Magnetisin of the Saviour-The Sorrows of Jesus, His Miracles and His Sympathy for All Mankind. TEXT: "He name shall be called wonder-

The prophet lived in a dark time. For ears the world had been getting oms had arisen and perished. of a vessel in distress sees ng across the water, so the the telescope of prophecy to his ere and tax, 750 years ahead, one Jesus adrescue. I want to show that niled Christ the Wonderful

uses there is a picture of minate, sometimes with a face I have seen West's grand sketch tion of Christ. I have seen the rist as cut on an emerald, said to mound of Tiberius Cesar, and yet convinced that I shall never know how Jesus looked until, on that sweet Sabboth morning I shall wash the last sleep eres in the cool river of heaven. book of divine photographs, Luke's sketch, at Mark's setch, and John's sketch and at Paul's sketch, and I say, with Isalah, "Wonder-

I think that you are all interested in the story of Christ. You feel that He is the ealy one who can help you. You have unbounded a limitation for the commander who helped his passengers ashore while he himself perished, but have you no admiration for Him who rescued our souls, Himself falling back into the waters from which

After the battle of Antietam, when a gen-

eral role along the lines, although the soldiers were lying down exhausted, they rase with great enthusiasm and huzzaed. as Napoleon returned from bis captivity his first step on the wharf shook all the It took 3000 troops to watch him So there have been men of memories of Austerlitz and Jena and Badajos, but here was a man who had fought no es, who wore no epaulets, who brandished no sword. He is no titled man of the schools, for He never went to school. He had probably never seen a prince or shaken hands with a nobleman. The only extraordhary person we know of as being in His company was His own mother, and she was so poor that in the most delicate and solemn hour that ever comes to a woman's soul she

was obliged to lie down amid camel drivers grooming the beasts of burden. I imagine Christ one day standing in the streets of Jerusalem. A man descended from high lineage is standing beside Him. and says: "My father was a merchant prince. He had a castle on the beach at Who was your father?" Christ answers, "Joseph, the carpenter." A man from Athens is standing there unrolling his parehment of graduation and says to Christ, Where did you go to school?" Christ answers, "I never graduated." Aha! The idea of such an unheralded young man attempting to command the attention of the world! some little fishing village on Long Island shore attempt to arraign New York. Yet no sooner does He set His foot in the towns or cittees of Judgea than everything is reommotion. The people go out on a picetare so fascinated with Christ that, at the risk of starving, they follow Him out into the wilderness. A nobleman falls down eyes and says, "Lord, that my eyes may be opened." A poor, sick, panting woman pressing through the crowd says, such the hem of His garment.' who love their mother better in else, struggle to get into His arms, and to kiss His cheek, and to run their fingers through His hair, and for all time

is so in love with the little ones hardly a nursery in Christendom from which He does not take one, saying "I must have them. I will fill heaven For every cedar that I plant in heaven I will have fifty white lilies. In the lour when I was a poor man in Judea they were not ashamed of Me, and now that I are come to a throne I do not despise Hold it not back, oh, weeping nother; by it on my warm heart! Of such triumphal procession. He is seated, not in

but on an ass, and yet the peooff their coats and throw them in Oh, what a time Jesus made among the children, among the beggars, among the fishermen, among the philose-You may boast of self control, but if you had seen Him you would have put your arms around His neck and said, "Thou lesus was wonderful in the opposites and eeming autogonisms of His nature. You

as logical and consistent, and you

could Christ be God and man at lim was not anything made.' ys that He was omnipresent. or three are met together in To am I in the midst of them. s His own eternity, "I am Al-"ga." How can He be a lion, terushing kingdoms, and yet ng the hand that slays Him? At the throne and the manger Christ was God, why flee into ad of bearing the cross, not lift igid hand and crush His assassins? d and be spat upon? Why sleep untain, when He owned the eternity? Why catch fish tenklast on the beach in the chill all the pomegranates are vineyards His and all the all the partridges His? n weary and His feet stone He might have taken the the sunset for His equipage ith horses and chariots of fire? frink from the wayside, when ystal chalices of eternity He from the tips of His fingers great lakes and the ocean?

unted on white horses of eternal cannot understand. Who can? confound me. I am confounded speak. Paul said it was un-He went climbing up from argument and from antithesis and from glory to glory and heh sauk down in exhaustion as he saw n other heights of divinity unexclaimed "that in all things might have the pre-eminence."

