

HOPE GROWS WEARY.

STEAMERS KNOW NOTHING OF THE DANMARK.

A Glad Rumor Contradicted—Was the Steamer Sunk or is it at Azores They are Lost.

New York, April 17.—Considerable excitement was caused in the lower part of the city this morning by a report that a Vesey street firm in the foreign fruit business had been informed that some vessel in the foreign fruit trade had picked up the crew and passengers of the abandoned steamship Danmark.

The Danish steamer Danmark from Liverpool, which it was hoped would bring some tidings of the passengers of the Danish steamer Danmark has arrived here. She has none of the Danmark's passengers.

FORGED DEEDS.

A Boston Real Estate Man's Fraudulent Sales of Florida Property.

Boston, April 17.—A. W. Edens, of the firm of Edens & Co., real estate agents, 644 Washington street, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with forging forged deeds of lots of land in Florida.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Summary of Results in Many Western Towns.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Municipal elections were held in a large number of towns and villages throughout the State yesterday. In nearly all of them the main question was a burning one and all sorts of queer party divisions were the result.

The Wires Falling.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The work of cutting down poles and wires on Broadway above Fourteenth street proceeded to-day. Better progress was made than yesterday as there was no longer any danger from live wires and because yesterday's experience tended to facilitate the safe lowering of poles with less delay than when the work first began.

The Minneapolis Strike.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17.—The street car company made its long deferred effort to start cars this morning. Seventy-five men, all the company had succeeded in hiring, were divided among the three lines, and at 6 o'clock cars were started loaded with policemen.

Quarrelling Over the Text.

CHARLOTTE, April 17.—In Vance county, Sunday, Willis and Thomas Dewell, two brothers, began to quarrel about the preacher's text while returning home from church. Soon the brothers began to blow, and Thomas stabbed Willis with a pocket-knife.

An Explanation from Mr. Patton, Overseer.

To the Asheville Citizen:—I wish to state that I am not responsible for the condition of the Swannanoa road, I ordered out the hands liable to work and put the road in good order, and Mr. W. B. Bresser put, or allowed to be put, in the roadway a large quantity of rock, rendering it almost impassable.

\$100,000 FIRE IN NEW YORK.

The Factory of the Buffalo Door, Sash and Blind Company Destroyed.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The big factory at Ninth avenue and 124th street took fire at 2 o'clock this morning. In five minutes after the outbreak the whole building was in flames from cellar to roof. Every engine within reach was called to the scene but their work was in vain.

FROM OVER THE SEA.

PARNELL WILL PROSECUTE THE TIMES FOR LIBEL.

The French Senate Bill After Boulangists—Cholera in the East—Passing Notes.

LONDON, April 17.—Parnell has engaged Sir Charles Russell, Mr. Ansell and Mr. Russell to conduct the libel suit brought by him against the Times. The trial of the case will take place in London in the autumn. The specific charges against the Times are that it published a facsimile of the letter dated April 18, 1887, which was attributed to Parnell, and that it published other letters during the trial of the case of O'Donnell vs. Walter, among them being the Kilmainham letter beginning "Dear E." which called for notice.

FAILURE FOR \$200,000.

The New England Piano Company Makes an Assignment.

BOSTON, April 17.—Thos. F. Scanlon, doing business as the New England Piano Co., with offices at 157 Tremont street, Boston, and 88 Fifth avenue, New York, with factory at Roxbury, Mass., has failed and assigned to Godfrey Morse, lawyer, liabilities \$200,000. Scanlon was formerly of the firm of McLaughlin & Scanlon, organ builders of Boston. This firm dissolved in 1881, and since then Scanlon has conducted the business himself.

A North Carolina Silk Factory.

Wadesboro Letter to the News-Observer. Half way between this quarry and Wadesboro, is the highest point of land between Raleigh and Charlotte; from it may be seen places in five different counties and upon it is situated a silk factory. This is an enterprise that comparatively few people in the State have seen. It is indeed a curiosity, and well worth the time it requires to look through it.

STOVE MANUFACTURERS.

