

WEATHER FORECAST:
For Raleigh and vicinity—Rain, followed by decidedly colder weather today.

NEXT COTTON CONVENTION
What President Welborn, of S. C., Says of Last One.
GROWERS UNIT FOR RELIEF

YET AFRAID OF THE SMALL POX
Cuban Exodusters to Florida to be Vaccinated and Re-vaccinated.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Information was received here by the Supervising Surgeon General that regulations concerning passengers' health certificates are not being strictly observed by the Spanish steamship lines plying between Cuba and the United States.

AND "DOES HIM UP" RIGHT.
There Were Fifteen Rounds of the Fight for the Middle-Weight Championship of the World, But Creedon Was Never In It from Start to Finish—A Left Smack Did the Work—McCoy Will Challenge Fitz.

A NOMINATION HUNG UP.
Some Senators Think Mr. Bryan too Young and Inexperienced for the Chinese Job.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—One of the President's nominations today was allowed to go unacted upon until after the holidays viz., that of Col. Charles Page Bryan, of Chicago, to be Minister to China.

UNDERGROUND ROAD WINS SUIT IF IT CAN PUT UP THAT BOND.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court today handed down its decision regarding the report of the special commission which favored an underground railroad, such as is operated in London, but requiring the company building such road to be compelled to file a fifteen-million dollar bond.

THE GAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY MAKE APPLICATION
Before Judge Simonton, at Charlotte, for Issuance of \$75,000 of Receivers' Certificates to Pay Off Certain Real Estate Claims, and For Other Purposes.

THE ROLLING EXHIBITION CAR READY FOR THE PUBLIC.
The "City of Charlotte," the North Carolina Rolling Exhibition car, will be thrown open to the public next Monday and Tuesday for the first time.

CLYDE STEAMSHIP BOUND FOR HAYTI.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The State Department has been informed by Minister Powell that Wm. P. Clyde & Co. have extended their line of steamships to ports of Hayti. A bi-monthly service is promised. Powell says it is the first line carrying the United States flag to Hayti whose vessels have American registry.

MCCOY DEFEATS CREEDON
He Makes Beef Ribbons of Dan's Face

DOESN'T SOUND TRUTHFUL.
But Is Probably as Much So as Most Cuban Spanish Dispatches.
HAYANA, Dec. 17.—General Blanco has declared that if within a reasonable time after the establishment of autonomy, it is clearly seen that it has no practical effect in restoration of peace, he will tender his resignation, and return to Spain.

SENT BY WIRE TO THE POST
In Advance—Failures for the week Sixty-nine Less Than Last Year—Anthracite Coal Is Weak—Cotton Goods Market—Overproduction Cause of Northern Mill Troubles.

MR. CARPENTER HAS RESIGNED.
To Sever His Connection as Superintendent of the Electric Co.
Mr. E. F. Carpenter, the Superintendent of the Raleigh Electric Company, has tendered his resignation of that position.

GENERAL REAGAN'S TRUTHFUL WORDS
IN AN ADDRESS TEXAS REUNION CONFEDERATE VETERANS
SAINT ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 17.—Ex-United States Senator Reagan, who served in the Confederate Cabinet of President Jefferson Davis as Postmaster General, addressed the Confederate Veterans at the State reunion here.

CHILDREN'S DANCE.
The spacious dance hall of the Enphrosyne Club was last evening beautifully decorated in honor of a dance given to the children of Raleigh.

THE ARGONAUT SUCCESSFULLY TESTED.
BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—In the presence of Mayor Mayor and other representative citizens the practical test of the possibilities of the submarine boat "Argonaut," designed for locating sunken vessels, removing cargo and raising them, was satisfactorily made today.

AN INSURGENT VICTORY.
HAYANA, Dec. 17.—The insurgents have bombarded and destroyed part of the seaport of Santa Cruz del Sur, Puerto Principe Province. They were compelled to retire upon the approach of the Spanish galleon. The situation at Santiago Province is desperate for the Spaniards. Gen. Pando has made no progress for three weeks.

SECRETARY GAGE'S BILL.
Continued Discussion Before the Committee on Banking and Currency.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Gage resumed the exposition of his currency bill in the House Committee on Banking and Currency today.

SENATE AND STRONG STUFF
Gen. C. M. Clay Gets a Pension of \$50 Per Month.
DENSION BILLS GALORE.
The Work of the House Was Almost Entirely Devoted to a Discussion of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill—the Civil Service Items Were Postponed Until After the Holidays.

NEWSPAPER DEFIES A COURT.
Test Case as to the Judicial Power and Liberty of the Press.
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—An important case, involving the liberty of the press and the power of the court, has come to an issue here. On Wednesday, Judge Keyser, of the District Court, issued an injunction which forbade the World-Herald publishing or referring to a resolution of license board passed November 29, announcing the determination of the board to be governed in granting licenses by a former finding of the board, that the World-Herald was the paper of the largest circulation in Douglas county.

