

STUDYING AMERICAN METHODS

become a subject of keen interest

in every country with which this

country competes, and delegations

to study them have become the or-

the various leading industries of

England who spent some time here,

dividing among our manufacturing

centers, each studying the methods

in the particular industry in which

he and those who sent him were in-

terested. They seem to have made

pretty close and thorough investi-

gations, the results of which have

been given in comprehensive re-

While they found something to

condemn, they found much more

to commend, and the substance of

the conclusions arrived at was that

if Great Britain hoped to cope suc-

cessfully with this country commer-

cially, and as a manufacturer, she

must modernize her machinery and

Now we are to have a delegation

of fifty six German agriculturists

who will make a tour of this country

extending to the Pacific States,

taking in the fruit belt of the South,

and the industrial centers of the

country. The delegation will be

composed of a high order of men

representing the various branches of

production, such as grain, grasses,

vegetables, fruit growing, &c., datry-

ing, cattle raising, the slaughtering

and packing of meats, &c., and then

competing country such informa-

tion as they may find useful in help-

which to study object lessons, and

with a freedom and generosity

characteristic of the American, they

are afforded every facility, and

HURTING FLORIDA.

crop in Eastern North Carolina this

year has seriously cut down the

profits of the berry growers south of

us, even to Florida, because the

North Carolina berries got upon

the market before much of the crop

south of us had been marketed.

Times Union and Citizen says:

Speaking of this the Jacksonville

"North Carolina is in the berry

market," is the news that brings sad

ness to the minds of many Floridians.

But why not find other uses for the

berries left on our hands? How many

canned strawberries are bought in

Florida during the summer? How

much strawberry syrup do we con-sume at the soda fountains? Now,

could not our "waste" furnish extra

fine materials for these articles of

Florida consumption? It is waste

that keeps us poor; it is neglect of the

odds and ends that leaves the main

This is hard on the Florida berry

man, but we call attention to it be-

cause the remarks on the waste of

a few canneries of small proportions

but it would be safe to say that nine-

tenths of the surplus is left in the

made as profitable as the berries

first shipped and more profitable

A two-faced woman is one of the

first high prices.

The earliness of the strawberry

assistance in pursuing the study.

change her industrial methods.

American industrial methods have

on the Republican statesmen.

trusts are concerned.

enough to make itself felt.

to be held down, rather than from that the Pennsylvania anthracite

was rendered, for he plunged into a scientist arose and said this was

question, and when it comes up he years, and since then borings

will probably be in favor of touching have passed through 22 veins that

the trusts as lightly as possible, as have not been touched, and which

lightly as possible without arousing it is estimated would keep 6,000

public suspicion that they are sorry men at work for 200 years. It is

the Post Office at ... ilmtgton, N. C., as Second Class Matter.]

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

TRYING TO LET THE COMBINES

As might have been expected, the late merger decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a shock to some of the mergers, and took them by surprise, because they had hoped for something else, and that even if the decision went against them that it would not be anything like as far reaching as it is. The court seems to have construed the Sherman act literally, assumed that it meant all it said, and went further in deciding what it did mean. It was intended to be not only a prohibitory, but a preventive law, the same law that ex-Attorney General Griggs had pronounced practically a dead letter and nullity, useless in reaching and curbing trusts.

The complaint since this decision | der of the day. Not long ago we has been rendered is that it had a large delegation representing is too drastic and more sweeping than even those who appeal to it thought it was, drastic enough not only to prohibit combinations of competing lines of railroads, but combinations of any kind that would destroy competition, and create monopolies, which was undoubtedly the intention of the Sherman act, which was not so much to destroy trusts, for there were few in existence when that act was passed, not one to the hundred there are now, but to prevent them.

This is the view the judges of the court of appeals took of it in the decision which has apparently so much worked up the Trust people, and which ex Attorney General Griggs, who preceded Attorney General Knox, pronounces "revolutionary." Mr. Griggs is now a corporatiom attorney in New York.