Again, Christ was wonderful in His The people had been formalities and technicalities. Christ upset all their notions as to how ught to be done. There was conflarity about His preaching-the de knew what He meant. His illustrahear Him. Those old Jewish rathes might the mine.

have preached on the side of Olivet fifty years and never got an audience. The philosophers sneered at His ministrations and said. "This will never do." The law-WASHINGTON DIVINE'S yers carlcatured, but the common people heard Him gladly. Suppose you that there were any sleepy people in His audiences? Suppose you that any woman who ever mixed bread was ignorant of what He meant when He compared the kingdom of

heaven with leaven or yeast? Suppose you that the sunburnt fishermen, with fish scales upon their hands, were listless when He spoke of the kingdom of heaven as a net? We spend three years in college studying ancient mythology, and three years in the theological seminary learning how to make a sermon, and then we go out to save the world, and if we cannot do it according to Claude's "Sermon-izing," or Blair's "Rhetoric," or Kames' ''Oriticism," we will let the world go to perdition. If we save nothing else, we will save Claude and Blair. We see a wreck in sight. We must go out and save the crew and passengers. We wait until we get on our fine

cap and cost and and our saming ours, and then we push out methodically and scientifically, while some plain shoresman, in rough fishing smack and with broken oar lock goes out and gets the crew and passengers and brings them ashore in safety. We throw down our delicate oars and say: "What a ridiculous thing to save men in that way! You ought to have done it scientifically and beautifully." "Ah," says the shoresman, "If those sufferers had waited until you got out your fine boat

they would have gone to the bottom." The work of a religious teacher is to save men, and though every law of grammarshould be snapped in the undertaking; and there be nothing but awkwardness and blundering in the mode, all hail to the man who saves a soul.

Christ, in His preaching, was plain, earnest and wonderfully sympathetic. We cannot dragoon men into heaven. We cannot drive them in with the butt end of a catechism. We waste our time in trying to catch flies with acids instead of the sweet honeycomb of the gospel. We try to make crab apples do the work of pome-

Again Jesus was wonderful in His sorrows. The sun smote Him and the cold chilled Him, the rain pelted Him, thirst parched Him and hunger exhausted Him. Shall I compare His sorrow to the sea? No. and 250,000 men joined his for that is something hushed into a calm. Shall I compare it with the night? No, for that sometimes gleams with Orion or kinwonderful magnetism of person. But hear dles with Aurora. If one thorn should be me while I tell you of a poor young man thrust through your temple you would up from Nazareth to produce a faint. But here is a whole crown made thrill such as has never been excited by from the rhamnus or spina Christ-small, any other. Napoleon had around him the sharp, stinging thorns. The mob make a cross. They put down the long beam, and kindnesses and wiping away tears-hear the hammer driving the spikes through them. Those feet that have been going about on ministrations of mercy-battered against the cross. Then they lift it up. Look, look, look! Who will help Him now? Come, men of Jerusalem-ye whose dead He brought to life, ye whose sick He healed -who will help Him? Who will seize the weapons of the soldiers? None to help. Having carried such a cross for us, shall we

refuse to take our cross for Him? Shall Jesus bear the cross alone And all the world go free? No; there's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me.

You know the process of ingrafting. You bore a hole into a tree and put in the branch of another tree. This tree of the cross was hard and rough, but into the holes where the natis went there had been grafted branches of the tree of life that now bear fruit for all nations, The original tree was bitter, but the branches ingrafted were sweet, and now all the nations pluck the fruit and live forever. Again, Christ was wonderful in His vic-

First, over the forces of nature. The sea is a crystal sepulcher. It swallowed the Central America, the President and the A beggartries to rub the dimness ever floated on it. The inland lakes are fully as terrible in their wrath. Galilee, when aroused in a storm, is overwhelming, and yet that sea crouched in His presence and licked His feet. He knew all the waves and winds. When He beckoned, they came. When He frowned, they fled. The heel of His foot made no indentation on the solidia fled water. Medical science has wrought great changes in rheumatic limbs and diseased blood, but when muscles are entirely withered no human power can restore them, and when a limb is once dead it is dead. But here is a paralytic-his hand lifeless. Christ says to him, "Stretch forth thy hand," and he stretches it forth.