MR. DUNCAN GETS HIS PIECE OF PIE AND SUCCEEDS MR. SIMMONS AS REVENUE COLLECTOR.
It's a Pretty Good Job and a Very Good Man Is the Appointee, "Barring His Politics"—Things Said in Washington About Richmond Pearson, Etc.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Pritchard's man has won and Harry Skinner's protegee has been set aside, at least until something equally as good comes along.

THE MOST WEIGHTY NEWS OF THE WEEK
The rise of merchandise exports for November to \$116,829,290, excess of exports in four months being \$29,212,401, while in half of December exports were nearly as large and imports \$2,500,000 smaller than last year, when excess of exports was \$38,255,363.

THE SOUTH NOT RESPONSIBLE.
In speaking of slavery, Mr. Reagan said the Southern States were not responsible for slavery. That the slaves were brought here by Dutch traders and sold to the North. They remained until they were no longer useful in that part of the country, then engaging very largely in manufacturing. Then the slaves were sold to the South to work the fields, and the money thus realized was spent in buildings and new machinery for manufactures.

MR. E. C. DUNCAN HERE.
Mr. E. C. Duncan, the newly appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Beaufort. Mr. Duncan's appointment was sent in by the President yesterday, but he was not apprised of this fact until he arrived in Raleigh.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATOR DEAD.
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—Dr. Norman H. Nettlet, the member of the House from Lunenburg, died at St. Luke's Hospital, after an operation for appendicitis. The deceased was about 30 years old.

SWINDLING THE FARMERS.
Sells Them Grain of Corn Alleged to Be From Africa.
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Farmers in different sections of this and other counties of the State have been swindled by a glib-tongued agent, who goes about with an enormous sack of corn, measuring about twenty inches in length, and sells from it a limited number of grains to each farmer, claiming that the ear is the only one to be had, and that it came from the coast of Africa, brought by a returning missionary, who plucked it from native stalks twenty-five feet high, and bearing six ears to the stalk. Many farmers paid fabulous prices for a few grains, only to afterward discover that the whole affair is a fake, the ear proving to be made in sections and fitted together to represent one large ear.

CHARGED WITH HERESY.
Rev. Matthew Hale Houston Before the Louisville Presbytery.
LOUISVILLE, Dec. 17.—The trial of the Rev. Matthew Hale Houston before the Louisville Presbytery has begun. Houston was formerly a missionary in China, but the recent session of the Missionary Board at Nashville declined to reappoint him because of his standing with the Louisville Presbytery, by whom he was afterward indicted and cited for trial.

SUPPOSED MAD-DOG RUNS AMUCK AFTER BITING 7 MEN.
He Was a "Half-Cur and Half-Shepherd" and Now Rests in Peace, as Do the Citizens Whom He Came Very Near Scaring Out of Their Wits.
GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 17.—There was much excitement on the streets here last night just before 8 o'clock, over what was supposed to be a mad dog. A large dog (half cur, half shepherd) attacked five men on the streets. It tore the clothing of John and Frank Thomas, caught a negro near the postoffice and threw him down, lacerating his leg badly, also bit Town Clerk John Michaux in the hand and bit a negro's thumb half off. In a few minutes dozens of citizens were scouring the streets around with shot guns, but the dog had made good his escape.

AN ALLEGED WIFE MURDERER HELD.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charles Zanoli, suspected of having poisoned his last wife and several others for the insurance on their lives, will be formally arraigned tomorrow on the charge of murder. He will be remanded to await the result of the chemical test now being made. Assistant District Attorney Van Wyck said today that he had sufficient evidence to hold Zanoli on the charge of murder.

THE BIG 300,000-SPINDLE AMOSKEAG INCLUDED IN THE NUMBER.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 17.—The directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, of Manchester, N. H., at a meeting here this afternoon voted to reduce the wages of its employees about 10 per cent. January 1st.

THE AMOSKEAG MILLS HAVE 300,000 SPINDLES.
The Amoskeag Mills have 300,000 spindles: The number of spindles in the other mills in Manchester, which will undoubtedly follow suit are, Amory 119,000, Manchester 75,000 cotton and 21,000 worsted, Stark 80,000.

THE CAUSES OF THE REDUCTION ARE PRACTICALLY THE SAME AS THOSE WHICH PROMPTED THE MANUFACTURERS AT FALL RIVER TO READJUST THEIR PRICES LIST.
They include Southern competition and the depressed state of the cotton goods market.

KEEP YOUR OVERCOATS ON
Today's Weather Throughout North Carolina and Georgia.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina and Georgia showers, clearing after noon or night, southerly winds becoming northwesterly, decidedly colder in northwest portion.

DISAPPEARED MYSTERIOUSLY—MAY BE IN HIDING IN THE BUILDING.
Tom Chadwick, a convict in the penitentiary, disappeared yesterday afternoon, and it is supposed that he made his escape. The officials of the institution think it possible that Chadwick may be in hiding in some secluded part of the building, waiting for an opportunity to gain his liberty, but this does not appear likely.

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