It wasn't long after that decision was made public before he hastened to Washington to confer with the Attorney General to see if some way could not be devised to modify that decision, and let the combines down easy without driving them out of business. Exactly how that decision could be modified without the judges recalling it and saying they did not mean what they said, and that the language they used had a rather broad sweep; but the judges, who are supposed to have been in ing them meet the competition. full possession of their judicial wits They all find this a good country in when they weighed the law and came to the conclusions they did, could hardly be expected to revise their views to please the combines, even if Attorney General Knox were disposed to oblige Attorney Griggs. It is said that Attorney General Knox believes that the decision goes too far and while in conformity with the law believes the law should be revised and modified to meet present conditions, and hold down only the "bad trusts," which they talk about, the "bad trusts" being the exception, the good trusts

The Boston Advertiser, which believes in trusts, says this is the opinion of the President. In discussing the recent decision it says "it would make any big business arrangment of the last ten or fifteen years illegal," and then apparently speaking for the President, says:

"The President does not think this should be so. He says frankly that there are plenty of combinations in this country which are working out all right in the business world, and which ought not to be touched by the law. He says that there are goos trusts and bad trusts. He does not think that the law should be barsh upon a combination that was formed simply to reduce operating expensed | the surplus are as applicable to East-

"His idea is, then, that instead of wiping out all combinations that are florids, for our berry growers leave The steamer's bow was smashed in formed 'in restraint' of interstate commerce, as the courts now interpret that phrase, the law should be amended to say that all combinations that are in 'unfair,' or 'improper," or 'un-just' restraint of trade shall be wiped out. The St. Paul decision says that even where it can be shown that a railroad consolidation has resulted in lower charges and better service to the public, the anti-trust law applies fields, when if canned it might be now with just as much force as to a consolidation made admittedly to gouge the public. President Roose yelt does not think that this kind of a than much of that shipped after the law is sound or wise."

In assuming to speak for the President we presume the Advertiser was speaking more from his pub- attractions at the Newport News lished utterances on the trusts, carnival. Pshaw! You can find where he has said that there are two-faced women and men almost good trusts as well as bad trusts, and anywhere.

THE WEEKLY STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1903.

Expert Opinion As to Its Sanitary Condition and Affidavits of Employes.

Some time ago when it was stated

field would be exhausted in 60 years,

a great mistake, that there was

enough in the mines that have been

opened to last this country for 200

figured that they contain 300,-

000,000 tons, so that there is no

That New York preacher who re

signed his pulpit and opened a par

where he thought he could do more

good has given it up as a bad job.

He found that mixing drinks and

dispensing religion at the same

time didn't mix well. He will go

Having helped to knock out the big

Western railroad merger Assistant

Attorney General Black has resigned

of the biggest corporation law firms

in New York. His work in the

merger and some other cases was a

Governor Jennings, of Florids,

says that in his State, in some coun-

ties property is assessed for taxa-

tion at 90 per cent. of its value,

Count von Schwerin Loewitz's

scheme to form a Europeau com-

bine to protect the farmers from

American competition didn't pan

out at the International Agricultu-

ral Congress in Rome. They con-

cluded to shelve it until the next

Miss Taylor, the clerk in the War

Department at Washington who was

dismissed for criticising army mat-

ters and pluckily contested the right

of Secretary Root to remove her,

isn't caring much now. A rich

old uncle recently died and left her

It is said that dissolving a little

gelatin in milk will solidify the

milk so that it may be cut in blocks,

and does not injure, but rather

improves the milk. When the milk

purveyors catch on to this, maybe

they will give us our milk in chunks.

the flood volumes in the Mississippi

river by the construction of big

dams and reservoirs on the Missouri

river, as the British have done on the

One of the Missouri State Sena-

tors was gull enough to show seven

ment, and now they want him to ex-

Mr. Bryan says Senator Stone, of

Missouri would be an acceptable can-

didate for the Presidency. But so

far there seems to be no enthusias-

tic echo of that suggestion.

make biters sick.

couldn't get out.

Will Live in Fayetteville.

and greatly improved.

Steamers in Collision,

ing and cultivating. There may be | was carried away. The Atlantic came

Saturday.

