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of Ship Entiding Firms Enter the competition-Battleships to Re the nost Powerful Ever Designed and the (ruiners to Have the Speed of ocean Greehounds - The Outlay Will Approximate \$35,000,000.

> Dec. 7.-Blds were opened the Secretary of the day for the construcarmorelads of the first hips and six armored ting a cost to the gov-\$35,000,000. These ise in tonnage more than the entire navy of the in years ago, and the els concerned is greater of battleships and arw in the American sertest construction progovernment has ever All the big shipbuilding and the representatives as any of above scratch: attended the opening. and officials were present

the Colorado and the The battleships are the New Jersey, the Virginia and the Rhode the armored cruisers hed and coppered. Each is in this class is to have 12 feet The sheathed have a displacement of of the unsheathed 13,400 armored cruiser will be gship and will have accom-822 officers and men. The at least twenty-two knots

ps will be the most powted. Three of them will cosed or double deck stalled only on the Kear-Kentucky, and the same sheathed and coppered. vessels will be \*435 feet a displacement of about The unsheathed vessels length and have a of about 14,600 tons. The call for a speed of at least an hour. All five of the be fitted to carry flag complement of each will

ous for the construction of hattleships have been avail-1, 1899, but, owing to artment was unable to make their construction. That as now been adjusted in a manner and all eleven ships sed by the best armor to

asses of bids were received, sheathed and coppered vesthe same ships not sheathed d, the department reserving to adopt either form of con-The two battleships authoract of June 7, 1900, are to ed, and bids for them were on the department plans wa as Class 1, or the plan prepared known as Class 2. interesting feature of the

the entrance into competithe construction of armorelads that have heretofore orpedo boats. The Cramps phia, the Union Iron Works isco, and the Newport News Newport News, Va., have battleships and armored th the exception of one conthe navy yards, that the has in service. All the bids set on the department plans.

# PROTEST AGAINST WILCOX

election of Delegate from Hawaii Alleged to Have Reen Irregular

at a mag Robert W. Wilcox, the om Hawafi, has been fil d is House Committee on Elections, stative Mondell, of Wyoming, his tre petition of Arbert B. A. N. Keperkai, citi-

on of November 6 was orderh an election.

permitted to file charges into Cape Colony. political and private charac-They ask that their e referred to a House commit-Prestigation. The petition Honolulu, November 20. Wilmx has not yet arrived in Mail for him is accuthe House postoffice. No

to know where he is.

# THURSTON IN THE RING

New Complications in the Contest for Nator in Nebraska

Nob., Dec. 7.-Senator John That som has suddenly developed inbelive dark horse in the senaand Meiklejohn have com-

forces and propose to make Republicans divided among Thurston, the usual powers.

Meiklejohn, Rosewater and Thompson, it will be impossible to evade a long

A caucus may not be possible for at least a month after the legislature convenes, as each candidate is suspicious

# RACES AT BENNINGS

Washington, Dec. 7 .- Results at Benning's track: First race, handicap, 7/8 mile—Charen-tus 7 to 5, Prince Richard 12 to 1, Isia 10 to 1. Time 1:29 2-5. Second race, selling, 2-year-old, % mile Cherries 4 to 1, The Rogue 8 to 1 King Favorite 20 to 1. Time 1:04. Third race, 1 mile and 50 yards-Tyr-shena 7 to 10, Judge Magee 12 to 1, Thermos 40 to 1. Time 1:50 2-5. Fourth race, 2-year-old, 34 mile-Sadie S 1 to 4, Beggar Lady 6 to 1, Queen Carnival 4 to 1. Time 1:16 2-5.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 mile-Matchim 20 to 1, Lofter 8 to 5, The Outcast 20 to 1. Time 1:54. Sixth race, 61/2 furlongs-Quite Right Time 1:17. The following horses were scratched:

foon, Oread, Sentry and Blueskin. Second race-Automatan, Flaneur, B. B. Higgins, San Luis and Edgefield. Third race—Holdup. Fourth race-Novelty, Cherries, Amo-

rita, I Know and Hija. Sixth race-Moor.

Entries for Today

99. Red Spider 112, Allaire 104, Lady Hasbeen 99, Inomination 99, Callear perialist 99.

B. Higgins 97, Tenderloin 99, False but they're not; they're mighty good tute to regulate the manufacture and Alarm 107, Hawk 107, Marblehead 110, company, Woolgatherer 97, Decimal 104, Cara-

Third race, handicap, steeplechase, 3-B of Promise 143, Claroba ................................... Bosphorus 130, Wild Heather 130.

Fourth race, maximum 3-year-old up, 3 miles—Knight of the aGreer 107, Frst ter 97, Oneck Queen 97.

