The Emperor of Russia has little to say about public affairs. His mother and Minister Lobanoff run the ma-

The bicycle craze has started many new industries-for instance, the making of leggings, for which big factories

Holland's navy has grown antiput it into working order, but the Ministry does not dare to ask for the

An English traveler, Theodore Bent, has rediscovered the "land of frankin cense and myrrh." It is a district called Dhofar, in the southeast of the Isle of Wight.

It is marvellous how some places in Germany have grown since the war in 1870. Berlin has added 1,000,000 to the number of its inhabitants, but of all German towns none has increased so much as Dresden. In twenty years its population has doubled.

Sudden death has carried off two very prominent figures in American literature recently, Professor Boyesen and Eugene Field. They had neither of them reached the age of fifty. Cut off in their prime, it seems eadly possible, to the New York World, that they left their best work undone.

Only thirty-six per cent. of the Parisians were born in the city, according to the census. The foreigners are 184,000, but 8000 of them having independent incomes, the rest being Cleveland, O. workmen or tradesmen. Nearly 25, 000 are German subjects, while in Berlin there are only 397 Frenchmen. been declared off.

The National Association of Implement Manufacturers, in session at at Chicago, bas decided to begin a vigorous campaign against "midway" exhibits at country fairs. 1: is declared that exhibits of windmills, threshing and five others were badly scalded. machines and vehicles are neglected for the superior attractions of Turkish and two machinists are dead. dancers and camel-back rides.

Mrs. Charles Green, of Baltimore, nesday, and deaths now number 9. is having built at Old Orchard, Me., s "Seaside Rest" for missionaries of all churches when recruiting from their labors. They will be expected to pay seventy-five cents a day for their lodg- | City on Wendesday evening. ings, with every comfort and luxury. Their meals will be free. The place is being beautifully fitted up, and will probably be dedicated early in June

The final triumph of the bicycle been accomplished, on a big farm near Wellington, Kan. One of the young men is an expert bicycle rider, and he usually rides his machine when driving the cattle to pasture or to the barps. He is able to scorch around over the level prarie and control the herd with great ease. Maybe the cowboy and his bronco are soon to be but a memory of a picturesque past.

A curious law case is reported from Milan, Italy. A young lady sued a young man-a perfect stranger-for having kissed her, suddenly and without warning, in the open street. When she entered the box to give evidence against him, the Judge was so struck with her beauty that he instantly acquitted the accused, on the grounds "that so much loveliness and charm had doubtless proved an irresistible temptation." Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the trial was that, instead of being annoyed at losing her case, the plaintiff was delighted with the verdict, and uttered a friendly farewell to the judge as she left the court beaming with smiles, whilst the accused was heartily applauded as he retired in triumph with his friends.

Quite a number of odd emigration movements in the West are now under way. A considerable party of peoare on the move to Georgia. Kansas people are moving to Nebraska; Dakota folks are moving to Kansas, and a great many Norwegians are moving from Minnesota to the Canadian Northwest. Twenty-five Norwegian emigrants started from Crookston, Minn., for a settlement near Vancouver, founded a year or so ago, called New Norway. The migration of farmers across the international boundary is pretty constant. Manitobians come over into Minnesota and the Dakotas, and discontented folks from these States move over into Manitoba. The moral of all this problem'is, the New York Sun philosophizes, that no place is everybody's El Dorado, no matter what land boomers and real estate agents claim for their particular localities.

A general strike of Pittsburg plumbers was inaugurated for the restoration of the ten but to accept the situation and deal with it per cent, reduction two years ago. About 400 men went out.

The Japanese in San Francisco have driven the Chinese out of the curio trade, and their stores for the sale of bamboo furniture are scattered all over the city.

# LATEST NEWS

GLEANINGS FROM MANY POINTS. Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

Newsy Southern Notes.

The National Christian Conference met in the Moody tabernacle at Atlanta

Twenty-four miners lost their lives Friday in the Nelson Mine, entry 10, near Dayton, Tenn., by an explosion of fire damp.