Died in Savannah, Ga.

Fayetteville Observer: "Col. Peter

Mallett, of New York, has purchased

from Mr. W. W. Martin, the E. F.

Moore place on Haymount, and intends

months in the year here, and later on

will probably make this his home.

Favetteville will be delighted to wel-

come him back to his old home after

so many years absence, and his charm-

ing wife will receive no less cordial

welcome. The house will be remodeled

up to the city and went on the ways

Mr. W. B. Beery received a telegram

yesterday announcing the death of his

sister, Mrs. Katie Beery Garvin, at

her home in Savannab, Ga. She was

a daughter of Capt. W. R. Beery, of

this city, and a sister of Mr. W. B.

Beery, of Wilmington, and Mesers.

T. T. and S. H. Beery, of Savannah.

She leaves a husband and two small

sons Mr. W. B. Beery left last night

for Savannah to attend the funeral.

crisp \$1,000 bills after the adjourn-

dams and reservoirs.

they will carry back home from this | plain where and how he got them.

There is talk now of controlling

back to the ministry.

good advertisement.

Florida.

occasion for immediate alarm.

REPORTED TO JUDGE PEEBLES

Physicians of City Who Inspected Premises at Castle Haynes Compliment Officers in Charge-Superiatendent of Health's Report.

The STAR mentioned a few days ago that in view of the recent rather sensational reports made by the grand jury relative to the sanitary condition of the county convict camp, at Castle Haynes, that a Board of representative physicians of the city had gone out to the quarters to investigate the actual state of affairs and that the result of their investigation would be reduced to writing and a copy of the same furnished to the court with other documents tending to a fair statement of the case to all concerned. Saturday those papers were submitted to and will become a member of one Judge Peebles and he made an order that the clerk of the Superior Court place the same on file. The Commissioners reported to the court that it was not the policy of the present Board to reply to the reports of the grand jury, but to consider same and comply with the recommendations thereof as far as they deemed the public needs demanded; but in justice to those immediately in charge of the camp they desired to submit the report of the inwhile in others at not more than 20 restigation together with certain stateper cent., which he doesn't think ments and affidavits, which are as toting fair. That isn't confined to follows:

> Statement of W. H. Shearin, superintendent of the convicts, sworn and subscribed to before Jas. T. Riley, notary public, April 18th:
> "I have given no orders whatsoever from the time of the visit of the grand jury to that of the doctors' visit.

"The grand jury merely walked through the cells and did not raise a blanket or examine a bunk; just a superficial examination. "It is a compulsory rule that every prisoner bathe and change his clothes every Saturday under the supervision

of a guard. "I answered all questions asked by the grand jury. I suppose that they got some of their information from the prisoners, as I saw several whispered conversations. "In regard to card-playing: It is

against the rules of the camp, and there is positively none on Sunday. Boxing is not allowed. 'I go into the prison cells at least five times a week and examine bunks and closets carefully and have never gotten any vermin on me. "W. H. THEARIN."

Statement of Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health for the county and physician to the convict camp, ex officio. Wilmington, N. C., April 7th, 1908. To the Honorable Board of County

Gentlemen:-Complying with your request for a written statement of the saustary condition of the county convict camp, I will mention the facts in the case which will speak stronger han much talk or explanation. The quarters are roomy, well ventilated and comfortable. In damp, cold weather fires are used to dry the atmospheric dampness in "the place in Nile. But it would take lots of which the prisoners are confined at night." In bright weather the beds and bed clothing are aired in the sunshine. The sleeping quarters are swept every morning and sprayed with a preparation of formaldahide. They are scoured once a week with bichlo ride of mercury and sprinkled once. making two applications of bichloride each week. The straw in the bed ticks is changed about every six or eight weeks as circumstances indicate. There is no odor in the quarters. The per centage of sickness is much less among the prisoners than among the guard or citizens in the immediately surrounding neighborhood. Every reinforcement to the convict camp brings with them a new supply of ver min which takes a few days to exterminate. They are prolific and tena-cious to life, but bichloride of mercury

will kill them jout, and it is use Mr. Morgan talks about "undi-These facts need no comment. Cut gested securities." We don't know ting the present prison up into apartments will necessarily interfere with exactly what kind he means, but we circulation and ventilation, detriment suppose they are the kind that to its now good sanitary condition.

