### The Weekly Star. SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS. THE WEEKLY STAR. -PUBLIBHED AT-The General Assembly Formally Ad-WILMINGTON, N. C. journed Last Night-All Unfinished Business Cleared from Docket. \$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE. By Telegraph to the Morning Star LEXINGTON, VA., May 30.-This WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1903. NO. 32 morning's session of the General As-VOL. XXXIV. shinoM 2 sembly passed upon much business. Consideration of reports by commitsquord IN HAYWOOD'S FAVOR TO IMPROVE THE STATE HOUSE. SPIRITS TURPENTINE. **APPALLING SCENES** ing been eliminated, makes it un-Ex-Secretary of the Navy, John tees developed so much discussion that a five minute rule for speaking was necessary to checkmate and counter-D. Long, said at a banquet the other Legislative Committee is Arranging for adopted. night, that he was glad he wasn't act the schemes of men who took ad-- Dunn Banner: All of our IN CITY OF TOPEKA. The report of the committee on the factories are now running on full "a richiman" and that he wouldn't MORTHS Plans for Enlarging Building. vantage of and used the ignorant Habeas Corpus Proceedings in narrative of the state of religion was time and are shipping quantities of change his freedom, home life [Special Star Telegram.] mob for their own purposes. That submitted and ordered to be inserted as Raleigh's Murder Case Are goods. NIORIA as all that qualified suffrage has and content of heart for the wealth RALEIGH, N. U., May 29 .- Gov. an appendix to the minutes. It was - Asheboro Courier: Mr. Elijah Fire Follows the Disastrous also ordered to be read from the pulpit and inserted in all church papers. The Aycock, Chief Justice Walter Clark, Nearing an End. of a Morgan or a Carnegie." Sendone; it has eliminated the venal Moffitt recently returned from Bal-Flood. Causing the Loss W. A. Graham, of Oxford, and Jno. and ignorant mob and protected us sible view to take of it; but we sustimore where he purchased a canning report showed eighty-one out of eighty-C. Drewry, of Raleigh, the committee pect that Mr. Long is pretty well outfit for the new cannery. two presbyteries and submitted narrafrom their venal and unscrupulous TESTIMONY FOR THE STATE of Many Lives. 53334 appointed by the Legislature the pro-tives to the committee fixed, and doesn't have to scuffle - Monroe Enquirer: Dr. P. T. leaders. The committee on foreign correcure plans for remodeling to present Beaman, of Peachland, Anson coun-But that has been a long stride in hard. spondence reported relative to a com-There Will Be No Argument and Matter State House, to-day selected Frank P. THIRTY KNOWN TO BE DEAD. ty, died last Saturday. He was 69 munication from the Synod of the Rethe direction of the solution of the Milburn, of Atlanta to prepare plans Will Go to Justices on Its Merit. years old and was a well known formed Presbyterian qhurch, asking race problem, because it has lessen-A Massachusetts man, now living to be submitted at the next Legisla that a committee be appointed to con-May be Decided by Monday at hysician. ture. The idea is as far as possible to People Drowning and Others Burning to sider with like committees closer union ed the friction and brought the - Sanford Express: The first in San Francisco, wants a divorce keep the present building intact and make changes in keeping with its Noon--Hearing Yesterday. of reformed churches, that the ap-Death--Burning Houses Are Floating white men and the intelligent, well shipment of peaches was made from because his wife persists in keeping pointment of such a committee be not Dane style. Room is to be made for the Supreme Court, Supreme Court library, State library, Corporation Southern Pines May 20th, nine days Through the Streets and Spreaddisposed negroes closer together. cats after he had killed a hundred \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ...... made, as there was no evidence in Special Star Telegram. earlier than ever before. --- The sight that justified the assembly in The intelligent negroes of the South ing the Flames. or more of them. The more he RALEIGH, N. C., May 30 .