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## CAN THE FARMERS HOLD THEIR COTTOM?

The cotton manipulators in New York appear to discount the effectiveness of the plan of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association to induce cotton producers, merchants and bankers to hold the surplus crop, and, as a further means of holding the price up to a profitable basis, to unite the farmers in the determination to cut down this year's acreage 25 per cent. and to curtail the use of fertilizers proportionately. Their minds may be disabused to a certain extent by Mr. Atwood Violett, of New York, who has issued a circular giving his impression of the cotton convention at she now confesses that she commit-New Orleans. He says:

"My presence at New Orleans during the sessions of the cotton convention gave me an opportunity of becoming familiar with conditions that could not have been experienced in any other way-that is, by coming in contact with the confession. In the Vermont case delegates to a convention which was the largest and one of the most representative ever held in this country of an agricultural character. I am convinced that the intention to reduce acreage in a drastic way will be carried out. They and the bankers have solidified their interests, and not only will the planter reduce the area to the extent of 25 per cent., as they have bound themselves and those they represent to do, but I believe that subsequent to their return and talking the matter over with their neighbors, representing the feelings and attitude of the delegates from all sections of the South when at New Orleans, that the curtailment may be even greater than they have committed themselve by resolution to do. This is the crux of the whole matter, because as soon as the cotton world is convinced that the South will carry out this feature of the convention the spinners' demand will increase, and it would seem to follow that the holder of what remains unsold of the present crop will be all the more tenacious and adhere even more closely to his determination to wait for the higher prices for the staple, which the South generally thinks is in store in the not far distant future.'

There are already signs that the cotton growers will justify the opinion of Mr. Violett on this question Yesterday township meetings were held to pledge the farmers to the reduction scheme and to elect delegates to attend county conventions next Thursday, Feb. 16th. to further perfect the organization to control the cotton situation. These county meetiags next Thursday are to perfect the county organization, elect its officers and committees, and if deemed proper, select and provide for the payment of the inspectors who are to act as the police of the organization in seeing that the farmers who sign abide by their oaths and that the farmers who do not sign are made to wish that they had. On Feb. 21 at each State and Territorial capital there are called meetings of the delegates elected at the various county or parish meetings. These State and Territorial meetings are to perfect the State organization and ratify the selection of the executive committeemen nominated by the convention held in New Orleans.

The STAR has already noted a statement from the Columbia Record which show which way the straw is pointing. Our esteemed contemporary tells us that "On account of the uncertainty of the cotton planters as to cotton, and their inclination to reduce acreage, the shipping of fertilizer from Charleston is just now unusally dull, and whereas 350 cars should be pulled out of the city every day loaded with phesphate, not more than 75 are sent from the city daily by the six companies engaged in the business. Some 400 cars are empty and idle the junction, there being no call for them from fertilizer shippers."

In our own State, we get this pointer from the Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer of this week:

"At this date last year there was a tremendous movement in commercial fertilizers. The roads were lined every day with wagons hauling guano to the country, and farmers went joyously about their work-all because cotton was bringing remunerative sprice. E. G. Shelder of Chillicothe, Ohio, have incorporated the Carolina Land But how different is it this jear.

Fertilizers are not being moved at all, and farmers are as yet making all, and farmers are as yet making all, and farmers are as yet making all. no preparation for the coming plant. lands.

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nearly all shut down and have given it out that they will not start up

again unless conditions improve."

not shudder much at the thought

that such fiends as that Mrs. Ed-

wards, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs.

Rogers, of Vermont, are standing

under the shadow of the gallows or

within the glimmer of the electrical

.The Pennsylvania woman, having

a negro for a paramour, conspired

with him and they murdered he

husband while he was drunk. In

order to shield the negro, Greason,

ted the murder alone. A tremen-

dous amount of pressure is being

brought to bear to save the woman,

and believing that her neck is prac-

tically out of the halter, she aims

at saving her negro lover by making

the New York Tribune sums it up

"Prominent society woman, wife

of a high official in government cir-

cles in Washington, and further de-

scribed as a dear friend of the presi-

dent who has a deal of power be-

hind the throne, is said to be going

to appeal to President Roosevelt to

reprieve Mrs. Rogers, condemned to

be hanged in Windsor, Vt. Let's

see. Mrs. Rogers, with the assist-

ance of her paramour, tied her hus-

band with a rope, chloroformed him and then dumped his carcass in the

river. Pity of the prominent society

novelty of the crime."