Respectfully,

W. D. MCMILLAN, M. D., Superintendent of Health. A Philadelphia newspaper man Statement of physicians who visited the camp and made a personal and exhas recently died at the age of 83 pert examination of the premises.
"We, the undersigned physicians years, still in the harness. He got tangled up in the harness and

paid a formal visit to the convict camp at Castle Haynes for the purpose o making a thorough inspection and are of the unanimous opinion that taking into consideration the facilities for handling the class of inmates confined in the institution, that everything is in a good sanitary condition. We inspected the pantry, dining room kitchen, drug room, women's and men's quarters and cells and found everything in good shape. Regarding vermin, we can say that the bedding was examined in the bunks and blankets from the bunks were carried into the yard, spread out and carefully examined for vermin and nothing was found except two lice, which, in our opinion, speaks well for an institution f this class where the the lowest class of humanity only are cared for. The frequent addition to the number of inmates, the majority of whom are The Atlantic Fisheries Company's totally devoid of any knowledge of personal cleanliness, would be sufficient steamer Atlantic was in collision to keep every part thoroughly infested with the government suction dredge but for the care and vigilance of those ern North Carolina as they are to site Bald Head, Friday afternoon. on Monday after seventy odd criminals had been confined in the cells from Saturday afternoon, the time that in the fields a very large portion of and a small hole was knocked in her we would naturally find everything at the crop from which they realize just behind the stem. The dredge's its worst and we can heartily con-gratulate the efficient Superintendent nothing after the expense of plant- suction pipe was broken and a davit

> sanitary condition we find them.
> A. H. HARRISS, M. D., JOSEPH AKERMAN, M. D., E. J. WOOD, M. D. Statement of Dr. T. S. Burbani relative to the sanitary condition of the camp, having visited the same be fore the report of the grand jury: Two days previous to the appearance of the adverse criticism of the grand jury in regard to the convict camp at Castle Hayne, by invitation of the Superintendent of Health and the superintendent of the camp, I visited the camp at Castle Hayne and made a thorough inspection thereof. I found

itary condition. Inspection of the kitchen and accessories, the drug de-partment, the mess room, found them all clean. All utenals were in thorough order and everything in its proper place and in as good condition as it was possible to make them. Visiting the cells, and dormitories, I inspected the cells, and dormitories, I inspected the floor, walls, ceiling, beds, and bed-ding, and several convicts, at that time confined therein on account of sickness, and found everything clean-ly and the persons of the convicts clean. I saw no evidence of verming on either the persons, clothes, or bed clothes of the convicts. The cells were clothes of the convicts. The cells were perfectly clean and no unpleasant order arising therefrom, and I think I can judge, as I spent over a half an hour in the locker. The food is good, wholesome, well cooked, cleanly served, and as good as any laboring man gets. Adding anything to the comgets. Adding anything to the comforts would be putting a premium on

Statistics show that since the present Statistics show that since the present administration have taken charge, the per cent. for sickness has been four or less. No death has occurred in the camp since under the charge of the present administration. Previously, their sickness was about twenty-five or thirty per cent, and several deaths occurred within the same length of time. As compared with the convict camps in other parts of North Carocamps in other parts of North Caroina, the sickness is more than seventyfive per cent. less.

(Signed.) THOS. S. BURBANK, M. D. In order to cover every possiable phase of the question, Chairman McEachern, Commissioner Holmes, Dr. McMillan and Mr. Jno. R. Turrentine, Jr., a notary public, yesterday visited the camp and the convicts at work on the Wrightsville turnpike, and the following affidavits which were attached to the papers, were

State of North Caroline, County of New Hanover. Personally appeared before me, George Dixon, a convict, who was sentenced for three years, commencing June 1901, who, being duly sworn, says that he has been keeping the camp for past several weeks and dur ing that time he has had no lice on him and that his duties required him

to go into the cells every day, make

up the beds and clean up said cells.