- The State Sanford Sash and Blind Factory hoping that the object proposed might Commission and Superintendent of Public Instruction. Larger quarters are to be provided for those State ofknow this and hence they are having be gained in this way. It was adopted. A resolution of thanks to Robert Whyte, elder of Regent Square Pres-byterian church, London, England. killed the more the cats came back, closed its case at 4 o'clock this aftermade shipments of building mate By Telegraph to the Morning Star. no voice in the clamor raised in the the Post Office at wilmtgton, N. C., a Second Class Matter.] and more of them. The cats were noon in the habeas corpus proceedings rial to Columbia, S. C., and to Jack-TOPEKA, KANS , May 30. - People who North over restricted suffrage in of all sizes, ages, breeds and condisonville, Fla., this week. of Ernest Haywood, charged with the ficers now in the Capitol. The Legisid not leave North Topeka last night shooting of Ludlow Skinner. Counsel lative halls are to be enlarged and - Concord Tribune: "Wheat the South, and hence they like Bishop for services rendered the assembly's SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. tions, a regular cat nursery. To improved with elevators; ventilating and heating plants to be installed. good in places," said a farmer, "and when they had a chance, are now in for the defence stated that they have African mission. and for kindly aid Randolph, look upon the race probget rid of the cats he gave his wife there will be more raised in Cabargiven missions and missionaries, was the greatest danger of losing their two or three witnesses they wish to lem as one to be settled in the South money enough to go home, and now rus this year than last. The wheat lives. As far as can be estimated at introduce in rebuttal. Then a recess and by the Southern people. They The report of the committee on Sabhe wants a divorce. on red land is pretty good, but on AN ESTIMATE OF COTTON ACREAGE. this time, over five hundred people are was taken until Monday. bath schools was adopted by the assandy land it is not much." This believe with him, too, that in time beyond the reach of rescue. The Kansembly. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Rich-It has since been agreed by counsel farmer declares that his wheat is no with enlightenment and education sas river is rising at the rate of three mond, as recommended in this report. There is a Frenchman in New that there will be no argument, so the Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co , of New good at all, that the flies damaged it. was retained as general superintendent of the negro it will settle itself and A SOUTHERN BISHOP ON IT. inches an hour. Thirty are known to York who says he has discovered a question of bail will be with the Jus-York, Have Issued a Statement. of Sabbath schools and young people's - Durham Herald: Mr. C. C. that the sooner outsiders quit medbe dead and the list will be larger. It is remarkable that the so-called process for make a substitute for tices before noon on Monday, when societies. Taylor, has a poney which undoubtdling with it and leave it to the the few remaining rebuttal witnesses Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., The report on systematic benefi-cence was adopted. It showed that Hundreds are missing. . People are race problem seems to attract more kerosene from water, at a cost of edly has hydrophobia. The animal the well known bankers and cotton drowning and others are burning to Southern people the sooner and the are examined. The fact that Havwas in bad shape yesterday afternoon attention and is discussed more in one cent a gallon which gives five commission merchants of New York, every presbytery ou the rolls, includwood's counsel do not desire argudeath. more effectually it will be settled, and will probably be killed this ing two new ones organized during the North than in the South, and times as much light and heat as have just issued a very comprehensive If any portion of North Topeka shall that the Northern negroes, who are in the interest of the white man and ment illustrates their confidence in the morning. Some thirty or more days the past year, or a total of eightykerosene. That is the fellow we estimate of the colton acreage of the escape destruction by the flood it seems case for bail. People generally exago the pony was bitten by a dog one, had sent a report. This report comparatively unaffected by it, take of the black man. to-night as though fire would finish the have been looking for for some time. United States for the present year. that was afterwards decided to have showed that a grand total of \$466,753 press surprise at the unimportant charhad