At the Democratic convention at quated. It will take \$20,000,000 to Shreveport, La., Thursday Governor Murphy J. Foster was re-nominated for Governor without opposition,

There was a fatal explosion of gas at the Cumnock Coal mines in Chatham county, N. C., on Thursday, in which thirty-eight persons were killed.

At New Orleans Wednesday, Judge Pardee, of the United States Circuit Court, decided in favor of the constitu-Arabia, and is not much bigger than tionality of the sugar bounty act, and against Comptroller Bowler.

Fire at Bowling Green, Ky., early Wednesday morning , destroyed the Christian and First Presbyterian Churches and the residence of Dr. V. N. McCormack, president of the State Board of Health. Loss \$30,000.

C. J. White, telegraph operator at Hapeville, Ga., was shot Thursday by some unknown party. He was seated at the table and was sending a message to Macon, when a bullet crashed through the window and blinds of his office and buried itself in his left arm.

The Georgia State Populist convention met in Atlanta Wednesday to elect delegates to the national convention. The reason it met before the national convention was called was because of the cheap rates to Atlanta. The usual Populistic platform was adopted. Coxey was not allowed to address the body. The convention favored upholding the Monroe doctrine.

#### Northern News Notes. The press feeders are on a strike in

The strike of the Philadelphia Union Traction Company employes has

The Sheriff at Rockport, Ind., fired on a mob who wanted a negro in the

jail, and put it to fight. By the bursting of a steam valve on board the American line steamer St. Paul at New York Wednesday morning, five men were scalded to death

Four of the injured men on the St. Paul at New York died at different times during the day, and night, Wed-

### Washington.

Capt. Isaac Bassett, the veteran assistant doorkeeper of the U. S. Senate, died at his home in Washington

There was an amusing colloquoy in the U. S. Senate on Friday between Senators Chandler and Tillman in which the former "got the laugh" on the South Carolina Reformer.

The Senate in executive session on Thursday confirmed the nominations of Willis L. Moore, to be chief of the is foreshadowed, if it has not actually | Weather Bureau and Wheelerock G. Veazy, to be an inter-State commerce

Foreign.

French papers are jubilant over Eng-

A portion of the Barracks, Buenos Avres, collapsed Thursday with disastrous results. Twelve soldiers who if he does not break the rebellion were in the building at the time were killed and sixty were injured. While the crew of the German ship

Athena, with a cargo of naphtha, which took fire, was being transferred to the British ship Tafna, in the Atlantic, the oil exploded and the captain and 13 of the crew were killed.

The German steamspip Spree, Captain Willigerode, from New York to Bremen, is stranded on Warden Ledge, Isle of Wight, but will probaably float at the next flood time. All her passengers and mails have been

The Cuban insurgents have burned millions of dellars worth of sugar fields in the district of Las Cruces. Santo Domingo, Esperanza and Sagua La Grande, in the province of Santa Clara, on their way to the frontier of the province of Matanzas.

# A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Cleveland Makes a Vigorous Talk on the Venezuelan Question.

President Cleveland on Tuesday sent a message to Congress relating to the Venezuelan question, and appending the answer of Great Britain, which says the Monroe doctrine is inapplicable to the state of things in which we live at the present day and capeple who years ago settled in Nebraska cially inapplicable to the controversy involved in the boundary line between Great Britain and Venezuela. Cleveland continues without attempting an extended argument in reply to these positions that the Doctrine upon which he stands is strong and sound-Its enforcement is important to the peace and safety of the nation and is essential to the integrity of our free institution and the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government. The Monroe doctrine cannot become obsolete while our Republic endures. therefore we may properly insist upon this doctrine without regard to the state of things in which we live, or any change of condition here or elsewhere.

