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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

It is said Z. V. Walser has received pledges of support sufficient to elect him -The Thomas resolution in the South Carolina House of Representatives resolution to smother it was referred to the Ways and Means committee The third suicide in two months in Joliet, Ills., was committed yesterday - In the contempt case Judge Wood sentences Debs to imprisonment for six months, and the other eight defendants, with one exception, whose sentence is sus pended, get three months-Some of the Pennsylvania miners accept the proposed reduction in wages-The decision of the Supreme court of California assures the election of the Democratic candidate for Governor-Diphthe. ria is spreading rapidly in St. Louis and East St. Louis-Dr. Miller, of Norfolk county, Va., is arrested for torturing a pupil with hot tongs -There was taken from the New York sub-treasury yesterday \$3,000,000 of gold, reducing the gold reserve to \$99. 000,000 --- A steamer drawing 22 feet, 3

inches crosses Charleston bar without any trouble-Emperor William adds 100,000 marks to the salary of Chancellor Hohenlohe --- Railroads frem Northen seab and cities to the West increase the freight rates on dry goods -Judge Bynum denies the mandamus asked for by Mr. Bernard in the get it by paying \$12,000. Third district solicitorship contest-Before the Lexow committee yesterday Capt. Creedon testified to having paid \$15,000,000 for a police captainty and was corroborated by Reppenhagen-At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon all the drivers and conductors of the Metropolitan Street Car company, of Washington City, went on a strike. Efforts cars were taken back to the stables and last night at a conference between offifor twelve hours' work was made-In New Orleans last night Bowen was captaincy by paying \$6,000. He refused, knocked out by Lavigne in the eigh- but, later, had to bow down to the systeenth round - Judge Lamb, at Rich or remain a sergeant all his life. mond, Va , finally disposes of the Iron Hall cases-The Dis rict Court of Appeals denies Capt. Howgate's applicafall-The South Carolina House of Representatives kills the Divorce bill and tors which continued for some time. passes the one to reduce all salaries-A sensation is produced in Atlanta by a

WALSER FOR SPEAKER.

ing liquor without license.

He Has t ledges Sufficient to Secure The Election -Decision in the Solicitorship Contest.

[Special to the Messenger] RALEIGH N. C. Dec. 14-Your corre spondent is positively informed that Zeb Vance Walzer, of Lexington, is to be Speaker of the House. He has re- pathies were all with Creedon. ceived enough pledges of support to in-

Before the State canvassing board Col. John W. Hinsdale made an argument in support of Bernard's position itorship. He is of counsel for Seathe proper one was quo warranto proceedings to try the title to the office. If a mandamus appeal is taken it is contended that quo warranto proceedings could not be brought until such appeal was disposed of. Argument in the case

· Judge Bynum decided that the board was right in refusing to receive affidavits tending to show that the returns from Nash count; were fraudulent, and morning the board to hear extraneous ev .ceed to count the vote as shown on the face of the returns. Judge Bynum

The Order of the Iron Hall WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 -A special the Post from Richmond, Va., says: Judge James C. Lamb, in the Chancery court to day, disposed of the cases against the Order of Iron Hall, which have been pending in this tribunal fortwo years. He decided that the reserve fund in the hands of the various branches of the Order in this city which had been attached was the property of the supreme sitting and hable to the payments of debts of the Order. He sustained the attachments of Bloomberg, Plimer, Powers and Dooley, the first two claims being on matured certificates and the two latter for sick benefits and death claims. A commissioner will distribute

Factional War in Kentucky. Brown has ordered Col. E. N. Gaither, French-Eversole war has broken out egraphic communication with the scene of the trouble The trouble grows out of the shooting in the court house when Judge Hall parrowly escaped being killed. Jessie Filds and Joe Adkins, who caused the frouble in the court

Miners Accept the Reduction. settlement for the Bittsburg district. had been expected. with ut consultation with the officials of the miners' organization. ---

German Opposition to Our Sugar Tariff. Bendan, Dec. 14.-In response to Count Non Kanatz's inquiry in the Reichstag to day, Freinerr Von Marschal, Secretary of the Foreign Office, said that the American sugar tariff was of great importance, as it infrieged upon "the most favored nation" clause. The increase of the American tariff on sugar had affected the American tariff on sugar had affected to the woods. Saylor had gone to Greenville during the early morning to close the sale of his farm and the money taken was the first payment in the deal. A posse went in pursuit of the highway-this is the third noted suicide in this city for twenty-two years. He leaves a family taken was the first payment in the deal. A posse went in pursuit of the highway-this is the third noted suicide in this city for twenty-two years. This is the third noted suicide in this Germany more than any other country A pos-and it ought to be abolished,