Cheap Stoves to be Made Dearer—Permanent Organization.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 17.—The Southern stove manufacturers held a meeting in this city to-day. A full representation of Southern stove-makers was present and the result of the meeting will be the formation of a permanent organization, subject to the National Stove Makers' Association.

A Plucky Girl.

CHARLOTTE, April 17.—In Stanley county Sunday night burglars attempted to enter the house of Mrs. Eliza Rockburg, a widow, Miss Jennie, her eighteen-year-old daughter, heard them raising the window and being an expert with a revolver she quietly rose, got her weapon in hand, then awaiting till the burglar, who proved to be a burly negro, had gained entrance in her room and pointing the revolver at the negro she cried out, "Hands up or die!"

Chicago Wins.

CLEVELAND, April 17.—About 4,000 people witnessed the game between Chicago and All-America clubs to-day. The weather was splendid. The game was without special feature. Score: All-America.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Innings.....2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0—4 Chicago.....0 1 0 6 0 0 0 0—7 Base hits—All-America 9; Chicago 8. Errors—All-America 3; Chicago 2. Batteries—Baldwin and Anson, Crane and Earl.

Crops Injured.

NORFOLK, Va., April 17.—Intelligence from the surrounding counties confirm reports of great injury done to the pea, bean and potato crops by recent storms, and continual heavy rain falls.

Gen. Dawson Dead.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Brigadier-general Samuel Kennedy Dawson, United States Army, retired, died this morning at Orange, N. J., after a short illness.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Indications for North Carolina—Fair, preceded by rains from the coast, slightly warmer, variable winds.

INDUSTRIAL CAROLINA.

New Mills, Looms, Tobacco Factories, Oil Tanks, Knolls, Bricks, Gold and Silver, Shuttle Blocks, Etc.

Chattanooga Tradesman. F. & H. Fries, of Salem, write the Tradesman that they are soon to receive 30 more complete gingham looms.

McAuley & Richardson, of Princeton, write the Tradesman that they have sold their sawmill to D. H. Graves & Co.

D. T. Drouse & Son burnt their first kiln of ware and pipes at their new pottery establishment in East Salem a few days ago.

H. B. Russell, of Asheville, writes the Tradesman that he has purchased a boiler, engine and mill. Reports the oil business as dull now, but thinks it will improve when it gets warmer.

H. C. Bennett, at Bridgewater, will at once begin the rebuilding of his cotton factory, which was burned down at that place some time ago. The capacity of the factory will also be increased.

Two immense tanks for the oil company at Winston are being placed in position at the company's site, the former Shuttle Block factory. They are mammoth affairs and will hold some 25,000 gallons apiece.

Maryland capitalists have recently bought considerable land in Pasquotank county, near Rocky Mount, for milling and lumber purposes. The capital stock of the company will be increased to \$500,000 if necessary.

The Winston tobacco manufacturers who have not already begun operations are active in getting ready for work, and the indications are that more plug and twist will be turned out this year than in any preceding year.

The Gastonia manufacturing company, of Gastonia, write the Tradesman that they are now building 114 feet addition to mill and have the work nearly complete, and have ordered 3,168 spindles and all other machinery necessary thereto, which will give them a mill of 9,192 spindles when complete.

J. S. Jarratt & Co., formerly Jarratt, Jarratt & Bro., of Sylva, write the Tradesman that they will hold all their cut for the next six months. They report outlook for lumber as very flattering, also write: "The Equitable Manufacturing Co., who will mine and prepare kolin here are pushing their building and will have a large plant when completed."

At Concord the brick is now being made for another large factory. The capital stock of the Odell manufacturing company has been increased from \$150,000 to \$450,000 (nearly half a million), and this factory will belong to that company. The factory will have 500 looms, and the product it will feed the great Kerr factory, which seems able to devour everything that can be got within reach.

An act of the legislature was ratified at the polls March 28th, at Wilmington, which particularly exempts all new manufacturing enterprise from municipal taxes for ten years. Under the act the city appropriates \$150,000 to be placed in the hands of trustees who are empowered to refund to all new manufacturing enterprises all municipal taxes paid by them during the period of ten years.