been given for speciic causes duwork. The large lumber yards of Jonmore interest in it than the South-The estimate is based upon 3,030 rethe hydrophobia. John Rockefeller has been putting acter of the State's evidence. ring the year ending March 31, which A SERMON IN BRIEF. plies to 4,000 letters to banks, bankathan Thomas caught fire and two It is generally conceded that bai - Statesville Mascot: Mr. K. W ern negroes do. Of all the Southern on too many airs since he has becompared with last report showed a ers, cotton commission merchants and Orr, who is one of the best wheat whole blocks of houses were burned. negroes who have given public exwill be forthcoming, and in view of net gain of \$18,975. An ad interim Hon. John D. Long, ex-Secretary come a multi-millionaire. Burning houses are floating through the evident failure of the State to disfarmers of this section, says that responsible planters. embracing every committee was appointed to take up pression to their sentiments on this of the Navy, was a guest and one of the streets and setting fire to others. his wheat crop has improved very much in the last two weeks, and the question of schedule of systematic prove the evidence by the defence of cotton-growing county in the South, It is reported that the Union Pacific question lawyer Hayes, of Richmond, the speakers at the banquet of the beneficence and report to the next as-Mr. Machen, the superintendent and, therefore, the figures carry Skinner's assault on Haywood before depot and hotel have been burned. is the only one who has indulged sembly. that with favorable seasons from Rockland, Maine, Commercial Club The loss of life will be appalling, the weight. The total estimated increase of the rural mail delivery departhe shot, the opinion is general that a The report of an ad interim comnow on he looks for a good yield. in rabid talk, and he says he was a few nights ago. In the course of property loss in the millions. Nobody case of justifiable homicide was really mittee on committees and commissions of cotton acreage in the United States ment, now on the ragged edge, looks, can tell just what has been destroyed Other farmers report wheat as imincorrectly reported. But he has his remarks he said : "I am glad I was put on the docket for considerais given as 2.72 per cent., or 737,878 judging from his picture, as if he had proven. The water extends around Shorey and proving. tion at the next assembly. It was orsubsided and has not orated for some acres more than last year, and the am not a rich man. I would not ex-Nineteen witnesses were put on the other suburbs. swallowed something which didn't dered published as an appendix to the - Raleigh Post: An accident stand by the prosecution to-day. Every foot of North Topeka, inhab avcrage planting of the crop is about time. change my freedom, home life and accused near Salisbury Wednesday minutes. Adjournment is not yet in agree with him. He is an Ohio man. Neither creditable witness saw the first ted by ten thousand people, is under The Episcopal Council (colored) 15 days later than normal. sight. Many commissioners have content of heart for the wealth of in which Albert Ray, a prosperous young farmer, lost his life. Mr. water. The current is so swift that Mr. Bristow, who has met with some shot. One Geo. Williams, of Apex, The acreage in 1902 was 27,114,103, gone home. of the Diocese of Southern Virginia a Morgan or a Carnegie." Here is last introduced, swore he saw Skinner no boat cat. live in it. Seven thousand The forty-third General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church success in prospecting for "pay dirt," while that of 1903 is estimated at 27,people have escaped to the south side and are being cared for as well as pos-Ray was at the time working about met in Roanoke Wednesday last. walk out of the postoffice across the a philosopher. is a Kansas man. He wears a shoe-851,981. The season is 14.7 average sidewalk into the street; saw Haywood the saw mill on the plantation, formally adjourned to-night. The Bishop Randolph presided. In the Then referring to a socialist, resible. The remaining hundreds have some distance away draw a revolver when his clothing was caught in the brush moustache. days later than usual. The increase afternoon session was long and all uncourse of his address he touched cently deceased, who had served in and fire twice. This was so completemachinery, and his head, arms and

