COMMISSIONER EVANS' WAY

of Reforming the Civil Service-Limit Term MUNULNS of Clerks in Departments to 10 Years. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Commissioner Senate sub-Committee on Civil Service today that the result of his experience with the workings of Civil Service in connection with 1,800 clerks in his Bureau, was that the Government money was be- SIXTEEN HUNDRED DEATHS ing squandered on 100 clerks whom the Commissioner unable to discharge owing to the influence of Senators and Represenatives. He also said that he had been a Civil Service reformer, but that it did not always work out right; that the last men had often come in through the "spinits system." He said there were in nearly all the departments clerks whose usefulness had become unpaired, but that they could not be removed on account of the Civil Service law. He further stated that he could drop 100 clerks without impairing the efficiency of the force, if he were not trammelled and influenced by Senators, Representitives and Civil Service Commission He said that he could remedy the cycle by placing under classified service, charwomen, laborers, clerks whereceived up to 1,1000 per anone ker than the administration. His limit the term of office to eight or ten years.

THE MAD-DOG'S VICTIMS.

pr. Robertson in Baltimore, Shows 'Signs" of Hydrephobla.

special be-patch In the Morning Post. a hospital there has developed symptoms | guess work, but the result of painstaking, of hydrophobia, the effects of being bit- careful and expensive research in the she expected, and she announces that the tips of my fingers. Coming, as it wen by the made at as announced in THE hope of proving to the contrary. True, she expects to return to Kansas and be- does, from a society which represents the cotton-growing States, counties and becoming northwesterly. Stockton and Frazier, two of the men are justifiable, but that does not mate-

day night for New York to take the pas-

mounts to \$8,000; insurance \$3,500. It ment that develops that the safe was, cracked, but there is no clue to the criminals. The abbrenen tonight passed an orditer tomerrow to be shot.

AGAINST NEGRO POSTMASTER AND

COLLECTOR OF PORT.

Decency If HIS Expressions Are to Have Any Weight Very Much In Earnest, the Business Are. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 20 .- A largely held here today to enter formal protest against the appointment of a negro postmaster or collector at Savannah.

Resolutions were adopted in which the frequent protestations that we are now considered an integral part of this country and not as subjugated provmees to be ruled at caprice of conqueror, in the card of our wishes and sentihours and prejudices, then the President and South have no moral right, whatbet their power may be, to impose hithes community officers to whom a settle-land abiding objection." They are simed at the candidacy of J. branching a negro, for the Collectorship the dutions were also adopted callies upon the 'Mayor' and Aldermen to make an official protest against the appointment of negroes to such impor-

A Watch Snatcher Caught. Saturday hight William Whitaker,

shared shatched a watch from Mr.

I'll others in three

was explored later. When arrested he are traine to slip the watch to a pal. The case was first brought afor. Mayor Russ, but was sworn from courts during 1897: him on the plea that the defendant would not set justice. The Mayor would and reasont to a dismissal of the

Wants a Boy Murderer Pardoned. Mr. I A Handricks, of Marshall, N

hard in the city vesterday to see who have no behalf of W. R. Pait, the to the little who, while under the in

Trinity's Auditorium.

the The plans of a Charlotte archibytween these accepted.

Hiram Lodge Elects Officers.

Hitani Lories No. 40, A. F. and A. M., kallins annual election of officers last tight, which resulted as follows: J.C. Frage W. M.

the Sunger - S. W. W W Parish-A W. I W Blake Treas. E B Thomas Sec.

Stable Under New Management.

The stables on the corner of Blount and Martin streets, formerly occupied by Bros , changed hands yesterday By Telegraph to The Morning Post. atel Mr. ets. W. F. Black and G. M. Haran up to date establishment,

LAST EDITION, 4:00 A. M.

Evans of the Pension Bureau told the How the 6th Commandment Is Violated in S. C.

Within Seven Years By "Violence"-Lis Taken from Court Records and is Correct-Some Few Due to Salcide and Accident, But Not Many-A Startling Record of Crime is the Old Palmetto State.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 20 .- The News and Courier today prints a full first page exposition of the horrible record of life-taking in South Carolina, during the last few years, anent which have had so much to say of late, and for small. the slamping out of which the Legislature at its next session will be asked to devote much of its attention.