GEORGE DIXON. Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of April 1908. JNO. R. TURRENTINE, JR. Notary Public.

State of North Carolina,

County of New Hanover Personally appeared before me C T. Powell, who, being duly sworn says that he is night guard at Castle Haynes for the past several weeks that his duty requires him to enter the cells twice each day and examine the condition of the same, and that at no time has he seen or had any lice on him, and that the prisoners leave the cells at sunrise and return after sundown, and they are required to go to bed at 8 o'clock, and that no boxing or skylarking is allowed by the convicts; are allowed to sing and dance until bed time. And that he is required to go around the cells and ring

the bell every half hour. C. T. POWELL. Witness my hand and seal, this the

18th day of April, 1903.

JOHN R. TURRENTINE, JR., Notary Public.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover. Personally appeared before me, H. Hocutt, who, being duly sworn, says that he is foreman of the inmates of the convict camp at Castle Haynes, N. C., and his duty requires him to be with them during the day and to see that they are properly confined during the night, and visits and examines their cells not less than four times daily, and he has been doing said duty for the past six months, and during that time has had no lice or vermin on him; also under his personal supervision each prisoner is required to wash every Saturday unless excused by the doctor on account of sickness; that the white and colored prisoners are washed in different houses and with plenty of soap and water; that the clothes are changed weekly and the dirty clothes are washed and boiled and rinsed in a solution of bichloride of mercury, under the Super-intendent of Health's instructions; that all convicts in the camp go to work at sunrise and return from same at sundown and are required to go to their bed at 8 o'clock, but between the return to camp and going to bed and on rainy days and Sundays are allowed to sing and talk but positively no card-playing is allowed on Sundays, and that the white and colored are re-

quired to sleep in different sections of the cells. The cells are scalded and scoured with a solution of bichloride of mer-cury once a week. They are sprayed with a solution prescribed by the Superintendent of Health daily. H. HOCUTT

Witness my hand and seal this, the JNO. R. TURRENTINE, JR., Notary Public.

THE STATE ELECTION LAW.

Construction by Attorney General as to

Poll Tax Provision. [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N.C., April 18 .- Attorney General Gilmer made a ruling to-day that the language "for previous year" in the State election law means that an elector must have paid his 1902 taxes before he can vote in the municipal elections to be held in the various cities of the State in May. This question has been raised in several sections of the State, the contention being that payment of 1901 tax was all that was necessary.

Columbia Wedding. Friends in the city yesterday received handsomely engraved invitations bearing the following announcement: "Mr. William K. Duffie reof Health of New Hanover county for seeing that things are kept in the good quests the honour of your presence at the marriage of his sister, Eliza Bellamy, to Mr. James Spencer Verner, Wednesday afternoon, April twentyninth, pineteen hundred and three, at five o'clock, First Presbyterian church, Columbia, South Carolina." Miss Duffie is well' known and much admired by a wide circle of friends in Wilmington. Her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Bellamy, and Miss Ellen Bellamy left yesterday afternoon to be present at the wedding. Mrs. Warren S. Johnson left several days ago, also to attend the ceremony,

— Contractor John Williams will begin work this week on extensive improvements and additions to Col. K. M. Murchison's cottage on Wrights will beach. Two rooms will be added and a broad versuda will extend to attend the ceremony,

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THE SUPERIOR COURT

April Term of Two Weeks Was Adjourned Sine Die Saturday Afternoon.

APPEAL IN THE KIRVEN CASE.

Defendant Takes Sult Up This Time-All Other Matters on Civil Docket Continged Until May-Number of Judgments Were Signed.

New Hanover Superior Court ad-

journed Saturday afternoon after having been in session two weeks. The first part of the term was devoted to the trial of criminal cases and the second week was taken up almost exclusively with the trial of the Kirven suit, which was ended with a verdict for the plaintiff Friday night at 10 o'clock. The next term of court convenes on May 25th and will last for one week. Judge Geo. H. Brown, Jr., will preside and according to the present interpretation of the new act both civil and criminal cases will be tried. Judge Peebles made an order yesterday afternoon that all actions on the trial and summons dockets not disposed of at this term be continued until next term and that time be allowed to file pleadings in all cases where the same have not been filed.