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

Speaker of the House of Representatives SALE OF POLICE OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY.

caused much discussion yesterday. A Sensational Testimony Before the Lexow Committee-Capt. Creedon Admits Having Paid \$15,000 for a Captaincy.-His Statement Corroborated -Thanked by the Committee and Assured Protection.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- An eager throng of people crowded around the Superior court, where the Lexow committee is in session, this morning, anxious to hear the testimony about Police Captain Creedon, who is accused of having paid \$15,000 for having been promoted to a captaincy. Several policemen under subpoeena and Captains Allaire, Strauss, and Schmittberger were present.

Capt. Creedon took the stand. denied yesterday that he had paid for his appointment as captain. To-day he declared that after consultation with his family and his friends, he had decided to make a clean breast of the matter. He then told in detail the story of how he paid \$15,000 to be appointed captain. The money, he declared was raised at the suggestion of John W. Reppenhagen, a leader of the New York Democracy, who told him the gift was at Commissioner Voorhis' disposal, and he (Creedon) could

Creedon said he went to Barney Rourke, who straightway raised a subscription on notes which the soon-to-be captain signed in blank, After the \$12, 000 was raised Creedon was told he would have to get \$3 000 more, as \$12,000 had been offered by Sergeant Wiegand. The additional sum was raised, and after a talk with Commissioner Voorhis, during which he d nied all knowledge of any fund having been raised, he received his appointment. The \$15,000 was were made to run some of the cars, but handed over to Reppenhagen a few days they were thrown from the track. The after Creedon received his appointment The captain was visibly agitated during the recital of his story and declared last night at a conference between offi-cers and employes a compromise of \$1.75 motion on his merits, but he had been ignored, though he had three times Masked men rob a farmer on the high- passed the civil service examination with way in Tennessee of \$1,500 — Earth- a high percentage He told of being approached once and being informed quake shocks are still felt in Sicily - | that he could have an appointment to a

tem, knowing it was rotten and corrupt, The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity and when Mr. Goff, in concluding the examination of Capt. Creedon, thanked him in behalf of the tion for an appeal. Other indictments committee, and declared that in considare found against him - Augusta will eration of his record and the service he have another cotton compress by next had rendered to his country, he would not be disturbed in his precinct, there was a burst of applause from the specta-

After Reppenhagen had been recalled and confirmed the story of Capt. Creedon, news was received in the court room witness in the Federal court giving the that the police commissioners, acting on names of a number of prominent and the advice of Superintendent Byrnes, had wealthy citizens who are white-caps suspended Capt. Creedon from duty Samuel Seely reached New York last There was much excitement for a time, night and was placed in Ludlow Street Senate committee, Mr. Goff announced ail in default of \$25,000 bond-A | that he had issued subpostas for the police Florida postmaster and county com- commissioners and Superintendent missioner are arrested on charge of sell- Byrnes, to explain their action. The spectators rose en masse at this announcement and cheered for several minutes. Later, Police Commissioner Martin and Supertendent Byrnes took

the stand. They declared that when they decided to suspend Creedon they had not heard of the committee's recommendation that he be retained on the force. In view of this recommendation they stated that steps would be taken to morrow to rescind their hasty action, This statement was also greeted with applause from the spectators, whose sym Reppenhagen, under the sweating pro

cess that Mr. Coff applies, testified that he paid \$10,000 of the money to ex-Assemblyman John Martin, who was known as the dispenser of Commissioner Voorhis patronage. The other \$5,000 he retained himself. Reppenhagen knew the money was to be used as a bribe and well, whose case depends upon Bernard's. the man who had the power of appoint-Woodard's counsel contended that Ber- ment was John R. Voorhis. There was nard had mistaken his remedy and that no understanding between Martin and the witness as to what Martin should do with the \$10,000. Martin told him to