being taken from the machinery he lived only a few hours.

shoulders were badly mangled. After

to Newton and join it to his mill

here. This will increase the plant

to about 200 machines and make it

one of the largest mills in the South.

The Federal Government Paying Enormou

Rentals for Buildings in New York

Shown Up by Brooklyn Eagle.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

- More real harm is done to the

cause of Christ by his professed follow-

ers than by all the outsiders put to-

Newspapers Cannot

gether.

ROTTENNESS DISCLOSED.

MORE POSTOFFICE

FEDERAL DECORATION DAY

quick fellow.

the Legislature, whom he admired for his virtues and devotion to the

principles he advocated, although

A train on the Lake Shore rail-

road made a record-breaking run last

ly at variance with all the other testimony, it is not seriously considered.

in acreage in North and South Carolina and Virginia is estimated at 4 Dr. Thos. S. Skinner, father of Lud- per cent. That in Texas and other for the waters to subside or carry them low Skinner, went on the stand and States ranges from 11 to 21 per cent.

not yet been accounted for. They have been forced to the top floors on the roofs of buildings and are waiting down stream.

finished business was cleared from the docket.

by the Southern people." As quoted Mr. Long differed from him, he paid in the dispatch which reported his him high tribute and then said : address

He declared that the greatest need was more enlightenment and education among the negroes, and with this the question would gradually settle itself, and to this end he called upon the diocese to take the matter up and do their part in the educational work that would finally become the great factor in settling the strife between the two races.

upon the solution of the race prob-

lem, and stated that it was "a ques-

tion to be settled in the South and

This man takes a rational, sensible view of a question to which he has doubtless given more thought than nine out of ten of the negroes who rend the air clamoring about labor strikes, efforts of the toilers to "negro rights." Speaking as a minister he doubtless means, when distance between them and the men he speaks of enlightenment and of wealth?

education, the education of which the inculcation of morality and virtue is a part, and a basic part, to day of the rush to accumulate wealth make the negro not only brighter in the "get-rich-quick" way, so from an educational standpoint, but often risking everything to do it. better from a moral standpoint. If this were carried out generally it where a few gain at the cost of many would be a long stride in the direc- victims, the numerous embezzletion of bringing the races into more ments which ruin men and families, harmonious relation, because with we have an object lesson in the Post more enlightenment the negroes Office Department, where bribery would be more inclined to listen to white men and to black men who and where the deeper they probe the advise them for their good, and more corruption they find. The would be less easily influenced and temptation to get rich quick was put led by selfish men, white or black, in the way of the trusted and they who pose as their champions and fell. There are others who have impose upon their credulity.

Bishop Randolph does, that enlightenment and education is the great need of the negro, and that in the eye of justice and morality. these will be the potent factors in The man who by virtue of oppor the settlement of the race problem, qualified suffrage for the negro, based upon educational qualifica-

tion, for that gives a stimulus to the desire for education which did not exist before. It has been so in this State and doubtless also in other States where qualified suffrage has been adopted.

To read the ravings of these rattle-brain declaimers against restricted suffrage one might be led to | ing the application himself without believe that it was some awful oppression, that the negroes were wailing over their unhappy fate in being deprived of the privilege of under which he incurred his dischucking a ballot into the box, when as a matter of fact eight out follows: ten of them don't care a continental about it, and are going along in the usual way and as happy the suffrage question as if had never been touched. They never think of it unless some mouthy meddler, or some fellow who has some selfish scheme senseless. I do not think the sow pig to work upon them tries to persuade had nothing to do with my line of them that they have been robbed of duty, for I did not kech the hog.

"We are living in an age of socialism, as I understand socialism. I fear no theories, no fanatics and no millionaires, but I do believe in and trust in the judgment of the good, everyday people of this country to work out these problems. Wealth is all right,

but it is not to be considered for a moment with a clear mind, good health and a clear conscience. We live in an age of socialism,

which carried to extremes leads to there, and they are constantly inventanarchism. As proof of the socialising new ones. tic tendency what better could be asked then the many and increasing The Washington Post doesn't think Senator Hanna's change of lift themselves up and lessen the position on the endorsement of

Roosevelt's nomination by the Ohio convention "a back down." Well it There is particular pertinence in wasn't a buck up by a long shot? the concluding sentence, in this Two hundred thousand men idle, with a loss of \$700,060 a day in wages, and \$600,000,000 of capital Leaving out the wild speculation tied up, is the result of the strike in the building trades in New York, so far. Under the advice of his physiclans Senator Hanna is going abroad to has been prevalent for several years, "take a rest." A man who has been doing the double back somersault

a rest. Chicago holds the record as the amassed millions who owe it to great divorce city of this country, Every person who believes as disreputable methods, but of a difthe number of divorces almost ferent kind, not criminal in the

eyes of the law, but equally criminal hard. tunities monopoly gives him extorts should be an ardent supporter of from his victims is morally as much of a thief as the man who steals a purse or accepts a bribe.

A TRUTHFUL APPLICANT.

