MARION, N C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1897.

Price \$1 Per Year, in Advance.

STARVATION IN CUBA, The Carts Go About the Streets on the

Hunt for Dead Bodies, A letter has been received in Boston Statistics Relative to the Tobacco rom Captain Charleson of the fourmasted schooner Clara E. Randall, of and Apple Crops. Portland, Me , now in port at Matanzas, Cuba, which tells of the great distress

and suffering in Cuba. The schooner left Philadelphia with a cargo of coal, about a month ago and

the letter was written by Cantain Charleson after the vessel arrived there two weeks ago. He says that Mantanans is filled with fever-stricken and dying soldiers and that hundreds of pacificos are dying every week. It is no uncommon sight on the streets to see men lying names, Eishop Atkinson, 2,625; Is agont St. Mary's toman Catholic and to see the death carts slowly creening about gathering up their boat of bodies. The people seem to be helpless in their misery and not only is yellow. bodies. The people seem to be helpless in their misery and not only is yellow fever playing have with them, but they are dying of starvation by scores. 4 so tain Charleson says that he has not been ashore very much since his arrival, for fear of catching the feaver and be intends to get his vessel unloaded and away as soon as possible.

Matanzas, which was once one of the busiest ports on the island is now at

busiest ports on the island, is now al-most deserted, he says, and everywhere there is death and pestilence.

INDEPENDENCE HALL,

Historic Building Will be Restored to Its Original Form, At Philadelphia workmen have begun

learing down the many additions to Independence Hall that have been built from time to time, aut which marred can achieve independence only by erthe simplicity of the historic structure. the simplicity of the historic structure. The entire block from 5th to 6th street, and facing on Chesnut street, has been shat in by a board feine ten feet high, so that the role hunters and sightneers can be kept at a safe distance. Not a brick nor a board of the old building will be allowed to be carried away. The building occupied by the University Law School at 5th and Chestnut streets, will be torn down, as will also several small structures which were added to the main hall when the building was occupied by the city officials. It is the intention to restore the old building to as near original design as rossible. near original design as nomible

A TEXAS PRAIRIE FIRE.

Over 400 Square Miles Passed Over. 3,000 Sheep Wers Burn d.

A special to the Dallas News from Emma, Texas, says: A terrible prairie fire passed through Lubbock, Hale cach State at large. and Crosby counties, doing great damsinces 2,410,716 age to the ranges. It originated east of age to the ranges. It originated east of Crosby county, burned castward through Crosby county before a severe western collections of the many whom a norther arose, burned county, burned castward through Crosby county before a severe west wind until it reached a point north of fimma, whom a norther arose, burned to the firming the fire winth in its awing a Labor Commissioner though Crosby county before a severe west wind until it reached a point north of fimma, whom a norther arose, and will be fire winter over the suffer of the Waco tritory were burned over. Cattle suffered and many were burned to death, and the commission of the control of the many were burned to death, and the commission of the control of the many were burned to death, and the commission of the control of the control of the control of the control of the ward of the

SECRETARY BLISS' REPORT. Outstanding Pension Claims Will Swell the Appropriation.

Secretary of the Interior Bliss, in his annual report, submits estimates aggregating \$100,542,419 for appropriation by | The Secretary of Agriculture Offers Congress for the fiscal year ending Jun-20, 1800. Discussing pensions he says 90,000 pension claims are awaiting adpulication and it is estimated that 40 or oper cent, of these will be finally ad-mitted. If they are rapidly adjusticated

ienate Passes the Prohibitory Measare and the Governor Will Sten It. the Georgia Senate. It has already cassed the lower branch of the Legisla-

Miners Desperate.

A special from Washington, Ind. says: The strike of the Cabe & Co iners, which has been on since last May, is further from settlement than are now operating the mines, and it is motive, which ended in the death of the not improbable that blood-hed will be negro and the miraculous escape from the result in the near future.

At Litchfield, Conn., the main build ng of the Echo Farm Creamery at the Washington depot, was burned. The is \$29,000, covered by insurance. At Detroit, Mich., Poydell Brothers' paint factors, on Fort street, was burned. The loss \$100,000. Spontane-ous confustion is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

The Jessamine essenty, Kentucky, tell-gate raiders have destroyed all the esthers. They are nght gates in the county. The authorities there begre guards have been were either powerless to approach them pre-for steeping on post. It is or clee afraid to, for no attempt was made to stop the destruction of prop-

Cleared Un the Business

The Supreme Court of the United States, which has been running four to X X, to form h him with any years behind its docks for years, has

Increase in Wages.