ke p \$5,000. The former Police Commissioner Voorhis is now Police Justice John R. Voorhie, of the Jefferson Market court. He was interviewed this afternoon and denounced as false Reppenhagen's statement about the \$10,000. He knew noth ing about the matters that Capt, Creedon and Reppenhagen had testified to, and characterized the story as ridiculous. Justice and Police Commissioner he declined to grant a mandamus con- Voorhis has been a prominent figure in their principal campaign cries, yet they New York city politics for a gneeration, dence. The board will to morrow pro- atthough he has rather dropped out of they were before they came in. They public notice in the past year or two The most important position he ever said there was evidently fraud in the held was that of police commissioner. \$5 to \$3 and their mileage from 10 cents He exercised an autocratic con rol over the "County Democracy" in the Minth A sembly district, and he was a very considerable figure in the general organization, In 1890 he refu ed to follow the County Democracy in supporting the ticket of the People's municipal league because there were some Republicans in t. He claimed to be too much of a reformer to go into Tammany hall, how-

ver, and he formed what was called the 'New York Democracy." The Sun's Cotton Review

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- The Sun's ectton review says: Cotton declined 2 points, killed the bill to establish a blind asylum but recovered this and advanced 6 to 7 and educational institution at the capipoints, then reacted and closed steady at of the State. a net rise of 4 to 5 points, with sales of 125,700 bales. New Orleans declined 1 point on March, but recoved it and ad-TRANKPORT, Ky., Dec. 14 - Governor | vanced 7 points, and then lost 2 points of this Spot cotton there was steady of the Second Kentucky regiment, to re- with sales at 12,000 bales. Liverpool adpair to Hazard, Perry county, where the vencen 14 points, but lost this and closed quiet. Spot sales were 8 000 bales at oguin. The Governor is in constant tel- steady and unchanged prices. In Manchester yarns and cloths were dull. The quantity of cotton brought into sight this week is estimated at 450,000 bales, against 400 000 in the big crop year of 1991. New Orleans receipts to-morrow are estimated at 15,000 to 17,000 bales. room, are still in the mountains and are against 13 838 on the same day last week, and 10,894 last year. A Liverpool despatch says: "Unless discourged from your side, we shall be apt to go up. Protect of Dec. 14.—The cost miners Spot quotations at the South, as a rule, employed by In try Floursheim, at his were unchanged, with trade dull. The Nothington works, on the Wheeling rise here to-day was caused mainly by division of the Baltimore and Ohio rail- unexpectedly small receipts for the week way, have accepted the proposed reductat the interior towns. Shorts covered, tion of 9 cents a ton in wages, pending a Liverpool was rather better, too, than

> A Bold Highway Robbery. RICHMOND, Va , Dec. 14 .- A Bristol, Tenn., special to the Dispatch says: A capping. bold highway robbery occurred within one mile of Greenville, Tenn., this forenoon. Smith Saylor, a farmer, was held up and robbed of \$1,500 by masked high-waymen. The robbers covered Saylor with pistols and after securing his money took to the woods. Saylor had gone to army and was chief engineer of the Illi-

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. The Pension Bill Passed-The Army

Bill Introduced - Work of the Session up to Date-Private Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-The second week of the present session of Congress closed with the session of the House today. In that time there have been passed three general Appropriation bills for the year ending June 30, 1896, carrying a total of \$143,718,204, nearly onehalf of the annual expenditures of the Government, aside from the permanent appropriations. Besides these, an Urgent Deficiency bill for the current year has been passed, carrying a total of \$2,006. 595, making a grand total of \$145.724,799 appropriated thus far at this session. The Pension Appropriation bill was discussed four hours to day and then passed without amendment. Chairman Outhwaite reported the

ending June 30, 1896, and it was placed on the calendar The resolution introduced by Mr. Hitt, Republican, of Illinois, asking the Secretary of State for the correspondence elating to the promise of this Government to pay Great Britain \$425 00) on account of claims made by Canadian sealers, growing out of the Bering Sea seal controversy, was favorably reported from the Committee on Foreign affairs

Army Appropriation bill for the year

The House then took a recess until clock, private pension bills to be considered at the evening session. The attendance was slender throughout the day and scarcely more than a corporal's guard answered at roll call at

he opening of the session. At its session to-night the House acted on sixteen private pension bills. They were all laid aside with favorable recommendations.

BOWEN KNOCKED OUT. He Had No Chance with George Layigne-Unconscious for a Long

Time After the Final Blow. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 14.-George Kid) Layinge, of Saginaw, Mich., knocked the pugitistic aspirations of Andy Bowen, of this city, into the proverbial cocked hat to-night in the 18th round, in the presence of 2,500 sports at the Auditorium club.