If the European power takes possession of the territory of one of the neighbor republics against its will, in derogation to its rights, it s difficult to see why the European power doesn't thereby attempt to extend its system of government to that portion of this continent thus taken. It also suggested the British reply that we should not seek to apply the Monroe doctrine pending the dispute, ecause it does not embody any of the principles of international law which was founded by the general consent of nations, that no steps, however imminent, no nation, how-ever powerful or competent, insert into the Code of international law, a noval principle never recognized before and not since been accepted by this government, or any

accordingly. The United States should care fully investigate the dispute and prosecute a thorough examination. He suggests that Congress make an adequate appropriation for the expenses of a commission to be ap-

pointed by him. The message was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Both sides of the House warmly applauded the President.

PRESERVE OUR CREDIT.

The President Urges Upon Congress the Necessity of Quickly Remedying the Curency System of This Government, in View of the

National Crisis. The President has sent the following important message to Congress on the financial

To the Congress: In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the causes and means of the depletion of government gold were explained. It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the government to protect our gold reerve by the issuance of bonds amounting to more than \$162,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$79,000,000; that about \$16,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of that message and that quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted

The contingency then leared has reached us and the withdrawals of gold since the communication referred to, and others that appear inevitable, threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles.

We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment to our financial system. If in this particular instance our predicament is at all influenced by a recent insistence upon the position we should occupy in our relation to certain questions concern ing our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patrictic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for a sound financial

Of course there can be no doubt in any thoughtful mind as to the complete solvency of our nation nor can there be any just apprehension that the American people will be satisfied with less than an honest payment of our public obligations in the recognized money of the world.

We must not overlook the fact, however, that aroused fear is unreasoning and must be taken into account in all efforts to avert public loss and the sacrifice of our people's interests.

The real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme, Pending that, the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts or abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain American credit, nor will there be any hesitation in exhibiting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people. view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the Congress, in lefault of the inauguration of a better system f finance, will not take recess from its labors efore it has, by legislative enactment or declaration, done something, not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing afford a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to re-assure the world that with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every

obligation it incurs do not admit of question I ask at the hands of the Congress such prompt aid as it alone has the power to give o prevent in a time of fear and apprehension any sacrifice of the people's interests and the The first and fourth assistant engineers public funds or the impairment of our public redit in an effort by executive action to re lieve the dangers of the present emergency GROVER CLEVELAND. [Signed.] cutive Mansion, Dec. 20, 1895.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Alabama will erect a large cotton factory on the State's convict farm and operate it with convict labor.

Charles F. Mayer has been removed as President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

Utah will be admitted to the Union January 10th. The president has rejected the coast

lefense ram Katahdin, built by the Bath, Me., Iron Works. A bill has been introduced in Congress to compensate the builders for their loss.

Speaker Reed announced his comnittees on Saturday.

Nine indictments have been returned against ex-City Attorney Moreland and Assistant W. H. House, the defaulting Pittsburg officials. A Key West dispatch says that Cam-

pos has been informed from Spain that quickly, Spain will be unable to borrow money to continue the war.

Harry Haywood, in his ante-mortem statement the night before his execution, confessed to three other murders prior to the killing of Miss Ging, and stated that he never got into trouble until he began gambling and associating with counterfeiters.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier wires his paper that the Senate will insist that the commissioners to investigate the Venezuelan boundary line shall be nominated to and confirmed by the Senate, instead of having them named by the President without any check

whatever upon his selection. There was a great improvement in the financial situation in New York on

In his committee appointments Speaker Reed is said to have given general satisfaction in both sides of the House.

The Philadelphia street car strike ended Monday in a victory for the company. The new men are to keep their places and the striking men to be taken back after an impartial examination of their records.

The town of Brookstown, nine miles west of Paris, Tex., was swept away by a disastrous fire Sunday. Every business house in the place was burned. Loss, \$50,000; insurance partial.

The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a fifth dividend of 20 per cent. to the creditors of the National Bank of Knoxville, Tenn.

The Visible Supply of Cotton. The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,961,379 bales, of which 3,610,179 bales are American, against 4,594,566 bales and 4,210,366 bales respectively last year. Seceipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 168,781 bales. Receipts from the plan-tutions 251,743 bales. Crop in sight 4,501,315

A NAPHTHA SHIP BLOWS UP.

