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Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The postoffices of Mystic, Ga., and at Smallwood, S. C., were robbed Thursday night.

A freight engine exploded at Macon, Ga., Thursday, killing three people and injuring many others.

The court has declared Perry Belmont to be the regular Democratic nomines for congress in the Seventh New York dis-trict.

The annual report of the South Caro-lina dispensary for last year shows a net profit of \$545,248.12 to the state and countles

The city of Chattanooga was almost surrounded by water the past week. Many householders in the lower section were driven to the hills.

President Castro cables to New York that Fernandez has been defeated and Pietri taken prisoner, and that the Ven-exuelan revolution is crushed.

The fertilizer department of the Mississippi Cotton Oil company at Meridian, Miss., was destroyed by fire Thursday night, causing a loss of \$37,000; fully insured

The contest for control of the Ohio house of representatives is on. Six un-pledged members hold the balance of power between the Hanna and Foraker factions.

Admiral Sampson's malady progre slowly, but very steadily, toward the end. Medical science cannot check it. Symptoms of arterial degeneration have ared. app

The Kirby Lumber company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, on Thursday took charge of the plants and holdings of the Reliance Lumber Co., the Texas Lime and Lumber Co., and the Adams mills at Call, Tex.

A dispatch to the London Central News, from Vienna, says a report has been re-ceived there, via Sofia, to the effect that Miss Ellen M. Stome, the captive Ameri-can missionary, has been released. The report lacks confirmation.

The theatre Vendome, Nashville, Tenn., was gatted by fire Thursday, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000. The fire was caused by a live wire failing across the drapery of one of the boxes. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Gen. Boths has cent a note to all Boer commandos requesting them to keep on fighting, for the British parliament is to be asked for another war vote, which ill here the British pation to demand

THE CHURCHES. Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

. Methodist Church. Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Episcopal Church. No services tomorrow. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Free Will Baptist Church. Morning subject: "The Christian Race." Evening subject: "Whom to Fear." Sunday School at 3 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.

Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Christian Church.

At the morning service a New Year's sermon will be preached, the subject be-ing "The Perfected Life." Sunday school at 3 o'clock.

Missionary Baptist.

Morning subject: "Systematic Giving." Evening subject: "Laboring With God." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Jr. B. Y. P. U. 3:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 4:00 p. m.

The Chapel.

Sunday school at 9:80 a.m. Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science

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Meeting of Current Topics Club.

A most unique and interesting pro-gram was rendered at the meeting of the Current Topics club yesterday alter-

Mrs. Taylor had arranged a "Pro-gressive Literature" contest, which was interspersed with synonyms of club

The cor every member rating high. A "tie" be-tween Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Fields re-sulted in the prise being drawn by Mrs. Fields.

Fields. Everybody had a delightful time, the work being diversified by much merry-making over each other's mistakes. The prise was a beautifully bound copy of Emerson's Nature and Art. After partaking of dainty refreshments the club adjourned to meet at Mrs. H. H. Wilson's next Friday afternoon.

STATE NEWS

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The State cotton crop this year will not exceed 900 bales, this being 100 less than expected.

The State auditor has sent out war-rants for the first \$100,000 of the public

The first shad of the season made their appearance in Newbern on January 1st. This is very early for them.

The county physician reports twenty or more cases of smallpox in Forsyth county, brought there from Virginia by a negro.

The report of the farmers of this State to the State labor commissioner shows that it costs 5% cents a pound to pro-duce cotton. That is the average cost. The Boanoke Island celebration com-mittee will recommend to the general committee that the celebration last a month, probably in July; and that a company with \$250,000 capital, in shares of \$5 and \$10, be formed, and that congress be asked to appropriate \$250,000.

A State official says that State Treas A State omciai says that State Treas-urer Lacy need have no alarm about the State's finances this year; that since the State treasurer came into office, in the middle of last January, he has raised \$1,703,000 and yet much of the taxes for last year are unpaid. The tax on property valuation of \$320,000,000 will yield \$847,000.