In the eye infirmary how many diseases of that delicate organ have been cured? But Jesus says to one born blind, "Be open," and the light of heaven rushes through gates that have never before been pened. The frost or an ax may kill a tree, but Jesus smites one dead with a word. Chemistry can do many wonderful things. but what chemist, at a wedding, when the refreshment gave out, could change a pail of water into a cask of wine?

Behold His victory over the grave! The hinges of the family vault become very rusty because they are never epened except to take another in. There is a knob on the outside of the sepuicher, but none on the inside. Here comes the conqueror of death. He enters that realm and says, "Daughter of Jairus, sit up," and she sat up. To Laz-arus, "Come forth," and he came forth. To the widow's son He said, "Get up from that bier," and he goes home with his mother. Then Jesus snatched up the keys of death and hung them to His girdle and cried until all the graveyards of the earth heard Him: "Oh, death, I will be thy plague! Oh, grave, I will be thy destruction!"

But Christ's victories have only just begun. This world is His, and He must have it. What is the matter in this country? Why all these financial troubles? There never will be permanent prosperity in this land until Christ rules it. This land was discovered for Christ, and until our cities shall be evangelized and north, south, east and west shall acknowledge Christ as King and Redeemer we cannot have permanent prosperity. What is the matter with Spain, with France, with all of the nations? All the congresses of the nations cannot bring quiet. When governments not only theoretically but practically acknowledge the Saviour of the world, there will be peace everywhere. In that day the sea will have more ships than now, but there will not be one "man-of-war." The foundries of the world will jar with mightier industries, but there will be no molding of bullets. Printing presses will fly their and dipping His hands in the cylinders with greater speed, but there eaven and shaking that hand shall go forth no iniquitous trash. In laws, in constitutions, on exchange, in scientific laboratory, on earth as in heaven. Christ shall be called wonderful. Let that work man regiment put Him to of the world's regeneration begin in your heart, oh, hearer! A Jesus so kind, a Jesus He might have ridden down wed by all the catalry of

so good, a Jesus so loving-how can you help but love Him? It is a beautiful moment when two persons who have pledged each other heart and hand stand in church and have the banns of marriage proclaimed. Father and mother, brothers and sisters stand around the altar. The minister of Jesus gives the counsel, the ring is set, earth and heaven witness it, the organ sounds and amid many congratulations they start out on the path of life together. Oh, that this might be your marriage day! Stand up, immortal soul. Thy beloved comes to get His betrothed. Jesus stretches forth His hand and says, "I will love thee with an everlasting love," and you respond, "My beloved is mine, and I am His." I put your

hand in His; henceforth be one. No trouble those were taken from the hen calling her chickens together, from salt, from candles, from fishing tackle, from a hard creditor chis day would have allowed Him entrance? He would have been called unpreaching. And wat the needle went to the state of the

THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Comparison of Figures in This State and Virginia on R. R. Taxation.

OLD NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

Delegates to Farmers' National Congress--The Excellence of the Crops Simply Wonderful,

The following delegates and racing eams were represented at the State Firemen's Association at Fayetteville last week: Asheville, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Wilson, Newberne, Wilmington, Goldsboro and Winston-Salem; Columbia, Orangeburg, Sumter, Florence, from South Carolina. The officers elected are: James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president; J. C. Nichols, of Durham, secretary; Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro, and Parnell, vice presidents; T. A. Green, of Newbern. treasurer.

The following is the result of the races: In the engine contest the New Berne steam fire engine's time was 3:41 1-2, Winston 3:49 1-2; Atlantics, of New Berne, 4:031-4; Greensboro 5:123-4;

Wilmington 6:26 1-2. The first prize was \$60, second \$30, third \$20.