A brief resume of the News and Courier's lengthy story shows that over sixteen hundred (1,600) lives have been So far as politics of clerks are concerned, taken, due to murder, homicide and He is a puzzle to all who have seen him. he said clerks can change politics other "violent methods," in the State of

An Awful Record. The News and Courier opens as fol

"Considerably over 200 human lives have been sacrificed by their fellowmen during the year 1897, in South Carolina! It is a frightful record! It is, however, a sad, glaring fact. Life is getting to be ess valuable every day, it would appear. Crime is on the increase. This is no a great many of the homicides credited to this year are the result of accident, or batten by the mad dog here left Satur- rially detract from the number of lives fight against Jerry Simpson, she says, be little less than a crime to take your planted in cotton each year, to such a that have been put out by a fellow man. will prevent his nomination, and it is Ill-gotten gains, even for such a deserv- point as will insure a fair average price this morning publishes the astounding Had the record been one of accidents it her hope to eventually secure a majority ing object. would not have provoked from Bishop

"The sign of murder is upon us." Neither the press nor the pulpit is inclined to do the fair name of the State an injustice, but the records and district and give the people of the Sev. tility and all mischief, thou child of the purpose. namewordgring all dogs on the streets af- the patent facts call for action and the enth a repetition of the campaign of devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, emphasis of the conditions. The pulpit and the press can work together in the crusade against crime. The Episcopal and Methodist churches have, as organizations, taken up the matter to show the wrong of taking human life and the necessity of obedience to constituted authorities. In his serman at Orangeburg Bishop Capers attributes the BUT DID NOT PUT A HIGH ESTIhigh homicide rate to the promiscuous carrying of concealed weapons. They Demand of Mr. Mckinley a Show of and no doubt others will have their explanations. The majorities of South Carolina's population is colored, and to that race is plainly due the major part of the killings during the

year 1897. As a part of the co-operation between the pulpit and press in this crusade the News and Courier has un attended meeting of business men was dertaken to set up a statement of the By Telegraph to The Morning Post. during the year 1897. It has been a most tedious and vexatious task, because of difference to requests for information. Wilson, N.C., the victim being Mr. J. govern us by arbitary injunctions of of the cotton States, who shall be Presithis language occurs. "The war ended I have written and telegraphed for data Ritchie Smith, the eldest son of post- courts, nor act as pliant tools of corpo-\$2 years ago. If there's any sincerity in and the tables given as a result are as correct and complete as they can be

gotten at this time

the court records, and reports of prose-1887 to and including 1896, in full, and which consumes several columns of space, the names of persons being given.

Mostly Negroes, It Appears.

It is believed that most of the crimi- shot himself nals were negroes, and in Union county this year, when five homicides are re- graph office at Wilson to send off some ported so far, all the parties, both living messages, and at that time he is said to and killed, were negroes. But it was bave been looking very melancholy and for years upon the American people," determined by the local Association. in that important item.

Whitaker made away at the time, but the homicides by counties for the pres- of course, a great shock to his parents ent year of 1897):

and 210 the year before, one might havehistor Marcon bound the defendant expected a decrease as a result of public sentiment. Not so, for look at the re-

Circuit.	1896.	1897
First	. 44	:
Second	0.00	4
Third		
Fourth	. 14	
Fifth	31	1
Sixth		2
Seventh	39	2
Eighth		- 1
Total	176	3(

on as small for his age, is not cord given from the 2d and 3d circuits. banking department of this company in the battle, and saved several smaller The solicitors for these circuits were but was subsequently transferred to the vessels, which capsized after the explothe has a petition signed asked by wire to telegraph the figures, insurance department. Fall of Vancey county in but did not do so. Leaving the number cases for 1897 would run up to 240; the one of the leaders in society circles here. the Insurgents. cases for 1657 would run up to the was about thirty-five years of age and unity College to seat 1,200 directly from the solicitors, and are be- unmarried. reals to will be named Craven Mem- vond question. Of course cases of acci- ONE MORE FOR THE MURDER LIST and Hall palaenor of the late Rev. Dr. dent, justifiable homicides and the like

Records of Homicides for 1897.

Now for the actual record of 1897. It is startling. Think of it, single counties, today Jack McIntosh, aged 14, made a drowned. The dead are William with 20,000 population at most, have as many killings as States with two or three million people. There are naturally a great many who are dubious about these statements, and so with a great deal of trouble the actual records have been gotten wherever possible and they tell the story with more emphasis than columns of argument or oratory.