During a heavy gale 319 miles off Cape May, N. J., the German ship Athena, Captain Haak, which left New York December 10, for London, with a cargo of naphtha took fire, and, while the crew were being transferred to the British steamship Taina, rom Marbella, for Philadelphia, the cil exploded, blowing the Athena out of the water, The captain and thirteen of the crew were either killed by the explosion or drowned. The first and second mates and four of the

erew had been transferred to the Taina before the explosion took place, and were saved. When the Tafna left the place the wreckage from the ship was drifting southeast. The Tafna took the survivors to Phi'adelphia

where they were well cared for.

BIRTH OF JESUS.

DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY THEME.

Out of the Bethlehem Crib Came

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Text: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem."-Matthew ii., 1. At midnight from one of the galleries of the sky a chant broke. To an ordinary observer there was no reason for such a celes tial demonstration. A poor man and wife-travelers, Joseph and Mary by name-had lodged in an out-house of an unimportant village. The supreme hour of solemnity had passed, and uson the pallid forehead and cheek of Mary, God had set the dignity, the grandeur, the tenderness, the ever! asting and divine significance of motherhood.

But such scenes had often occurred in Bethehem, yet never before had a star been unfixed or had a baton of light marshaled over the hills winged orchestra. If there had been such brilliant and mighty recognition at an advent in the house of Pharaoh, or at an advent in the house of Casar, or the house of Hapsburg, or the house of Stuart, we would not so much have wondered; but a barn seems too poor a center for such delicate and archangelic circumference. The stage seems too small for so great an act, the music too grand for such unappreciative auditors, the window of the stable too rude to be serenaded by other worlds.

It is my joy to tell you what was born that night in the village barn, and as I want to make my discourse cumulative and cilmacteric I begin in the first place by telling you that that night in the Bethlehem manger was born encouragement for all the poorly start-ed. He had only two friends—they His parents. No satin lined cradle, no delicate attentions, but straw and the cattle and the coarse joke and hanter of the camel drivers No wonder the mediæval painters represent the oxen as kneeling before the infant Jesus, for there were no men there at that time to worship. From the depths of that poverty He rose until to-day He is honored in all Christendom and sits on the imperial throne in heaven.

What name is mightiest to-day in Chrisendom? Jesus. Who has more friends on earth than any other being? Jesus. Before whom do the most thousands kneel in chapel and church and cathedral at this hour? Jesus. From what depths of poverty to weat height of renown! And so let all those who are poorly started remember that they cannot be more poorly born or more disadvantageously than this Christ. Let them look up to His example while they have time

and eternity to imitate it. Do you know that the vast majority of the world's deliverers had barnlike birthplaces? Luther the emancipator of religion, born among the mines. Shakespeare, the emancipator of literature, born in a humble home at Stratford-on-Avon. Columbus, the dis-coverer of a world, born in poverty at Genoa. Hogarth, the discoverer of how to make art accumulative and administrative of virtue. born in a humble home in Westmoreland. Kitto and Prideaux, whose keys unlocked new apartments in the holy Scriptures which hal never been entered, born in want. I have to tell you that nine out of ten of the

world's deliverers were born in want. I stir your holy ambitions to-day, and want to tell you, although the whole world may be opposed to you, and inside and outside of your occupations or professions there may be those who would hinder your ascent, on your side and enlisted in your be-balf are the sympathetic heart and the almighty arm of one who one Christmas night about 1895 years ago was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Oh, what magnificent encouragement for the poorly started!

lage barn that night was born good will to men, whether you call it kindaese or forebearance or forgiveness or genialty or affection or love. It was no sport of high heaven to send its favorite to that humiliation. was sacrifice for a rebellious world. After the calamity in Paradise not only did the ox begin to gore, and the adder to sting, and the elephant to smite with his tusk, and the lion to put to bad use tooth and paw, but under the very tree from which the forbidden fruit was plucked were hatched out war and revenge and malice and envy and jeal-

ousy and the whole brood of cockatrices.