Fifth race, Handicap, 2-year-old, up Godfrey 132, Borough 132, Prince Richard 131, Alsike 131, Sadie S 130, R. Waddell 129, Lex Pirate 128, Isia 128, 122, Moor 124.

Sixth race, selling, 3-year-old, up, 1 mile and 100 yards—Chamberlain 102, Rare Perfume 100, The Driver 87, Lofter 87, Tyrshena 100, Holdup 97, Fulminate 97, Earl Fonso 97, Bondman 95, Kirkwood 100; Miss Mitchell 106, Prince be looked into. Richard 105, Elsie Skip 85, Thermos Ideal 103, H. McCoun 103, Water House 10.

# RATHER TAME ENDING

Indictments Quashed in the Criminal Libel Cases in Duplin County

Bidders were permitted The trial of Populists for criminal libel on "The Perfection and Development of which was expected to create a big the Christian Life." The talk was full flurry at Duplin Superior Court this of bright sayings, as "One of the things week, ended rather quietly today. The which arrests our sympathy is arrested bills of indictment were quashed and all development." after the court had overruled a motion in New Bern for good. It is probable maselves to building small moved to Sampson county where the the Methodist brethren to occupy their tame ending of the affair is due to a announced. private understanding between counsel of the opposing sides, who thought that partisan agitation had been carried far enough. One hundred and twenty-five resumption of the 20th question, and witnesses were ready to testify.

# DE WET IS ELUSIVE

Conflicting Reports as to His Movements Received from the Seat of War

London, Dec. 7 .- A dispatch from day's date, says that General DeWet's lection, amounted to \$933.50. main force is laagered. The force is hard pressed, and the men appear to be suffering from continual trakking. A British patrol came in contact with

the Boer outposts, and captured a prisoner, who said a Krupp gun had been portance of the ecumenical missionary to 92. have been released.

It was stated in dispatches from by the board of missions, evernor of Hawafi by virtue South Africa this morning that Genof the Hawaiian govern era! DeWet was making for Cape Colohich provides that the electory, and that when last heard from he egate to Congress shall be was trekking toward Odendaal drift, by law. The petationers on the Orange River, near Aliwal Nor.h. are is no law whatever con- It was added that the Orange River is now in flood, and that troops are hold of June 13, 1898, as applies to legacies further that Wilcox is not ing the drifts, but that it will be almost have seat, and ask that impossible to stop DeWet from crossing

# Hinson Gets Twenty-five Years

Albemarle, N. C., Dec. 7.-Special.-Will Hirson was today sentenced to 25 first vote stood eight for murder in the their duties of the coming year. first degree and four for second. Sheriff tonight to avoid the possibility of lynching by Swaringen's friends.

# Milner to Be Governor

London, Dec. 7 .- In the House of Commons today Colonial Secretary Chamberlain stated that Sir Alfred Milner, governor general of Cape Colony and British high commissioner to South Africa, will be appointed governor of the Transvaal and the Orange Free Thurston's actions in this te State. The latter country, he said, the something of a surprise to his would also have a lieutenant governor as he had declared his intention and both countries would have the asemaining out of the contest and not sistance of executive councils. It was a re-election under any cir-not proposed, however, that the govern-lowever, Thurston has a ment of both countries should be the trong fellowing and his candidacy has same. Mr. Chamberlain also stated that Neighbor and his candidacy has same. All big towns in the two colonies would believe connalicated the situation in all big towns in the two colonies would With the strength of the soon have municipal government with Maine, who resigned the chairmanship appointed second lieutenant in the was given when his Dutch credentials ing at his home in Laurens. He may

# THE N. C. CONFERENCE TAX ON SHAM BUTTER

sion Yesterday.

# GATTIS HOLDS HIS TONGUE THE GROUT BILE PASSED

When Invited by the Bishop to Speak The Bill Taxes Oleomargarine, When during the suspension of Eagan. He Remarked That There Was Nothing He Needed to Say-Reports Read and Referred-Resolutions Adopted+ Impressions the Preachers Make on New Bern People.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 7 .- Special .-7 to 5, Rabunta 4 to 1, Lex Pirate 10 to The North Carolina Methodist Conference met at the usual hour of 9:30 this First race, Kinnikinic, Carbuncle, Buf- morning. It could not be expected that a pound, was passed by the House tothe interest in today's session would day by the vote of 198 to 92. equal that of yesterday to the general The measure in one form or another public as the Kilgo and Gattis matter has been before Congress for several was up and finally disposed of, so far yaers, and at the last session 285 memas this conference is concerned. The bers signed a request to the Committee best of feeling has prevailed regarding on Rules for an order for its considerait, and the disposition to do what was tion. It was a foregone conclusion that First race, 51/2 furlongs-Staten Island right was the only thought.