THE YOUNG MAN DID NOT PAN OUT. President Withdraws Name of Bryan Min-

ister China -- Experienced Man Needed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The President Washington, Dec. 20.—The President the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re
| Black and G. M. Har| Washington, Dec. 20.—The President the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re| Interval to the Winston postoffice was settled today, by Senator Pritchard and Congressman borne after visiting the Queen. He re Messis Black and Harden will run a first | Charles Page Bryan, of Chicago, as Min-Charles Page Bryan, of Chicago, as Minliney going to the Postmaster General
sterntlemen are two of the best known are tw sentlemen are two of the best known horsemen in the State and will conduct and will will mean a conduct the best known and will conduct and will will mean a conduct the best known and will conduct and will will mean a conduct the best known and will conduct and will be safely locked up in Chicago and will conduct and will will mean a conduct the best known and will be will mean and requesting the appointment of P. H. Lybrook. The appointment is not exhorsemen in the State and will conduct perience and knowledge. No new candidate for the mission has developed.

GREENSBORO GLEANINGS.

A Damaging Fire and the Perennial Mr. Ryan Again.

Special Cor' to The Morning Post. GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 20 .- At half past 8 this morning an alarm of fire was turned in from the southern part of the city, and soon all the bells and steam whistles in town were raising a din. The glare of fire on the clouds gave the appearance of an extensive conflagration. The large storage warehouse of the Southern Varnish Company containing about \$5,000 worth of the fine varnish made by this company together with a large supply of raw materials, were in flames. The materials being very inflammable the fire made rapid progress. The fire department responded promptlimit and nothing could be done. For- last illness. But his body "lay in state" tunately there were no other buildings all right, and many false and sentimental near enough to be injured. The manager of the plant being absent the total over the past-want body whom Beecher's loss and the insurance cannot be learned sister made famous in name only.—Night local courts and newspapers but the insurance was comparatively Editor Post.

Your correspondent called on Ryan. the wife murderer, this morning to deliver a letter by request. He has recovered his former stolid composure completely and does not seem to mind the The hanging will be private, and the dedieker than the administration. This dead of reforming the system was to South Carolina within the last eleven cision meets with the approval of the community generally.

BATTLE ROYAL IN KANSAS.

Mary Yellin Lease will Run Against Sock

less Jerry Simpson for Congress. GREAT BEND, Kan., Dec. 20 .- In a letter to friend's here Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease states that her lecture engagements are not proving as profitable as 1890, when they first elected Jerry.

MATE ON HIS OWN.

. Ritchie Smith. Son of Postmaster Smith of Petersburg, Commits Suicide at Wilson-Low Spirited and Recently Very III-Insurance Man,

master Hugh R. Smith, of this city, who rate wealth. Then follows the statement (taking o'clock, and the young man lingered un that the Convention was positively op- ricuiture and farmers' organizations. til 8 o'clock this afternoon, when he posed to it as a "measure that, if adopted | cuting attorneys) for the ten years, from died. He was found just beyond Wil- as law, will only more firmly rivet the shall constitute the executive committee son, lying on the side of the road with gold standard on the people of this coun- of the Association, the President of the his brains oozing from a wound, the fattry, and perpetuate its disastrous effects Association to be ex-officio Chairman. tal bullet having passed entirely through in every form. his head. There was nothing found on

ried manner, and when asked by the lat-The report, then, sent in by the News ter where he was going, he replied that fought very shy of. and Courier's Columbia correspondent he was only walking out to get some concludes as follows, (giving a table for fresh air: The news of the affair was, and friends here in Petersburg. His With 200 cases of homicides in 1896 body will be brought here-for interment. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Was in the Insurance Business.

Mr. Smith at the time of his death was turns of cases actually brought to the wich Union Fire Insurance Company, of England, with headquarters in New

dent, justinable nomicides and the late were dent, justinable nomicides and the late were dent, justinable nomicides and the late late. A Fourteen-Year-Old Kills a Five-Year-Old Urchin.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. threat of shooting Willie Jackson, a boy Newman, 19; Rose Newman, 16; Michael under five years of age. McIntosh had an old pistol which he flourished. By- Lizzie Coleman, a sister of Michael, who standers made him put it away. Later, was rescued just in time. She clung to when there was no one to interfere, he the edge of the ice. Adolph Klinger, a shot the Jackson boy through the head. German, shoved a ladder out on the ice. killing him instantly. McIntoshe was and walking on it to the nearly uncon-

The Winston Postmastership.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. Winston, N. C., Dec. 20.-A private telegram received here this evening from By Cable to the Morning Post. reassembling of Congress.