When court opened Saturday morning the verdict in the Kirven suit was formally announced and defendant's counsel made a motion for a new trial on the ground "fully specified in the case on appeal." The motion was over-ruled. Defendant excepted and appealed to the Supreme Court. Notice of appeal was waived and bond was fixed at \$50; Sixty days was allowed appellant to make and serve case on appeal and sixty days after service was allowed appellee to serve counter-statement.

In the case of J. W. Monk vr. City of Wilmington, B. G. Empie, Esq., had lodged a motion on Monday to ake Thomas Kenan and wife partie plaintiff, but the motion having been resisted at that time, was continued until next term.

In the cases of John H. Gore, Jr. vs. DuBrutz Cutlar and John H. Gore, Jr., vs. DuBrutz Cutlar and Mechanics' Home Association, judgment was signed confirming sale pre-

viously made. In the civil suit of Frederick D. Thorns and wife vs. Samuel M. Jones, upon motion of counsel for plaintiff, the judgment signed at October term of court was stricken out by consent and judgment was otherwise given for the plaintiff.

Judgmento f the Supreme Court in the case of Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, vs. But. ters'Lumber Co., was entered upon the docket.

In the case of R. W. Hicks vs. C. A. Healey and wife, a motion of defendant dismissing the case and warrant of attachment was allowed, and the attachment and action upon both were dismissed.

In the case of John R. Kenly and W. W. Holliday vs. W. L. DeRosset, Jr., and others, judgment for plaintiff was given and J. O. Carr, Esq., was appointed to sell lands.

Judge Peebles added to his already great popularity with Wilmington people at this term. He will leave today for his home, and will ride the Raleigh district before holding court here again.

THE TOBACCO OUTLOOK.

Mr. Dodd Back from a Canvass of Adjoin ing Counties-The New Warehouse Now Nearing Completion.

Mr. James Dodd, manager of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company, returned to the city Thursday from a trip through Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties in North Carolins, and Horry county, South Carolina. He made the trip with a horse and buggy and called on 400 farmers who are cultivating tobacco this season.

Mr. Dodd says the farmers are about half through setting out tobacco plants and that so far they have a good stand, and there has been plenty of rain to give the plants a good start. He says the cold weather has not hurt the plants.

We are informed by Mr. Dodd that the farmers upon whom he has called will produce not less than 2,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, and that they expect to market their crop in Wilmington. In Brunswick county the acreage in tobacco this season will be about 300 acres, but in the other counties he visited large crops will be put

Mr. W. E. Glenn, the contractor, is making great progress in the con- city, president; Mr. J. S. Westbrook, struction of the warehouse, and ex- vice president, and Mr. A. L. Mcperts to complete it by May 20th. He Gowen, cashier. The directors are is now putting on the roof and the Messrs. T. Q. Hall, J. S. Westbrook, gang of counterfeiters. 14,000 feet of space on the sales floor will be without a pillar or post. The sales floor is 70 feet wide and 200 feet long. On either side of it- are driveways, each 30 feet wide and extending 200 feet along the sales floor. One hundred wagons can drive in on the average and be under cover at one

Contractor Glenn is making a capital job of the warehouse, and it will be an imposing building as to size.

EAST WILMINGTON SCHOOL Creditable Entertainment at Close of the Spring Term Priday Evening-Prize Essays on Intemperance.

East Wilmington public school

taught by Mr. S. V. Bowen, observed very creditable exercises upon the close of the term Eriday night. An interesting programme of songs, reciations, dialogues, tableaux, etc. was rendered and an interesting contest between the pupils for the best essay on the "Evils of Intemperance" was much enjoyed. A prize had been of fered by Mr. W. M. Cumming, of this city, for the best production, and it was earnestly striven for. The judges were Mr. W. H. Sprunt and his guest, Col. Gustaye Meglin, of Belgium, and they were so well pleased with the excellent manner in from 25 to 35 cars loaded with truck which the children acquitted themselves that they supplemented the cash prize offered by Mr. Cumming and to each of the essayists went a substantial reward for his or her effort.