The contest was for a purse of \$2 590 with Republican support. It is street lower range, 1,700 shares changing at 130 pounds weight, but both men rumor that the Progressive Farmer will hands at 67% to 64%, with the final transweighed over the scale. Lavigne tipped the beam at 135 pounds and Rowen at 133. The Louisiana man was clearly outclassed and while he has developed a little better judgment from his training with Dempsey, it was not enough to give him a chance again;t the Kid from Sag-

It was one of the cleverest fights that has ever been pulled off in this neck of the woods and the Kid made a monkey of Bowen throughout the whole contest, playing with him as a cat would a mouse. He took his time at knocking him out and only did so when he got good and ready. The gong saved Bowen several times, but it was considered by the spectators at the outset that Bowen would be the loser. He put up a game fight by staying up for his punishment, but he was poor at fighting back. Once Bowen went down and waited for the referee to count seven, but it availed him little. He was severely punished; his left eye was closed and his face all bruised and his lips swollen to twice their normal size. Lavigne was unharmed and as fresh as at the opening of the fight, but his left hand was swollen to almost the same size as his

The knock-out was delivered by a left hand drive on the side of the jaw, followed by a cross-counter with the light hand on the chin and Bowen dropped squarely in his tracks, his head striking the floor with a resounding thwack and sounding all over the house. He was unconscious for twenty-eight minutes After eight minutes work by his seconds, he was carried to his retiring room and three doctors, Chuppert, Hernan and Finney, called in. It was then thought he would not recover and Sergeant Mc-Cabe placed Lavigne and his party under arrest. They were released on the recovery of Bowen, who, when he regained consciousness, attempted to speak, but was cautioned to remain quiet.

Reduction of State Officers' Salaries. COLUMBIA, S. S., Dec. 14.—The lower House of the State Legislature to-night killed the Divorce bill, and then jumped into the consideration of the bill making a horizontal slash of all salaries of State officers. After a big fight the bill was passed. Some five or six aye and nay votes were taken on various amendments. The majority was really goaded into passing the bill by arguments from the opposition that they had been in power four years and this matter of reducing salaries had always been one of had not cut salaries one cent lower than even went so far to night to amend the bill by cutting their own per diem from to 5 cents a mile each way. One of the reform leaders said on the floor that if they did not reduce the salaries and give the people the relief they demanded they were gone."

The highest annual salary provided for by the bill is \$2,200-the Governor's salary. It has been heretofore for years \$3,500. The chief justice of the Supreme court comes down from \$4,000 to \$3,000. Whether the Senate will pass the bill or not remains to be seen. It is thought that Governor Evans will yeto it even if it becomes an act. The present Governor's salary is protected by a constitutional provision. The State Senate has

Prominent Men as White Caps. ATLANTA, Ga. Dec. 14-A sensation was created in the United States court here to-day by C. F. Ogles, a witness in some white-cap cases. He is an old and substantial farmer from Whitfield county He gave the names of fifty men whom he declared he knew to be members of the band, as he he had seen them at meetings which he had attended. He also stated that he knew from conversations with Paul Trammell, internal revenue collector for Georgia, that he was a member. Mr Starr, State Senator from that section, and a large number of others were implicated by Ogles. A Methodist and a Baptist preacher doctors, lawyers and the very wealthiest of men of that section are white-caps, so Ozles swore. He stated that he joined because it was safer to be on the inside than on the outside of the organization, Paul Trammell laughed when told of the testimony. He said it is well known that he has been trying to break up the

in the United States court for white-The Third Suicide. JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 14.-Capt. James S. Miller, aged 76 years, committed suicide this morning at his home in this city by shooting himself. He served in the

Thirty-six defendants are on trial now

white-caps.

MOTT AND EWART

INTERVIEWED ON PROPOSED FUSION LEGISLATION.