A freight and work train collided on the Southern Railway south of Lexing-ton Friday morning. When the accident occurred Engineer S. Perry and Fireman A. R. Harrison jumped and were injured. Five or six cars were derailed and the track torn up for some distance. It is rumored that the accident was caused by the negligence of a flagman.

den Free Will Baptist: Christman day Mr. Titus Allen one shooting at a mark with a revolver, and a son of Mr. Joe Moye passed by in time to receive the bullet in his abdomen. His case is considered very critical. The physicians say he is shot very near the same place of President McKinley. Mr. Allen is in deepest grief from the accident.

News-Observer: Dr. Kellebrew, of Edgecombe county, has made for the year 1901 the following record in the egg business: From 722 settings he got 526 hatches. He sold 18,200 eggs for \$221.-57, consumed at his table 20,892 and re-

committed to jail without bail to await trial at the February term of the Rock-ingham superior court. Two accomplices also were bound over as accessories. A heavy guard was placed around the jail to prevent any attempt at lynching.

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Cotton Market.

Cotton futures on the New York cot-ton exchange were quoted today at 12 o'clock as follows:

January 7.89, March 8, May 7.99. Spot cotton on the Kinston market

TRUTH AND A TRUNK.

Look Out For Caggage if a Woman Tells You It Isn't Heavy.

I know a woman who travels around the country with a trunk as big as a house. Protests of husband and friends are of no avail, and it seems to me the case is a perfectly proper one for the Anticruelty society. When I mention ed this to the lady with the trunk, she said, "But they are only to look after children and animals."

"Perhaps they can twist their constitution to get the baggageman under the head of animals and prosecute you.'

She did not appear at all discomposed. The last time she went away groaned for the expressman. The house was in an awful turmoil, and the trunk was on the third floor.

"It's not very heavy," I heard her say. At the remark the expressman say. At the remark the expressman immediately called his helper from the wagon. "I always know what that means," he said, with a knowing nod to the maid. When he got up stairs, he could hardly lift one end. "Never failed," he said. "When they say it's light, it's dead sure to be heavy. They don't mean it, but they can't tell the truth about a trunk. I don't know whether they think we don't know about weight, or we'll charge them less if they say it's light, or what, but we always look out for the trunk that's called light." Then he and his helper

SANK AT SEA

The Walla Walla Struck by Unknown French Bark and Sent to Bottom. Over Twenty Lives Lost.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—A collision at sea early Thursday morning between the steamship Walla Walla and an unknown sailing vessel, resulted in the sinking of the steamship and the probable loss of

the steamship and the probable loss of at least twenty lives. The Walla Walla, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, sailed from San Francisco, January 1, for Puget Sound ports. She carried thirty-six first-class passengers, twenty-eight second-class and a crew of eighty men. When off Cape Mendocine on the Califor-nia coast, at 4:10 o'clock Thursday morning, an fron bark, believed to be nia coast, at 4:10 o'clock Thursday morning, an iron bark. believed to be French, loomed up in the haze and crash-ed into the Walla Walla's bow. Then the sailing vessel slid off into the dark-ness and was seen no more. All the passengers and crew of the Walla Walla; except the few on watch,

Walla Walla; except the few on watch, were asleep, but were aroused by the crash. The steerage quarters were in the bow and it is believed that some of the steerage passengers and crew were crushed to death. A big hole was made in the steamer's bow and she sank in thirty-five minutes. The officers and crew maintained strict discipline and boats and life rafts were lowered. All who were not killed in the collision got off, except Capt. Hall, who went down with his ship. He was picked up later by one of the boats, uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises. A choppy sea was running and small

A choppy sea was running and small boats could not make a landing on the shore, a few miles distant. They drifted about all day, and finally sixty-five peo-ple were picked up by the steamer Dis-patch, which took them to Eureka.

Another boat under command of En-gineer Brown and containing thirteen persons attempted to land at Trinidad, and was swamped. John Wilson, quar-termaster; William Barton, fireman; L.-D. B. Rule, passenger, and three unknown men were drowned. Those in the boat who were saved were Engineer Brown, Fireman John McClellan, Coal Passer William Shinn, Sailor O'Leary, Chief Cook Marshall and Passengers Wil-liam B. Smith and William Moorehouse. When the Dispatch reached Enreka this morning with the survivors, tugs were immediately sent out for missing boats. The tug Ranger picked up one containing eleven passengers and three of the crew. The Walla Walla was valued at about \$250,000. She was formerly used as a Another boat under command of En-

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