The prizes were awarded in their order to the following: Della Edens, Melzar Pearsall, Lovie Mills, Bessie Mills, Esther Klein, Mary Riggs, Annie Webb and Willie Webb.

The judges spoke in most complimentary manner of the entertainment of the evening and Mr. Oscar Pearsall added a word of commendation for teacher and pupils alike; a vote of thanks upon his motion having been extended them for the creditable exer-

Mr. Bowen thanked the large number of patrons in attendance for their co operation and support during the session and told of how it had helped him in his work.

The enteprising committee of the district is composed of Messrs. D. F. Klein, Oscar Pearsall and Sol. J. Jones. They speak in the highest terms of Mr. Bowen and expect his return to them next season.

HOW ED. UTLEY ESCAPED

Prisoner Writes Sheriff Marsh About His Mysterious Disappearance.

Edward L. Utley, under sentence at Fayetteville for the murder of Hotel Clerk Hollingsworth, has written Sheriff Marsh a letter, in which he details how he made his recent escape from the Cumberland jail. The letter s as follows;

"Dear Sir:—If you will look in the hole in the wall in the hospital room you will find the locks I took off my cell door some time ago. I took them off with a pen knife. The knife was in the pocket of a coat which came to me from the hotel in October. I think this will fully satisfy any one who has any lingering doubts about the way I got out. I put the locks in the hole myself. Maxwell didn't

Sheriff Marsh found things as decribed. The knife blade had many hacks in it and it must have taken weeks to file the locks. To cover up traces of the work when officers or vis itors were about, soap had been used to cover up the filed places.

Our New Mayor.

Mr. William E. Springer, who was Thursday nominated as the Democratic candidate for the mayoralty of in the office, supposed they had been transferred to Wilmington and went Wilmington (the nomination being equivalent to an election) will bring to the discharge of the duties of that position all the necessary qualifications. He is essentially a business man of excellent training and practice and is especially fitted for the financial department of the city. He has for some years been desirous of becoming Wilmington's Chief Magistrate, and now that he has reached the pinnacle of his ambition, it is but natural that he should give his best. efforts to the service of the people who have so signally honored him. Let him be sustained in these efforts by the co-ordinate branches of the city government and there is no reason to doubt that his administration will be acceptable to his fellow citizens.

Celebrate its Semi-Centennial

May 20th this year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Wilmington Light Infantry, and at the regular meeting of the company to-morrow night, in addition to arranging for the viewed the body in the morgue. Of Memorial Day exercises on that date that number one hundred and fifty with the Veterans, who will be in attendance upon a joint meeting with the Reserve Corps of the W. L. L. arrangements will be also made for an elaborate observance of the Infantry's semi-centennial. As May 20th falls on Sunday this year the celebra-

The Bank of Duplin,

The Bank of Duplin at Wallace, which was recently organized, has elected Mr. H. C. McQueen, of this N. A. Carter, B. R. Graham, J. A. Cavanaugh, W. J. Boney, Z. J. Carter, J. D. Mallard, W. B. Brice, H. C. McQueen, M. Southerland. The bank has already begun business and is rapidly forging its way to the front.

S. E. Glasser, of Jefferson City, Mo., who was in a hard row of stumps for some time, has fallen heir to \$60,000. The only draw-back at present is that he is serving a term in the penitentiary and still has fourteen months to serve, unless he can williag some of his \$60.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Nashville Graphic: Farmers who are now having to buy western side meat are catching it. The present prices should convince them of the folly of not raising their own sup-

- Kinston Free Press: A large bunch of sheep that were gathered up among the farmers in this section was brought to Kinston Friday for shipment to) Virginis. There was about

- Salisbury Sun: From all sections of the county come reports that the wheat crop has been considerably damaged by the freeze of ten days ago. The fruit has also been cut short, and it is believed that the fruit crop will not be more than a half yield this

-Rockingham Anglo-Saxon: News eached here this morning that Mr. Aaron Saunders, proprietor of a saw mill at Jackson Springs, fell off a wagon heavily loaded with lumber, and the wheel ran over and crushed his head. The accident happened Wednesday morning and he died bout 11 o'clock that night.