A letter from Murphy, N. C., informs us that the famous "No. 6" property has been sold for \$16,000. This property consists of about 160 acres and is one mile from the line of the Charlotte and Salisbury railway. It has been worked for gold and silver for many years, and beyond the memory of the oldest Indians no living shafts were sunk upon it, supposed now to have been dug by DeSoto. The vein of silver ore is from three to five feet thick and averages about \$60 per ton, while specimens have been found worth thousands of dollars to the ton. The property also has a bed of fine marble running through it and a very large vein of excellent iron ore. The price paid for the property is small and it is hoped that the purchasers will actively develop it.

STATE NEWS.

Mayor F. B. McDowell, of Charlotte, has been re-nominated for a second term.

Charlotte "burgling burglars" are again at it. Two residences in that city were robbed Saturday night.

Mr. J. C. Birdsong, State Librarian, has been re-elected to that position. The library now contains 60,000 volumes.

The health of Secretary of State Sanders is growing to be a source of alarm to many friends. He is quite feeble, indeed.

Senator Vance will deliver the opening address at the next session of the State Teachers' Assembly, commencing at Morehead City on June 18.

The burnt district at Smithfield, Johnston county, is to be rebuilt at once. Brick and granite will be the building material principally used.

Mr. J. A. Bouits, formerly managing editor of the Wilmington Messenger has bought up all the stock of that journal, and will hereafter conduct the Messenger as his individual enterprise.

Charlotte has organized a milling plant with \$200,000 capital, to be known as the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Works. The incorporators are Fred Oliver, S. Wittkowski and John M. Miller.

The residence of Mrs. R. V. Michaux, on John's river, Burke county, was destroyed by fire last week. Everything in the house was also consumed. It is thought to have been the work of incendiaries.

Work on the postal telegraph line from Raleigh northward has been commenced, and the promise is that the work will be rapidly pushed. The Western Union people say they will "gobble up" the line when completed.

Rev. B. Cade, a Baptist minister of Louisville, N. C., has invented a system of electric communications between trains running or standing. It has received the endorsement of Edison and other leading electricians who say it will revolutionize the business of train despatching.

Glanders in Wilmington. WILMINGTON, April 17.—The glanders has appeared among horses at Wilmington. The infected animals, which have been carefully quarantined for some time, were shot Monday. An inspector from the Bureau of Animal Industry is now making a careful examination of the stock in the city with a view to preventing absolutely any spread of the disease.

OFFICIAL CHANGES.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS MADE YESTERDAY.

Lively Times in the Postoffice Department—The Railway Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The President made the following appointments this afternoon: Robert P. Porter, of New York to be superintendent of the census; Wm. B. Calkins, of Washington Territory, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of Washington; John B. Donnelly, of Louisiana, to be marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana.

Wm. H. Calkins, of Louisiana, to-day appointed associate justice of the supreme court of Washington territory, is a well known ex-Congressman of Indiana. He moved to Takoma some months ago and proposes to make his home there.

From 100 to 150 fourth-class postmasters are being appointed daily. Of these about one third are to fill existing vacancies; another third are appointed in places of postmasters removed for cause, and the other third succeed postmasters who have served about four years. While fourth-class postmasters are commissioned to serve during the pleasure of the Postmaster-General, it is believed by the postoffice department officials that good service does not demand retention of a postmaster, save in exceptional cases, beyond the four year period. While the good of the service, it is said, will be the first consideration in the matter of changes in fourth-class postoffice, there is reason to believe that the commissioning of postmasters who have served four years will be deemed to have expired.

SECRETARY OF THE CURRENCY. Secretary Windom has signed the commission of E. S. Lacy, of Michigan, as comptroller of the currency, and it is expected that the President will add his signature to the document to-morrow, in which event the appointment will be formally announced. E. S. Lacy is the president of the First National Bank of Charlotte, Mich. He represented the 3rd district of the State in the 47th and 48th Congress, during which time he was a member of the committee on coinage, weights and measures.