STARVED BODY LAY "IN STATE"

RALEIGH, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1897.

Misapplied Honor Paid to Original of Mrs Stowe's 'Uncle Tom." by Telegraph to The Morning Post.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 20.—Geo. Clark, colored; distinguished as being the original of the character George Harris, in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was given a notable funeral here to-day. His body lay in state for five hours, and was viewed by hundreds. It will be buried PRESIDENT LANE'S ADDRESS beside his wife's grave at Oberlin, Ohio.

[The Kentucky papers stated, however, in the greatest of destitution and want, without the admirers of the mythical 'Uncle Tom, as "embodied" in Clark so much as seeing to it that the starving negro got a square meal or a glass of ly but the building was beyond the fire milk, or other nourishment during his sy Telegraph to The Morning Post. crockodile tears were apparently shed

"THOU CHILD OF THE DEVIL!"

That Is What a New York Preacher Terms Tammany in Referring to its Money. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- Mr. Victor J Dowling, the Tammany leader, and chairman of Tainmany Hall Committee, appointed to distribute \$20,000 approof the poor, sent a check for \$50 to Rev. James W. Putnam, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, for the poor of his church.

Putnam, in reply to Dowling, stated that "although there is nothing along the human side of our understanding we so much need as money, yet I cannot 1895, and at Memphis, Tenn., in Januaccept your proffered check.

"I dare not touch it with so much as gin an active canvas for the Populist much which is to be deplored by all districts, to unite all cotton growers in nomination in the Seventh District. The | well-disposed persons, it would seem to an earnest effort to reduce the acreage | By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

Less by fire here this morning Ellison Capers the epigrammatic state- of votes in the convention. Mrs. Lease "In closing, I am prompted to comexpects to be opposed by the Democrats, mend the following Scriptures to the in National, State or local politics, and States. The article is printed on the aubut she says that if nominated she will thoughtful consideration of the organi- will permit no persons to use it for per- thority of prominent Kerman financiers. hold meetings in every precinct in the zation you represent: 'O! full of all sub sonal advancement or purely political who are now visiting here. wilt thou not cease to pervert the right things, to teach American cotton grow- route to threaten the Ametican territory ways of the Lord ?'-Acts xiii, 10. 'Thy ers: First, to reduce the cost of pro- instead of the Chinese possessions. money perish with thee.'-Acts viii, 20. kuction of cotton. Second, to practice

> read the above to my congregation." the letter of refusal to accept it.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR Resolutions Against Gage Bill and Favoring

Use of Individual Ballot by Members. By Telegraph to The Morning Post

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20:-At the session of the American Federation of the South may receive the largest re-Labor today resolutions were adopted turns from each annual cotton crop, and favoring the independent use of ballot PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 20.-Intelli- by trades unionists and workingmen gence was received here this afternoon united, regardless of party. They favor the lack of records and the apparent in- of a suicide, which occurred today near "an impartial judiciary that will not

shot himself through the head with a A resolution regarding Gage's finan- by counties and districts, inviting copistol. The shooting occurred about 12 cial bill was denounced, it declaring operation with the Departments of Ag-

his person to show, why the young man an undisguised effort to retire greeu- each acre of cotton put in each year by Last night Mr. Smith came to the lele- money, with the view to substitution of expended for promoting the objects of

statement today on account of the So- shooting, Mr. Smith was seen by a friend substitute for the declaration of the last, in each country meet the first Monday in qualifies such conduct as unworthy of licitors in several counties failing to fill walking down the street in a rather hur- annual Convention, which fovored free February and organize, and that Consilver, and which the delegates this year gress pass Stokes' anti-option bill

THE SPANISH-CUBAN "WAR." Report of the Latest Engagement Reads Pretty Much as Usual.

