TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. Mr. E. Murray Short and four negro men are killed by the explosion of a boiler at the former's mill at Washington, N. C .- The ministers of Richmond and Manchester, Va., form an organization for looking after the spiritual and material welfare of the poor of the cities -- Mr. Charles B. Rous, of New York, is anxious to form an association for preserving Confederate records in a museum-The Italian Government will increase the tax on alcohols, sugars and otton-Ex-Police Capt. Stephenson, of New York city, is put on trial on charges of receiving bribes while in office-The December report of the Agricultural Department gives the farm prices of products for December 1st, as compared

with former years. Corn is higher than the average since 1880. Wheat is lower than in twenty-five years. Oats are higher than last year and tobacco is low. The low price of cotton is unprecedented ----An assistant bank cashier of Syracuse, N. Y., pleads guilty to larceny of \$30,000 and is sent to the penitentiary -The Japanese are concentrating forces for an attack on Shan Kai Kwan-At a meeting of the Washington City encampment of the Union Veterans' Legion a resolution is unanimously adopted

strongly condemning the change of the name of the postoffice at Appomattox to Surrender - The Chinese are preparingfor an expected attack on Wei Hai Wei. The foreigners there are forming a volunteer force for their own protection. A strong anti-foreign feeling prevails in Pekin Judge Cox of the District of Columbia courts appoints receivers for of this community is aroused, and cruiser Concord is now at Wuhu, China,

from the cruiser Columbia. She is at Caimaneva, Cuba .-- The Southern hotel in Chattanooga, one of the handsomest in Tennessee, was burned last afternoon. There were many narrow escapes, but no deaths-Much damage storm. A little later in the day a fierce wind storm did much damage near Westville, Fla., and in Bartow county, Ga , the damage was great and one man was killed and others wounded. Many persons in the track of this storm became paralyzed several hours after its passage -M. T. Summerlin and Buck Thornton kill each other in Atlanta and the mother of the former, who is 100 years old, is dying from the shock-The Chicago police last night arrested a man whom they are sure is the defaulting cashier of the Shoe and Leather bank of New York-Louis C. Sihler, a saloon keeper of Jacksonville, Fla., on a bet of \$500 enters a lion cage in Wom-

VIEWS OF A FUSIONIST. Senator-Elect Fred B. Rice Inter

bell's circus, containing three lions, and

remains two minutes.

viewed by a Messenger Reporter as to the Changes to be Made by the Next Legislature.

WRIGHTSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 10. Your correspondent in the course of a conversation with Senator Fred B. Rice asked the latter a number of questions regarding politics, which were most courteously answered. It is no secret that Mr. Rice is in the "inner circle" of await the requisition of the Governor of the fusionists. He attended the Republican caucus at Raleigh at which fusion was brought about, Mr. Eaves retired as State chairman and Mr. Holton put in

Mr. Rice says that Dr. Mott, ex-Judge Russell and Mr. J. C. L. Harris did as

brought about fusion. Mr. Rice, when asked why the notice regarding amendments to the charter of the city of Wilmington was published, said that it was because it was thought vate charter, as an eminent Democratic lawyer says the charter of a city is on the same footing as that of a private cor poration, it will also be noticed that these charters are all printed in the

Private Acts. Mr. Rice thinks the Legislature will in some manner amend most of the city magistrates the number may be so increased as to give the dominant party a majority. He warmly favors the employment by the Legislature of a committee of eminent lawyers, preferably Republi-cans and Populists, if these can be secured, if not, without regards to politics, These counsellors, a "steering committee," could be paid under a joint resolu-tion and their advice would be invalu-

Mr. Rice said that fusion was to contique; that it was too risky for the Reeven if they wanted to do so. For his part, he would not favor pulling out. He thinks the Legislature will so change the election system as to get as near the Australian ballot as practicable; that more election precincts are needed, certainly in the eastern counties and will be

United States Senator. The two parties,
Republicans and Populists, may informally agree as to who will be Senators and then name the men together in a joint the name together in a joint be the Republican Senator, the second and the ladies memorial associations. possibility being an even thing as be-

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-The Sun's cotton sales of 131,800 bales. Liverpool was weak on the spot at unchanged prices, with sales of 8,000 bales. Futures declined 1 to ½ points and closed quiet and steady. In Manchester yarns met with not much demand and cloths were dull.