An increase of 10 per cent, in wages has been amounted at the Josse Eddy woolen mills, Fall River, Mass, to take effect Dec. 1st. Several hund ed hands are affected.

One catally Injured.

There are now about 425 students en-or at the State Normal and Indus-a College Besides these regular Train No. 2, on the Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis, which left Bir mingham, Ala , for Kausas City, was derailed just west of Williford, Ark. The combination ceach, chair car and sleeper went over the bank, the combination car going into Spring river. The chair car and sleeper were both consumed. One passenger was fatally injured and also thirty other more or less seriously hurt. It is be lieved none of the latter will die,

CALL TO COTTON GROWERS.

All the States of the Cotton Belt Invited to Send Delegates

TO ATLANTA, DECEMBER 14TH.

To Unite Against the Exchanges to Break and Throw Off the Shackles of Business Slavery.

J. C. Wilborn, president of the South arolina Alliance and of the recent Cotton Growers' Convention held in Colambia, has issued the following:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 19, 1897. To the Cotton Grovers of the South: At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the cotton growers of the State of South Carolina, where all sections of this State were represented, it was resolved that every State in the South be invited that every State in the South be invited to send delegates to a conven-tion to be called to meet in Atlanta, that, becomber 14th, 1897. The purpose of this convention is to organize the cotton growers of the South, thereby securing unity of action in the market-ing and sale of this great staple; also, to devise ways and means by which we may be able to break and throw off the shackles of business slavery that now bind as. With foreign exchanges diclating the price, we can only expect ruin and distress in the future. We

can centere independence only by a gamzation.

With a view of securing an exchange of ideas and perfecting an organization, which, it is hoped will result in good, I have been instructed to call a conven-tion of delegates from all the cotton growing States, to meet in Atlanta, Ga., 4th of December, 1897.

14th of December, 1897.
All who are interested in this cause All who are interested in this cause are most carnestly requested to co-operate. The governers of the cotton growing States have been asked to select delegates and all State organizations interested in the prosperity of the cotton growers are requested to name and secure the attendance of delegates at this general convention.

(Signed) J. C. Willions, President South Carolina Cotton grow-

President South Carolina Cetten growers' Association. Governors of the cotton States will be

FATAL TEXAS DUEL

etreet. W.A. Harris was shot dead, J. W. Harris wounded fatally, his body being raralyzed and Gerald shot in the side. He may die. The trouble was the outcome of the mobbing of W. C. Brann, publisher of the Iconoclast.

ESSAY ON TOBACCO.

\$15 Per 1,000 Words to Experts.

The Secretary of Agriculture prooses issuing a series of farmers' bulle the cotton proving section. He says that there is yet a large amount of cotton in the leids in some sections. He thinks therefore the methods of cultivation, on how the export of tobaccos of Kentucky and the sport of tobacco. He promises to reward those tobacco. He promises to reward those whose contributions are accepted at the tobacco. The promises to reward those contributions are accepted at the tobacco. The promises to reward those contributions are accepted at the tobacco. The promises to reward those contributions are accepted at the tobacco. The promises to reward those contributions are accepted at the tobacco. The promises to reward those contributions are accepted at the cotton prowing section. He says there is yet a large amount of cotton in the leids in some sections. He thinks the crop will not be less than 10,300,000 bales. He says that fexas will, at the lowest ostimate, produce three million bales this year. Mississippi is as yet an increase with the cotton provided in the cotton instead. If they are rapidly adjusticated they will swell the pension roll from 5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. When, however, these claims are adjudicated, and first payments made thereon, the amount of the pension roll will decrease very rapidly, possibly to \$120,000,000 or \$1,00,000,000 the first year.

A cablegram from London says one Representative Cole's football bill, of the most disastrons fires since 1660 roviding for the prohibition of the bas-destroyed property to the amount aying of match or exhibition games of £3,000,000 in that city. The fire wa there admission is charged, has passed caused by the explosion of a gas engine Milton's statue was damaged. The scene must occupy the fire brigade for several days. The latest accounts in-dicate that nearly 100 warchouses have been destroyed.

