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cently received by the State Depart-

ment from its consuls abroad, notably the consul general at Berlin, who has

been closely and intelligently watch-

ing the situation. There is now in

progress, he says, a revolt against American cotton, not because of its lack of quality or its legitimately low

supply, but in consequence of the false increases in price which the manipulators have caused. One effect

of this revolt is a systematic effort by

such organizations as the British Cotton Growing Association, the French Colonial Cotton Association and the

all of these charges are denied

by men who are quite as well

qualified to judge the case as Mr. Sully and not so directly and acutely interested in making out a case before the public. In short, Mr. Sully, speak-

ing from the standpoint of the specu-

lator, is confronted by the scientist. It

but of what is to be done. For if

something is not done, either to im-prove the conditions of which this

eader of the tulis complains or to put

it out of the power of himself and his

kind to manipulate the prices artifici-

ally, the American cotton grower will

in the course of a very few seasons lose

a large part of his market. And what

he once loses he will have to struggle

We can't understand the perverse

obtuseness of the Democrats in

Congress for wanting to know why

Uncle Sam's marines were on hand

at Panama at the right time. They

simply went there to see the Pana-

maians "rise up as one man," and

when the show was over it is agreed

Roosevelt and Hay ought have

frankly let this be known, and it

would have saved some Democratic

find out why our marines were al-

Col. Bryan's new issue is "Shall

money changers rule?" Wyllyam j.,

party has ever taken the position

that "money's no object." When

and has enough loose change to

make his influence felt, the major-

ity of tender-hearted Republicans,

and Democrats, and Populists just

haven't got the heart to say that he

has no rights that are bound to be

They say that radium is still

worth \$3,000,000 a pound. Since

the South has got a rake-off of

\$300,000,000 on account of the

altitudious price of cotton, we are

not in the market for any more

gold bricks, but we can attend the

radium auction sale when it comes

The Kentucky and Indiana dela

gations in Congress have had quite

Durham has come within an ace

of claiming the professor who be-

means of perpetual motion through

the energy of radium. Greensboro's

Russia promised Uncle Sam to

vacuate Manchuria on the 8th of

last October. If Japan can't make

the Bear do what it promised, Uncle

A sage has said that a girl mar-

ries to gain her liberty, but when

she gains it some fellow gets teth-

Democratic congressmen are throw-

ing so much mud in the direction of

the White House, that as soon as

Congress adjourns Devoe will have

to address "A Letter to President

folks to throw up their hands as

man and deliver him some more real

estate, Col. Bryan will have to add

"anti-ground hog" to his list of

ground as a tied up billy goat.

Roosevelt."

issues.

she is slower than a hearse.

lowed to see the circus.

hard to regain.

s not a question of which to believe,

of the American planter.

second Class Matter.] SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

THE COTTON BOGEY. That speculation in cotton at the metropolitan centres is a serious

matter to consider there is no

Most everybody is prepared to believe, however, that after all the law of supply and demand regallates the "spot" price of cotton; but does not both experience and observation also teach us that "futures" go up and down the scale of prices when there are conditions to indicate a large or a small crop, as the case may be? Bad news of the condition of growing cotton helps the "bulls," while

glowing conditions gives the "bears" their inning. It seems reasonable, therefore, that supply and demand and crop conditions affect both the prices of spot cotton and future contracts. Speculation may for a while cause

an abnormal inflation of prices if the bulls have things their way, or a depression of prices if the bears prevail, but with a full crop the bulls cannot maintain their inflated prices, and with a short crop the bears cannot keep prices down. We remarked that high had low prices may for a while prevail but after all when things get normal the law of supply and demand reasserts itself.

The cotton mills have shut down on the belief of manufacturers that prices are fictitious because of speculation and it shows their falth that, when the truth comes out and normal conditions are reached, prices will go down. We have no doubt but that time will settle the matter, but the STAR has maintained all along that the cotton crop is far below the demands of the world and we are confident of it to day. This naturally would make prices higher, but whether the "high records" that have been reached are justified by the short crop or partly by speculation must sooner or later be known. The break in prices the past few days may indicate a gravitation to the inevitable normal con-