HATANA, Dec. 20 .- A hard battle has been fought at Canto River, which had cord as derived from the Solicitors' re- the traveling representative of the Nor. been expected several days as the result of Gen. Pando's campaign against the insurgents. Gen. Garcia, in his official York. His territory was the States of report says that General Pando won Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. entrance to the river after the fight, in Smith was ill here a short while ago with which the Spanish losses were 119. fever, and it was only recently that he Twenty-one soldiers and 2 captains left here for North Carolina on business were killed and ninety-two solfor his company. Mr. Smith accepted his diers, one surgeon, one captain and position with the Norwich Union last two lieutenants were severely wounded. June, but for a great many years prior to The Insurgent losses, says the official that time he had been connected with the report, were also heavy. The Spanish 2 Petersburg Savings and Insurance Com. gunboats "Luisa," "Centinela" and "Di-It will be noted that there is no re- pany. He was first bookkeeper in the ego Velazquez," took a prominent part sion of the torpedoes by the Insurgents. Mr. Smith, during his residence in Pe. These gunboats captured three large in these two circuits at exactly what tersburg, was one of the most popular Cuban torpedoes. Pando reports the they were last year the total number of young men in the community, and was capture of arms and ammunition from property is estimated at a full quarter of

Skating Party-Four Drowned.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post, Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 20.—While a party of young people were skating on COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 20 .- At Cheraw the water. Three of these were Coleman, 20. The fourth one was Miss scious girl, dragged her out. The ice was thin, but the skaters disregarded the repeated warnings of their danger.

Prince Henry on the Way to China. salutes were exchanged this morning. place within 24 hours.

Protective Association Meeting Yesterday.

that just prior to his death Clark, lived | Sensible Resolutions Adopted Pointing the Way In Which the Cotton Growers of the South Should Combine Themselves into One Strong National Organization With State Associations in Every State.

> MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 20 .- The Amer ican Cotton Growers' Protective Assopresent from nearly every cotton State. Hector D. Lane, of Athens, Ala., the By Telegraph to The Morning Post. President of the Association, presided. tive coadjutor of the cotton "bear." follows:

"We adopt the principles announced by the Association at its meeting in Jackson, Miss., January 9th and 10th. Rain, But No Santa-Claus Snow as Yet Pre-

"In order to carry them out, we shall to every grower.

"Now, my dear Mr. Dowling, I shall the principles of thrift and economy which shall enable him to escape debt The check for \$50 was returned with and make his cotton crop a real "money crop." Third, to make all his own supplies at home, to the end that the crop OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF FACT BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN AND when produced may be all his own Fourth, to hold his crop each year unti he can sell it to the best advantage Fifth, to build factories for manufacturing cotton near the cotton fields, so that hat home markets may be built up for

If other farm products" The resolutions also provide for the election of a Vice-President from each dent of his State organization. Their duty will be to organize cotton growers

The Presidents of State Associations The Association suggests the advisa-It was further resolved, that the bill is bility of making a levy of one cent for back currency and all government paper' each member, the funds, so raised to be

National Bank notes in their stead, and the Association within the State and thus fasten the National Bank system county where it is raised, as shall be This last resolution was passed as a Other resolutions asked that farmers

The convention then adjourned sine

TEXAS CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD rent that he is still living.

Query: Is It a Good or a Bad Thing for the World?

v Telegraph to The Morning Post Dallas, Texas, Dec. 20.—Texas has been isolated by telegraph from the outside world for three days and nights. A sleet storm that started on last Thursday night was the most destructive and widespread ever known in this section. The sleet belt is 200 mile wide and more than 300 miles long. Superintendent Felton, of the Western Union, says the storm eclipses in severity and destructiveness anything he has ever known during his quarter of a century of service in the State. The prostration of wires and poles has been practically general all over the sleet belt. Telephone companies have suffered equally with the telegraph companies. Railroads are also badly damaged. The loss to telegraph, telephone and railroad night, but as yet only two direct wires to East are reported working out of Dallas tonight.

A PROBABLE GEORGIA DUEL.

of the Trouble.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post, means one and possibly two duels. The their losses. trial of Stein and O'Neill occurred this afternoon, the charge being breach of that he was hemmed in on all sides by at Cienaga del Buey and Caraman. officers, prevented his shooting his ac- Gen. Aldave, who left Carito del Em-Washington, states that the fight over Osborne, Isle of Wight, Dec. 20.— omcers, prevented his snooting his actually boscadero about the same time, had an roads mean that the rates between Attack Wington and the Wington an the Winston postoffice was settled today, Prince Henry, of Prussia, slept at Os-Linney going to the Postmaster General and requesting the appointment of P. H. morning. If the morning of P. H. morning of P. H. morning. If the morning of P. H. morning of P. H. morning. If the morning of P. H. mo pected to be made, however, before the reassembling of Congress.