Wild Fight in an Engine Cab. On a freight train dashing forward over the Louisville & Nashville road at the rate of thirty miles an hour, two meners to the operators has been remen, one black and crazed by drink, perted. The operators have invorted a the other white, engaged in a life and death struggle in the cab of the loco-

Scandal on the Halifax Farm.

A special to the Charlotte (N. C. Observer from Weldon says: Another Kirby Smith case has cropped out. This time it is at the Halifax State farm and the old doctor in charge is accused of undue intimacy with the female con victs. His resignation was asked for and handed in in ten minutes and the doctor has left.

Masons to Assist.

Grand Master Moore, at the reques of the Masons of North Carolina, will call a special committee of the Grand Ledge to assist in the laying of the corner stone of the monument erected to the memory of the Inte United States Senator Vance at Asheville. nonies will occur early in December

Policemen Stand Guard. Two big policemen stand guard be-fore the School of Medicine in Louis-ville, Ky., every day at the time the circle high school is dismissed. Their duty is to prevent the medical students the control of the control from flirting with the young women of the high sthool. The two institutions

Number Killed by Football, The New York World says that thus far this season eight persons have been killed in football games and 268 main-ed, 17 of these for life.

Has Decided to Change, A special from Washington says, con trary to previous understanding, it is reported that it has been decided to make a change at once in the office of marshal of the western district of North Carolina. The term of Marshal

A Woman to Hang.

At Cayuga, Out., Mrs. Adele Sterna

HENRY N. O'BEAR DEAD.

Distincuished Office and Equity Lawyer Passes Away.

Henry N. O'Bear, of the law firm of O'Bear & Douglas, of Washington, D. C., is dead. The Masons took charge of the remains and conducted the fun e al services at the Scottish Rite Tem ple. The demise was not unexpected, as se had been in failing health for the

ine had been in failing health for the past year, and more especially has his condition been critical during the last mouth or two. The deceased leaves a widow and two sons.

All O been was born in Fairfield county, S. C. When yet a boy he enlisted in the Army of the Confederacy, and served with distinction during the last two years of the war. He was admitted to the practice of law at Winnsboro, in his nature State, in 1897. Later he formed a partnership with Col. James H. Rion, of Winnsboro. Sometime after the death of Col. Rion, Mr. O'Bear removed to Columbia, S. C. where he remained inthi August, 1891. At that time be came to Washington, together with his partner, Charles A. together with his partner, Charles A. Douglass, and established offices, at the same time retaining the South Carolina practice. Since his advent in the capital, the deceased w s actively identified with the legal profession, and soon became a prominent member of the local bar association.

Mr. O'licar was reputed to be one of

Mr. O licar was reputed to be one of the strongest office and equity lawyers of South Carolina, and fully sustained that reputation after his removal to the District. He was a man of broad and refued learning. The deceased was one of the attorneys who led in the great light in South Carolina a few years ago in which the registration laws of the Suite were availed into the carts great light in South
years ago in which the registration is
of the South were carried into the courts
on the question of their constitution.
Supreme Court of the United States
and will be tried some time this
winter.

"We, therefore, insist upon better
balling and handling of cotton and upon
a system dealing at a net rate, and we
pledge ourselves to give all the preference possible to cotton so baled, hanend sold."

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Recommendations of Government Ex aminers as to imported Leaf.

The government examiners of tobacc at several of the more important ports of entry in the United States, by direc tion of the Secretary of the Treasury, met in conference in New York recently with a view to the adoption of a uniform practice in the classification of imported telesco. The report of the conference, which has reached the Treasury Department at Washington, makes three reconstructed and a follows:

First that 25 per cent of all marks of every invoice of imported tobacco should be examined, and that the rule for the present be limited to tobacco imported from the West Indies, Mexico and South America; second, that the per-centage of wrapers found in filler bales be reached by the count of leaves; third that the districts from which to-bacco is imparted be murked on the in-voice wherever gracticable. These re-onamendations will be adopted by the Treasury Department.

10.500,000 BALES

The Estimate of Liverpool House or This Year's Cotton Crop.

Mr. W. F. Callender, of Augusta, Ga., who has been in Charlotte, N. C., several days, does not think the yield of cotton has been overestimated. Herepresents a large Liverpool cotton house, and has recently been over a large part of the cotton growing section. He says The 500,000 bales.