New Orleans declined 8 to 9 points. Spot cotton here was dull cotton here was dull, weak and unchanged, with sales of 72 bales for spinning. New Orleans receipts to-morrow are estimated at 21,000 to 24,000 bales, are installed at 21,000 to 24,000 bales, are installed at 21,000 to 24,000 bales, are confident they have the right against 20,398 on the same day last week and 19,617 last year. Receipts at the ports for the week were estimated at As Christmas is drawing near, I will state to the holiday trade that my line of Men's, Youths' and Children's clothing is now complete, having received a large line since Quite a little long liquidation caused a very fair decline,

CONDITIONAL PARDON

GRANTED THE MURDERESS LOU PARISH.

Wake County People Indignant Over the Conduct of Treasurer-Elect Knight-Raleigh's Doom Pronounced by a Crank-Persons Sentenced by the Federal Court-Blockade Stills Cap-

MESSENGER BUREAU,

RALEIGH, Dec. 10. Governor Carr on Saturday, condition ally pardoned Lou Parish, the young 17 year old white girl, who last spring in Henderson county, killed her sweetheart, William Johnson, because he said her character was not good. The pardon was granted upon the recommendation of the board of public charities, the King's Daughters, and many citizens of Henderson county. The Rescue circle of King's Daughters of this city have secured her admittance into the Good Shepherd reformatory, of Baltimore. The pardon was granted on the condition that she remain at this reformatory until' such time as the authorities considered her character reformed and she was dis-

The News and Observer of yesterday comes out editorially on the question of the legality of the commissioners accepting the bond of Treasurer Knight as the facts were presented. It is said the commissioners acted under the advice of the Attorney General in accepting the bond,

Building and Loan association-Our and suggests a mandamus be ordered to test the question as to whether Knight has not forfeited his right to 300 miles up the Yang Tse Kiang river the office. It says that Knight has -The Navy Department has just heard | practically sold the office and that the people of this county are not accustomed to having the duties of treasurer performed by an alien purchaser of that office. It is an outrage and should be rectified. It is said that Riggsbee who is a "professional bondsman" was on the bond of the Republican postmaster in Durham, and required that his to property at Blockton, Ala., is done by son be given certain duties in the postoffice that amounted to two positions. of this city, and Mr. J. F. Musselwhite

of Cumberland county, have been admitted to practice law in the United States Circuit court. Mr. G. Rosenthal brought down from the Juniata mills in Alamance county one of the finest samples of cotton yarn ever seen here. These mills are a Raleigh enterprise, Mr. E. B. Barbee is president and Mr. G. Rosenthal secretary

and treasurer. Two United States prisoners were sent to Carthage jail Saturday afternoon to serve out their sentences. They are Bob Brooks and Tony Buchanan, illicit dis-

Appeals from the Twelfth district will be called in the Supreme court to-morrow. This week will conclude the arguments for the September term, and the court will then remain in session only long enough to dispose of all appeals been taken by brokers generally credited argued. When the court again convenes the new judges will have been sworn in. The care of State against Hall and Dock-ery, from Cherokee, is again before the term upon the interesting question of identified with the Standard company State jurisdiction when a man standing kills a man in another. The court then to 918 from 93 earlier in the session, the decided that the State within whose borders the act was consummated had juris- of refined of to a pound in all grades exdiction. The case is before the court at this | cept cut, crushed and dominoes, which term upon appeal of the prisoners from the refusal of the judge below to discut by the trust was a surprise to the outcharge them from an arrest made to side refiners, who claim that there is no

The convicted defaulting postmaster, W. B. Harrell, was carried on Saturday to Edgecombe jail where he will serve

The two negroes, Carlisle and Garner, who were arrested here on suspicion and much as Mr. Ewart to bring about this sent to Garysburg where they robbed the caucus which overthrew Mr. Eaves and postoffice, on Saturday afternoon pleaded guilty, they having been sent back here for trial before the United States Circuit

The collector is informed of a seizure near Roxboro of two wooden barrel best to give a thirty-day notice, just as illicit stills with sheet iron bottoms; of a in the case of proposed changes of a priillicit stills with sheet iron bottoms; of a gallons of beer near Julian, Randolph county; of a 100-gallon still and outfit near Clay postoffice, Granville county. Maj. Richards, of Granville county, had been indicted for violating the in-

ternal revenue laws, and he came up here determined others besides himself should have a taste of that medicine. charters. As to county government, the He therefore began by indicting Mr. L. whole system may be changed, or as to C. Davis. During his trial the evidence was such as to show that Mr. Richards had promised pay to these who swore in his favor and vengeance to those who did not The result was that Davis was acquitted, the other cases nol prossed and Richards himself was sent to jail for con-

spiracy etc.