But against that scene I set the Bethlehem manger, which says, "Bless rather than curse, endure rather than assault," and that Christmas night puts out vindictiveness. It says, "Sheathe your sword, dismount your guns, dismantle your batteries, turn the warship Constellation that carries shot and shell into a grainship to take food to famishing Ireland, hook your cavalry horse to the plow, use your deadly gun-powder in blasting rocks and in patriotic celebration, stop your lawsuits, quit writing anonymous letters, extract the sting from your sarcasm, let your wit coruscate but never burn, drop

all the harsh words out of your vocabulary - 'Good will to men. "Oh," you say. "I can't exercise it; I won't exercise it until they apologize; I won't forgive them until they ask me to forgive You are no Christian then-I say you are no Christian, or you are a very inconsistent Christian. If you forgive not men their trespasses, how can you expect your heavenly Father to forgive you? Forgive them if they ask your forgiveness and forgive them any how. Shake hands all

around. "Good will to men." O my Lord Jesus, drop that spirit into all our hearts this Christmas time. I tell you what the world wants more than anything else -more helping hands, more sympathetic hearts, more kind words that never die, more disposition to give other people a ride, and to carry the heavy end of the load and give other people the light end, and to ascribe good motives instead of bad, and to find our happiness in making others happy, Out of that Bethlehem crib let the bear and

to men." That principle will yet settle al

"Good will

the lion eat straw like the ox.

controversies, and under it the world will keep on improving until there will be only two antagonists in all the earth, and they will side by side take the jubilant sleigh ride intimated by the prophet when he said, "Holiness shall be on the bells of the horses. Again, 1 remark that born that Christmas night in the village barn was sympathetic union with other worlds. From that supernatural grouping of the cloud banks over Bethlehem, and from the special trains that ran down to the scene I find that our world is beautifully and gloriously and magnificently surrounded. The meteors are with us, for one of them ran to point down to the birthplace. The heavens are with us, because at the thought of our redemption they roll hosannas out of the midnight sky. Oh, yes, I do not know but our world may be better surrounded than we have some times imagined, and when a child is born, angels bring it, and when it dies, angels take it, and when an old man bends under the weight of years, angels uphold him, and when a heart breaks, angels soothe it. Angels in the hospital to take care of the sick. Angels in the cemetery to watch our dead. Augels in the church ready to fly heavenward with the news of repentant souls

world. Angels all around the world. Rub the dust of human imperfections out of your eyes, and look into the heavens and see angels of pity, angels of mercy, angels of pardon, angels of help, angels crowned, angels charioted. The world defended by angels, girdled by angels, cohorted by angels -clouds of angels. Hear David cry out:
"The chariots of God are 20,000. Even
thousands of angels." But the mightiest angel stood not that night in the clouds over Bethlehem, the mightlest angel that night lay among the cattle-the angel of the new

Angels above the world. Angels under the

As the clean white linen was being wrapped around the little form of that child mperor, not a cherub, not a seraph, not an angel, not a world but wept and thrilled and shouted. Oh, yes, our world has plenty of sympathizers' Our world is only a cilver rung of a great ladder at the top of which is our Father's house. No more stellar solitariness for our world, no other friendless planets spun out into space to freeze, but a world in the bosom of divine maternity.

harnessed to a manger. Again, I remark that that night born in Some sermonizers may say I ought to have projected this thought at the beginning of the sermon. Oh, no! I wanted you to rise toward it. I wanted you to examine the car nelians and the jaspers and the crystals before I show you the Kohinoor-the crown iewel of the ages. Oh, that iewel had a very poor setting! The cub of bear is born amidthe grand old pillars of the forest, the whelp of lion takes its first step from the jungle of luxuriant leaf and wild flower, the kid of goat is born in cavern chandeliered with stalactite and pillared with stalagmite. Christ was born in a bare barn.

Yet that nativity was the offender's hope.