He looks for cotion to be even lower than it is now before the end of the year. All the Liverpool operators are figuring on a crop of 10,500,000 bales.

CATTLE QUARANTINE LIFTED.

He Shipped Into Kansas. The quarantine in Kansas on cattle from the South has been lifted, and,

according to Taylor Riddle, chairman of the State live stock committee, the big-gest indux of cattle for years has begun. "There are heros of feeders right now," said, "on the southern border reads to come in and there are cattle in Mis to come in and there are carrie in Ang-sissippi ready for shipment to Kansas. I consider it a conservative estimate to say that 30,080 Texas cattle and 20,000 more from Arkansas, Mississippi, and Western Tennessee will come to Kan-as by Dec. 1."

No More Temple Cup Games. The National Baseball Leaguesha abolished the Temple Cup series of post-season games, which have been played between the clubs ending first and second the last four seasons.

The Postal Treaty Finally Ratified. The final act on the part of this government in the ratification of the treaty adopted by the recent universal postal congress, was taken last week
when President McKinley signed
the formal convention or treaty,
and Secretary of State Shriman had the government seal affixed.
Postmaster General Gary has already
signed. The treaty takes effect Jan,
last It multiples the convention of the It modifies the convention of the Vienna congress, now in force

To Canvass North Carolina. Senator Paniel, of Virginia, promiser that he will canvass North Carolina in the next campaign in aid of the Demo-

Broke the World's Record. At the bicycles races in Atlanta, Ga., between Eaton, Baldi, Cooper and Loughead, Jay Eaton won by a foul and holds his title of King of the in-door track. Cooper broke the world's record for indoor competition. Time

Dedicated Their Monument. Last week the Pennsylvania veterans edicated their monument to their nothers who fell at Chickamauga. Governor Hastings, Gen. Gobin, Hon. H. Clay Evans, Gen. H. V. Boynton, and others spoke. Confederateveterans

Expense of Caring for Yellow Fever The expense of caring for yellow fever and small pox patients in Atlanta this year has amounted to \$4,763.79, according to Inspector Veal's official typert. The expense of the yellow Carroll does not expire until January fever cases amounted on Nov. 12 to 15, 1838.

One Saloon Keeper Kills Another. At Lexington, Ky., Merritt Martin

New England Cotton Men Meet and Adopt Resolutions

ed meeting at Boston, Mass. Thetopic discussed was the baling of cotton, and the following was unanimously adopted:

"Cotton manufacturers have for a long time suffered in their business by reason of the poor condition in which cotton has been delivered to them. It is poorly ginned, poorly handled, poor-ly baled, over hooked and subject to robbery from the time it leaves the planters hands until it reaches the mills. Nearly all of these evils are en-couraged and fostered by the practice

of dealing in cotton at gross rate.

'The advent into the market of cotton put up in new forms of bales in proper condition gives an opportunity to remove these evils and their causes The old forms of bales can be made en-tirely satisfactory if put up in like man-ner to the Egypt au. As a large amount

died and sold."

It was stated in the course of discussion that at least two new forms of cylindrical bales have been invented, and are actively promoted, as well as one new form of the square bale, and are vastly superior to the old bales. Foreign cotton reaches the manufacturers in good shape, and they are much more disastisfied with the manner in which American cotton is put up. The members showed a firm resolution to insist on better methods of preparation. Their idea is not so much in favor of the idea is not so much in favor of the adoption of any particular form of bale, or even the abandonment of the old, but to secure such improved methods of baling as will assure them that they will receive at the mills the cotto

A DEVILISH SCHOOL BOY.

Set the School House on Fire and Beat Up the Professor. A riot occurred in the public school

father, F. A. Alley, is in jail. The trouble started when Miss Jones, one of the teachers, attempted to correct young Alley for an infraction of the rules. Alley is seventeen years old, and liss Jones thrashed him. The boy took the punishment, but resolved on revenge, and at recess set fire to the premises. For this offence Prof. Dickson attempted to give the boy another thrashing. ed to give the boy mother thrashing. Alley restated, and in the fight with Dickson had all the best of it, beating the professor's face to a jelly and in-flicting dangerous wounds. A free light ensued, and Alley's father came to his son's rescue. Office the fight and locked Alley,

Cotton Growers' Convention.