The insurgents were compelled to be safely locked up in Chicago to abandon their trenches, and retired then in effect are restored it will mean a believed, however, that it will not take to abandon their trenches, and retired to abandon their trenches, and retired

NEW HAMPSHIRE FALLS IN LINE. And Reduces Wages of Cotton Mill Opera- But the President Refuses Absolutely

tives ... Come South, Gentlemen. By Telegraph to The Morning Post. MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20 .- The

decided to reduce the wages of employes resentatives and Senators got the Presiabout I0 per cent. January 1st. At least dent's ear easily, but place-hunters re-2,000 will be affected. It is believed that ceived a cold reception. Suncock, employing 1,500, have already tion of repeal of that law, talked with As the Old Operators Thought Re Began here will follow suit. The Nashau and etc., urging that they be made speedily. and Jackson mills have practically de- He said after the conference that the

take similar action. MOBILE'S PLUCKY POSTMASTER. ciation met here today. Delegates were Mr. Rapler Will Not Be Buildozed by Any One.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 20.—Second As-In his annual address Mr. Lane took sistant Fostmaster General Shallenberrather discouraging view of the pres- ger was here today to get Postmaster ent condition of the cotton industry. Rapier to surrender office to the ap-He declared that the real cotton farmer, pointee, Mr. Barker. Rapier answered the man with a hoe and plow, got only that he is standing as an American citi ten cents per day wages when raising zen for the enforcement of the law of five cent cotton. He recommended cot- the land, and that if Mr. Barker has any ton farmers to raise more food crops rights he has his legal recourse for enpriated by Tammany Hall for the relief and less cotton in order to get rid of an forcement. Mr. Rapier said that under annual 3,000,000-bale surplus—that ac- the law Mr. Barker is not postmaster until confirmed by the Senate, Rapier's The resolutions adopted provide as removal not having been effected in due form as per Statute 3,830.

NORTH CAROLINA WEATHER. dicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- Weather predictions: North Carolina, rain, clear- dent had their attention especially strive, by thorough organization of all ing in early morning; southerly winds,

Sounds Very Much Like a Fake.

PHILDELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The "Record" news that Germany has taken the initial will hereafter keep a sharper eye on making his profit in the difference be-"This organization shall take no part steps towards a wer with the United Hawkins, and also on the Raleigh district, tween the buying price here and the

Germany's mysterious fleet command-This Association shall aim, above all ed by Prince Henry is said to be now en

By the Spanish Legation-Guamo Besieged If Anything Was Needed to Clinch the for Over a Month-General Pando's Operations and Other Foreign

By Telegraph to The Morning Post WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- The Spanish Legation in Washington vesterday received the following cable message from Secretary General Congosto, dated Ha-

vana, December 19th: "News just received permits us to affirm that Ruiz was shot with Aranguron, the rebel General. They were both shot by order of Alexander Roderiguez. only as a friend, and after several letbetter than anything else that the intransigeants are obliged to resort to ter-Such is the opinion of the public, which | fits of the differential rate.

Paris, Dec. 12.— A dispatch from Havana says that while the insurgents re- present time. The Seaboard has always port the execution of Lieut. Col. Ruiz claimed the right of a differential rate

Guamo Besleged for a Month. ment at Guamo, on the Cauto river, has always met the Seaboard's reducnorth of Manzanillo, in the province of tions, but this has continued so long Santiago de Cuba, was besieged, accord- and has brought the rates to such a low the insurgents. On November 27 a fierce be no more rate slashing. The Southwire fence around the fort and called on and closed the agreement.

defense" until December 10 last.

while Stein was discharged. O'Neill diente, Luisa, Centinala and Velazquez, "And this adjustment carries with it ber experience they failed in making an the peace. O'Neill was fined heavily, Bruna, assisted by the gunboats Depenington reads as follows: defended Harvey Johnson, who in a found in the river Cauto three large tor- an agreed policy of harmony and co-op- accurate diagnosis of the nerve and respeech denounced Stein as a liar, pedoes and also many small sunken vesan ex-convict and a murderer Stein sels. They destroyed with dynamite a replied in like fashion and only the fact. Quantity of the effect. replied in like fashion and only the fact quantity of the effects of the insurgents ton, Norfolk and Portsmouth, in respect to the portsmouth and to the portsmouth and to the portsmouth and to the portsmouth and the po

with large loss.

THEY'RE AFTER HIM.