Over the door of heaven are written these words: 'None but the sinless may enter here," 'Oh, horror," you say, "that shuts us all out!" No. Christ came to the world in one door, and He departed through another door. He came through the door of he manger, and He departed through the door of the sepulcher, and His one business was so to wash away our sin that after we are dead there will be no more sin about us than about the eternal God. I know that is putting it strongly, but that is what I understand by full remission. All erased, all washed away, all secured out, all gone, That undergirdling and overarching and irradiating and imparadising possibility for you, and for me, and for the whole race,

that was given that Christmas night. Do you wonder we bring flowers to-day to celebrate such an event? Do you wonder that we take organ and youth'ul voice and queenly soloist to celebrate it? Do you wonder that Raphael and Rubens and Titian and Giotto and Chirlandajo and all the old Italian and German painters gave the mightiest stroke of their genius to sketch the Madonna, Mary, and her boy? Oh! now I see what the manger was. Not

so high the gilded and jeweled and embroidered cradle of the Henrys of England, or the Louis of France, or the Fredericks of Prussia. Now I find out that that Bethiehem crib fed not so much the oxen of the stall as the white horses of Apocalyptic vision. Now I find the swaddling clothes enlarging an i emblazoning into an imperial robe for a conqueror. Now I find that the star of that Christmas night was only the diamonded sandal of Him who hath the moon under His feet. Now I come to understand that the music of that night was not a completed song, but only the stringing of the instruments for a great chorus of two worlds, the bass to be carried by earthly Nations saved, and the soprano by kingdoms of glory won. Oh, heaven, heaven, heaven! I shall meet you there. After all our imperfections are gone I shall meet you there. I look out today, through the mists of years, through the fog that rises from the cold Jordan, through the wide open door of solid pearl to that reunion. I expect to see you there as certainly as I see you here. What a time we shall have in high converse, talking over sins pardoned and sorrows comforted and battles

triumphant! Some of your children have already gone and though people passing along the street and seeing white crape on the doorbell may have said, "It is only a child," yet when the broken hearted father came to solicit my service, he said. "Come around and comfort us, for we loved her so much."

What a Christmas morning it will make when those with whom you used to keep the holidays are all around you in heaven! Silver haired old father young again, and mother who had so many aches and pains and decrepitudes well again, and all your brothers and sisters and the little ones How glad they will be to see you! They have been waiting. The last time they saw your face it was covered with tears and distress, and pallid from long watching, and one of them I can imagine to-day, with one hand holding fast the sbining gate, and the other hand swung out toward you, say-

'Steer this way, father, steer straight fo Here safe in heaven I am waiting for thee.'

Oh, those Bethlehem angels, when they went back after the concert that night over the hills, forgot to shut the door! All the secret is out. No more use of trying to hide from us the glories to come. It is too late to shut the gate. It is blocked wide open with hosannas marching this way, and halle luiahs marching that way. In the splendor of the anticipation I feel as if I was dying -not physically, for I never was more well -but in the transport of the Christmas trans figuration.

What almost unmans me is the thought that it is provided for such sunners as you and I have been. If it had been provided only for those who had always thought right and spoken right and acted right, you and I would have had no interest in it, had no the raft midocean, and let the ship sail by carrying perfect passengers from a perfec ife on earth to a perfect life in heaven. But l have heard the commander of that ship is the same great and glorious and sympathetic one who hushed the tempest around the boat on Galilee, and I have heard that all the passengers on the ship are sinners saved by grace. And so we hall the ship, and it bears down this way, and we come by the side of it and ask the Captain two questions, "Who are Thou?" and "whence?" And He says, "I am Captain of Salvation, and I am from the manger." Ob, bright Christmas morning of my soul's delight! Chime all the

bells. Merry Christmas!

Merry with the thought of sins forgiven. merry with the idea of sorrows comforted merry with the aptures to come. Oh, lift that Christ from the manger and lay Him down in all our hearts! We may not bring to Him as costly a present as the magi brought, but we bring to His feet and to the manger to day the frankincense of our joy, the prostra-

ion of our worship. Down at His feet all churches, all'ages, all earth, all heaven. Down at His feet the four and twenty elders on their faces. Down the 'great multitude that no man can number. Down Michael, the archangel! Down all worlds at His feet and worship. God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men!"