A special from Columbia, S. C., says that preparations are being made for the holding of the convention of the cotton growers of the Southern States in Atlanta, on December 13. The convention was called by those in charge of the recent convention, held in this city, in consequence of the action taken at that time. A permanent organization will be effected for the purpose of con-trolling the production and sale of cut-ten in the South and to light trusts that seek to lower the price of this staple.

Long Term for Embezziement.

Joseph A. Jasigi, formerly Turkish consul in Boston, Mass., who was arrested in New York last summer charged with the embezzlement of large sums from trust funds held by him, and who was recently found guilty in the Norfolk County Superior Court has been sentenced to a term of not more than eighteen nor less than fonrteen years in the State's prison, with one day of solitary confinement and the rest of the term at hard

Western N. C Conference.

The eighth session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference

The Virginia Conference. The 115th session of the Virginia Con ference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. commenced in Danville last Wednesday, and will continue week or more. Bishop Oscar P. Fitz gerald, of Tennessee, is presiding. Five members have died during the year. Three hundred delegates are in atten-

The faculty of Erskine College, a Due West, S. C., has decided that the students be not allowed to play any more football on the college grounds The students protest against the action of the faculty.

Alabama Imports \$30,000. The sum of \$30,000 in curnency ha been transferred to Alabama through the sub-Treasury in New York, in ex-change for gold deposited in local banks. Released on \$1,000 Bonds.

Walter O'Quinn, charged with the murder of Policeman Ponder, of Atlan ta, Ga., has been acquitted. Juliu Simon and L. Steinau, arraigned for the same crime, were released on \$1,000

Ed Purvis, a negro, was hanged in

the jail yard at Lillington, Harnett county, North Cavolina, for the murder of M. J. Blackman, a white flagman on

INDIANS LYNCHED.

Three Murders of the Spicer Family Hung By a Mob.

Alexander Coudert, Iudian halfbreed, Paul Holytrack and Philip Ireland, full blooded Indians, the first of whom was sentenced to death for the CALLING ON THE PLANTERS

To Put Up Their Cotton in Better
Shape—They Insist on the New
Sys:em.

The Arkwright Club, the membership
which is almost entirely composed of
treasurers and managers of New I'ngland cotton mills, held a largely-attended meeting at Boston, Mass. The topic murder of six members of the Spicer left swinging to the breezes. There were about 40 men concerned in the

> Lynched for Murder in Arkansas Henry Philips, alias "Doc" Jones, a segro, a self-confessed murderer and noonshiner, was lynched in the court yard at Occoola, Ark, by a mob com-posed of prominent citizens of this town and surrounding country. The direct cause of the lynching was the nurder of a mercoant near here by Phillips a few days ago.

> > HOW DOES IT SNEAK INC.

Doctors Want a Commission Appointed to Go to Havana to Ascertain

How Yellow Fever Travels. Surgeon General Sternberg, of the rmy; Dr. Herlbeck, of Charleston; Dr. Josiah Hartzell, of Canton, O.; Dr. Samuel H. Durgan, of Boston; Dr. A. H. Doty, of New York, and Drs. R. Olliphant, of New Orleans, the latter president of the Louisiana State board president of the Louisiana State board of health, members of the American Public Health Association, called at the White House last week. They saw the President and urged him to incorporate in his message a recommendation that a commission be appeinted to go to Havana to study the subject of yellow fever and the manner in which it is brought to the United States. They claimed that good regulations in Havana would do more to prevent yellow fever in the United States than the best quarantine regulations that could be quarantine regulations that could be adopted and enforced. The Fresident said he would give their suggestions due considerations.

AS TO LODGE BENEFITS.

Hocking Won His Case Against the Lodge of Odd Fellows.

The Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey in session at Trenton, has rendered a decision which is of general importance to beneficial organizations. The court affirmed the Supreme Court in the case of the Roxbury Lodge, Inat Dardauelle, Ark., the result of which is that Prof. Dickson is in a critical condition, a student named Alley is expelled, and the student's the prof. Subsequently they were stated in the Rexbury lodge the sick benefits were \$3 a week for an indefinition of the student's the prof. Subsequently they were

CHEROKEES NOT CITIZENS.

Supreme Court of United States Over-In a decision handed down by the

United States court of appeals in a case from the Western District of North Carolina. It has been virtually declared that the members of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians are not citizens of the United States. The decision of the court is that the band has no right to make any contract whatever without the sanction of the United States government.