Before the operators got things off. going their way, prices were fixed in Europe and they were fixed low, but when prices are fixed over here, by speculators, say, if they are to be a forensic scrap in the House. We high records instead of low ones, are glad the gallant Kentuckians you need not ask the farmers where restrained themselves and didn't they would rather have prices open the argument with their corkfixed-in America or Europe. As screws. long as the speculators keep up prices the farmers are with them, but when they put down prices the farmer's ox will get gored, and he will think something is wrong with speculation. It is whether the farmer is putting some greenbacks in press agent will be heard from next. the long wallet or in the short one that you can tell whether he is for or against speculation. The Star's agricultural institutions are such that we bet that we size it up correctly when we say that as long as prices are coming his way the farmer will chuckle and let the other fellow do the worrying because prices are too high. Probably the farmer would like for the speculators to try

their hand on tobacco! ered so close in by the nuptial tie Dry weather, cotton poll weevils that he hasn't got as much browsing and early frosts are friends of the buils. Plenty of rain and lots of sunshine contribute to the stock in trade of the bulls. While the bulls and the bears fight it out and high prices prevail the farmer smiles a smile fit for an artist's brush to transfer to canvas. However, here is something from the Washington Star for the cotton planters to ruminate over and pass on as to whether it is a "bogey" or not:

There has been of late a widespread and intelligent awakening of interest in the subject of the cotton supply of the world and the part which the United States plays in meeting the demand. For many months a pro-nounced feeling of resentment has prevalled in this country against the manipulations of the market by the cotion speculators. The process of 'cornering" the market is too familiar to require additional illustration. It has been practiced in the case of the American cotton supply for several seasons past to a manner to arouse a general indignation, and now this has been followed by a genuine alarm.
For despite the protestations of the
manipulators, headed by Daniel J. Sully, that the great rise in price has been due to crop shortage and that the crop shortage has been in turn due to a series of entirely natural causes, was frozen so hard she just couldn't are E. C. Clark, A. E. Martin, G. W. here now prevails a substantial belief pull up the guy stobs of the tenting Register, of Elizabethtown, and others.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1904.

that these Wall street speculators have permanently and wantonly injured the prospects of the American cotton ROBBED PRIVATE CAR To this effect read certain reports re-Presidents Erwin and Elliott, of

> the Coast Line, Had Harrowing Experience.

VICIOUS NEGRO TRAMP

Stole Boldly from the Soach and Shot Trainmen and Officials Who laterfered-Saught by Bloodhounds at Length -Other Notes.

Cotton Spinners' Association of Saxony to develop new cotton-producing fields. Returns from recent experiments of this character are now [Savannah News, 6th] A desperate negro tramp, Jim Smith, entered and robbed the private being received and with some results that promise a serious struggle shead car of President R. G. Erwin, of the Atlantic Coast Line, at daylight yes-It may be true to a certain extent terday morning, shot Watkins Dilthat, as the speculators claim, the physical conditions of the cotton fields are accountable for the falling off in the crop. It may be, as Mr. Sully recently wrote in a magazine article pallard, a porter of the Central of Georgia Railway, and tried to kill two conductors, who attempted to arrest him. He wounded himself and jumped pably designed to influence popular opinion on this important topic, that cotton seed has deterioated, soils are exhausted, acreage is insufficient and from the train and made his escape. Later he was run down by bloodhounds and captured. the insect pests are devastating. But

President Erwin's car was a part of the Central train from Atlanta, for Savannah. In it were Mr. Erwin, his secretary, Mr. W. R. Sullivan, Mr. W. G. Elliott, president of the Atlan-tic Coast Line Company, and his secretary, Mr. R. D. Cronly, and the colored porter, Ben Moore. The tramp must have boarded the train some where between Millen and Oliver, but his presence was not detected until the

train was near Egypt.

The tramp after entering the car took the coat, trousers and overcoat of Mr. Sullivan, and the white vest of the porter, carried them to the dressing room. There he discarded his own clothes and donned those he had taken. He was on his way to the door of the car, probably with a view of leaving the train, when he was seen by Moore, who was preparing to get

reakfast. Moore demanded to know what the negro was doing on the car, and was told, with a string of oaths, to shut up and mind his business or he would be shot, the visitor at the same time displaying Moore's own pistol, which he had taken when he secured the vest. Moore dived out of sight and at the same time let out a yell that waked Messrs. Sullivan and Cronly and that they got their money's worth. brought to the scene Conductor J. S. Savannah, and Conductor J. Wheeler, who was in charge of the

train, as well as Dillard. The tramp had made his way to the senators lots of trouble in trying to platform of the car. He was there when Mr. Peterson reached it and as soon as he opened the door fired at him. The conductor grabbed the negro with one arm and with the other caught the hand holding the pistol and kept the muzzle turned away from himself and the other two men, who had followed him on the platform. if you mean men who have "sugar Because of the amount of wood, boxes on the hip," we will answer that no and other things that were on the platform they were unable to reach the struggling men, and didn't dare shoot a fellow gets his aspirations up and