# FOUND HIS MOTHER.

She Was Clad in Beggar's Rags, but He Acknowledged Her. Morris H. Spillard, one of Cincinnati's best

known citizens, has a son, L. H. in San Marta, department of Magdalena, Colombia, South America. The young man has been in business there for several years, and is doing well. In a recent letter to his fathe young Spillard, in a postscript, remarks: shall now recount to you a fact that is stranger than fiction." He then goes on it state that he was in the sitting room of a hotel in San Marta recently and witnessed the occurrence he details. Three general officers of the Colombian army, then on a tour of inspection, were also in the hotel sitting room. Soon a poor woman came into the apartment asking for alms. Her condition was most pitiful, and, to add to her sad condition, her head was bound up, hiding a cancer on the forehead. She approached the three officers and begged aid.

Two of the officers gave her twenty cent each. The third one handed her \$1. Encouraged by the munificence of the bequest she respectfully requested the names of her benefactors. The one who gave her \$1 said his name was General Elias Rodriguez. Said the poor old mendicant: "I had a son of that name, and if he is alive he is about your This statement interested the officer. and after a lengthy conversation in which the beggar woman recounted her history, it was ascertained that General Rodriguez had given alms to his own mother. In brief, the general at once took her in charge, provided liberally for her, and she is now the happy and respected guest of honor in his own This story is literally true, and young Mr. Spillard by chance was a witness to this strange and romantic meeting of

Horses, Three Dollars a Piece. Horses sold at auction in Chillicotha, Mo., few days ago at \$3 a piece.

A Question of Pronunciation.

Americans who affect the so-called English pronunciation of the letter "a" in words like "ask," "pass" and "last" are so much inclined, especially in Boston, to overdo the matter that it is well to reprint the testimony of a Baltimore traveler who took pains while in England this summer to observe critically the usage of cultivated speakers there on this point. He found in effect that their "a" was a cross between the "a" of "ah" and the "a" of "at." He listened carefully to the orthoppy of Lord Chief Justice Russell, Lord Rosebery, and Lord Salisbury and to that of the eminent churchmen, and found that nowhere "was there any such broad and deep pronunciation of words, and especially the letter 'a,' as we generally consider to be the English method. pronunciation was almost identical with that of good speakers in Baltimore

Old Woman Charged With Murder. Mrs. Jordon Phastain, aged sixty-five, living near Rara Avis, Ala., is in Jail on the

charge of murdering her husband, aged

and New York.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

OCCURRENCES WORTH NOTING FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

North Carolina's Finances.

The committee of the Legislature who have just finished an examination of the books, etc., in the State Treasury give us the following interesting figures: There was in the Treasury November 30, 1895, a balance of \$125,561,96, and and the sheriffs have paid in \$18,046.56 of the year 1895 taxes, making the total \$143,602.52. November 30. 1894, the balance was \$317,315.66, and during the fiscal year \$1,183,896.12 was received, making a total of \$1,501,211.78. The disbursements were during the year \$1, 357,609.26. Of the educational fund the balance is \$35,151,61. The receipts were \$19,147.37, including \$27,000 of the direct tax fund which by special act the last Legislature covered in to the Treasury. The disbursements of the educational fund during the year were \$14,595.71.

### THE SENTENCES.

The Beaufort Insurance Cases Ended.

The Beaufort fraud trials have all ended. The last one resulted in another conviction, that of Hassell and Dr. Delmar, of conspiracy; also of Nos. A verdict of not guilty was found as to S. D. and J. C. Delmar, on the charge of forgery. Of those indicted all the white ones, except Dr. L. W. Perkins, were convicted on one or more charges. He and all the negroes with one exception turned State's evidence. Judge Graham pronounced sentence about noon. C. R. Hassell gets seven years in the penitentiary; Wm. Fisher, colored, five years in the penitentiary; Dr. T. D. Delmar, Seldon Delmar, J. C. Delmar and Levi T. Noe, two years each in Craven county

Every one appealed, gave bond and went home, having been allowed until January 21st, to make up a case on appeal to the Supreme Court of the the State. Hassell's bond is \$1,500; all the others \$1,000 each. The bondsmen are citizens of Beaufort. The defendants say they will fight to the last and will appeal to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

Saved From Bankruptcy.