States government, In this case the court ignored the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States wherein Justice Field expressely held that the members eastern band were citizens of North

Famous Dentist Dead.

Dr. Thos, W. Evans, the famous American dentist, who facilitated the flight of the ex-Empress Eugenie from Paris in 1870, died in Paris from angine pectoris. Dr. Evans attended to the teeth of most of the crowned heads of Europe, to say nothing of almost in-numerable members of the royal families, excepting Queen Victoria and the Sultan of Turkey. His fortune is esti-mated at from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000. His wife died last year. They had no

The Columbia, (S. C.) State, in an interview with Gen. Wade Hampton in was called to order in Asheville last
Wednesday by Bishop J. S. Key, of
Texas. A full attendance of preachers
were present.

Interview with Gen. Wate Hampton in
regard to the statement that he would
begin the writing of the history of the
Cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia upon his return to his home, he
said that he has no such intention. He had been approached a great many times in regard to this work, but has yet given not one any ground for mak-ing an aunouncement to the effect that he would undertake the laborious task

> To Mark Confederate Graves, The Georgia Legislature has unani-mously adopted a resolution requiring the Governor to appoint a commission to undertake the task of marking the graves of 30,000 Confederate buried in Northern States.

Labor Memorial Day At the session of the Knights of La

bor, in Louisville, Ky., it was voted unanimously to set apart the last Sunday in June as labor memorial day. This day will be observed by all the district assemblies in the United States. It was expressly stated that the day should not be regarded in the light of a holiday. It was fixed upon Sunday especially because it could not be made

Condems the Shooting of Miners. The executive committee of the North cinnati, passed resolutions condemning sion. Several other bills of like nature at Hazleton, Pa. by a posse under com-mand of Sheriff Martin, and calling for the nunishment of the sheriff and his deputies.

Band Leader Commits Suicide. At Cayuga, Out., Mrs. Adde Sterns man was found guilty of the murder of man was found guilty of the murder of and J. J. Ryan, two saloon-keepers had her husband and was sentenced to be a bloody fisticul, which resulted in hanged in the court yard of the jail in that town on January 20, 1888.

At Lexington, Ky., Morritt Martin of M. J. Blackman, a white flagman on the Atlantic Coast Line, on the 14th of August last Purvis confessed in the August last Purvis confessed in the Secretary Gage has issued a circular letter directing that hereafter all claims for services of the Union Pacific Martin Leader of the Sailed for the Fitchira Islands, in the Facility Martin Leader Committed Sailed.

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Postmaster - General Gary Urges Postal Savings Depositories.

YELLOW JACK LAID AWAY.

Heavy Draft on Army Officers-Hayti Secures a Loan-Other Corridor Capitol Chat.

the house, to begin the preparation of the appropriation bills at the entliest possible date. He has announced the appropriate of the sub-contract the house, to begin the preparation of appointment of the sub-committees, and appointment of the sub-committees, and At Marion, N. C., Rob Flemming, a those on the pension and the legisla-notorious burglar, run over Deputy tive. _e.ative_rol judicial bills have She-ff-dames Finley and made his esbeen called to meet Nov. 27, a week in advance of the assembling of Congress. As the house is fully organized by the appointment of all the standing com-mittees, it will be expected to get to work as soon as it reassembles for the regular session on Monday. Dec 3. Ordinarily it requires a month to organize the house, and the month of December at the regular session accs.

The general assembler for the regular session accs. practically nothing in the way of legis-lation accomplished. But the organiza-tion of the house at the special reason this year will save valuable time, and it is almost certain that at least one of the regular appropriation bills and probably two will have been passed before the Christmas recess is taken. Most of the members who have already arrived in town express the opinion that the com ing session will be the shortest regular ing session will be the shortest regular "long session" of Congress in years, Ordinarily the long session lasts from six to ten months. Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, one of the promittent kepublican leaders, predicts that Congress will have completed its work and adjourned before May I.