woman is probably awakened by the

The Representative from Ashe

county is impressed with the belief

that he can circumvent the Inter-

State Commerce law by stopping

every shipment of liquor by Express

from other States at the nearest Ex-

press station to the North Carolina

State line and then let the consignee,

after notification, get it as best he

can. But, then, the Representative

"Senator Passay," asked the

Grave and Reverend Senior, "do

you expect to vote for President

"I pass on that question," replied

Passay, and chuckling to himself,

he shoved the pasteboards into the

deck and waited to see what he

After President Roosevelt's freight

ate fixing bill is passed by Congress

and becomes a law, the Interstate

Commerce Commission had better

send for all the freight and passen-

ger agents and ask them how the

"Genius dreams," says a mag-

We dreamed the other

azine writer. If that's the case line

night that we were President and

that the Senate and House agreed

leuce they fix rates any way.

to every thing we suggested.

could get out of the next deal.

Roosevelt's freight rate fixing bill?"

from Ashe is very Young.

chair.

graph:

ing. In fact, the only activity they have shown for some time is the de-STATE LIQUOR BILL. termined effort they are making to decrease the cotton acreage. By the way, in speaking of fertilizers, we learn that the prices are about Ward Amendment to Watts' La the same they were last year, and that the probability is that they will not be reduced, as the factories have Provoked Warm Debate in

PASSED ITS SECOND READING

the Senate Yesterday.

These instances alluded to by our Columbia and Wadesboro contempo-Senator Emple, of New Hanover, De raries are but similar to those everynonaced the Measure as Un-Demowhere in the cotton belt. If they cratic and Equivalent of Stealare adhered to it is not difficult to ing-Other Proceedings. observe that the object of the farmers will be attained and that it is

[Special Star Telegram.]

bound to favorably affect prices for RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.-After ong and animated debate in the Senate to-day, the Ward bill, amending the Watta act to prohibit distilleries POPPYCOCK SENTIMENT. in towns of less than 1,000 inhabi-There is a lot of maudlin sentitants, passed second reading by a vote ment that a woman shouldn't be of 25 to 16. Senator Scales attempted hanged. If a woman commits a to have it placed upon the third readheinous crime, and some of them ng, but his motion failed and the appear to be the incarnation of the neasure went over until to-morrow. devil himself, she places herself when there will be more speaking on beyond the pale of the tender sen-Wnen the bill came up, Senator timent which attaches to the gentle Fleming, of Pitt, addressed the Sen-ate in favor of his substitute, leaving members of her sex and to even out his restrictions as to the size of many frail ones. We will guarantee the town, arguing that the Ward bill that the women of the country do was a violation of party principles: that it did not afford police protection

and that it was a fraud upon the tempreance people of the State.
Senator Ward, of Craven, cham ploned his bill in a spirited reply to Mr. Fleming, explaining the features, and declared that the measure was approved by State Chairman and Sena-tor Simmons.

Senator McLean, of Scotland, supported the Ward bill. Senator Mason, of Northampton, made one of the most impassioned orations, rallying the forces under the standard of "Education and Temperance," which was the best heard in the Senate this session. Senator Stubbs, of Martin,

spoke, asking how far the Legislature proposed to go in these restrictive measures-this confiscation of investments made under the sanction of he State.

Senator Emple, of New Hanover, opposed the bill, which he characterized not as a Ward or a Simmons' bill, but as the bill of Josiah William Balley, a man who was not a Democrat. He asserted that the measure was sidered the bill a violation of the Democratic platform. Senator Gilliam, of Edgecombe

losed the debate with a pies against the confiscation of private property and money invested with the sancti approval and on the plighted faith of the State. Many Senators spoke when the question was called on the amendment to strike out the limit of distilleries to towns of over 1,000. It was voted down as was the amendment, making the population requirement 500. The bill was then amended to go into effect January 1st, 1906, and passed its second read-

The largest number of bills of any day this session were introduced in both houses to-day. The business of the Legislature is increasing to such an extent that, beginning next week, night sessions will be held. The divorce bill will come up next Tuesday night. The Ward liquor bill, prohibiting the manufacture of liquor in towns with less than 1,000 population and requiring police investigation of places where liquor is sold or manus factured in any town, came up as the special order at noon and consumed nost of the time in the Senate, being disposed of finally as stated above.