The Pension Office at Washington has recently received an application for a pension from a veteran of the war between the States, who consquints at the cartoons. cluded he would save money by writthe assistance of a pension attorney. When he was asked by the Pension Bureau to state the circumstances

ability, he candidly responded as perts in. The way I got my war ingery was a ketchin of a hog. The hog was a sow hog and ur captain wanted her for forege. We was chasin' the sow, and she crawled threw a hoal in a rale fence. It was a big hoal, and I thot I and 18 colored couples. was about the sis of the hog and tried to crawl threw, but I stuk, and trin' to wigle out I throde the rales off and one hit me on my hed and nocked me

Monday from Toledo to Elkhart, 133 a conversation he had with Simms, Simms telling him he could miles, in 114 minutes. At times it only appear in the case as a witness. ran a speed of 90 miles an hour, He said Ludlow went to the postoffice just before the shot to mail a letter for which ought to satisfy the get-therehim to Dr. J. D. Huffman. This venerable man's presence on the stand

was the only sensation of the day. Willis Briggs, a newspaper man The town of Battle Creek, Mich. was the first important witness. The ooms up as the great "health food" only notable feature of this was statement that R. N. Simms had manipulator. There are no less evaded the question as to what he than sixty-two health foods and saw. He and Simms were together breakfast cereals manufactured when the shooting occurred, Briggs with his back to the place of difficulty and Simms facing. W. M. Thomp-son, of Onslow, J. S. Wiggs, L. D. Stevenson, R. E. Warren and others testified that Skinner started after the second shot in such a way as to show that the spot was farther on. Dr. Knox, who examined and performed the autopsy, said the shot ranged down and toward the back. Did not think Skinner could have got as near as he did had the first shot inflicted the wound.

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH. N. C., May 30.-In the Haywood-Skinner habeas corpus case the third day's hearing brought little new evidence. The State rested after short afternoon session. The defendant's counsel were granted an adjournment till Monday, and no argument will be made. Not one word has been brought out showing any cause leading up to the encounter between Haywood and Skinner, though sensational domestic matters are understood to have been the real cause. The line taken shows clearly that Haywood will not be put on the stand. The case will probably end Monday act as Hanna has been lately needs and both sides express confidence.

T senty witnesses were examined for the State to-day. Willie Briggs, the newspaper man, who was with Simms, the defence's star witness,

said he asked Simms what he saw, and Simms said that he was not noticing. An expert physician declared that a equalling the marriages. But Kanman shot as Skinner had been, could not have gone the distance he did sas City, Mo., is chasing it pretty after the first shot. None of the witnesses introduced testified to any altercation before the shooting, the first

pistol shot attracting their attention. The New York financier who has The last witness for the State, a nejust been relieved by a New Jersey gro, when cross-examined, provoked much laughter, Haywood smiling bankrupt court of \$1,023,953.65 of broadly. The negro testified that indebtedness, may soon be ready to Haywood was standing waiting with a pistol and shot at Skinner.

The Seaboard Air Line has begun vania, says he doesn't read the newsits campaign of advertising in Atlanta papers. We thought as much. But for Wrightsville Beach this season. we venture the assertion that he Yesterday's Constitution contained a half page announcement of the opening of the Seashore Hotel, supple-

Booker Washington lectures hi mented with the information that beginning next Saturday and continuing students on the art of raising pouluntil Aug. 29th, a week-end rate of try. That is an art that lots of the \$7.80 will be effective from that city, colored boys find easy and are exgood for return until Tuesday. Season tickets, June 1st to Sept. 30th, \$18.55. This year a double daily Pullman service will be operated, leaving Atlanta Saturday noon and arriving at Wrightsville 7:30 .A. M., or leave

Atlanta 8:10 P. M. and arrive at Wrightsville 1 P. M. Parlor, cafe and chair car service from Hamlet to Wilmington on the train leaving Atlanta

They caught 225 fine perch. - License was issued yesterday

LOCAL DOTS.

Tennessee is given at 5 per cent.

End of an Ugly Case.

TThe two Watson women-mother and grown daughter-were bound over to the Superior Court yesterday by Justice Jno. J. Furlong to answer the charge of keeping a house of ill repute. The women had been tried the afternoon previous on evidence developed in the case against Juo. Witkins. charged with an attempt at felonious assault upon one of them, but Justice Furlong reserved his decision until the following day. In view of the fact that the mother has a number of young children in the house and was unable to give bond, the defendants were recognized for their appearance. There was no other course to pursue,

as no home could be found for the children.