The negro was trying to throw here terson off the car, and at the same ime to turn the pistol on the other wo men. Peterson asked his friends they couldn't shoot the negro to cut his throat. In a few moments, however, the struggling prisoner had managed to get in a shot that struck the porter in the leg, wrenched himself rom Peterson's grasp and jumped from the train, not, however, before Conductor Wheeler had got one shot at him, and a shot that told, for blood was found on the platform.

The train was close to Egypt when the negro left it, and was running between forty-five and fifty miles an hour. No effort was made to stop and go back, but the matter was reported at the first stop, and again to the proper officers as soon as Savannah was reached. Immediate steps were taken to capture the man.

Sergeant John M. Connally, of the Central Railway police force, left for the scene of trouble as soon as news of the robbery reached Savannah. He found where Smith had jumped from the train and tracked him for ten miles on foot and unassisted. He wired to Egypt to have bloodhounds sent him, and when the dogs arrived the trail was again taken up. It was followed another eight miles, when the man was found and captured.

It was about 5 o'clock before he was caught. Though wounded in the hand, suffering from loss of blood and possibly also from the shock he must have got when he jumped from the train lieves that he has discovered a the negro had managed to cover the entire distance on fcot, and had almost reached Statesboro when taken. He was placed on a freight train and started for Savannah, where he was expected to arrive, in charge of Sergt. Connally, this morning at 3 o'clock.

The porter on Mr. Erwin's car man aged to prepare breakfast, but he was badly rattled. In serving breakfast, when he had occasion to pass a cup of coffee to Mr. Elliott, he asked that gentleman to "tek um quick, Mr. Ellfott, 'cause my han' shake so I spill Sam can throw it up to Russia that

TAR HEEL STEAMBOAT CO.

New Line Between Wilmington and Pay etteville Now in Operation.

The steamer "Tar Heel," recently purchased by the Tar Heel Steamboat Company, of Elizabethtown, arrived yesterday on its maiden trip under the new management. Capt. Jeff Bradshaw, the veteran steamboat man, is master of the "Tar Heel" and the wharf at foot of Chesnut street has been engaged by the new company as a landing for the boat. Mr. S. M. King, of Elizabethtown, will be Wilmington agent for the new boat and will look after its interests at this end If Uncle Sam causes any more

Mr. E. C. Clark, of Elizabethtown, one of the stockholders of the new company, was here yesterday installing the new agent in his office.

The Tar Heel Steamboat Company

was chartered by the Secretary of

transports, and carry freight and pass-

engers on the Cape Fear river be-

tween Wilmington, N. C., and Fay-

etteville, N. C., and all intermediate

Tar Heel Steamboat 60. The Hon. Claude Bernard's "open address" to the Republicans of State Thursday with principal office in North Carolina didn't fire up the Elizabethtown, Bladen county, to woods enough to make Chairman operate steamboats, lighters, flats and

Rollins come down out of the locust Russia promised to evacuate Manchuris on the 8th day of October, but it may turn out that the ground was frozen so hard she just couldn't are E. C. Clark, A. E. Martin, G. W.

THE WILMINGTON POSTOFFICE REPUBLICAN

Assistant Postmaster Wallace Back from Greensboro Last Night-Mr. Rollins Will Go to Washington Soon.

Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace returned last night from Greensboro, where on Friday he attended the meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee. The signs of the times now appear to point to Mr. Wallace as the logical candidate for the Wilmington postmastership, and with that in view a reporter asked him for an interview upon the situation last night, but he respectfully declined to talk for publication. However, Mr. Wallace appeared to be well satisfied with the result of his conference with the leaders at Greensboro, and expects something definite and favorable in the way of news from Washington this week. Chairman Rollins will return to the National Capitol Monday or Tuesday and will make whatever recommendation is necessary in per-

Senator Marion Butler, who was at the Greensboro meeting, presumably in the advocacy of either Mr. D. L. Gore or Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Etq., for the Wilmington postoffice. In its report of the Greensboro meeting, the Charlotte Observer of yesterday says: "Of one thing there is a certainty, the committee did not allow even a mention of the Wilmington postoffice matter to come before it. Asked about this, an influential member said: 'We do not propose to defer to Governor Russell in this matter or ask the advice of Mr. Butler. The probability is we will go as far away from it as posaible. You can safely say that Mr. Wallace will be recommended by Chairman Rollins for the Wilmington postoffice.'