Change the Civil Service Rules.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- The waitingcotton manufacturers operating two- room outside the President's door was thirds of the spindles of the State, have packed with office-seekers today. Rep-

the cut will be accepted. The Amoskeag | Representative Brosius, Chairman of corporation, employing 9,000 hands, and the sub-Committee of the House Civil the China, Pembroke and Webster mills, Service Committee, to consider the quesposted notices of reduction. It is ex- the President about the contemplated pected that the Stark and Amory mills modifications in the Civil Service rules, cided to reduce wages, and the mills at President does not expect to make any Great Falls, and Dover will undoubtedly changes in the Civil Service rules at By Telegraph to The Morning Post. this time.

CIVIL SERVICE A-WORKING. And Right in Pritchard And Pearson's Dis-

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec., 20 .- Samuel A Saunders, formerly a storekeeper and gauger in the Fifth District of North Carolina, but recently bounced by Collector Harkins, was reinstated in the Internal Revenue Service today, by having his old position restored to him through the enforcement of the Civil Service law.

It is understood that Mr. Saunders

one of the several storekeepers and gaugers whom the Collector (in Senator Pritchard's and Congressman Pearson's district), removed some time ago, in defiance of the Civil Service laws, because they were Democrats, and whose restora- promptly and the filling of export ortion to office was ordered by ders made a specialty. the Commissioner of Internal Revenue after he and the Presicalled to the case. Several discharged Democrats who have been "fired" by the new Republican collector because of Chicago grain pit before Joe Leiter's their politics have been restored to duty. day, but their efforts were simply those and our information from Washington is that the Civil Service advocates upon handling the actual grain, and and Pritchard to have the law "modified" or repealed, so as to get soup for to pay for every bashel of wheat his and support from the mountaineers at the agent could buy. next election. Mr. Pritchard, it will be remembered, is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service Reform.

SEABOARD PEOPLE. RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

> Report First Officially Confirmed in The Post, This Does It-Seaboard's Differential Will Not be Disturbed. By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

> important agreement consummated between the Southern and the Seaboard by which an end is brought to the disastrous rate war that has raged for years between these two roads, has been announced.

The Executive Board of the Southeast-Passenger Association will meet here Ruiz left Havana on Monday to meet next Thursday to ratify the agreement Aranguron without official mission and between the two roads. The Southern has agreed to submit to a reduction of ters had been exchanged between them. \$3 in the Seaboard rates going to East-It is not known how Roderiguez arrived, ern points. This means that the Seabut it is a fact that he ordered the exe- board will sell tickets to Norfolk, Wil cution of both. The ferocity of such an mington, Baltimore and New York just act in the face of autonomy demonstrates \$3 cheaper than the Southern. The Southern will not attempt to cut down so as to meet the Scaboard's rates, but ror to prevent the disbanding of forces. will allow that road to enjoy the bene

extending several years back up to the after court martial, rumors are also cur- from Atlanta to the east, on the plea that it has no connections with New Orleans and none east of Norfolk. The HAVANA, Dec. 19 .- A Spanish detach- Southern, instead of allowing this claim, ing to the official account, from Novem- ebb that the roads have entered into a of the forts and destroyed a factory. months of wrangling and conference,

the garrison to surrender. The garri- The basis upon which the two big son still, according to the official ac- Southern lines had agreed was not rather than admit the humility of defeat, of the two roads to the east would be cost Armour is mere conjecture. Good The issurgents left 26 killed inside the \$3. The Southern, being a member of judges say \$1,000,000, and these figures wire fence and a quantity of arms and the Southeastern Passenger Association, are not unreasonable. Believing that long its desperate defense. Gen. Aldaye, Executive Board has been called to meet into a similar trap for December delivthe siege and the attack on the fort the Baltimore Steam Packet Company and had been abandoned, when they suddenhad only six killed and 31 wounded. ively by the Seaboard Air Line and ties of wheat from the Northwest, where way and a party of four fell into Too Strong Language in Court the Cause But the fort was completely destroyed Southern Companies, will restore the special agents had been hustling to seand the garrison was without water, old rates that were reduced during the cure it. with pestilence all around and only a big war. It is understood that the rates ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Today's de- little pork for food. Blanco will recom- in force prior to the reduction in 1896 and it was let down to a dollar and unvelopments in the Stein-O'Neil trouble pense the members of the garrison for will again be placed in force on the der, at which figure there was a good Chesapeake Bay and upon the lines of profit in the export trade. the two roads. The agreement relating Gen. Pando and the column under Col. to the lines between Atlanta and Wash- shorts, and they sold more valorously

to both freight and passenger traffic."

very large raise.