A Mr. Benjamin F. Hunter, of Washington, D. C, has very kindly sent Goyernor Carr a letter of warning in which he says that every house in Raleigh will be made level with the ground, and no two citixens can be found, within less than two years. This is the feerful doom awaiting us, and yet in the face of it we ness. Cash wheat was easy and about Oregon,, briefly endorsed the remarks of go on in our every day day duties and it is not even known that Governor Carr Corn lee has thanked Mr. Hunter for his kindness. No definite time is stated.

Preservation of Confederate Records Mr. Rice knows of no opposition what-ever to the election of Marion Butier as United States Senator. The two parties, Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Rouss' idea

Rouss' project, but could not give it that unqualified endorsement which it merits, since there is already in existence in this

As Christmas is drawing near, I will state

FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE Caused by a Boiler Explosion at Wash

ington-Five Persons Killed and Much Property Destroyed. [Special to the Messenger] WASHINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10 .- About

:30 o'clock this morning a boiler in E. Murray Short's saw mill exploded with fearful loss of life and property. Mr. Short was killed, Four colored men were also killed and two injured. The loss is \$3,000, with no boiler insurance. Mr. Short's life was insured for \$25,000. He had been burned out twice and this was the second boiler explosion. He worked 150 hands. The plant was worth about \$40,000. The mills and schools of the town have shut down out of respect to Mr. Short's memory.

Houses were shaken, windows shattered and plaster broken by the explo-

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 10.-News was received to day of a boiler explosion in Washington, N. C., which killed instantly Mr. E. S. Short the owner. Mr. Short is a wealthy man and large mill owner. No particulars could be learned. His daughter was here at school and left for home immediately, but did not know

(By Southern Press) RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 10 —A News and Observer special from Washington, N. C., says: Ex-Mayor E. M. Short's 4,000 foot capacity steam saw mill was wrecked this morning at 7:30 o'clock by the ex-plosion of one of the four big boilers that furnished steam to the big mills and its six big dry kilns. The shock shattered windows and plastering all over town and was heard five miles in the country. The bursted boiler was blown into a thousand pieces. The others were disthe Fidelity Building, Loan and Invest- asks that the solicitor be required placed, being thrown fifty feet. Parts ment company and for the Fidelity to look carefully into the matter of the iron work were thrown blocks away, demolishing everything in their

> Mr. Short, the owner, had just gone into the boiler room to find the reason for the lack of steam. The water was low and the engineer turned on cold water. The explosion was instant. Mr. Short, the engineer, two firemen and a drayman were killed and two other operators were injured. The bodies of two of the dead were terribly broken and

mutilated. Mr. Short had his life insured for \$25,-000. The engineer had insurance for \$3,500. About 250 men are thrown out commercial success. Such a canal, he Messrs. John Gatling and A. P. Massey of employment, and a terrible pall hangs nothing, and has been three times burnt out and once before had a boiler to explode. After each misfortune he built a better mill and prospered. He was worth probably \$100,000. He will be buried Tuesday with Masonic honors.

> COMMERCIAL NEWS. stocks and Bonds in New York-The Grain and Provision Markets

of Chicago. New York, Dec. 10.-The stock market opened weak on lower London prices and selling for foreign account, and the tendency continued downward to the close. Sugar presented a firm front for a time, a block of of the stock having with representing inside interest, The court. This case was decided at the last was generally believed that parties had acquired a big line of the stock. As in one State shoots across the line and the day wore along the price weakened decline being due to the cut in the price were reduced \$c per pound. To-day's profit in refining at the figures now being quoted. The general list was adversely affected by the further rise in Sterling exchange, posted rates having been advanced to 4,89 and 4 90. It is expected that some round amounts of gold will be forwarded to Europe at the end of the week. Erie was notably weak and fell to 9§ on reports that the stockholders will be assessed \$10. and probably \$20, in order to take up the standing debt. The Grangers were weaker on rumors that the St. Paul dividend will be passed altogether, and the Rock Island reduced to 1 per cent. for the quarter. The anthracite coalers were notably heavy and broke + to 21 per cent. Lake Shore sold down 1; per cent. to 1341. In the closing trading Sugar was weak and the general market steady. Net changes show losses of 1 to 1; per cent. Consolidated Gas rose 1; per cent. to 129 and Laclede Gas preferred 3 to 814. Sales were 242,000 shares, of which 137,100 were sugar, 15,100 St. Paul and 10,500 Erie. The bond market was higher. Sales of listed stocks were 101,000 shares; unlisted, 141,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-Wheat did not have a disastrous break to-day, but that was no fault of the news. From the opening to the close everything favored a decline. The bulls tried to cheer prices up, but their success was not brilliant. Every European market, both English and Continental, was lower. The disinclination to trade, arising from uncertainty regarding the Government report, thus permitting of support sufficient by "put" holders alone, was, no doubt, the sole reason for the comparative steadi-