Mr. Wallace had no talk with ex

AN EXSITING RUNAWAY.

Constable Savage's Spirited Little Animal Smashed Up Two Buggles.

Constable "Tuck" Savage's little horse ran away yesterday and carried destruction in the wake of the procesand Castle streets and proceeded to water the horse. All at once the flery little animal became frightened at some chickens and dashed off with the top buggy at break-neck speed before Mr. Savage could recover the reins. The route of the frenzled little animal was down Castle to Fifth and thence on Fifth to Nun street, where two wheels of the vehicle were knocked off against an elm tree. There the top buggy also collided with another belonging to Mr. M. B. Hayes, of the Pittsburg Lumber Co. The latter was broken up to some then broke loose from the buggy to which he was attached and sped on down Fifth to Orange street; then to Fourth strert; to Princess and down Princess into the lot back of the old Court House, where he is usually tied by

Mr. Savage while attending the magis-

trates' courts. The little "fellow"

was quaking all over with fright

when he was caught, but he had al-

ready smashed up about \$25 or \$30

worth of buggles.

According to a New Process. Capt. Nathan Williams, who presides over the destinies of the police department at night, has launched out into a watch repairing enterprise sccording to reports from his friends in the first ward. It is related of Capt. Williams that his timepiece a few days ago failed him on account of a misplaced second hand on the dial. He proceeded to Moore's drug store and attempted to repair the broken mechanism by means of an application of Royal Glue. The captain was not so deft in applying the mucilagenous substance and in consequence thereof he is reported to have emptied the contents of the whole bottle into the works of the watch. Of course, it was an accident and Capt. Williams can't pass the "time o' day" with his friends any more until he gets the glue out of that watch.

Summoned as Witness.

Mr. E. W. Pace, of this city, has been summoned to appear in Raleigh as a witness in the hearing in reference to the Godfrey bond case in Raleigh next Monday. It was noted in the Raleigh dispatches a few days ago that Col. J. C. L. Harris had been arrested on a bench warrant from Judge Brown and that warrants had also been issued for young Dortch and C. G. Jones, of Goldsboro, both of whom were implicated in the transaction but neither of whom had been found, Dortch having gone presumably to Atlanta and Jones to parts unknown.

Que er Caseat Police Station. A white boy, 14 or 15 years of age, fairly well dressed and apparently bereft of his reason, applied for lodging at the City Hall last night. He can give no account of himself; Department and would therefore not esn't know his name and everything he sees and hears appears to him to be excruciatingly funny. He has not been drinking and his levity appears to burst spontaneously from a diseased mind.

Smallpox Near Plorence.

Florence Times: "Dr. Bacot has returned from Monck's Corner, where he looked into the smallpox situation which he found quite serious. He says there are many cases of smallpox down there. In a very small area that he visited were found over thirty cases; all of them were of a much more serious type than he usually has to contend with. While Dr. Bacot points and landings. The capital stock is \$10,000, all paid in. The incorporators was there one death occurred from the disease, and he was told that the pest

Meeting of the State Executive Committee Was Held in Greensboro Yesterday.

CONVENTION ON MAY 18TH

It Will be field Early in the Cate City Rollins Endorsed and Bouquets Were Thrown at the Roosevelt Administration-Notes.

[Special Star Telegram.] RAIMIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.-At the esting of the Republican State Excutive Committee to-day, all members were present except R. F. Mebane, of Spray, N. O., and J. P. Wilson, of Charlotte. State Chairman Rollins presided. An invitation to hold the next Republican State Convention in Greensboro was accepted unanimously and May 18th was named as the date. There will be only one convention, at which delegates to the National Convention will be named, and the nomination of a full State ticket made. J L. Morgan, of Marion, was elected member of the Executive Committee, to succeed ex.Congressman Moody.