100, Impartial 115, Velasquez 97, Hop- Methodist ministers have come in con- of the size of the majority. The Combrook, 99, Directum 99, Dame 5., Im- tact with people who do not know as mittee on Agriculture was almost evenmuch about the cloth as they might. ly divided, the Grout bill receiving the The following can start in order named One such person remarked, "Why, I support of nine members, the other eight Bansock 115, Blarney Stone 115, G. thought they were a solemn lot of men, recommending the passage of a substi-

So, too, others have discerned that a stamped for what it was. saljo 99, Captain January 99, Give and conference is an interesting thing to The debate was interesting and ani-Take 104, Alleen Wilson 99, N. Bona- attend. It is really a meeting of busi- mated, charges of fraud and deception ness men, whose business is also the on one hand and of a desire to crush Second race, 1 mile, 2-year-old, - far- Lord's; but pleasantries are by no means out a competing industry on the other, long-Callear 110, I Know 107, Isaac forbidden. They could not be, with being made and conceded. Samples of Hooper 110, Fresnal 107, Protege 110, Henry Clay Morrison as bishop presid-butter and oleomargarine added a spice Gallimore 107, Bonveyne 107, Mowitzka ing. His happy comments on affairs give of reality to the proceedings.

107, Craven 107, Dactyle 107, Blue Vic- life to the session and are sharp, with- The substitute was advocated by Mr. tor 107. Waterton 110, Velasquez 107. out a sting, or soft and encouraging Williams, (Democrat.) of Mississippi, a Cara 107, J. J. Corbett 110, Tin Folley when needed. In saying that he failed member of the Committee on Agricul-110, Tenup 110, Flaneur 107, ... B. Hig- to include the laymen in an invitation ture. There was as much fraud, he said, gins 107. Woodspike 110, Kinki 110, to come and see him, he said: "Any in the coloring of butter as there was in layman can come who reads the church the coloring of oleomargarine. While papers, has family prayers daily and butter was made yellow for the puryear-olds and up, out 2½ miles—Decam-never did say anything unkind to his pose of inducing the purchaser to beeron 170, Sir Hubert 169, Lost Chord wife." Bishop Morrison is a strong lieve that it was something that it was 163, Governor Budd 158, Old Tank 150, friend of all women's church societies, not, it was not with a view to getting He sets the matter plainly before the more money than otherwise could be

ing of the conference. The last one it was not true that oleomargarine was Whip 107, Silver Fox 104, Alsike 104, held there was in 1887, and the Meth- colored in imitation of butter. The Sir Fitzhugh 100, Asquith 100, Loches odists of Fayetteville hope to secure the oleomargarine makers had discovered session of 1901.

seven furlong—Maribet 140, Speedmas come before the conference has been the ers colored their product in imitation 139, Charawind 136, Hut'lo poch'e 133, saving of Fifth Street Church at Willows William the lutter business Wir William Character business Wir William Character business Wir William Character business with the lutter business with mington. Most people know its sad fraud in the butter business, Mr. Wilhistory, and the pastor, Rev. J. H. Ball, liams asserted, was that practiced in the only touched on that part of the subject Termless 126, Beggar Lady 126, Char- when he appealed to the conference to ley Mor 126, San Luis 125, Hmorita save the property. The bonded indebted- of the general debate was concluded by Mr. Tawney, (Republican), of Minnes- of the close of the discussions of the close of the discussions are the close of the discussions and the close of the discussions are the close of the due in 1902, and \$9,000 will save the place, with what the membership can do. The matter is taken under advisement with a motion that ways and means

Rev. W. F. Smith has left to attend 87. Bannock 106, Lancewood 91, Beau the session of the South Georgia Conhere, and great confidence is felt in his wisdom and directing power.

Last night's sermon by Rev. J. D. Pegram has left a fine impression. Centenary Church was again packed to the doors and the aisles filled, an audience even larger than the night before. The Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7.-Special.- text was from Hebrews vi. 1-3, and was

the defendants discharged. This was Sunday promises to be a great day by the defence to have the cases re- that many of the churches will invite defendants lived. It is thought that the pulpits. The arrangements are not yet

## The Day's Proceedings The chief business of the day was the

ters' characters passed. A communication from the president

of Greensboro Female Coilege was read and referred to the board of education. D. H. Tuttle made an appeal for the Galveston sufferers and Bishop Morrison urged the help of the Methodist church. The roll was ordered called Aliwai North, Cape Colony, of yester- and the responses, with the basket col-