Argument in the Solicitorship Mandamus Case-The Caucasian Publishing Company Organized The Linville Improvement Case Decided-The Ewart-Pritchard Senatorial Campaign. MESSENGER BUREAU,

RALEIGH, Dec. 14. This morning, at the Supreme court room, at chambers, before Judge Bynnm, argument began in the mandamus proceedings against the State board of canvassers, instituted by Mr. Claude M. Bernard, fusion nominee for solicitor in the Third Judicial district. Spier Whitaker, Esq., appears for Bernard; Messrs. Frank S. Spruill and C. B. Aycock for the board. The contention of Mr. Bernard is that 342 votes for Claude N. Bernard in Nash county should be counted for him, as should also 2.100 votes cast for Claude M. Bernard for solicitor of the Fourth district. It will be remembered that the State board decided it had no power to correct clerical errors in returns certified by the county canvassing

cans of prominence were present, among them Pritchard, Ewart and Mott. Last night the Caucasian Publishing company was organized at Marion Butler's room at the Yarboro. The meeting lasted until midnight. This morning the the offerings for this account cut an imcompany obtained a charter and then met and elected officers, directors, etc. Marion Butler is president. The incorporators besides Butler are W. F. Stroud, W. A. Guthrie, A. C. Shuford, W. H. Worth and J. C. L. Harris There are Worth and J. C. L. Harris There are The talk on this property was all of a 2,000 shares at \$10, each, and the bearish character. The dividend matter capital stock may be increased to \$50,000. The first issue of the paper will appear January 6th. It will be a daily templated reduction in the rate. It was and weekly journal. As yet the editorial staff is not named. Six thousand difficulty in securing the \$400,00, dollars of its stock was taken last night, alleged to be due from the city of Chicago, and to-day most of the remainder was and that it had a heavy floating debt, subscribed. Dr. J. J. Mott, who was at The latter was news to most operators last night's meeting, is one of the stock- and is given for what it is worth. holders. It will be a Populist paper, Baltimore and Ohio was active at a

the argument to-day. Many Republi-

be consolidated with it. Mr. W. H. Worth, State business agent of the Farmers' Alllance, is sucsume at an early day the duties of State Governor Carr issues a commission to

B. S. Royster, of Oxford, as assistant inspector general of the State Guard, with rank of major. Dr. J. H. Williamson, of Rockingham. Richmond county, is appointed a delegate from this State to the cotton growers' congress at Jackson, Miss., January

P. F. Callahan, of New York city, is

appointed a commissioner of deeds for this State, and D. H. Henckle, of Arnold, Davidson county, a notary public. In the Linville improvement case, argued at chambers here Wednesday before Judge Alien, the latter sets aside the order that prevented the receiver | ican Tobacco 2 to 98. Total sales were from paying any part of the funds to the estate of the late W. W. Lenoir and requires the receiver to take bonds from the estate upon paying any funds to it. Your correspondent had an interview with Hon, H G. Ewart last night. Mr. Jeter Pritchard was present. These two gentlemen are conducting their campaign for the United States Senatorship in a most amicable and truly admirable manner. They have lots of fun at each other's expense. Mr. Pritchard said he was here, not to attend any conference, but to appear before the Supreme court in behalf of the Cody brothers, who were convicted of burglary in Madison county. appealed for a new trial and then escaped from jail. The Supreme court has continued the case to see if the Codys

are recaptured. Mr. Ewart says that there is nothing in the movement to employ attorneys outside the Legislature to give the latter advice. He is a lawyer, and so are Moody, Walser, Black, Lusk and Turner,

He went on to speak of what the Legis. lature would do, saying the only way to repeal the county government law was by absolute repeal. That course might be taken, or the Legislature may permit the county commissioners to serve out their two years, and then provide for their future election by the people. If the system is abolished the old system of county courts may be re-established, or county trustees may be created. The action of the commissioners in many counties in refusing to accept bonds of newly elected officers has intensified the feeling against them, he declared. Yet he said he had learned from a Republican in Wake that its commissioners acted properly in refusing to accept the bond of Sheriff elect Adams, as it was not a good bond. The election law will be repealed. Opposition to appropriations to the university, etc., will ribs. be by Democrats, Populists and a few Republicans in the Legislature, not many Republicans favoring it, he declares He spoke in the highest terms of the State Normal and Industrial school and said he did not think the appropriations to the university, etc., would be interfered with. He jocularly asked Mr. Pritchard what he thought of this and the latter said he did not know as he would be busy looking after his 'short last year than the appropriation allowed, term" in the Senate. Mr. Ewart then said he was awaked in the night by Mr. sation at the close of last night's session, Pritchard, their rooms adjoining, who was talking in his sleep and saying: "Long term, short term," etc. Mr. Pritchard retorted that what was hurt-