A resolution was unanimously adopt ed endorsing the course of State Chairman Rollins and urging that he be reelected. The meeting of the committee was very barmonious. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That all the people of the Juited States be congratulated upon the wise, wholesome and conservatively aggressive administration of the government under the present Chief Executive. We congratulate capital that its every right has been protected, auti conserved in the fullest manner. while the law has been honestly and fearlessly executed to restrain criminal trusts and all of the illegal combinations of predatory wealth. This has been a blessing to the country at large and an especial protection to all honest capital. point to the fact that every such effective law on the statute books was sion for about a dozen blocks. The enacted by a Republican Congress, and fficer drove up in his buggy at Sixth | during eight years of Democratic admade to enforce these salutary enactmente.

We congratulate labor upon the fact that no President has ever shown greater solicitude and capacity, not only to guarantee to the nation's bread winners the equal protection of law, but also had the courage and wisdom to use the good offices of his great position to adjust any disastrous differences between labor and capital, as was happily illustrated in the peaceful settlement of the anthracite coal strike. No President has ever ex hibited greater courage and patriotism than was shown in that crisis.

A'We congratulate the great producine clases, who vitalize the nation's under which they have prospered as never before in the history of the

"We congratulate all the people upon the foresight and prompt action the president, which made the great isthmian canal a certainty, against a powerful combination of influences opposing. The public sentiment of this country and the world have approved the President's course. This nteroceanic waterway will give a new-impetus to the nation's commerce and be an especial blessing to the whole South. Our concessions on the isthmus will prove invaluable in case of war and the construction of the canal will mark a new era in our

industrial development. "President Roosevelt represents the highest type of progressive Republicanism and strenuous Americanism. We heartily favor his renomination and re-election and pledge ourselves to use every honest effort to secure that consummation.'

Ex-Senator Marion Butler attended the convention, it is understood, in the interest of Jno. H. Gore for the Wilmington postmastership. Thos. E. Wallace was also present in the same connection but no action by the committee or decison on the part of Chair man Rollins was announced. A charter was granted here to-day

for the Bank of Chadbourn, Columbus county, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by J. A. Brown, M. F. Leonbart, R. K. Moore, C. C. Pridgen, E. J. Hacker and J. L. Williamson.

STORY OF UNREQUIVED LOVE.

Negro Killed One and Seriously Wounded Another at Tarbore Yesterday. [Special Star Telegram.]

TARBORO, N. C., Feb. 6.-Infurlated by unrequited love and because she would not marry him, Randall Pittman, colored, shot and instantly killed Maggie Battle, a widow, here to-day and probably fatally wounded her sister, Louisa Barrett. Pittman had called and renewed his suit and after insistence, as Maggie was about to consent, Louisa protested, whereupon the man drew his pistol and shot both and then made his escape. He has not yet been apprehended.

There has been much ado about the

Market Street Plaza.

matter of removing the plaza from Market street, between Front and Second, to Market, between Third and Fourth streets. It has been stated Department and would therefore not be removed to the latter location. As last Saturday, were discharged to-night by Mayor Cutchin. a matter of fact the question has never been considered by the Streets and Wharves Committee and no action of any kind has been taken in the Posse in Pursuit of Two Negroes Who premises.

To Wed in Savannab.

Capt. and Mrs. Walter J. Thompson, of Savannab, Ga., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Thompson, and Mr. William Jefferson Woody, formerly of Wilmington, but now a resiruary 16th, at St. Paul's Episcopal him in the head and breast. A negro Church, Savannah. Mr. Woody is a teamster was hit by a stray bullet and nephew of Mr. J. D. Woody, of Wilmany die. A reward of \$1,250 has been

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW.

Thirty-six Out of Porty-three Passed Examination-lagrense Capital Stock. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6.-The Su-