In the hand reel 150 yards dash Fayetteville's time was 31 seconds, New Berne 32, Greensboro 33, Durnam No. 2, 34, Salem 83 1-2, Salisbury 88 1-2, Charlotte 33, Durham No. 1, 33, The grab reel race resulted, New Berne, No. 1, 25 seconds, Durham, No.

, 221-4; Atlantics 251-2, Fayetteville 231-4, South sides 231-4. In the long distance rapid steaming, Wilmington and Winston made fine

In the long distance throwing water, Winston won, 239 feet, 5 inches. The Greensboro Juniors defeated the Faytteville Juniors, Ine hand reel race was won by the Atlantics, of Newbern; the horse wagon contest was won by the Greensboro team; the horse hook and ladder race was won by Winston; the hand hook and ladder contest was won by Greensboro. The next place of meeting is at

Charlotte didn't get the tournament, but she got the promise of the Fayetteville boys, along with others, to go there the next 20th of May.

Much has been said recently as to the taxation of railway property in Virginia and North Carolina. The following are the facts as to such taxation. The total value of railways in Virginia, including property outside of right-ofway, as well as street cars, assessed for taxation, is \$58,389,540. That in North Carolina, not including street cars and property outside of right-of-way, is \$29,000,000. The gross earnings in Virginia are \$50,000,000; in North Carolina \$9,846,000. The net earnings in Virginia are \$12,151,000; in North Carolina \$3,257.000. So the taxation in Virginia, instead of being one and a half times greater than in North Carolina, should have been in round numbers four times as much. Governor Russell says railway property should be listed for taxation at a sum upon which it pays 6 per cent. upon net earnings. By this Virginia would have a valuation of \$200,000,000 and North Carolina \$50,-000,000. Virginia, besides, pays 1 per cent. on net income, deducting interest on funded debt and taxes, and this amount to only \$3,000. With a similar tax North Carolina could collect nothing save a small sum from the Atantic Coast Line. - Charlotte Observer.

The commissioner of agriculture says all the crop returns which come in are remarkably favorable. In fact the excellence of the crops is simply wonder ful. The returns for August are rapidly arriving from correspondents. None of these put cotton below 100 per cent. and some put it as high as 120, compared with average years. There is a large increase in acreage. The report as to corn is the best ever received by the department. It is a remark that 1897 may well be termed "a year of

Governor Russell appoints the following delegates from North Carelina to the Farmers' National Congress for the next two years: State at large, J. S. Cunningham and Wm. Dunn; First district, John Brady; Second district, M. L. Wood; Third district, J. A. Westbrook; Fourth district, Ransom Hinton; Fifth district, Benehan Cameron; Sixth district, Nick Gibbons; Seventh district, S. A. Lawrence, Eighth district, J. L. Byers; Ninth district, W. G. Candler.

Up to the 5th the Charlotte Observer says: Of all the counties in the State from which returns have been sent to the Auditor and to the State board of equalization, Gaston leads so far as increase in values is concerned. The increase in the value of property in that county is \$315,311 over 1896 and \$415. 941 over 1895.

For the first time in three years the Cabarrus jail is clear of prisoners. Another incident attending the term of court just concluded is the fact that not term-something that has greatly surprised even the public, to say nothing of the lawyers.—Charlotte Observer.

Durham paid \$80,000 internal revenue tax for the month of July, the sales being: Tobacco, \$25,208.90; cigarettes, \$13,955.00; cigars, \$957.45; snuff, \$285.00. Total, \$40,401.35. Exports were: Cigarettes, C1, 802, 500; tobacco, 1,650 pounds.

The railroad commission reduces the tax valuation \$500 per mile on the following railways: Georgia, Carolina and Northern: Western North Carolina, between Round Knob and Paint Rock, and the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line. thus making the valuations, respectively. \$9,000, \$8,500 and \$11,000 per

TITLE TO THE KLONDIKE FIELDS

No Valid Objection Can be Advanced

to Great Britain's Claim. Incited by the newspaper publications recently, fending to throw doubt upon the ownership of the Klondike gold fields, some of the high government officials who would naturally be expected to deal with the question if it comes to a practical issue, have been quietly looking into the matter with a view to preparing themselves for any controversy that may arise. Their views are in substance that there can be no valid objection advanced to the title of Great Britain to this territory. A careful examination of all the reli-

able charts and maps made far enough back in date to be free from suspicion of influence of the recent heavy gold finds, has convinced the officials that so far as the Klondike fields, as defined by the latest reports are concerned, there can be no questil but that they lie east of the one hut dred and forty-first meridian, which defines the boundary line, and so are within British territory by about thirty-five miles at least. As for the meridian itself, it is said that it has been so closely located by the survey of the Canadians and our own coast survey, that there is not at any point a difference of more than 700 feet in the claimed boundary, which, of course, would not substantially effect any controversy that might grow out of the title.

A VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

Five Hundred People Known to Have Perished and 15 Towns Destroyed. A special to the Chicago Chronicle from Tacoma, Wash., says: Five hundred reported killed up to July 1st is the record of the terrible outbreak of the great volcano Mayon, on the island of Luzon, one of the Phillipine group. On the night of June 24 this volcano began throwing up ashes and lava in immense quantities, and the flames were thrown upward considerably over 100 feet above the crater. The next day 65 bodies were recovered at a considerable distance, and the most recent 8th stated that not less than 500 were known to have been killed.

It is probable, said the dispatches, that the loss of life will reach into the thousands, depending on the length of eruption. On that date lava streams and ashes had reached the cities of Bacacay, Malipot and Liberi, and their destruction was certain. Fifteen smaller towns between these and the volcano had been destroyed, and scores of the agricultural population had been overwhelmed while attempting to es-

TILLMAN AT ABBEVILLE.

He Defends the Dispensary and Tells Some Great Things About Himself.

Senator Tillman spoke to the farmers institute at Abbeville, S. C., delivering the first speech he has made in the State since the opening of the present senstorial campaign. He defended the dispensary law, and declared that the troubles it had been involved in were due not to the law itself, but to its unwise administration. He endorsed the tariff views of Senator McLaurin, and said that while he himself was not a protectionist, if there was any stealing going on, he wanted his State to have its share. He told his hearers that he was the only farmer in the Senate, and that he therefore represented 80,000,000 farmers of the United States. He declared that his speeches were as popular in the Senate as at home, and told how, when he arose to speak, the cloak rooms always emptied and the gafferies filled.

GOVERNMENT JOBS.

Civil Service Examinations to Be Held September 22.

Civil service examinations will be held in Columbia, S. C., on September 22 for the following positions under the government service: Bookbinder, clerk of the departmental service, compositor, electrotyper (of all kinds), elevator conductor, janitor, messenger, press-man, railway mail clerk, skilled laborer (male or female), stenographer, stereotyper, stock examiner, tagger, typewriter, watchman. One wishing to stand the examination san select any one of the above callings to be examined upon. All applications must be on file in the office of the Civil Service Commissioner, Washington, at least ten days before the examination is held. Examinations will be held in Charleston on the 24th of September and the 25th of October.

ATLANTA OPERATIVES STRIKE

Negro Women Were Employed and All the Other Hands Quit. As a result of the employment of

twenty-five negro women in the folding department of the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills, Atlanta, Ga., 1,400 men. women and children have gone out on one of the largest strikes that has ever occurred in that city. The wills were forced to shut down their entire plant. and it will effect fully 2,000 people of the working classes. When the notice was put up that the mills were closed much disorder broke out, and it was of Rustchuk, on the Danube, killed the inclination of the strikers at first to | fifty-six people outright. cause trouble, but the police reserve force arrived in time to quell any disturbance.

lows Colony in Alabama. A number of Iowa families have secured a concession of 6,000 acres of land in Shelby county, Ala., 30 miles south of Birmingham. The tract is to be laid

ist will own his own property.

Business Men as Swindlers. Three prominent business men of bound over to the October term of court, charged with conspiracy to defraud the National Loan & Investing Company. of Detroit, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country. The case promises to be a sensational one, owing to the prominence of the accused, and the amount claimed to have been secured

by them, which is said to be in the

neighborhood of \$200,000.

NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers. The smallpox situation in Birming-

ham, Ala., is very much improved. M. A. Connelly, of Savannah. Ga., has been chosen as secretary of the Nicauraguan Canal Commission. Alfred E. Holton has been appointed

United States attorney for the Western district of North Carolina. A gentleman who has been dead two months has been appointed postmaster

at Wahoo, Sullivan county, Tennessee. During a game of ball at Eufaula, Ala., Bose Faulkner struck Cal Taylor on the head with a stick and death resulted. Faulkner escaped. The Charlotte Observer says the proposition to move the court house site

from Dallas to Gastonia, N. C., has failed. A majority of those who voted were in favor of removal, but a majority of the registered voters did not go to the polls. The Rome, Ga., cotton factory has obtained a government order for 1,300, 000 yards of heavy duck for mail sacks. The amount of the contract is \$250,000.

new machinery and employ a large number of hands at good wages. The erection of a twenty-ton cotton seed oil mill will be commenced at Lavonia, Ga., at once.

The mill has been forced to purchase

It is believed that the plan to utilize the water power of the James, at Richmond, for a great electric plant, will

The old Talbot machine shops, at Richmond, Va., have passed away after fifty years of life. The depression of the times did it.

Worried by business troubles, wealthy Samuel Blair, of Chattanooga. Tenn., cut his throat and died in his bath tub. J. H. Milam, of the Seaboard Air

Line at Charlotte, has mysteriously disappeared. His shortage foots up to 81,444,44. A sheriff's posse in Coffee county,

Ala., killed Allven Lightfoot and badly

injured his son Joe, in attempting to arrest them for general crimes. All About the North.

A rain storm at Colorado City, Col. flooded the streets six inches. An association composed of buyers'

for commercial houses in the various cities has been formed in New York. Cincinnati, O., is the centre of a great new combine of manufacturers of wood-

working machinery. The World says that 2,500 babies have been abandoned by their mothers in New York within the past year.

The National Democratic Association of Colored Men is called to meet in convention Columbus, O., on Sept. 23d. All the gas companies of Chicago, have consolidated. The capital stock s raised from \$400,000 to \$25,000,000. Stephen M. Carty, who put up the first telephone used in Cuba, died at New Haven, Conn., from heart failure caused by excessive smoking.

At St. Louis cotton is said to be cornered and it is likely to remain so until September 1st, when the official cotton year opens, and the new crop begins to move. The statements of the local warehouses show that the total number of bales in storage aggregate 9.682 bales.

A gang of gold brick swindlers have come to grief in New York.

At Sigourney, Ia., four girls were drowned in Skunk river. They were caught in the current while wading. Chas, A Dana, the nestor of Ameri-

can journalists, owner and editor of the New York Sun, is seriously ill. It is reported that Senator Gorman, of Maryland, will not be a candidate for

reelection at the end of his present term. Senator Gorman will have served 24 Many of the principal life and accident insurance companies of Chicago

are refusing to assume risks upon the lives of persons contemplating a visit to the Klondyke. The gold brick swindle was worked on a New Orleans saloon keeper for \$7,000 by members of a gang who have

operated extensively in South American cities and large towns of this country. The men were arrested in New York. At Hudson, Mass., an attempt was made to blow up a section of the tenement house owned by the L, D. Appley

Rubber Company, in which several of the workmen employed at the factory in the place of the striking help have been boarding.

American whalers this season have realized \$702,449.

Within eighteen months famine and

pestilence have killed 8,000,000 people Most Kansas counties pay a bounty on wolves killed, and Michigan pays for

dead sparrows. Mr. Moody announces that he has no ides of retiring from his evangelistic

An explosion in the cartridge factory Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a mail route to the

Klondyke region. The highbinders in San Francisco. Cal., have posted a list of Chinese who they will murder.

New York is still talking of a World's Fair in 1900 to commemorate the consolout on the colony plan, but each colonidation of the various cities which are comprised in Greater New York.

under arms in revolt against the British Pittsburg, Pa., have been arrested and in India, and the rebellion is still spreading. Missouri has raised the taxable valu-

From 12,000 to 15,000 natives are now

ation of her railroads and telegraphs by over \$3,000,000 and will add \$750,000 to ton. her revenue next year. Representatives of Peter Maher and

Tom Sharkey have posted a second deposit of \$2,500 of the \$10,000 for a fight between the pugilists. They will probably fight in San Francisco during October.

