

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The freight rates on oranges from Florida have been reduced one-half by the Plant system and Ocean steamship company.

GRAPE CULTURE.

SUCCESSFUL GRAFTING OF BEST FOREIGN SPECIES.

Cheatham Serves Notice of Contest on Congressman Woodard—Queer Case of Possession of Firearms Assembling—Orphan Asylum—Subscriptions for the Nebraskans—The Governor's Forthcoming Message.

Mr. John K. Hoyt, of Lenoir, Buncombe county, telling of the successful fruiting of the great California and European wine grapes in the open air.

Governor Carr issues commissions to Roger A. Smith, of Goldsboro, as major and surgeon; to J. E. Malone, of Louisville, as captain and assistant surgeon of the First regiment and to Rev. J. E. Thacker, of Oxford, as chaplain of the Third regiment.

A LIVELY DISCUSSION.

OVER WITHDRAWING OUR CRUISERS FROM HAWAII.

Discussion of the Nicaragua Canal Bill Continued—Interesting Debate on the Currency Bill—The Evils of our Political System Pointed Out—Proposed Amendments to the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—There was a very lively and interesting discussion in the Senate to-day over Senator Lodge's resolution calling on the President for information as to the withdrawal of American vessels from Hawaii.

Senator Morgan finished his speech in support of the Nicaragua Canal bill. No action was taken and the bill remains unfinished business.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

No Material Improvement—Trade Generally Quiet at the South and Without Change at the West.

New York, Jan. 4.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: There has been no material improvement in general trade.

At large Eastern cities only a moderate volume of business is reported, Buffalo and Boston implying that the near outlook is more hopeful.

General trade is reported quiet at Charleston, Nashville, and Memphis, with mercantile collections fair only.

AUSTRIA PROTESTS.

AGAINST THE DIFFERENTIAL SUGAR DUTY.

Democrats of the House to Caucus on the Currency Bill—The Vote to be Taken Friday—The Columbia Ordered Home—Another Heavy Withdrawing of Gold—Civil Service Extended.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Democrats of the House will hold a caucus at 8 o'clock on Monday afternoon next for the purpose of considering the pending Currency bill.

Mr. Springer stated this afternoon that general debate on the Banking bill will continue until the hour of holding the caucus Monday.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

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

New York, Jan. 4.—Trading at the Stock Exchange was less active to-day, the total transactions footing up only 115,148 shares, against 169,093 yesterday.

The politicians are assembling. The Yarbros, as usual, their headquarters. There are now three avowed candidates for the Speakership of the House.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Yesterday's closing boom was missing at the opening of the grain market to-day.

POLICE RAID MURDERERS' DEN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Betrayed by one of their pals, the murderers of Oliver Edward Duddles last night were captured this afternoon by thirty policemen.

The club also passed a resolution in favor of faster mail service between Chicago and the cities of the East and West, and requesting the Alabama Senators and Representatives in Congress to favor such a movement.

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A Letter Carrier Caught Stealing Letters. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—M. P. Stayher, United States mail carrier, was arrested in the postoffice this morning while preparing the mail for distribution.

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At the Carnegie Plants.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Jan. 4.—There was little excitement here to-day. The streets were thronged only with the usual number of people, and in the vicinity of the Carnegie Steel works there was not the slightest sign of trouble.

An Insane Asylum Burned.

ANNA, Ills., Jan. 4.—The center section and the south wing of the Illinois Southern hospital for the insane, comprising one-half of the entire building, were destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

Swindled.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 4.—A. W. Withers, of Gloucester county, was swindled out of \$3,000 in money to-day by two men, claiming to be John Williams, of Arizona, and Thomas H. Barker, an assayer of the United States mint at Philadelphia.

Eight Negroes Hanged to Day.

SARASOTA, Fla., Jan. 4.—News is just received here that on last Friday night at an out-of-the-way place near Wilkeson, in Coffee county, the hanging of eight negroes took place.

Georgia Granite to the Front.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The public building at Kansas City is to be built of granite. Numerous bids have been sent in from different parts of the country.

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More Earthquakes in Sicily.

ROME, Jan. 4.—Earthquakes have been felt repeatedly to-day in Reggio di Calabria and Messina. The United States Secretary of the Interior will make a tour of the provinces affected and will provide for the distribution of money, food and clothes among the homeless.

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