preme Court announced this afternoon the list of successful applicants for license to practice law, showing that of forty-three students who stood the examination last Monday only thirtysix passed. The licentiates are: Thos. A. Allev, Granville; Edward M. Toon, Columbus; Walter Jones, Hyde; Van Buren Martin, Northampton; Jno. M. Wagoner, Alleghany; Louis J. Bailey, Tennessee; Arthur E. Tilley, Ashe; Walter M. Wagoner, Alleghany; Willie C. Bell, Harnett; Julian C. Brooks, Union; Jas. M. Carson, Rutherford; William A. Dunn, Halifax; Chas. U. Harris, Wake; Judge E. Little, Union; Chas. E. Wike, Jackson; Wade H. Kinlaw, Robeson; Robert W. Herring, Sampson; Alfred L. Bulwinkle, Gaston; LeRoy L. Lassiter, Northampton; William L. A. Allen, Granville; Edward M. Toon, L. Lassiter, Northampton; William L Axley, Cherokee; Jno. G. Daniel, Halifax; Gattis H. Diggers, Hender son; Geo. R. Ward, Duplin; Ira E. D. Andrews, Orange; Luren T. Johnson, Sampson; Donald Witherspoon, Oatawba; Geo. C. Green, Halifax; Wal ter L. Swink, Forsythe; Gilmer B. Welch, Swain; Buxton B. Williams, Warren; Edgar D. Kuykendall, Guil-ford; Martin O. Newby (colored), Durham; David J. Cashwell, Cumberland Jno. S. Adams, Buncombe; Colin H. Harding, Beautort; Ernest V. Moore, Alexander. The Goldsboro Furniture Company

filed with the Secretary of State to-day a certificate for an increase of its capi-tal stock to \$150,000. W. H. Borden is president of the company.

REV. DR. HALE ACCEPTS.

ie Will Become Pastor of First Baptist Church of Wilmington-fils Work.

Rev. Fred. D. Hale, D. D., of Hot Bprings, Ark., yesterday telegraphed his acceptance of the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this city and will be here the middle of March to enter upon his new work. Dr. Hale was born at Newmarket,

Als., in April, 1855, and is, therefore, in his 49th year of age. He took a literary course at the University of Alabama and later completed his and his fate to the Almighty at the altar studies at the Southern Baptist Theo- of the Troitzko Monastery, as his logical Seminary at Louisville, Ky. His first charge was a mission in Louisville, which became a church under his pastorate and grew to a pire and posted everywhere, will rouse membership of 1,000. His next church was at Owensboro, Ky., which he served three and a half years and then organized the Third church in the same town and was its pastor five years. The church built a house of worship which cost \$45,000. His next charge was at Kansas, Mo., but his health became impaired and he was forced to take a rest. By permission he was allowed to do evangelistical work during the past year.

Poisoned Her School Mate.

A colored woman who cooks for Mr. H. L. Fentress, of this city, returned Thursday from Greenville, S. C., where she went to accompany home to Gibson, N. C., a daughter of hers who died last Sunday of poisoning. The young colored woman was attending school in Greenville and one of her school mates is reported to have given the unsuspecting woman poison in some candy. The two women had a quarrel about a ring some time before the poisoning.

WANTED FOR MURDER.

Negro Man and Woman Driven to Bay in a Mississippi Swamp. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VICKSBURG, MISS, Feb. 6.-Driven to bay in a dense swamp near Greenwood, Luther Holbert and his wife, colored, wanted at Doddsville for the murder of James Eastland, are prepared to sell their lives dearly. The negroes to-day killed four of the State's loodhounds that had tracked them nto the swamp. Several hundred men from near counties are guarding the swamps, and unless the couple attempt to break through the posse, there are plans to beat woods thoroughly in the morning. Holbert's wife is dressed in man's attire and both she and her husband are thoroughly armed.

Two negroes were killed by a posse near Belzonia, Yazoo county, to day, One of them, thought to be Holbert, showed fight when called upon to halt and both were shot to death.

EXCITEMENT AT ROANOKE.

Negroes Driven Out of Town fer Incendiary Talk About the Shields Case. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROANOKE, VA., February 6 .- Taylor Fields, a negro who was charged with talking about the Shields assault in a way calculated to incite the blacks, was taken from his home at Salem last midnight by a mob of several hundred men and with a rope around his neck, carried to the main stripped to the waist, bound to a telephone pole and unmercifully whipped

preacher, have been driven out of Roanoke for their incendiary talk about the Shields case, and warned not to re-

with pieces of electric light wire and

The Roanoke militia which has been held under arms in their hall since

MURDER IN MISSISSIPPI.

Killed a Levee Inspector. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NATCHEZ, MISS, February 6 .- The oody of Levee Inspector C. L. Hardeman, who died yesterday at Black-hawk, was brought here to-day. His death was caused by gunshot wounds inflicted by Alex. Pence and Jim Leo, negroes, who are at large, pursued by a posse. Hardeman reprimanded one dent of Savannah. The marriage will of the negroes, who with his companitate place at 9 P. M. Tuesday, Febien, clubbed the inspector and shot offered for the capture of the negroes.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA ON EVE OF WAR.