A WISE VIEW. The postoffice department officials have rescinded an order issued during the last administration, having for its object the discouragement of the practice by train men of carrying newspapers, correspondence and other matter on other than mail trains. It is said at the department that there are a very large number of small towns throughout the country which have meagre telegraphic facilities. In many of these villages the post office is the only means of communication with neighboring towns or cities, small packages containing possibly important information of the highest general importance is regarded as unwise and unjust. Newspapers of the country, it is maintained, should receive every possible facility for obtaining and disseminating the news of the day and to this end train men will be encouraged to lend their aid.

CHANGES IN THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE. Since March 4 about five hundred changes have been made in the personnel of the railway mail service. First assistant postmaster general Clarkston, in speaking of the matter to-day, said it has been the policy of the department to displace incompetent clerks and appoint the experienced and thoroughly efficient who left the service during the last administration, where such were available and desirous of reentering the service. "Of course," he said, "men whose faculties have become impaired or whose thoroughness has become questionable will not be reinstated. The railway mail service," he continued, "requires men, not only of superior intelligence but men whose faculties are in perfect working order. Men who possess every requirement of the service are comparatively few and not easily secured; but when such are found they should be retained in the service as long as possible. Efficiency in the postal service can be obtained only after a long struggle, and to remove such men to make places for political favorites irrespective of their fitness is a public wrong and should not be tolerated by the public."

MRS. FEMBER DIES. Mrs. Fember, wife of rear admiral Fember, was injured Sunday evening by being thrown from her carriage on F street. She died this afternoon without having regained consciousness since she was hurt.

AN ALUMNI MEETING. A meeting of the Alumni of the University of Virginia, will be held at Washington April 26 and 27. Notice is given that all delegates attending in purchasing tickets to Washington should secure a certificate and receipt for fares paid. Arrangements will be made by lines connecting at Washington with the city and to a third tier, and the present prospect indicate a large attendance from the middle and eastern and southern States.

BOND OFFERINGS. Bond offerings to-day aggregated \$797,109, accepted \$792,120 for 1294 and a half.

Bible Studies. Doubtless the young ladies who have not been attending the Bible studies (as conducted by the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union), of these studies, if better informed, as to the scope of the work. Let no one think for a moment that this class is of the stereotyped prayer-meeting or Sabbath order. One of the Chautauqua text books has been adopted, and the Bible is studied with the help of said text book and other books of reference, in a manner both interesting and instructive.

The lessons of April have been based upon the authenticity and integrity of the sacred canon, and the evidences brought to bear upon this subject, would have delighted a reader of Robert Blamere. The Septuagint and the several Bibles, the Peshito, and the Vulgate have also been taken up, and researches extensive and improving have been made along the line of the ancient versions. For the enlightenment of the uninformed, we would state, that the young ladies of every denomination, are more than welcome to these studies, which are held on the second and third Friday of each month, at 4 p. m., in Johnston Hall. We bespeak a large attendance to-morrow afternoon. A PUBL.

New Berne Depot Burned. RALEIGH, April 17.—The depot building at New Berne, together with its contents, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning, about 5 o'clock. The amount of loss, though not stated, is heavy.

ANOTHER BLESSING.

The Electric Cars a Sure Cure for Old Age.

No one ever has rheumatism in this delightful climate, but occasionally people will grow old. Our electric railway offers to all the boon of perpetual youth. Read the following from the New York Sun, then ride and be happy:

"ANSONIA, March 30.—People afflicted with rheumatism and neuralgic pains in this place have a new find. Ever since the electric street railway between Ansonia and Birmingham has been in operation it has been noticed that certain persons make it a point to ride up and down on the electric cars at least once a day. The system employed here takes the electric current from an overhead wire, and the motor is in a small compartment in the front end of the car, being separated from the passengers by only a light partition. These persons generally manage to sit as near this partition as possible, and they lean their heads against it when they ride. A Sun reporter asked a conductor about it.