The Senate sessions were opened with prayer by Mr. McLean, of Scot-land, and among bills introduced were: To amend graded school law of Asheville, to amend charter of Asheville: by Turrentine, to provide a State purchasing agent, to be appointed by the Governor, to give sufficient bond, to receive \$200 a month and expenses, and the several institutions of the State are to make requisition on purchasing agent for such supplies or articles desired; by Coxe, to incorporate Great Pee Dee Electric and Power Co.; by Webb, regulating elections in Buncombe; by Ward, to allow magistrates half fees in certain cases; by Gilliam to incorporate Edgecombe Railway Co.; by Bragaw, to authorize Beaufort to levy special tax; by Williams, to revise charter of Norwood; bill to establish a bureau of immigration was made the special order for next Tues-

Among bills passed third reading were: In regard to railroad transpor tation for newspapers, permitting contracts for advertising in exchange for transportation; to elect commissioners magistrates by the people in Washington county; incorporating Durham and Southbond railroad; to allow Wake to make appropriation for Woman's Association for Betterment of School Houses; to amend charters of Southern Conservatory of Music and Presbyterian College, of

Robeson: by Hollowell, to authorize

Goldsboro to issue bonds; by Holmes, to

regulate pay of surveyors in Pender

county; by Koonce, for appointment

of magistrates in Onslow; by Taylor,

to allow Smithville township, Bruns-

wick county, to issue bonds for public

roads; by Shipman, to change line of

Brunswick and Columbus counties,

and to prevent live stock running at

way companies to forbid trespassing

Among matters which passed third

reading were: Resolution asking our

our Congressmen and Senators in

Congress to use their efforts to secure

an appropriation for the upper Cape Ferr river; resolution providing for

the payment of the inaugural expenses

of \$383.27; to allow appropriation

BALEIGH, N. O., Feb. 11.-Argu-

ments on the pilotage question pro

and con have resulted in so mixing up

matter that the House Committee on

committee a clerk.

The House was opened with prayer "In Hoch signo vinces," said the by Mr. Mitchell, of Bertle, and an avalanche of local bills were introduced. Chicago Bluebeard to Detective Hasten presented a petition from the Corkscrew, and having articulated Jr. O. U. A. M., of Centreville, and Stickley, another from citizens of Cathat saying he placed his hand over barrus, against establishment of an his lips and gave a good imitation of immigration burean. Uzzell presented one from citizens of Fremont, Wayne Poe's raven. county, asking for the bureau of immigration. Among bills introduced were: Says the Columbia Record: "Th By McGill, to provide for special dome of the State Capitol may not school tax in Rockfish township, Cumberland county; by Britt, to inbe safe." There seems to be some corporate Oak Grove cemetery, in thing wrong with every d d-domed

old State capitol in the country. It is perfectly natural for people to cuss the Legislature. The people have got to be "agin" something and the Legislature is the most kickable thing in sight now.

Wanted-A few heavyweights in | in Harnett; by Stewart, to allow railthe National Capitol to balance with the White House man who is on their right of way; by Redwine, to provide sewerage system for Monroe holding down the scales at the and refund city debt. other end of Pennsylvania avenue.

Little old Delaware can raise mighty big stink in spite of its size.

- At Mayock H. C. Hosier, A B. Lukins of Mayock, John Self and E. G. Shelder of Chillicothe, Ohio, WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1905.

Propositions and Grievances decided this morning to commit the whole matter to a sub-committee consisting of Murphy, of Buncombe: Branch, of Beaufort; Butler, of Sampson; Alexder, of Mecklenburg, and McGill, of Camberland. These gentlemen will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock and call on a representative for each side before them and ask any questions they see fit and try to clarify matters.

dations to the full committee. Messages from Governor Glenn, read in the Senate and House to-day, urge that the Legislature do not adjourn without taking some action on the bonded indebtedness of the State of the class of the South Dakota bonds. He reviewed the whole history of the

They then will report with recommen-

bonds and save: "These bonds are honest and not be longing to the fraudulent tax bonds class and were issued by patriotic men trying to build and develop the State, although they were sold on the market after the State had passed Into incompetent hands for one-fourth their

true value." He says if these bondholders wil neet the State in a fair settlement and take what is just and right in satisfaction and surrender these bonds he would earnestly recommend the matter be settled at this term of the Legislature, but if they won't take less than \$302,500, then he would advise that the Assembly take no further action but leave them to resort to the courts. The House adopted a resolution to refer the matter to a special committee of two Senators and three Representatives to confer with the Governor and Council of State. The Senate referred the matter to the Judictary Committee:

NEW HANOVER SCHOOL BILL

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 11.-Mr. Emde introduced in the Benate to-day a bill for the better support of the schools of New Hanover county, its purpose being to empower the city authorities to pay over to the county school fund one-third of the proceeds from the sale of liquor licenses; that is, the licenses on May 1st will be \$600, and under the bill, \$200 of this amount would go to the schoole. Mr. Emple says the bill was brought here by George Rountree. He doesn't know what the people will think of the bill, but if they do not want it, there is ample time to fight it before the committees, but the schools of Wilmington certainly need better sup-

port, and that badly. Senator Moore, of Pender, introduced an important bill relating to the application of the antiing law to Pender county. It provides that liquor can be bought on orders from justices of the peace just as it can be gotten now on precription from a physician. He says that now the physicians live so far apart that when whiskey is needed. parties are often put to great trouble and privation by not being able to reach a physician to procure the necessary prescription before getting his whiskey from Wilmington or wherever else he can, so the empowering of justices of the peace to issue these prescriptions will work a great convenience to his people and still amply safeguard the sale of liquor under the jug-law prescriptions. Applicants for orders must make affidavit before a justice of the peace that the liquor is for medical purposes.

The Benate opened at 10:30 A. M. toeday with prayer by Dr. A. H. Moment. The only feature of interest in the proceeding of the day was passage of the Ward Liquor Bill on its third reading. When it came up, several amendments were offered, tending to modify the law, but the Senate was not inclined to hear them and they were lost by even larger majoritie than by which the bill passed first and second readings yesterday. One amendment, however, was passed making it clear that the bill is not intended to change or modify the pres nt Watts' law.

When the bill came up on its third reading Senator Stubbs sent an amendment that this act should not apply to towns where liquor is now manufac act. I was defeated 9 to 18. Senator Zollicoffer sent an amend ment that this act should not in any way be construed to repeal or modify

the Watts act. It was accepted. Senator Williams declared that the Democratic party in the next campaign would have to go down in feat or not put forth as candidates the men responsible for this legislation. Senator Eller sent an amendmen that the act should not go into effec until July 1, 1906. It was defeated The bill then passed its third reading and will now go to the House.

Bills were introduced as follows By Eller, relating to contracts between lawyers and their clients; by Person to incorporate Greensboro Female College; by Moore; relating to antijug law in Pender, as stated above: by Turner, to appropriate funds for deaf, dumo and oling institutions; by Scales, to erect dormitory at colored . M. school at Greensboro; by Eller. relating to bird law in Forsyth and to amend charter of Winston-Salem; by Emple, school bill as outlined above.

Among bills which passed third reading were: To extend Greenville graded school district, changing cor-porate limits of town of Boardman; to uthorize Graham to issue bonds for chool purposes; to establish graded chools in Youngman; to amen charter of Wingste; to amend Rocky Mount graded school law; to repeat large in Columbus; by Stewart, to charter of town of Myrtle, Brunswick amend charter of Bank of Lillington, county. The bill to amend law making per cent. ammonia standard of coton seed meal came up, but was continued until next Friday. Other bills passed were: To change time for holding elections in Chadbourn; to prohibit dealing in futures in Gaston; to repeal law for Linville township, Mitchell county; regulating fees of surveyor in Wayne; to allow Wayne to pay chairman of board of county commissioners a salary; to protect woodcock in Jones and Craven; to amend charter of Wadesboro; to re-establish office of treasurer in Richmond; to incorporate the Great Pee

Dee Electric and Power Co. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendment to the bill to pro-

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**ENLARGED GAS PLANT** 

**Extensive Improvements Going** On at Works of Consolidated

NEW AND LARGER BUILDING.

Several Thousand Dellars Being Expended in Successful Effert to Meet the increased Demand-Work Now Progressing Satisfactorily.