E. D. Guthrie, Esq., in Extremis. Friends will regret to know that Eugene D. Guthrie, Esq., of Southport, is very ill and is not expected to live. He is suffering with brain trouble. Young Mr. Guthrie is a son of Mr. M. C. Guthrie, of Southport, and is a brilliant young lawyer. He delivered a remarkably fine address to the Woodmen of the World upon the occasion of the unveiling of a monument at Southport a few weeks ago and became ill very soon thereafter. His hundreds of friends in Wilmington hope that there may yet come a a turn for the better.

Col, Woodward Back,

Col. W. J. Woodward, returned Saturday from New Orleans, where he was one of the most popular members of Gep. Gordon's staff at the Veterans' reunion, having teen in charge of the social features of that great occasion. Returning to Wilmington, Col. Woodward spent a day with Gen. Gordon at his handsome country home, "Kirkwood," five miles from Atlanta. Col. Woodward says that Gen. Gordon expects to have his new book from the presses in the early Fall.

MR. AARON M. COLVIN DEAD.

Venerable Citizen of Pender Died Near

Point Caswell-Funeral Services. POINT CASWELL, N. C., May 30 .-Died at his home near Point Caswell, Pender county, on Monday, May 22nd, Mr. Aaron M. Colvin. Mr. Colvin was a communicant of the Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Truly a good citizen has passed to his eternal reward. A few months more and he would have reached the 74th year of his age. He leaves to mourn his loss a sainted wife, a son, daughter and granddaughter and many relatives. He was funeralized by his life-long friend and pastor, Rev. Colin Shaw, who has reached the venerable age of

The report of Capt. Edgar D. Wil- 92 years. Although feeble, his remarks were touching and at times

Below the town scores of men are in - Newton Enterprise: Mr. W tree tops, yelling for assistance. Thou-P. Bost, mail carrier on route No. sands of revolver shots and screams have been heard on the north side, spite of the dry weather, are growsignals for aid. Women and children ing nicely, and wheat is looking in the west part of North Topeka are better the last week. --- Mr. D. standing on the highest points in reach and yet in water up to their J. Carpenter informs us that he will move his Valdese Hosiery Mill necks.

# The Situ ationLast Night,

Burning houses are floating about. setting fire to others. The lower story of the burning buildings contain ten feet of water. The current is to strong that no boat can approach any of the burning buildings. People are gathered on the tops of house and will meet death either by fire or drowning. The cries for help can be distinctly heard a mile away. The whole city is wildly excited because no aid can be extend ed to the suffere s. The river at North Topeka is five miles wide. No possi ble estimate of the financial loss is ob tainable, but can be stated that it will reach into millions.

North Topeka was the manufactur-NEWYORK, May 30.-The Brooklyn ing district of the city. Three large flour mills, three woollen mills and Eagle says to-day that an investigation made by it shows that \$500,000 other manufacturing enterprises are per annum is paid in New York State entirely destroyed. The water supply in excess of the normal commercia of the whole city has been cut off. rentals for postoffices. The Eagle adds The water from the river extends that as the leases run for ten years nearly a mile on the south side. The the total excess amounts to \$5,000,000 Rock Island depot has been aban The Eagle says: doned, and more than 500 people on this side of the r.ver are also home York State, in which nearly every sec less, but no loss of life has resulted in tion has been covered, it is difficult to South Topeka. The Kansas avenue find an instance where the Federal bridge is the only one across the river government is not paying from 25 to for miles, and the approaches to that bridge are flooded by thirty feet of rentals. Indeed, so universal is the water. A pontoon bridge is being gravely excessive rate paid that a beerected in an effort to reach the suf-

zed conspiracy to advance and main-From the State House dome tain the high figures of these rentals exists or has existed for some time. many as eighty fires can be counted in different parts of North Topeka. All the traffic would bear seems to be The entire central portion of the city the rule. had burned out at 10 o'clock to-night. "Instances of fifty per cent. above and it is safe to say that by morning the rentals paid by private interest not a house in the main part of North for like property similarly situated Topeka will be left standing. When are many, 76 per cent. not infrequent it is stated that North Topeka has 10, while in some cases 100 and even 20 000 inhabitants, the extent of the disper cent. have been reached. aster can be realized. People are sticking to the roofs of houses and "Instances have been found where leases have been executed by the Postmany are giving up in despair and office Department for the occupation dropping into the water below to be of floors in buildings which were not carried away by the swift current. in existence, but which were yet to It is death by fire or drowning to 400 be built, and were so built and occupersons, unless means can be found for their rescue. Great efforts are bepied at grossly excessive rates. "The most notable and flagrant in ing made to construct a steam launch stance of the abuse is shown in Dunto go to the aid of the sufferers, and kirk, in Chautauqua county. It is s whatever is done must be done city of 11,616 population by the last promptly or the loss of life will be apcensus. For a single floor for the ac-