- Lumberton Robesonian: Mr. Geo. G. French, shipped several bas-kets of garden peas which he informs us is the first shipment of peas which has been made from this State this year. Other sections of this country pass there for the northern markets almost every day. Part of this comes rom this county,

- Greensboro Telegram : Mr. C. Landreth, who conducts a store two miles east of the city, said Thurs-day that he did not believe the fruit was hurt as much as it was at first cared it was. The peaches he thought were pretty well cut off, but the apples fared considerably less badly. He calculates that there will be a half crop of this fruit. There will be, he says, the usual supply of pears, grapes and blackberries, the latter two varieties especially as they are capable of a new growth when cut off by the cold.

- Goldsboro Argus: The young girl whose sudden disappearance in Smithfield early Monday morning cre-ated so much excitement, and for whom large numbers of our people were for hours actively searching, was found about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon snugly ensconsed in an old trunk in the upper hall of her home, where she had hidden herself in a fit of pique. She was fast asleep when discovered and blissfully unconscious of the excitement and distress her note and supposed flight had occasioned.

— The Goldsboro Oil Mills have shut down for the season. They have used up their supply of cotton seed and will not be able to put the ma-chinery in motion again until the 1st of next September. The mill has had a very successful season.

COAST LINE GASHIER SHORT.

Jno. B. Oliveros Unable to Account for \$5,775.45 - Protests Innocence.

Yesterday's Savannah News says: John B. Oliveros, until a short time ago cashier of the Atlantic Coast Line in Savannah, a position he has held successively with the S. F. and W. road, the Plant system and the Atlantic Coast Line for about twelve yearr, was arrested yesterday on the charge of embezzlement. The amount involved is \$5,777.45. The action was taken by a representative of the Amer-

ican Surety Company of New York. Mr. Oliveros was unable to arrange a bond of \$5,000 and is in jail. He hopes to secure the necessary bond today. He denies that he is guilty of the charge and says if there is any dis-crepancy in his accounts, it is the result of the many changes in the accounts of the office since his occupancy of it. These consist of the transfer from the Savannah, Florida and Western to the Plant System, and, later, the transfer of the Plant System to the

Atlantic Coast Line. According to the statement of the ex-cashier he endeavored to discover the discrepancy in his accounts when the matter was brought to his attention but failing to find certain papers there in an effort to trace them. In this he was unsuccessful. He then offered to check up his account provided, should a shortage be discovered he be allowed to arrange for a settlement without publicity. When his proposition was rejected he took no further steps, but resigned March 23. The amount of the alleged shortage is covered by bonds carried in two

surety companies.

Mr. Oliveros is widely known in Savannah. He is prominently connected here and elsewhere in Georgia and in South Carolina. He has a

NEW YORK BARREL MURDER

Identity of Victim Not Ascertained-Some of the Men Arrested Found to be Members of Gang of Counterfeiters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 18.-The identity of the victim of the "barrel murder" has not been ascertained, despite the fact that one thousand persons have each case it has been discovered to be incorrect. The features of the dead man are changing daily, making ident-ification more difficult.

Inspector McCluskey says that he will ask the court to discharge most of the prisoners held on suspicion, but will request the holding of Intion will probably be held on Monday evening following. The details, however, will be arranged at the meeting. a gang of counterfeiters and according to United States secret service mea has served time in Atlanta, [Ga., as

counterfeiter. The inspector adds that agent Flynn, of the secret service bureau, has se-cured nearly enough evidence to show that three of the men are members of a large gang of counterfeiters and that if nothing else is accomplished the authorities will have broken up that

ALL EXPEGTED TO DIE.

Geo. T. Jordan Shot His Wife, flis Son and Himself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 18.-George J. Jordan, 35 years old, of 371 First avenue, it is alleged, shot and killed his