Corn led wheat up for a while, but in

Oats rejected the influence of wheat fest. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10 -Mr. Robert and attached to that of corn. There was After a short executive session the

cancus. He thinks Jeter Pritchard will and Lee Camps of Confederate veterans for product to day. At the opening were referred. prices were slightly lower than Saturday's close, because hogs were weaker. Prices day, the House then went into Commit- vention at Greensboro next year along tween Messrs. Mott and Dockery. He was the establishment by private sub-does not think A. E. Holton, Republican scription of a museum for Confederate January pork was 2010 lower, January

elevator shaft and spread to all parts of the building. All four stories on the south end of the long building were gutted and the upper stories of the north end also. The total loss is \$132,225; inserance, \$75,650. There were a number but all the guests of narrow escapes, but all the guests managed to escape with their lives. The only person injured was C. S. Todd, who was severely burned.

To Look After the Poor. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10.—A general meeting of the Protestant ministers of Richmond and Manchester was held here to-day at which it was determined here to-day at which it was determined to district the cities and appoint committees to look after the material and spiritual welfare of the poor. Dr. Strong, of Washington, secretary of the Evangelical alliance, will be invited to visit Richmond and give the benefit of his experience in such work.

CUBAN INDEPENDENCE

SENATE RESOLUTION LOOK-ING TO THIS END.

Our Government to Guarantee Payment of the Indemnity to Spain-The Nicaragua Canal-Senator Morgan Advocates its Control by Our Government -Its Importance to Our People-Columbia Day.

presided over the Senate to-day in the absence of the Vice President.

Senator Call offered a resolution reciting that the independence of Cuba was an object of great importance to the United States, and requesting the President to open negotiations with Spain for the recognition of the independence of the island and for the guarantee by the United States of the payment for such a sum of money as shall be agreed on. On objection it went over.

Senator Call also offered a resolution declaring: "That the further prosecution of the war between China and Japan, to the disintegration of the ancient Government and nationality of China, will not be advantageous to the peace and civilization of the nations of than Appomattox, nor permit it to be so the world and their progress in the arts; and that the interests of the world require that all Governments shall unite in negotiating with Japan and China for the termination of the war and the settlement of their differences by arbitration on terms just and honorable to both nations, and for such guarantees by the Government of China for the protection of lives and property of the citizens and subjects of foreign Governments as shall be adequate for this purpose"-referred to the Foreign Relations committee. The President pro tem, announced his

Senator Morgan called up the Nicaragua canal bill and spoke in its support. A ship canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, he said, was necessary to the commerce of the world and it could be constructed via the San Juan river at a cost which would make it a declared, was necessary to the naval and | this encampment is requested to appoint | the acreage of winter wheat sown last over the town. Mr. Short started with military power of the United States. He a committee of five to present a copy of fall 103 per cent. of the final estimate of the canal would interfere with no treaties | United States. of Nicaragua and Costa Rica with

the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Na-

foreign Governments; that no foreign Government had interposed any objection to this Government's interest in the canal and that it was due to the citizens of the United States who had already expended money on the canal that the franchise and control should not be allowed to pass under foreign influence. After enumerating numerous other social and political reasons why the United States should guarantee the bonds of the Martime Canal company, he described geographical features of the country and the engineering facility with which the

canal could be constructed. Senator Morgan asserted that the Nicaragua canal would be complementary to the Suez canal and complete a waterway around the world and predicted that its construction and control by the United States would redound to the commercial and naval advantage of the country as the Suez canal had done for