A Tokio Dispatch Says That Diplomatic Relations Have Been Broken Off.

RUSSIAN MINISTER READY.

Preparations for Departure Are Progress. ing and He is Expected to Leave in a Few Days--Populace of Tokio Not Aware of Proceedings.

By Cable to the Morning Star

TOKIO, Feb. 7.-It is clear that diplomatic relations between Japan and Russia have been broken off. Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, is expected to start in a few days. His progressing.

The Russian legation expected its government to break the silence today, but no communication was received, except one announcing that troops had been dispatched to Seoul. The populace is not aware of the

diplomatic proceedings and although it is generally known that the country is on the eve of a war the people await the crash with the same calmness that marked their demeanor in the preliminary stage of the controversy.

ta ssia Walting.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.-The scene of the Russo-Japaness negotiations has shifted, and now Russia waits for Japan, to see how her latest word is to be received. As each communication has passed between the capitals of the contesting powers the situation has become more tense, until it is now feared diplomacy is making its last exchange and that the questions at issue may go to the arbitrament of sterner methods. Russia to-night is keenly awake to the possibilities of the situation and is eagerly waiting the first intimation which may give a clue to the temper of Japan.

The Emperor, in the event of war, may go to Moscow to submit the cause fathers have done in the past, before drawing the sword; but, does or not, his manifesto, which will be read in all the churches of the Em-

the patriotism of his subjects. In the hotels and restaurants of St. Petersburg the situation is being discussed to-night with great seriousness. The weather is bitterly cold and street fires are burning and the people are asking if it is possible for hostilities to begin at a season when the thermometer registers forty degrees below zero Fahrenheit in North Manchuria. They are speculating upon the horrors that would characterize such a winter campaign and wondering if the story of the sufferings at Shipka Pass is to be ever, that if the worst comes their hardy soldiery can stand the severe cold better than their adversaries.

A DEMOCRATIC GATHERING.

Disser of the Manhattan Club--Justice Alton B. Parker Heartily Endorsed for Presidential Nomination.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- At a notable gathering of Democrats at a complimentary dinner given to night by the members of the Manhattan Club to John Hone, the vice president of the club, Justice Charles H. Truax, who presided, had many good things to say of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, of the court of appeals, only to be interrupted at the end by repeated cheers, that were followed with cries o Judge Parker, the next President of

the United States!" The chief justice was there himself but spoke only of the good fellowship he had enjoyed as a member of the

Manhattan Club. Senator McCarren, who was introduced as the "Philosopher of Silence from Kings County," spoke of the eference that had been made to Judge Parker and declared that he would second the nomination of the chief ustice for President of the United

"That gentleman," he said, "posesses a standard of intellectuality and dignity that is required in the Presi-

Among the other speakers was John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury. Former President Grover Cleveland sent a letter of regret.

TRAGEDY IN A THEATRE.

Two Men Shot and Killed by a Negro Ex-Convict-Murderer Escaped. Pursued by a Posse.

By Telegraph to the morning Star. MIDDLESBORO, KY., Feb. 6.-In the rallery of the Princess Theatre, at Middlesboro, to-night during a performance of West's Minstrels, John White, a negro ex-convict, shot and instantly killed Policeman John Burns and accidentally killed John Sharp, a switchman, the employ of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The tragedy was the result of a threat by the police officer made during the day that he would arrest White for vagrancy. White escaped, knocking down a negro who attempted to stop him on the stairway, with the butt of his pistol, and also running over the sheriff of

woman's throat. Great excitement was caused in the theatre by the shooting and a stam-pede and panic was only averted by cool headed persons in the large audience and by the minstrels who went along with the show as if nothing had

William, P. Washburn, aged 74, a leading Tennessee lawyer, is dead. New Orleans and Northwestern He was a native of Massachusetts Railway Company, and for the Natand a graduate of Amherst in 1851. | chez and Southern Railway Compa-He came to Knoxville in 1856 and ny, and a well known lawyer, was was a law partner of United States stricken with neuralgia of the heart Senator Horace Maynard, In the in the street at Roanoke, Va., last civil war he served as a Confederate night and expired almost imme-soldier.