Improvements involving an expen liture of several thousand dollars and amounting practically to the instalation of an entirely new plant, of greatly enlarged capacity, are now going on at the gas works of the Consolidated Rallway, Light and Power Company, at the south west corner of Surry and Castle streets. The improvements have been under way for several weeks, but for reasons satisfactory to the company, no advertisa-ment of the fact was made until all the contingencies had been met and there was no possibility of an interruption of the plans, mapped cut eight months ago, when it was eeen that in a very short time, with the rapidly increasing consumption of gas in the city, the demand would

have to be supplied. The work will be pushed to a rapid completion and Wilmington will then enjoy a service tensive enlargement and improvements, however, take time but in the end the public is assured of the best that is to be had. Lately the bad weather has been a very serious hindrance to the work but now it is progreasing very satisfactorily.

To tear down and remove the old apparatus, piping, brick walls and all the appurtenances of half a century of operation and to substitute for all this. new apparatus of the latest type and to carry on the work without the least interruption of the service has been a task with which Mr. H. M. Chase, the superintendent, has been wrestling for some time.

At the present time one new bench with all its appurtenances of tar separator, hydraulic main, automatic steam exhauster etc., has been installed the past two weeks. The greatly increased gas consumption forced the he inquired. company to put this bench in service during the recent cold snap, the old apparatus being no longer sufficient to take care of the demand. At the time this was done the walls were only partially completed, and the top of the bench entirely exposed, resulting in a freeze up which for a time, seriously threatened the gas supply of the city. Added to those trouples came a very inferior coal supply, but the situation was well handled and the plant is now moving along nicely. As rapidly as possible the old gas | the works will be torn down and the space cleaned up and put in shape,

and wherever necessary the buildings will either be re-built or adapted to the new demands. When completed the general style of architecture o the building will be similar to that o the new power house, and will add to the appearance of that part of the city. giving it a thoroughly modern and up-to-date appearance in every way The new plant has been laid out with a view to an ultimate capacity of 500, 000 feet per day.

Arrested on Seven Charges,

Constable Savage at 2 o'clock this morning arrested at the home of a woman in Strauss' alley, Isham Mack, colored, wanted for several months on seven separate charges, ranging from simple assault to larceny and an assault with a deadly weapon. The warrants are from both Justice Fows ler's and Justice Bornemann's courts-Constable Savage had lost more time and sleep in search of Mack than upon any defendant he has arrested since he has been in office. The negro had Wilmington and Navassa for six months, but he was sly enough to lodge both Constable Savage and the Constable Savage says he would not take a bright ten dollar gold piece for the capture of Mack. whom he landed in jall this morning in the rain.

Passes for Policemen. Every member of the Wilmington police department, thirty-eight in number, from the rank of ignitor to chief. desires publicly to tip his hat and make ols prettiest bow to Capt. John W Harper, of the steamer "Wilmington. and assure him of their profound thanks | son boy was struck on the head and for his distinguished consideration in sending each of them an annual pass upon his splendid steamer. The passe are good for any time, anywhere and everywhere that the graceful "Wilmington" may during the year 1905 glide her bow on the placid and historic waters of the Cape Fear. The passes with the compliments of Captain Har per, were distributed from the desk at the police station yesterday.

Fertilizer Movement,

Columbia Record: "On account the uncertainty of the cotton planters over the price of cotton, and their inclination to reduce acreage, the ship-350 care should be pulled out of the city every day loaded with phosphate. not more than 75 are sent from the city daily by the six companies engaged in the business. Some 400 cars are empty and idle at the junction. there being no call for them from fertilizer shippers.

Smallpox Quarantines.

The Health Department yesterday quarantined Joe Clark, colored, and two other smallpox patients in a house at corner of St. James and Howard streets. Still another case was quare antined in a house in an alley, leading from Sixth, between Red Oross and Campbell screets, the patient being also colored.

J. W. COLLINS BOUND OVER.

Company in Wilmington.

The preliminary trial of J. W. Colline, the well-to-do farmer of Columbus county, charged with the murder of Jeff. Davis, the 16-year-old boy bound to him by the Superior Court, the particulars of which are well known to readers of this paper, was held yesterday afternoon before Magis-trate E. J. Grimsley, at Freeman's, on the W., C. & A. railroad. Homer L. Lyon, of Whiteville, appeared for his father as solicitor of the district, in the father as solicitor of the district, in the prosecution of the case, and the prisoner was represented by Jackson Grier and C. D. Koonce, Esqs., of Whiteville, and Marsden Bellamy and Marsden Bellamy and Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esqs., of Wilmington. The trial was held at the railway station and a large crowd was in attendance. Collins was held, without bail, for the Superior Courtat Whiteville, Feb. 27th., Judge Ferenson presiding, and was Judge Ferguson presiding, and was remanded to jail.