of the question, Senator Morgan said that Chief Engineer Menocal estimated the entire cost of the canal at \$65,084, 176, while a special board of experts appointed by the Maritime Canal company to examine and revise the estimate, fixed the figures at \$87,799,570. It was generally agreed, he said, that at the present time, owing to the lessened cost of machinery, living and labor, the outside cost of building the canal would not exceed \$70,000,000. As to whether the \$70,000,000 needed to guarantee the bonds of the company should be raised by popular subscription or by direct appropriation from the treasury, that was a matter of detail into which he did not propose to enter at this time. As to the objection made that the United States should not enter into partnership with a private corporation, he said that if Great Britain could own stock in the Suez canal he did not see why the United States could not own stock in the Nicaragua canal. He was a Democrat of Democrats, he declared, and it was his belief that the United States could do anything a foreign Government could Government ownership or partnership in the canal would not bind the United States to send troops to the canal further than it had already done to protect a railroad in Panama in which it was interested. Government ownership would be the only means of protecting the interests of United States citizens, except by force; and in case of war no treaty or ownership would prevent the belligerents from attempting to close the canal to each other, while not interfering

with its use by neutral nations, In conclusion he declared that the United States must act now or forever abandon the canal; and he did not think the American people were willing to

abandon it. Senator Mitchell, Republican, Senator Morgan and favored the canal as being in the interest of the Pacific the end, gave way to the weakness of States. His only doubt, he said, was as the grain. Cash corn was steady to to the extent of interest and control firm.

To-day being District of Columbia provisional Baptist Young People's conthen the election time comes.

Mr. Rice spoke of the solidity of the negro yote and illustrated this by saying that in New Hanover county only two negroes voted the Democratic ticket at the late election. He says he has no doubt that the fusionists will hold joint caucuses on public questions.

The Sun's Cotton Review of the late election time comes and relics, the location to be determined by a committee consisting of termined by a committee on the District of Columbia and which was pending when Congress adjourned in August last, for the establishment of a free public and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and departmental library in the District of Columbia. The bill was discussed for several hours and a few minor and the election the establishment of a free public and the election the establishment of a free public and the election th tee of the Whole on the bill reported with the State convention.

The House at 4:30 o'clock adjourned.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gur' Report.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

APPOMATTOX.

Union Soldiers Protest Againt the Charge to Surrender and Denounce it as an InsultAlike to Federal and Confederate Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- At a regular meeting to-night of Encampment No. 69, Union Veterans' Legion, an organization of veterans who served two years or were sooner discharged by reason of wounds or disabilities-battle field soldiers-of which Corporal James Tamer is commander as well as national commander, the following resolutions were WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Harris introduced by Comrade William Howard Mills and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That encampment No. 69 U. V. L., considers the change of the name of the historic village, near which Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered all that there was there of the gallant, but ex-hausted and famished Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. U. S. Grant and the magnanimous Army of the Potomac, April 9, 1865, from Appomattox to Surrender, an insult to the memories of Grant and Lee and the departed heroes of those armies, from Manassas and Bull Run to Appomattox, as well as to the survivors of these armies, and as an unnecessary humiliation to the men who surrendered there in good faith, accepted the hospitalities of the shelter-tents,

the blankets, the rations and the canteens of the Union soldiers and, have been good citizens since; and that we will never know nor call the years 1890 to 1893. memorable ground by any other name called within our hearing without protest; that, without knowing or desiring to know who has been responsible for the change, but "with malice toward none and charity for all," a copy of this date last year, being 32 9 cents per resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States with the request that he make recommendation thereon and transmit it to the Postmaster General; that a copy be furnished the agents of the Southern Associated Press and the other press associations, with the request that it be sent over their wires with the view of obtaining the sense of the signature to the bill for the dedication of press of the United States and of American soldiery as to the propriety of a rethe postoffice is located from Surrender to Appomattox, whatever the place may be called where the county county house

> forwarded to the commander of the National Encampment of the Union Veterans' Legion. Resolved, That the commander

is now located, and that a copy be also

WIND AND LIGHTNING.