ing Ewart was that the latter was posing as a "Farmers' Alliance man." strong apposition to the criminal courts in New Hanover, Mecklenburg and Bun- face an attempt to make political capital combe and that their abolition is asked that the resolution as offered was incourt. A new criminal circuit of Bun- special act governing the payment of of the State asylums, etc., will be but done his duty. touched or in any way interfered with. Possibly the penitentiary directorate may | Amid much excitement he said Mr. Dunbe abolished, and afterwards a reorgan- can reflected upon his personal motive. isation be made. He says the peniten. He had offered the resolution in good tiary system will remain; that Mr. J. C. faith. He was very caustic in his re-L Harris was in error in saying the peo-ple of the State favored a return to the The House after a brief discussion, dewhipping post. Mr. Pritchard spoke up clined to pass the Duncan resolutions, and said he favored convict road making. referring them, instead, to the Commit-Mr. Exert appeared to think the farm system the best, perhaps. Mitchell considerable political feeling displayed.

district, will be restored to the Ninth. He declared positively that the Legisla-ture will be one of the most conservative on record; that the very fear of what it may do will make it extremely careful and conservative. City charters will not be changed, save where notice is

Vinston, for instance. Dr. Mott was interviewed. He said: "Mr. Butler will be the Senator for the long term, as an eastern man and, therefore, a natural successor to Senator Ransom. There will be no break by Republicans in the Legislature to interfere with this arrangement. Some Republican will be elected from the West, I do not know who. It has always been admitted that there was a division as to who the Republican would be. It was never contemplated that any one section of the State should select the candidate when there were somany aspirants. The Legislature will be extremely conservative. do not think there will be any considerabl change as to higher education, certainly nothing to injure any of the institutions. It is not yet fully decided as to joint caucuses. What the people want done as to county officers will be done."

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Stocks and Bonds in New York-The Grain and Provision Markets of Chicago.

New York, Dec. 14.-The rising tendency in the stock market was checked boards. Spier Whitaker, Esq., opened to day by the engagement of \$3,500,000 gold for shipment to Europe to morrow and by Washington advices that the Senate will not take up the Patterson Pooling bill until after the holidays. The recent rise also invited profit taking, and portant figure in the dealings. Chicago Gas, Baltimore and Ohio and Reading were heavy. Chicago Gas fell from 731 to 711 to 714 on dealings of 21,000 shares. came in for considerable discussion and it was rumored that the direct rs conalso said that the company was having wiped out in the proposed reorganization rally at the close to \$3\$ to \$3\$. There was good selling of the stock throughout and the impression is that the pool has been taking profits during the past two days. The declaration of a dividend by the Rock Island directors and the assertion that it had been earned not stop the realization in Grangers, which lost § to per cent. on the day. The close of the market was barely steady, with prices anywhere from 1 to 11 per

cent lower on the day. In the special ties, Colorado Fuel preferred rose 5 to 75, Canadian Pacific 24 to 604, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis 2 to 68, United States Express 2 to 43, and Amer-212,000 shares, of which 93,500 were Sugar, 21,900 St Paul. 21,000 Chicago The bond market was strong. Sales of listed stocks aggregated 113,000

shares; unlisted, 99,000. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-Disheartened and discouraged, the bulls on wheat threw up the sponge to day and allowed the advocates of lower prices to have full control of the market. The news was not particularly depressing, but the absence of speculation was as powerful a determined influence as any that could be urged. During the latter half of the session the pressure to sell was less conspicuous and a moderate rally took place, holders of daily and weekly puts being the active buyers. Cash wheat sold 1 to 1c under yesterday. The feel-

That several of the big holders of corn had quietly unloaded yesterday was patent to the general observer to day. Lessened confidence was shown by the moderate traders, which, taken in connection with the inclination of wheat to decline, gave to corn a decidedly weak tone. The milldew was another source of discomfort to the bull element, increased advances being looked for from that cause. Cash corn was 1c lower. Nothing different from the usual sympathetic market was noticeable in oats to day. They declined with wheat and corn and rallied slightly with them. Business was light. Cash oats were

steady at 1 to 1c lower. Provisions dropped lower to-day on the decline in grain and on cheaper prices for hogs. There was but little disposiion to speculate and business was decidedly quiet. A rally came about in sympathy with the recovery in the other pits, but yesterday's close was higher by 10c than to-day's for January pork, 5c for January lard and Bic for January

Exciting Debate in the South Carolina Legislature.