WHAT IT COST PHIL ARMOUR

Lost Over a Million in the Leiter Wheat Deal.

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LEITER NOT A GREEN ONE

in a Legitimate Way to Bake a Profit Out of Export Trade, When the Old Cobbiers Tried to Pluck film, and dot Dose their Own Redicine-Leiter's Big Galas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 .- The talk of Chicago during the past week has centered about the clever wheat deal engineered by young Joseph Leiter, which has cost Philip Armour and his crowd a cool million. Early in the summer young Leiter thought he saw his way clear to making a big profit in wheat, which was

then selling at 64 cents. He took his former college mate, Geo. B. French, then connected with the firm of Allen Grier, as his broker, and began to deal in the September option. It was not Mr. Leiter's purpose to run a corner or squeeze shorts into settling their margin losses. He had satisfied himself there was a big shortage in foreign crops, and that the legitimate demand from abroad would of itself advance prices sharply, provided the grain was moved

In this his methods differed materially from those of other operators, and gave to his venture a business character which tended to insure success. Brainy men had attempted to win fortunes in the of bold speculation. Leiter relied solely

These were the conditions when he put French into the pit with instructions to take all the September wheat offered. Men like Armour, Cucahy, the Weares, and others knew of the crop shortage, but were not advised as to Leiter's plans.

Armour Clique's Sales Wind. As fast as French and his aids bid for wheat the Armour clique sold it, most of their sales being merely wind. They had no wheat, but expected that before the end of the month they could settle at a profit. But instead of this prices went up smartly day after day, until, to the consternation of the shorts, it touched \$1.031. All this time Leiter kept saying through his broker to the ATLANTA, Dec. 20 .- The basis of the Armour following: "I don't want your. money; this is not a gambling transaction. I want the grain for legitimate export." The shorts were unable to understand the transaction, but they had to deliver the goods. Those who got the wheat turned it over, while those who could not make good their contracts in this way prevailed upon Mr. Leiter to acceipt certified checks for their

Just how much money Leiter made in September wheat nobody but Leiter knows and he won't tell, at least not definitely. He admits having paid all the expenses of the deal, recovered his entire investment, bought a \$400,000 piece of real estate, and having cash enough left to carry on a similar trade in the December option. Asked how he did it in the face of such strong opposition, Mr. Leiter says; "Merely by taking full advantage of natural conditions, I knew wheat was cheap here and that it would be eagerly taken by foreign consumers at higher prices. I bought here and sold abroad through agents upon whom I could depend, first having perfected arrangements for shipment which could

not be interfered with."

Actually sold the Grain, It was the thoroughness of the export movement, the immediate shipping out ber 8 to 12 inst, and valiantly repelled mutual agreement whereby there will of the actual grain, clearing the elevators , and leaving sellers without stocks attack was made on the fort by a large ern acknowledges that because of the to fall back upon, which staggered the body of insurgents with two cannon. Scaboard's lack of connections it has a shorts. Armour and the rest of them More than 150 cannon shots made a sieve right to make the differential rate. After hustled hard to get grain here to deliver on their sales, and in some instances Finally the insurgents got inside the the officials of the roads met this week they did so by paying higher prices in Duluth and Minneapolis than they had sold at in Chicago. This was done count, refused to listen to the demand, known until yesterday. It was then and because Leiter insisted upon having and "with heroic pride continued the learned that the difference in the rates the wheat. What the September deal ammunition, which the garrison used, has to secure the consent of that body Leiter had satiated himself with his first according to the official account, to pro- before putting the rates into effect. The operation, the shorts sold themselves while reconnoitering in the neighbor- here next Thursday to ratify the agree- ery. Mr, Armour was again prominent hood, found the bodies of three other ment. The meeting will bring many of in the selling. Prices dragged for days, insurgents and many graves. During the big railway magnates here. The and it began to look as if the bull end insurgents lost, it is officially asserted, the York River and Norfolk line of ly took a jump to \$1.09. Then Armour 200 killed and wounded. The garrison steamers, which are controlled respect- and his crowd brought in large quanti-

"The price is too high," said Leiter.

"We've got 'em now," yelled the than ever. But even with their Septem-

Weather Favored Leiter.

Still the wheat kept going out. By teaching tures white many and