Preliminary Trial Yesterday at Preeman's

Murder of White Boy Near Armeur,

in Bladen County.

NEGRO FORGER BOUND OVER.

Additional Evidence Sonnecting Pred Jone With Porged Murchison Sheck.

At the continued hearing yesterday of the case of the negro Fred Jones, charged with forging an endorsement possible for teams with any apprecito a check of Mesers. J. W. Murchison | able burden, to get up that incline & Co., the defendant, through Geo. over the rough cobble stones. The L. Peschau, Esq., his attorney, intro- Coast Line will bring the Belgian second to none in the South. The ex- duced three colored men who gave the prisoner an excellent character and it will be placed on the ground within the "State introduced two other witnesses, who forged more completely expense the city will have to bear for the strong chain of circumstantial evidence against him. The witnesses were Messrs. John Frederick, a clerk, and W. B. Walters, a manager, in Mr. Gaylord's store, through which Jones attempted to pass when the boy to whom he gave the check went back with Mr. Craft to find him. Mr. Frederick said the negro came in the store excited and when Mr. Craft and the boy followed him, that he hurried around the counter feigning to look at some goods, all the while glancing nervously over his Mitchell's law partner, confessed in shoulder at the door. Mr. Walters Judge Billings' court this afternoon to serve everybody who came in the door of the store, and that Jones at once attracted his attention by his nervous and it has been in operation during | manner and an attempt to hurry up stairs to look at some cloaks for which

In default of \$75 bond, Justice Fowthat there was an agreement between between Senator Mitchell and Tanner ler committed the negro to jail for the that Mitchell should have the proceeds April 3d term of the Superior Court.

SALE OF STEAMER HURT.

Bid in by W. J. Meredith, Representing New and independent Company.

The steamer A. P. Hurt, of the Cape Fear and People's Steamboat Co. with her tackle apparel and all other appurtenances, was sold yesterday at auction under receiver's sale at the wharf of the company, in this city, Mr. W. J. Meredith having become the purchaser a \$2,475. The sale was conducted by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamay, attorney for Receiver D. McEachern, and the bidders, besides Mr. Merediin, were Col. W. S. Cook and Mr. A. E. Martin, of Fayetteville, and Mr. C. H. Dock, of Wilmington. The sale is subject to confirmation of the court under a decree of which, in the case of H. L. Vollers and others against the cember. company, the property was ordered sold. It is understood that the bid of Mr. Meredith will be raised ten per cent, before confirmation in which event, the steamer will probably be re-sold.

Mr. Meredith said last night that in the purchase of the steamer he was representing a new and entirely independent company, which proposes, if the sale is confirmed, to operate the steamer on the Cape Fear under the had been an agreement made between same name which she now bears. It is understood that Mr. A. J. Johnson, of Clear Run, is associated with Mr. been slipping back and forth between | Meredith and others in the new com-

Negro Lad Emashed Another.

David G. Jones, a fifteen-year-old colored boy, was arrested at the S. A. L station by Policeman B. R. King about noon yesterday, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon another negro lad, N. W. Jackson, No. 430 Love's alley. The boys were engaged in the rather dangerous pastime of throwing stones at one another and Jackson fell after a well directed throw by Jones. The Jackknocked senseless after which the father got busy with a warrant and the police with the result that Jones was landed in the station house.

YELLOW FEVER IN NEW YORK.

Implicit Contidence in Mesquito Theory May Result Badly. By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.-Frank Bill.

sailor on the steamer Orizaba, was Swinburne island quarantine on the of his innocence, and Wednesday arrival of the steamer yesterday the matter will be presented to the meeting of the board of ping of fertilizer from Charleston is arrival of the steamer yesterday the just now unusually dull, and whereas from Colon. The man was said to pardor ship was not detained at quarantine and her passengers and baggage have since been landed "It is so well recognized that yellow quitos that vessels bringing cases to this port are no longer detained in quarantine, except when they arrive within ten days from an infected port, when they are subject to detention, up to the end of the fifth day in case other cases should develop. This was not necessary; in She: Yes, he was best man at my tion treaty between the United the case of of the Orizabs which had divorce proceedings. — Yonkers States and Japan, identical with been out seven days from Colon." Statesman.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

-Postmaster Walter B. Steel, ap-pointed by President McKinley, died of pneumonia, at High Point, on Friday.