COLUMRUS, S. C., Dec. 14 - When the House met this morning Mr. Thomas' resolution, calling on the State Treasurer to explain how it was that he spent about \$11,000 more for public printing was called up.

Mr. Duncan, the reformer who had demanded of Mr. Thomas an explanation the night before, arose and offered a set of resolutions that the body put on record all attempts to make political capital at Mr. Ewart went on to say that there is | the expense of worthy officials; that Mr. for, and that the solicitors can dispose of | excusable, the author, being an old memthe business before the regular Superior | ber and lawyer, knew that there was a combe and three or four other counties | printing bills, and that the Treasurer had may be formed. He does not think any in the opinion of the Attorney General,

Mr. Thomas made a vigorous reply.

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



county, which in 1891 was transferred from the Ninth to the Eighth Judicial STRIKE IN WASHINGTON.

THE METROPOLITAN STREET CAR LINE TIED UP.

The Drivers and Conductors Leave given as in the cases of Wilmington and Their Cars at Busiest Time of the Day-Futile Effort to Run the Cars - Public Sympathy With the Strikers-Their Grievances-The Company's Concession.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.-Washingten has a big street railroad strike on it hands. The road affected is the Metropolitan Street Railway company, which traverses the best residential part of the city and communicates with the Capitol, The strike took place about 4 o'c'ock p. m. to day at the time of heaviest traffic, when thousands of Government employes were leaving the various Executive Departments for their homes. It was brought about by a notification given the drivers and conductors last night that their wages would be cut down from \$2.03 per Is SITUATED IN THE CENTRE OF THE day to \$1.68. Further than this, the men have a gri-vance with regard to the number of hours they work. Twelve hours is supposed to constitute a day's

fourteen hours without relief or intermission, or the privilege of leaving their cars even for five minutes for meals or for any other purpose. The striking employes have the full sympathy of Washington, Some years ago Congress enacted a law providing that this and other companies dispense with horses and provide some other motive power. The other chief railroads complied with the conditions, but the Metropolitan company, on various pretexts, secured an extension of time. Senator Hale and others roundly denounced the company in the Senate, and Congress made it obligatory on the company to change its motive power within a few months. The expense entailed by this change is one of the reasons given by the company for taking the cest out of the wages of its employes.

service, but the men claim that they are

At 5 o'clock all the streets traversed by the road were blockaded with driverless cars. The president of the company came to the scene and by threats and actions at the lowest point. A belief play and one or two cars were started by that the Valley railroad stock would be their aid. After they had been moved the crowd became somewhat disorderly ceeded by Mr. Thaddeus J. Ivey, of this city. Mr. Worth resigns in order to as-Ohio is a large holder of these shares. Reading was sold down to 141, Sugar streets. A patrol wagon was called out rose 1 to 91; and receded to 92; with a and drove about the streets to keep them clear. Three stalwart looking men rushed up to the front car, placing their shoul ders to the rear platform and lifted it off the track, then disappearing in the crowd. This seemed to be a signal for more such work. All the way down the line cars were lifted from the track and placed at various angles, until the olimax was reached at Thirteenth and F streets. where one car was hauled directly across

the street. The crowds were all with the strikers and when President Phillips appeared along the tracks he was greeted with hoots and jeers. The road remained blocked for several hours, when, finding that the men could not be prevailed upon to continue their trips, the cars were returned to the barns. Late to-night a conference was held between the strikers and railroad officers and an agreement was reached, The men compromised on \$1.75 per day of twelve hours. All the strikers will be taken back. The line will resume its

operations to morrow morning as usual. An Epidemic of Diphtheria. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.-Diphtheria is spreading so rapidly among children at East St. Louis as to cause considerable alarm to parents and physicians. Ten cases have been reported during the past few days. The children living in infected districts were excluded from the public schools. The disease is alarmingly prevalent in this city and physicians are using every endeavor to prevent it becoming epidemic.

The Democrats Successful. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 -The Subreme court this morning sustained the demurrer to the petition of Chairman Cornwall, of the Republican State Central committee, for a writ of mandate to compel the election commission to disregard the returns from a large number of precincts in this city, on the ground of raud. If those returns were not counted Estee would be elected Governor,

Tortured by His Teacher. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14.—Dr. R. L. Miller, of Norfelk county, was to-day arrested in this city for torturing a small white boy with hot tongs and shovel because he failed to learn his lessons. The accused admits burning the child and his only excuse for it is that the boy was

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