Morrison, a negro who was charged NO. 16 with arson, setting fire to the house of Mamie Haffler, in the night time,

was bound over to court to be tried for his life. - The Ripple says the commis-sioners of Yadkinville, in response to a petition from a large number of citizens, have repealed the act pro-

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- The congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Concord is

- At Charlotte on Friday Burch

to build a new church edifice.

hibiting smoking in any store in that town. The Ripple says the act was very unpopular. - While picking up coal by the

railroad track in Winston a few days ago a colored woman got her hand crushed off by a car wheel passing over it. She did not see the approaching car and a wheel caught her hand and passed over it. - While Henry Rufty, a young

man of the western part of Rowan county, was out hunting rabbits Friday, he fell down a deep gully, causing one barrel of his gun to explode and lodge its contents in the right side of his face. He will lose the sight of one eye.

- A few days ago a young son of Mr. J. F. Carter, of Cabarrus county, got a peanut lodged in his windpipe. He was taken to a hospital, preparations for departure are now | but on account of his youth it was decided unwise to operate. The pernut finally lodged in his lungs and the boy died. - Washington, N. C., Gazette-

Messenger: "The Rose of Bath," a story written by Miss Lida Tunstall Rodman, should prove interesting to our towspeople, as the scene is laid at Bath in the year 1714, being a romance interwoven with some facts in the early history of what is now Beaufort county.

- Salisbury Suns Senator Simmons would do well to let up on the Panama question. His set speech did him credit and commanded praise even from those who do not agree to his position. His interview in the morning papers of Wednesday, however, is calculated to call for some explanations.

- A citizen of Barringer township tells the Mooresville Enterprise that a negro in Barringer recently went into an abandoned cotton patch, gathered the uncracked bells, cracked them with a hammer. beat the staple with a hickory withe, and in this way gathered cotton that amounted to \$5.08.

- A gift of \$800 has been made to the board of education by Mr. James F. Slate, of Mizpah, Stokes county. This amount is not to be used for payment of board, laundry bills and room rent, as the regular contributions to the board are used, but it is to be loaned to young ministers who would otherwise be compelled to leave college for lack of means to purchase books, clothing

and other necessicies. - Raleigh News and Observer: The friends of the Baptist University all over North Caeolina will rejoice to know that every dollar except two thousand has been raised to pay the debts due to that institution, and that amount has been subshrihad hu rosnonsible .. norting .. who a matter, not alone for congratulation by the trustees and friends of the institution, but to all believers in the education of women in North

Carolina. - While running sixty miles an hour, about half a mile north of King's Mountain, Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock, the Southern's fast mail train struck Mis Lula Adams. who was trying to cross the track in front of the engine, and knocked her fifteen feet into the air and over fifty feet distant. Miss Adams was instantly killed, never breathing after she fell. Miss Adams was employed at the Dilling Cotton Mills, which are just beside the railroad. slightly over half a mile from the centre of the town of King's Moun-

tain. - Nashville Graphic: The farmers of Nash county have "put up" more home-made meat this year than has been done in many years. From every quarter comes reports of large quantities of meat saved. This means much for those who have made their smoke-house at home instead of Chicago and Omaha. -- With cotton selling at 16 cents, seed at 30 cents now comes along several firms who are dead anxious to pay you 8 cents for the cotton root bark. We may look for one dollar a dozen for the blossoms this summer, and properly cured leaves selling at 35 cents a pound.

- At Marion, N. C., Thursday night, Lish Garland shot Ive Callicutt in the waiting room at the station here. It seems that Garland was drinking and went down to the station and went in the room and there were two negro boys in the room and he ordered the Callicutt boy to wake up the other boy and make a fire. Callicutt refused and he again ordered him to do so and on the boy still refusing Garland caught him by the collar and shot him in the head, inflicting a serious and dangerous wound. The doctors could not find the ball and think he will die. Garland made his escape, but the sheriff is looking for him in every direction.

- Mooresville correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: Mr. R. S. Templeton, our postmaster, has received from his son in the Philippine Islands three very interesting curios. One is a bolo blade, which is used by the natives in war. It is a fearful looking instrument. A walking cane made of human bones is another. The workmanship is fine and the cane is very handsome. l county. A posse is in pursuit. The last is a large walking cane, White is a hotel walter and served a with some very artistic penitentiary sentence for cutting a upon it. A snake of the tropical variety is carved upon the cane, and looks very natural. Inside this stick is a fishing tackle. When drawn out to full length the cane is probably about twelve feet in length. It is very light.

Judge J. N. Luce, of New Orleans, La., general attorney for the