-Dr. A. S. Orne and wife, of New York, are in Greensboro working up a Curfew law. They say that the law is a very essential one in bringing up

PAVE RAILROAD BLOCK.

Atlantic Coast Line Will Purnish Belgian

Blocks for Red Cross Hill.

Mayor Springer was yesterday ad-

vised by General Superintendent W

N. Royall that the Atlantic Coast Line

had decided to comply with the city's

request to furnish all material for the

paying of the block, on Red Cross, be-

tween Nutt and Front streets, which

is spanned by the overhead bridge con-

necting the second floors of the com-

cobble stones with which the steep

incline on the street is now paved will

be removed and used by the street

force in making gutters and drains in

At present, the street is practically

unfit for travel between Nutt and

Front and the heavy traffic from the

railroad freight depots along

Nutt street, to Grace street,

will be divided. Vahicles from the

warehouses now have to proceed up

Nutt. to Grace street, before the

teams are able to pull up the hill to

Front street. When the block on Red

Cross is paved, vehicles may then

reach Front street over the newly

paved section, whereas now, it is im-

block from near Petersburg, Va., and

the next week or ten days. The only

the laying of the blocks and the grad-

ing, but the use of the cobble stones for

gutter and repair work, will almost

HUMILIATING SOMPESSION.

Senator Mitchell's Law Partner Testified

That He Pariared Himself.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 11.-Judge

A. H. Tanner, United States Senator

the Federal grand jury in connection

with the investigation of the land

frauds in this State, when testimony

was taken with a view to connecting

United States Senator Mitchell with

the conspitacy to defraud the govern-

ment. Tanner, in his confession, said

f the practice of the law firm in the

Federal courts and that Tanner should

tice before any of the governmental

Senator Mitchell's oath that he would

not take part in any law proceeding

n which the government is interested

following statement to a representa-

endured since January 31st, when I

made a statement to the grand jury

concerning the date of the copartner

Mitchell and myself. The last straw

agreement between Senator Mitchel

and myself on the typewriter for per-

"Yes, I expect to be called as a wit-

last. He told the jury then that there

himself and the Senator by which the

Senator was not to receive any

raturn from firm work done which

would lead him to either of the depart-

ments of the government, and their

agreement had been made March 5, 1901. He introduced the agreement in

evidence before the jury and swore

that it had been written on the date

specified. The government was in

possession of evidence at that time

which varied from Judge Tanner's

testimony and linking it together

was able to make such a showing that

not only Judge Tanner, but his son,

Albert H. Tanner Jr., was indicted by

the grand jury. Neither of these in

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Judge Alfred H. Tanner made the

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other parts of the city.

- Asheville is considering the construction of a 4,000,000 gallon reservoir at the old stone quarry 200 feet above town. B. M. Lee is city

engineer. - Walter B. Gwyn, attorney, of Asheville, gives notice that he and others will apply to the Legislature for the incorporation of the Ashe-

ville & Northern Railway Co. - At Charlotte J. H. Wearn & Company have let the contract for another story to their plant, and additional machinery will be installed for doubling the capacity of their

veneer works. - Salisbury Post: The Raleigh Evening Times speaks of "Hon, E. Spencer Blackburn, of Salisbury." No, thank you, we deny the gentle insinuation. We are not responsible for the gentleman.

- The oldest law suit in North Carolina is now being settled. It is that of the Eastern Band of Chero. kee Indians against one W. H. Thomas and others, and involves a great many thousand acres of land. The case began in 1867, and nearly every lawyer that was first employed in the case is dead. The case is now before a final referee.

- The Wachovia Coal Company has been incorporated, at Greensboro, with an authorized capital stock of \$500,000, by William 1. Young, of Greensboro; George H. roctor, of New York; William C. Robinson and A. Hunter Boyd Jr., of Baltimore and Frederick Mertens, of Cumberland Md., for coal-mining ear Walnut Cove.

- Major Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, has received a very flattering invitation from Gov. Montague, of Virginia, to attend the unveiling of the memorial tablets to North Carolina soldiers and deliver an address at Appomattox, Va., on April 9th. Major London has accepted the invitation.