"They are taking their shock," was his reply, and questioning brought the following:

"There's several of 'em who ride up and down on my car every day, sometimes making one and sometimes two round trips a day. There's one old lady down in Derby avenue who stops my car every day at the same hour and takes the trip with me. When she first began she was so lame from rheumatism that she had to use a cane to walk with, and often I had to help her on the car. She used to sit close to the motor, and in such a position that her knees were as well as her head touched the partition. At last she discarded her cane, and now she is almost as spry as I am, though she is twice as old. Then I have ladies get on my car suffering from sick headache, and they tell me that a round trip cures 'em every time. One of them tells me that she is so sensitive to the electric current that she can feel it as soon as the car starts, while another says she can't feel it at all, but feels the effect after the ride."

PURELY PERSONAL.

J. D. Terrell left yesterday for Cincinnati.

Rev. Jas. Atkins has returned from Tennessee.

Mr. A. H. Isbell has returned from New York.

Miss Louise Mason, of Jersey City, leaves for home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Santvoord and family of New York are at the Battery Park.

J. B. Finch and Thos. Harrell, of Youngstown, O., are at the Battery Park.

Drs. M. H. Fletcher, J. A. Reagan and G. W. Purcely have gone to the State Medical Convention at Elizabeth City.

John H. Inman, of New York, largely interested in Southern Railways, is at the Battery Park with his family.

Messrs. A. J. and T. B. Lyman accompanied the remains of their mother to Baltimore where they were interred in the family lot in Greenwood.

Mr. J. L. Wagner left Tuesday evening to visit friends and relatives in Green and Washington counties, Tenn. From thence he goes to Lexington, Ky., to college.

Mrs. H. F. Johnson, widow of the late H. F. Johnson, D. D., president of Whitworth college, Brookhaven, Miss., is visiting her relative Mr. O. H. Henry, on Orange street.

Around the World in a Chariot of Song.

Mr. Philip Phillips appears to-night at the Opera Hall in his famous entertainment "Around the World in a Chariot of Song." There is not the least doubt that the performance is an excellent one as all the papers where he has appeared are agreed in saying so. Here is what the Charlotte Chronicle says of it:

Did the people of Charlotte really know what an excellent, engaging, and instructive evening Philip Phillips really makes, there is not a hall big enough in the State to hold the people of Charlotte who would crowd to hear him, and to see his wonderfully beautiful views of his travels. His entertainment last night was equal to a year's study of history, and delighted beyond telling. Mr. Phillips' last illustrated concert and lecture will be given to-night. Every one who goes to see it on the recommendation of the Chronicle, will rise up and call the paper wise and truthful.

Mr. Phillips gives four entertainments in all, one to-night, Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee. Each entertainment is entirely distinct and the whole is well worth seeing.

Asheville Shoes in New York. Mr. M. Levy, the well known fashionable boot and shoemaker yesterday shipped three pairs of fine shoes of his own manufacture to a wealthy banker of New York city. These shoes were made upon special order, and were of the best quality, both as to material and workmanship. Mr. Levy also shipped a similar pair to those mentioned above, to a prominent Bostonian a few days since. With lumber sold in London and Calcutta; custom-made clothing in Paris and Berlin; gingham and plaids in Manchester and Queenstown; tobacco in Melbourne and Constantinople; it would seem that Asheville and Buncombe are not altogether unknown to the folks across the sea.

Mr. F. Brevard McDowell has been nominated by the Democrats of Charlotte for a second term as mayor. His majority was a very large one, and a deserved compliment to a good official.

Wilmington, we are glad to see, is beginning to introduce bits of parking in her streets wherever possible. It has been the one thing wanting to the finishing touch of her attractiveness. It will enhance greatly her beauty and her desirability as a place of residence.

A NAVAL SET BACK.