Destructive Storms in Alabama Florida and Georgia-One Person Killed Others Wounded -Persons Paralyzed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 10.-A special to the Age Herald from Blockton, Ala., says: A storm struck West Blockton at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The store of W. Israel was blown off its pillars and badly damaged. The entire front was blown from the store of H. C. & W. B. Reynolds. A shop occupied by T. J. Vickery & Co., was completely demolished. Fences were blown down and the roads blockaded with fallen timber. Fortunately no one so far as can be learned was injured. The width of the storm was about half a mile. It lasted about half an hour.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 10,—A pecial to Times-Union from Westville, Fla., says: A terrible cyclone passed four miles north of this place early this morning. It struck the farm of Mr. J. N. Skinner, the Representative-elect from Holmes county, and demolished overy building on the place. Every member of Mr. Skinner's family was injured, and his wounds, it is thought, will prove fatal. It is impossible to obtain information as to the extent of the damage and how far the storm extended. ATLANTA, Dec. 10 .- A cyclone and electric storm swept over Bartow county this morning. The storm cloud came from the southwest and the rainfall was terrific. It struck the county convict camp, located one mile from Kingston about 6 o'clock. Tents were carried up and some landed in the tree tops. A tree fell upon a tent in which some convicts were chained and Abe Thompson a negro prisoner, was killed. Three other negroes and two white men were seriously injured and some of them may die. Geo. Harris' barn was blown away and five mules belonging to the county were killed. Timbers from the barn were carried a mile away. A large rafter struck John Maguire's house half a mile away, tore off a corner of it and demolished the piazza. Dr. Goodwin's home at Stilesboro was shaken and a stove was overturned and the house caught fire. The rain put out the fire and saved a part of the house. James Harrison, who was visiting Dr. Goodwin, had left his buggy standing in the yard. The buggy was blown 500 yards. An unexplained feature is that many

storm became partly paralyzed several hours after the storm had passed over. The Baptist State Convention. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec, 10.-This was the last day of the Baptist convention. A warm debate was precipitated in the morning by the failure of the committee on periodicals to recommend the North Carolina Baptist, a new paper, as well as the Biblical Recorder, for sixty years the organ of the convention, An amendment recommending the Baptist was adopted and a committee afterward appointed looking to a unification of Baptist journalistic interests.

persons who lived in the track of the

Greensboro was chosen as the place of the next meeting, The report of the committee on young people's work was adopted, which commended that definite organization be deferred until the meeting of the present

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Francis B. Kendrick, defaulting assistant cashier of the Commercial bank, to day pleaded izing the payment of Congressional sala, of the Commercial bank, to day pleaded ries for December on the 30th of the guilty to the theft of \$30,000 and was sentenced to three years in the peniten-

Corn Higher than the Average Price Since 1880-Wheat the Lowest in Twenty-Five Years-The Low

REPORT OF THE AGRICUL-

TURAL DEPARTMENT.

Price of Cotton Without Precedent-News From Our Cruisers in

Foreign Ports WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-The returns to the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture for the month of December relate principally to the average farm price of the various agricultural products on the first day of the month. By farm prices is meant the price of the product on the farm or in the nearest local town or railway market. In comparisons of these prices with commercial quotations, allowance must be made for the cost of handling, transportation, profits of dealers, etc.

The farm price of corn averages 45.6 cents per bushel, which is 9.1 cent higher than the corresponding price of last year. This price is 6.3 cents per bushel higher than the average price for the decade 1880 to 1839, and is just 4 cents higher than the average for the four

The average price of wheat is 49 8 cents per bushel, the lowest price in the past twenty five years. The average farm price of oates, as returned for Decemcer 1st this year is 4 1 cents higher than for the corresponding

The average price of tobacco is returned at 6.7 cents per pound, against 7.8 cents last year. The average farm price in Kentucky, which is the State of the largest production, is 5.5 cents per pound, or 12 cents below the average

for the country. The average plantation price of cotton, as shown by the department reports on December 1st, was 4 9 cents per pound, change of the name of the village where against 6.99 cents for the same date last year, and 8.4 cents in the year 1892, a decline from the prices of these years respectively of 2.09 and 35 cents per pound. The lowness of this price is

without precedent. The condition of winter wheat on December 1st averaged 89. The returns of correspondents of the Department make contended that United States control of these resolutions to the President of the tne area harvested in 1894, which was 23.518.996 acres—a figure larger than the preliminary estimate given out in June last, which, upon further investigation, was found to be too low. This preliminary estimate, therefore, makes the area sown for the harvest of 1895, 24,224,000

> The cruiser Concord arrived at Wuhu, China, Saturday. This port is over 300 miles up the Yang Tse Kiang river. For the past month the Concord had been at Chin Kiang, 150 miles above the mouth of the same river. As she draws only fourteen feet, it is likely that she will go as far inland as Kin Kiang, which is 455 miles beyond Shanghai and half way to