PESSIMISTS GROWING WEARY

Gratifying Reports of Business Improvement by Dun & Co.

THE DAWN OF BETTER DAYS.

Fewer Failures the Past Week Than in Any Week Since the Year

The weekly trade review of Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co., for the week ending August 7th, says: Four years ago, August 5th, 1893, the first of Dun's reviews was issued, with failures in that month amounting to over \$60,000,000, while in the month just closed failures have been only \$7,117,727, the smallest in any month since 1892. The statement of failures by classes of business for July and for forty-six months shows that in manufacturing failures have been smaller than in any other month in the entire period, in trading smaller than in any month except one, and in many branches of manufacture smaller than in most months of which records

The pessimists who pronounced re-

ports of gain fictitious and misrepresenting have grown weary of their dismal predictions and begin to see the dawn of better days. Last month was the first for four years of which the volume of business reported by clearing houses was larger than in the same month of 1892, and the telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country given this week show gratifying improvement. This is probably due to a larger yield of wheat and good prices, though the crop is probably not as large nor are prices thus far as high as in 1892; but of cotton the price is higher and the yield probably larger than in that year. Other farm products are realizing good prices, and the possible decrease in yield of corn may help brought over from last Liquidation of a powerful bination in wheat broke wheat advanced 3 cents on Tuesday, a gain of 11-2 cents for the week. It is the wrong season to expect much from industries, and yet there has been material increase in the number of hands employed in the iron manufacture because of the satisfactory adjustment of wages dispute with the Amalgamated Association and the opening of numerous establishments which have been waiting, while the coal miners' strikes seem each day more likely to end in a permanent settlement beneficial to both partie. Meanwhile the demand for most finished products is steadily increasing, the feature this week being large pipe contracts for Russian oil fields, Sumatra and Germanv.

The sales of wool, as comparative returns by months show, bear little relation to the actual consumption in LyAtlanta, ... 9 80p 8 55p 5 10a manufacture, but heavy liquidation since the new tariff bill was enacted gives the impression that some dealers are no longer confident of a speedy advance. Nevertheless, prices have risen during the past few weeks nearly one cent per pound. Manufacturers are buying but little, though they are rapidly increasing the output and are able to report an advance of 10 per cent in prices of goods, with rapidly increasing | Lv New Orleans

orders. The temporary curtailment of output by cotton mills continues, but does not yet bring improved prices for products, although the demand is generally gain-

Failures of the week have been 237 in the United States, against 240 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 32 last year.

WESTERN UNION APPEALS.

Resists the Reduction in Telegram Rates Made by the N. C. R. R. Com-

The Western Union Telegraph Company has appealed from the order of the railroad commission making 15 cents the rate for a ten-word day message. The company contends that the rate is not just and reasonable and that it would force the company to operate at a loss; also that a commission has no power to make the rates for tele-

The company affects that at 25 cents it has operated North Carolina business at a loss. It files a prayer for re-moval of the case to the United States Court for the eastern district of North Carolina. The prayer alleges that the commission's order, violates the fifth amendment to the United States constitution in that the enforcement of said rate would be taking "the company's property for public use without just compensation; that it violates section 1 of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution; that it violates section 8 of article 1 of the constitution, and also violates the United States act of 1866 to aid in the construction of telegraph lines. The prayer further sets forth that the company is of New York and not a citizen or resident of North Carolina. John VanHorne, vice-president, signs this prayer.

The Tennessee Election. A general election was held in this State on the 15th to decide whether or not a constitutional convention shall be held. Returns show that the calling

led, but little interest being shown, and in some voting districts the polls were not opened. In Nashville, with a voting population of 15,000, the total vote cast was less than 1,000. Freight Rates on Cotton. The Georgia State Railroad Commis-sion has refused the petition of W. H.

Brewer, of Griffin, and D. G. Purdue. of Savannah, representing the freight and transportation bureau of that city, and others, for a horizontal reduction of 25 per cont. in freight rates on cot-

The Bimetallic Commission. The British government has informed the American bimetallie commission that they will probably reply to the proposals of the commissioners on behalf of the United States in October.

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