It has been given out that all of the cases against a number of North Carolina prominent business men who endorsed for the North State Improvement Company, in the Cape Fear and Yatkin Valley Railroad, were amicably adjusted at a meeting of the defendants and plaintiffs, held in Greensboro. The cases will now be taken out of the Courts. The details of compromises are not revealed. Had the plaintiffs continued the prosecution it would have bankrupted all the men who endorsed for the Improvement Company, among the number being Dr. W. A. Lash, late president of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Rail-

Special Term of Buncombe Court. Governor Car has called a special term of Buncombe County Superior Court, for the trial of civil cases only. At the special request of the bar of Asheville, Judge W. A. Hoke has been commissioned to preside over this term of the court.

In the application for the call of the special term it is shown that a vast pile of civil cases has accumulated. There are no less than 437 cases on the civil docket and 83 cases on the summons docket, returnable at this term of the caurt.

The Trolley in Winston.

Mr. T. F. Wilson, Jr., one of Winston's tobacco manufacturers, has brought suit for \$10,000 against the Winston-Salem Street Railway Company for killing his little son on Sept. 11. John R. Wise, formerly of Virginia, now of New York, is managing the case for the defendants. He will ask Judge Brown for a removal of the trial to the Circuit Court at Greens-

# STATE NEWS DOTS.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Thomas C. Fuller, of North Carolina, to be a Justice of the Court of Private Land Claims.

Figures submitted to the board of

aldermen of Winston show the cost of

the water works system to have been \$102,408,51 and the mayor says it is worth \$200,000. Mr. John Hessinger, an engineer, was found dead at a boarding house in Wilmington Tuesday. The Review says he had been employed on the Wimington & Weldon Railroad and

was an excellent engineer but his eyesight had failed and he was out of employment. It is reported that Mr. Palmer, a rich member of the Christian church in New York, has given \$100,000 to Elon College. It is to be hoped that it is true. The trustees of the college have for some time expected that Mr.

Five Mormon missionaries left Salt Lake City, Utah, a few days azo, bound for New Zealand, to establish a mission among the

Palmer would endow the college either

soon or at his death.

Court Allows Him \$3,600 Damages An Appeal. The case of W. A. Graham vs. the Wrought Iron Range Combany was ended Saturday in the United States Court at Charlotte, and resulted in verdict and judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$3,600 damages

MAJ. GRAHAM WINS.

This was an action brought by Mai. Graham to recover damages for the burning of his dwelling house and coatents in June, 1894, caused, as he d. leged, by fire resulting from a store pipe of a range which he had bought few days before from the range company, and which the agents of the company had represented was so constructed and was of such material that the heat would be confined to the range and the pipe would not get bot The company's agent placed the range and piping in position in his house and placed the pipe in immediate contact with the wood without any term cotta or other non-conduct r of heat and represented that this was safe, and fire resulted therefrom as above sta-

The defendant will take an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Rich. mond, Va.

#### North Carolina Mills.

The interesting fact is noted by the Asheville Citizen that "of the money invested in North Carolina mills 93 per cent is North Carolina money, and of the managers of the mills 85 per cent are North Carolinians." This shows says the Citizen, "that North Carolin, ians have faith as well as works." Is is because they have so much faith, of course, that they have many works." The State leads the South with 180 cotton mills. The facts as to the ownership and control of the mills should be instructive to the gentlemen in New York who are under the impression that the South owes all its cotton factories to "Eastern capital and manufacturers."

#### Court House at Murphy Burned.

A special from Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee county, in the western part of the State, says the new court house there was burned Friday. All the records were saved. The loss is \$40,000, with no insurance. The court house was notable because it was made of marble, presenting a beautiful appearance. The fire caught from a flue of the chimney, thus communiesting to the woodwork.



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