palling. commodation of the postoffice the A. P. Baldwin, who at great risk of government is paying \$2,000 annually. his life crossed in a boat to the north side, returned late to-night and reports In the same block is a street floor which is occupied by a business conthat nothing can possibly be done to save the city from burning. Miss cern, which, apart from this postoffice building, commands the high-John Troutman, sister of former est rent in the city of Dunkirk. The Lieutenant Governor Troutman, was merchant occupying it pays \$500 per rescued with her aged father, late toannum. night. The two people had spent the The Eagle presents a table of recent entire day on the roof of their house increases of rentals at towns throughand were just about to drop into the out the State.

water when aid came. Chief of Police Doff, Thomas Page and A. C. Holman, all of prominent families of the north side, are among the victims. Mayor Bergundthall was rescued by Dr. L. L. Powell in a boat after remaining in a boat all night. Reports received to-day say there are small prospects of the water falling within the next twenty-four hours.

### 150 Persons Dead,

red houses have been burned in North Topeka and that whole section of the city will be burned. As far as can be learned 150 persons are dead. Most of these were burned to death. TOPEKA, KAS., May 30.-Four hundthese were burned to death.

, says that cotton and corn, in Observed in Washington, D. C., on a More Elaborate Scale Than Ever Before-Parades, Etc.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 30 .- With solemn and impressive ceremonies Decoration day was observed in the national capital on a more elaborate scale than ever before. Business was suspended not only in the departments of the government but also throughout the city. People of all classes united in perpetuating the memory of the heroic dead whom in countless thousands sleep peacefully in the eight national cemeteries of the District of

Columbia. Notwithhstanding the absence from the city of the President, who usually is a conspicuous figure in the day's exercises at Arlington, the arrangements were elaborate and beautiful. They were under the direction of the Department of the Potomac G. A. R. and included a parade of G. A. R. posts, the Old Guard, other patriotic organizations, and the militia of the

District of Columbia, headed by the Marine band; decoration of monuments and graves, and addresses by men prominent in public life.

"Confining the investigation to New After a short march through the city, the organizations in the parade boarded electric trains for Arlington. the most beautiful of national cemeteries, overlooking the historic Poto-50 per cent. more than it should for mac, where the principal exercises of the day occurred. Already the 18,000 graves in the cometery had been ief would be justified that an organstrewn with flowers and each marked by a tiny American flag. A touching part of the ceremony-a feature typi fying a country thoroughly re-united -was the decoration of the graves in that section of the cemetery where lie the Confederate dead.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of decoration of the graves, a great crowd gathered in the amphitheatre. Hon. Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press delivered the oration of the day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Rode a Horse Over the Black Hill's Trail

## from Laramie to Cheyenne.

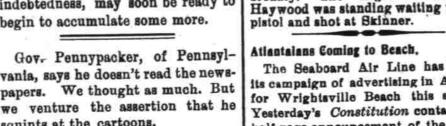
By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LARAMIE, WYO., May 30.-President Roosevelt to-day rode a horse over the "Black Hills trail" to Cheyenne. He made a short address before starting on his ride. He thanked the Black Hills Lodge, of the Brotherhood of Locomo tive Engineers, for the memento which they presented to him. He said that during the last two months and for the next week he owed and would owe his safety to the vigilance of the railroad men. It was about 9 o'olock when President Roosevelt mounted his horse and started on his sixty mile ride to Cheynne. He was accompanied by Surgeon General Rixey, Senaor Warren and others.

WARM WIRELETS.

The U. S. grand jury at Montgomery, Ala., returned thirty-six indict-

It is officially announced in Paris



- License was issued during the past month for the marriage of 8 white

- Messrs. Will Leitgen and Jordan Branch had fine piscatorial sport at 8:10 P. M.

at the Orton plantation yesterday. Shipping Statistics.