The first annual report of Postmaster General James A. Gary to the president has been made public. Its feature is the strong nevocacy of postal savings depositories, a scheme over which Postmaster General Gary has worked for many months in the formulation of plans to present to the president and congress. He says the time is ripe for their establishment and that the adop-tion of a well organized system would confer a great boon upon a large num-ber of people and ultimately be of mes-timable benefit to the whole country. The estimates for the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending. June 39, 1899, are: Total postal revenue for 1897, \$82,000, 40: 10; and 5 per sume for 1897, 882, 963, 487 513, add 5 per cent., 84, 133, 273, 13. Estimated revenue for 1898, 886, 678, 735, 85; add 7 per cent., 88, 975, 911, 54. Total estimated revenue for 1898, 882, 873, 647, 37; estimated expenditures for 1899, 888, 522, 769, 60; deficiency for 1899, estimated expenditures for 1899, 888, 522, 769, 60; deficiency for 1899, estimated, 85, 948, 112, 63. No method of perfecting the organization of the postal service has groved more effective than the consolir proved more effective than the consolir roved more effective than the consol dation of rostoffices. The experimental rural free delivery has been generously appreciated. The report reviews in detail the operations of the various branches of the department.

Now that the yellow fever epidemic in this country has been brought penctically to an end by the appearance of cold weather, the Marine hospital sorvice is preparing to begin a post-epidemic crusade for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the contagion next year. The officials of the bureau next year. The officials of the bureau will co-operate with the health authorities of the various States affected in conducting a thorough disinfection of the districts in which the fever gained a foothold. The cleansing of all infected eities will be urged and each horse for either will be urged and each horse in which there was a case of fever will in which there was a case of fever will winston, and attracted a great deal of attention. Mr. Leak will give it to that by pursuing this course, the coun-try can be protected against another yellow fever epidemic in 1828.

The United States minister to Hayti reports from Port an Prince that the Haytian government has concluded a loan for \$1,000,000, through Lazard Brothers, New York, at 9 per cent, to be delivered immediately; the paper currency to be destroyed, the national silver and copper coin to be recoined in the mints of the United States.

Adjutant General Breck, in his report to Major General Miles, calls attention to the heavy draft that is made of the effective strength of the army by detail-ing officers to colleges and military schools, and suggests that there be no increase in this direction. He says the service of artillery officers are much needed in their regular duties.

Congressman Frank W. Mondell; of Wyoming; has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. Judge Emery F. Best, of Georgia, whom he succeeds, in all pro-in parts of Connec bability will be appointed an Assistant Attorney in the Interior Department,

Ex Congressman, John M. Langston, slave in 1829. He was emancipated at the age of six and was educated at Oberlin, where he graduated from the theological department in 1854. He was lounging or smoking room. the first colored man elected to office in the United States by popular vote. From 1877 to 1885 he was United States minister and consul general to Hayti. Upon his return to this country he beand Collegiate Institute at Petershu Va., where he remained for three years, when he was elected to the Fifty-first Congress and won his seat on a contest. Since 1891 he had been propolitics, but did not hold office

December 14th, prominent American somen will assemble here to carry out Washington's idea in establishing a na-tional university for the purpose of teaching "American sciences and teaching "American sciences an American ideas for American citizens Their purpose in the interim is to urge the matter continuously on the atten-tion of women all over the country. They intend likewise to interest all the school children in the work, and want them to raise \$250,000, necessary for the erection of an administration build-ing to form the nucleus of the univera holiday with its attendant festivilies. the corner-stone Feb. 22, 1809.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, is prepar ing a postal savings bank bill which he American Turnbund, in session at Cin- will introduce early in the coming sea the recent shooting of striking miners will be introduced. The question has been thoroughly agitated in Illinois and other Western States, and a strong effort will be made to secure its pas

Secretary Gage has issued a circula

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At Augusta, Ga., Wm. Moody killed mfelf after quarreling with his wife A mob shot and killed a negro desper ado, Josh Ruff, near Gibson, Ga. Mr. Joseph Wylie, of Chester, S. C., has presented Erskine College with

Robert Sims, colored, was hanged at

at Jonesboro, Tenn., for the murder of Walter Galloway, on July 9 last.

At Ashland, Miss., W. H. Harrison, editor of the Ashland Rogister, was stabled to death by J. L. McDonald.

It is the intention of Chairman Cau-non, of the appropriations committee of practicable.

The Mocksville-Mooresville-extension of the North Carolina Midland mailroad will be pushed through as rapidly as practicable.