DEFECTS DISCOVERED IN THE ARCHER TYPE VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—The recent report of manoeuvres of the British naval fleet contain some matter not entirely reassuring with respect to some of our naval vessels. In these manoeuvres about six vessels of the Archer type participated. The result was a disagreeable surprise to Sir William Reed, chief naval constructor of the admiralty. It was found that the vessels pitched and rolled about to such an extent as a moderately heavy sea as to render them very poor gun platforms, to use a technical expression, which means that the guns were so unstable that they could not be aimed with any approach to accuracy of fire. They were also very wet ships. These defects are supposed to result from the excessive weight of the ordnance. It was recommended that 6 inch rifles be replaced by 5 inch guns, and anchors moved farther aft. The significance of this report to naval officers here is in the fact that the new gun-boat Yorktown is patterned after the Archer, and will be of the same calibre of ordnance. A failure has also attended the efforts of the British contractors to build a 20 knot ship, of which the navy department is attempting to build two under the direction of an act of Congress. The Medea, which was built for a 20 knot ship has never exceeded 19 knots, but was developed more than the estimated horse power, an indication to contractors here that it is not possible to drive a vessel of that length at 20 knots. The British authorities have taken the same view, and will build another set of these boats of greater length. Another vessel of the same type have failed to develop anything like the necessary 93,000 horse power. So that the promise of success for our boat is not bright.

DIXON IN BOSTON.

He Tells the New Englanders Why the South is Solid.

Rev. Thos. Dixon, the young North Carolina preacher who has recently been called from a church in Boston to one in New York, has been addressing the Paint and Oil Club of New England on the Southern question. Among the many good things he said was the following in relation to the redemption of North Carolina from carpet bag, negro and scalawag rule. After describing the condition to which the State was reduced, he said: "They did what you would have done; they took possession of their local governments; they had it to do or give up the struggle of life. They violated the constitution you say? Perhaps they did sometimes. But the present constitution is 'the first law of nature and antecedates the constitution somewhat. They said it was not right that pauperism and vice and ignorance should rule wealth and virtue and intelligence, and that all the constitutions of the earth wouldn't make it right. All didn't you teach them the lesson that distinguished Senator of the North, when driven to the war by the relentless logic of Calhoun on the constitution, it is said, replied: 'The constitution is d—d!' The constitution did stand between the slave and his freedom. You said it was not right, it wasn't at all, and made it over again. I thank you for doing it. You said the constitution was not divine before the war. Could you expect these southern men, when their very lives depend on the issue, to accept it as divine after the war?"

Bishop Haid's Brief.

The following letter has been issued to Catholic rectors in the Diocese of North Carolina, by Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, O. S. B., invoking the prayers of the clergy for the personal, civil and religious liberty, gained for the American people of every class or denomination by the illustrious Washington:

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, St. Mary's College, BELMONT, N. C., April 14.

Dear Sir:—Liberty, personal, civil and religious, is a most precious boon. The 30th of April commemorates the Centennial of the inauguration of the first President of the United States, George Washington. True liberty never witnessed a more auspicious day. Fit then it is that everyone who shares in the advantages of this government, initiated one hundred years ago, should testify his gratitude to God, the source and basis of all authority. Let us then assemble our people in our churches at 9 o'clock, a.m., and having reminded them of the great blessings they enjoy, offer to God the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and beg Him long to preserve our beloved country.

LEO HAID, Bishop of N. C. F. FELIX, Secretary.

Southern Baptist Convention.

RICHMOND & DANVILLE R. R. Co. W. N. C. Division.

Passenger Depot, Asheville, April 16.

Round trip tickets to Memphis, Tenn., via Paint Rock and Chattanooga, will be sold to delegates attending the above convention at the following rates:

From Salisbury.....\$21.45 " Stateville.....20.50 " Hickory.....19.65 " Newton.....20.00 " Morgantown.....18.95 " Asheville.....16.75 " Hendersonville.....17.50 " Spartanburg.....18.50

Tickets will be on sale May 7th, 8th, and 9th, good returning within thirty days from date of sale, but limited to continuous passage in each direction.

W. A. WARDEN, D. P. A. JAS. L. TAYLOR, G. P. R.

Easter Flowers.

The ladies of the Episcopal church beg their friends to collect flowers for dressing the church on next Sunday.

The committee in charge of the decorations will be at the church on Saturday afternoon and all contributions should be sent to them at that time.

It is probable that the public printer will not be appointed for some time yet, but Jno. Nichols' chances are still good. He has the endorsement of master workman Powderly and the Knights of Labor.

The receipts at the Mayor's court yesterday were \$3.50 from one case.