- Winston-Salem Sentinel: It may of interest to those people who have lost sight of Judge Parker to announce that he received a \$25,000 fee recently for his services in connection with one case. It may be claimed that the Judge is not a success as a politician, but he knows a thing or two about the law just the same.

- Henderson Gold Leaf: As showing Henderson's importance as trains pass here on the main line of the Seaboard every twenty-four hours, and eight on the branchtwenty trains a day. These beside the Southern give persons an opportunity to get in and out in any lesired direction at almost any hour to suit their convenience.

- Fayetteville Observer: Mr. J. . McNeill, living two miles from Raeford, informs us that he has trapped as many as sixteen foxes in one winter: and this year, under a persimmon tree on one of his fields. he has caught two foxes, branded and tagged. One was marked with split in the right ear and a half moon below, with a half moon above the left ear; the other fox had a leather strap buckled around his

- J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, accompanied by his bride, reached came, however, when I learned the Federal grand jury was preparing to Durham Friday morning and are on wisit to Washington Duke, the indict my son who had written the aged father of Mr. Duke. When Mr. Washington Duke fell recently jury, and when I learned that the and broke the bone in his hip the agents of the government were in son and his bride were on a tour of massion of the facts proving that Europe, having crossed the Atlantic the document was not signed March immediately after their quiet mar-5th, 1901, as I had sworn, but (that it riage in New Jersey. The cablegram telling of his father's injury cut had been prepared and signed last De-"Do you expect to testify against short the bridal trip and the bride and groom turned back towards this country and came direct to Durham. It is reported that Mr. W. Duke is Mitchell, and I will tell the whole truth getting along as well as could be exregarding the business of the firm pected for a man of his years who is When on January 31st Judge Tansuffering with a broken leg. He is cheerful and does not suffer to any ner went before the court he told a story which, according to his congreat extent. It is feared however fession to-day, had been agreed upon that he will not be able to walk in many of its details while Senator much in a long time, if it all. Mitchell was in Portland in December

> - Danbury Reporter: One among the many good features of the R. F. D. mail service is that anyone can now drive over the sections where they have the R. F. D. and tell by the names on the little mail boxes who lives at almost every home you pass. This fact has caused a reader of the Reporter to suggest that it would be worth the trouble for every farmer who has a mail box to put up a small black-board just above his box, something like this: "Oakwood Farm, James Jones, Prop. Wanted: A good milch cow. For Sale: Tweny barrels of corn." The above is shown as a specimen of what might appear on one of these little boards. Under the head of "wanted" the owner might place the name of things he desire to purchase, and under the head of "for sale" might be given the name of anything he wanted to dispose of. No doubt in many cases it would bring about the desired result.

> -Greensboro Record-We observe that the Raleigh News and Observer is dead "agin" a bond issue for permanent improvements-for enlarging the insane and other asylums of the State. We are unable to see why it is a good thing for municualities and counties to issue bonds for public improvements and a bad thing for a State to do it, especially in view of the fact that the insane asylums are and have been over-crowded for years and that hundreds of insane and sometimes dangerous people are obliged to be placed in the common jails of the countles and kept there, with no chance of becoming improved. The State owes it to her people to care for these unfortunates, and if it cannot be done in any other way, issue the bonds. In the epinion of many able financiers this is the best and least expensive method of accomplishing the purpose.

At Washington yesterday, Secretary Hay signed with Mr. Takahira, very intimate friend of yours. the Japanese minister, an arbitrathose signed with the other nations.

ATTEMPT TO CHEAT GALLOWS Penasylvania Supreme Court Will Hear Mrs. Edward's Negro Paramour's

Petition Monday. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

READING, PA., Feb. 11.-In the fight for life in which Mrs. Kate Edwards and Samuel Gresson are making, will be centered on Monday in Philadelphia, where the Supreme Court will hear Greason's petition to re-open the case with the view of giving him a new removed as a suspicious case to the I trial based on the woman's assertion be suffering from yellow fever. The Edwards was more cheerful than at any time in two months. Greason. who has had 13 death warrants read to him, and has been reprieved eleven times; whose case has already been behere. Dr. Doty, the health of-fore the Supreme Court five times and ficer of the port, said to-night: ed a special act two years ago, believes fever is only communicable by mos- that his counsel will succeed in having him liberated. Mrs. Edwards expects commutation to life imprisonment if Greason is saved from the gallows by

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her confession.