Until to-day the Navy Department had

not heard from Capt. Sumner, of the Columbia, since November 28th, when he reported by cable the arrival of the Columbia at Caimaneva, Cuba. To-day two cablegrams were received from him, one dated Kingston, Jamaica, December 9th, and the other from Caimaneva, December 10th. For economy in cable tolls naval dispatches contain nothing but the address place and signature, showing the where-abouts of the ship. When leaving one port for another it is usual to include the destination in the message, In the two despatches from Capt. Sumner rigid economy was preserved, and in conse-quence it is not definitely known where the Columbia now is, although it is supposed that she touched at Kingston on

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sunday and immediately returned to

Caimaneva, as the vessel would hardly have time to go to Bluefields and return

in ten days. Naval officials think she

has been at Caimaneya since November

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Our 50-inch Serge in Navy and Black, worth 75c at 59c, 36-inch Cashmere
Flannels and Novelties, something new, a 25c for 19c.
SPECIALS IN WHITE AND RED FLANNELS.—25 pieces White and Red

Flannel in plain and twill. A big job purchased by our New York buyer at a nominal price, worth 35c, 40c and 50c, will close out at 25c. UNDERSHIRTS in all sizes at 25c, 39c, 49c and up to-\$1.50 each. Not to be purchased anywhere at our prices.

CORSETS! CORSETS!

100 The Celebrated P. & N. (the best dollar) Corset at 75c. 200 Vigilant Corsets, a 75c in all sizes at 49c. A complete assortment of the leading brands at proportionately low prices.

War in Price in CHINA MATTING.

No. 1 Lot—15 pieces Jap Matting 10c. No. 2 Lot—13 pieces Seamless Matting 124c. No. 3 Lot—10 pieces China Matting 164c. No. 4 Lot—20 piece China Fancy Matting 20c. No. 5 Lot-15 pieces Cotton Warp Matting 25c. We guarantee the prices on all the above at 25 per cent cheaper than any other dealer.

Gents' Notions for This Week Only.

300 pair Hose in all colors and Fast Black worth 20c, bottom price 124c. 500 pair Hose extra fine, 40 guage, our bulletin price 25c.

50 dozen Suspenders, our 25c grade this week 15c. 25 dozen extra fine Patent Wire elastic and Lace Back Suspenders, drummer 30 dozen Gents' Wool Gloves (something extra) worth 65c, this week only at 35c. 50 dozen Gloves, all colors in wool, this week at 25c.

250 pair manufacturer's closing out sale of Gents' Kid Gloves in sizes 7. 74, 8, 84 and 10, plain and fur top at from 75c to \$1.50. 100 dozen Unlaundried Shirts, a bankrupt purchase guaranteed to be sold at a regular gents' furnisher at 50c, our price in all sizes from 14 to 17, 39c. Better goods at proportionate prices, namely 49c, 59c and 75c. Full line Laundried Shirts.

Household Furnisnings.

25 dozen Chenille Covers worth 98c at 69c. 3 dozen Madras 8-4 Table Covers worth \$2 at \$1,25. Piano Covers \$6.98. Window Shades 39c. Portier Curtains \$2.98.

Holiday Novelties

In Fancy China Silks, viz: Head Rests, Pin Cushions, Chair Tidies and Fancy Scarfs. Full assortment of Stamped Linens in Bureau Scarfs, Splashers, Tray Covers and Centre Pieces. We carry a full stock of Wash and Embroidery Silk for working the above.

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THE SAME CUT IN OUR SUITS MADE TO ORDER.

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HOLIDAY :: NOVELTIES.

We ask you to inspect our stock this week, as we will be displaying hundreds of beautiful Novelties for the Holiday Trade. We cannot begin to describe them all, the assortment is so varied. They are all pretty, and just the thing that will

WILL NOT BURN Fancy Goods Department-

Be sure and visit this Department this week, and seek the lovely assortment of Head Rests and Couch Pillows, in Silk, Satin, Silkaline, Damassie and Chintz. A new line of Hemstitched Linens just received: beautiful Centre Pieces, Bouffet Scarfs, Tray Cloths, in fact all kinds of materials for High Art Needle Work.

In Silks, Satins, Lansdowns, Chiffons, Batiste, Bedford Cords, &c.