The Populists of Alabama propose to hereafter cut loose from the silver Den-ocrats, and will nominate their own

State ticket. Rumor says the Plant Railroad Sys-tem may remove its terminal from Sa-vannah to Charleston and establish a

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor in session in Louisville, ky., selected Chicago as the next place of meeting, November, 1838.

Damage suits aggregating \$200,000, growing out of the Cabalia bridge dis-aster in Alabamu, have been settled for \$75,000. Ex Policeman W. B. Campbell, of Shelbyville, Ky., was shot and killed by Policeman Oscar Duncan in defense while resisting arrest.

The Wheeling Iron and Steel Com-puny of Wheeling, W. Va., has ad-vanced the wages of nearly two thou-tand employes 10 per cent. At Durham, C., Henry Green, col., killed a year-old boy and an officer in turn killed the slayer in at-

tempting to arrest him. At Freene, Cal., Mrs. A. M. Dorn laughed so heartily that a paroxysin of coughing ensued, which caused the runture of a blood versel, resulting in instant death.

Hon, Henry Watterson spoke to a large andience at the State Normal College, at Greensberg, N. C., last week. His matchless cloquence held the audience spell bound. Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia. has announced his candidacy for the United States Senatorship. This, however, is conditional on the with-drawal of Judge Goff from the race.

A Memphia bouse telegraphs that Arkaneas, Mississippi and Tennosee will make the largest coston crop ever raised. The bottem crop are much larger than was expected; half of it is not yet picked. At Weibern, Fla., Mr. Summerall's fittle 5-year-old boy Tommy macaged to get in the cotton press unnoticed, and was not missed until the body had

been sewed no and thrown out on the ways, rendy for shipment. The mement the bale of cotton open and found him crushed and dead. Mr. H. D. Lenk has in his po sien the oldest piece of tobacco in ex-istence. It was manufactured in Char-lotte in 1880 by imfatter, the late D. R. Leak, and has been in the porce ston of a Mr. Transeau, of Tennessee, ever

in which there was a case of fever will be thoroughly funigated. It is believed that by pursuing this course, the country can be protected against another yellow fever epidemic in 1898.

Winston, and attracted a great deat of attention. Mr. Leak will give it to Mr. Banaseur, who will place it in the car "Charlotte" as one of the State's relica.—Charlotte (N. C.) News. The North. At Warren, Idaho, a mail carrier was eld up and relieved of \$4,000 in cash.

The Governor of Arkansas says the daying of football ought to be stop-ed. Football has been stopped at Girard College, Philadelphin, on account of a boy having his leg broken. Mrs. Henry Payson was burned to death at Clinton, Iows, in a vain effort

The reports from North Carolina and Texas to the National Grange, in seesion at Harrisburg, Pa, were encour

to save her 4-year-old daughter, Ame-

The State Supreme Court has sustain ed the constitutionality of the inheri-tance tax law passed by the last Mon-Reports received at Boston, Mass., state that heavy snow continues to fall in parts of Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts. Several inches cover

the ground, William Haynes pleaded guilty in of Virginia, died here on the 15th. Ho
68 years of age, having been born a

Boston to an indictment charging him
with the embezziement of Sector from
the Equitable Life Assurance Society. New York stock brokers who wish to

> A sheriff's jury in Brooklyn, N. Y., gave a verdict for \$65,000 to Mrs. Florence Van Schnack against her father in law, Peter Van Schaack, for the alienation of her husband's affec-

At Carson City, Nev., in revenge for an alleged wrong to his sister, Julian Guinan, aged 10 years shot and killed Charles Jones, United States district attorney. Guinan correctdered himself at the sheriff's office. Albert J. Frantz, the murderer of

Bessie Little, of Dayton, O., was elec-trocuted in the annex of the Ohio pen-itentiary at Columbus. At Cleveland, Ohio, J. J. Shipherd

has been arrested on a charge of en-bezzing nearly \$200,000 from F. D. Hobinson and a receiver has been asked for his firm, which is alleged to be insolvent and owing \$3,000,000, Miscelianeous.

Spanish spies are known to be in-specting our fortifications. The first installment of 500 carloads of potatoes has been sent to Cuba.

Germany is becoming starmed at the ing off of exportations to the United There are 5,000 Young Men's Christian Associations in the world, the membership being 550,000.

The Inspector General of the Army recommends that a fund be created for the benefit of willows and orphans of

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