Rev. J. H. Pritchett, missionary secretary spoke at length of the work, especially of the field in China and the causes of the present trouble there with to 178. the Boxers. He also spoke of the imand the importance of literature issued

The following resolutions were read by N. H. D. Wilson and adopted. "Resolved, That the North Carolina Conference respectfully but urgently begs that the United States Congre's repeal so much of the war revenue law for charitable, educational and religious purposes, and that we request our missionary secretaries to embody this, our memorial, in the appeal that they shall

make to that body." Dr. Swindell spoke in behalf of the years in the penitentiary. The jury ciety, and urged all to appeal to their be the commissary general of subsist-was out seventeen hours. It is said the people for its support when entering on ence, with the rank of brigadier general,

The special order for Saturday morntion into full church connections of eligibles passed by the committee.

The only echo of Kilgo-Gattis matter was when Bishop Morrison said: "I see Spanish-Aemrican war, was yesterday thing to say?" Whereupon Mr. Gattis retired with the rank, pay and allowarose and said: "Thank you, bishop; there is nothing I need to say. Tonight at Centenary church Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, spoke

### tional anniversary. Foss Succeeds Boutelle

Foss, of Hlinois, chairman of the com- to be major of volunteers and continued | short time ago, when Portugal withdrew on account of ill health.

# Everything Serene at the Ses- Spicy Debate in the House on

an Oily Subject

Colored in Imitation of Butter, Ten Cents a Pound-Strong Opposition Developed and a Hard Fight Made, but the Vote on the Passage of the Measure Was Decisive

Washington, Dec. 7.-The Grout Oleomargarine bill, to tax that article, when colored in imitation of butter, ten cents

if ever it reached a vote the bill would At the various homes about town these be passed, the only question being that

procured for the article. As to the Fayetteville will ask for the next meet- matter of coloring. Mr. Williams said and patented the article known as One of the urgent matters that has "standard butter color" and butter mak-

"renovinced butter process." The general debate was concluded by ness is put at \$12,000 and the property ota, who said, at the close of the discusis valued at \$40,000. The mortgage falls sion, that it was conceded that in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine

garine. In the course of the five minutes consideration of the bill Mr. Dahle, (Re- navy also brings new necessities. publican,) of Wisconsin, said he stood ready to reduce the tax on natural oleomargarine for the poor and to impose a tax upon colored of comargarine

for the rich Mr. Bartlett (Democrat) of Georgia, moved to strike out the proviso in the regulate State legislation on the sub-

jest. Lost, 48 to 117. Mr. Butler (Republican) of Pennsylorous support of the pill. For fifteen years efforts had been made to suppress stamp duties abolished by the bill, the the vice of deceit in the matter of counterfeit butter. By the existence of that vice the farmers of Pennsylvania were deprived of three millions annually which jusly belonged to them. There this was concluded and all the minis- ar epnding in that State now 936 prosecutions for violation of the antiloleomargarine law, and 121 convictions were

had last year. Mr. Fleming . Democrat) of Georgia, said that this bill, if it becomes a law. would be the only one on the books where the principle of protection would be applied to one class of American cit-

another class of American citizens and another American industry. The substitute proposed by the minority of the committee was defeated, 113

The Grout bill was then passed-198 Mr. Payne, (Republican,) of New

bayers in Hawaii territory. abandoned near Caledon River. All the conference to be held in New Orleans that the election November without authority and is who were captured at DeWetsdorps tween mission schools and the church to reduce war taxes. He gave notice of the Committee on the Committee thought will be next Tuesday. At 5:55 the House adjourned until

# WESTON SUCCEEDS EAGAN

tomorrow.

Military Record of the New Commissary-General of Subsistence

Washington, Dec. 7 .- The President sent to the Senate today the nomination Lucy A. Cuninggim home and school in of Colonel John F. Weston, assistant Corea, established by the missionary so- commissary general of subsistence, to ciety, and urged all to appeal to their be the commissary general of subsistas successor to Charles P. Eagan, who after having been suspended from the McCann carried the prisoner to Raleigh ing at 11 o'clock was made the recep head of the commissary department for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and on other charges growfing out of the rotten beef scandal of the Brother Gattis is with us. Has he any- restored to active duty and immediately ances of a brigadier general out of ser-

> scheme that Eagan's friends had been had been guilty of flagrant offences. been withdrawn from the respective cap-(Brigadier General Weston, who takes itals. Dr. Van Weeds has already left had been guilty of flagrant offences. Washington, Dec. 7 .- The House Com- Eagan's place, entered the service as Lisbon. Seventh cavairy August, 1867, and serv- were cancelled two days ago.

ed until 1875, when he was appointed a captain in the commissary department. He has passed through the grades of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel in

the subsistence appartment. General Weston served in the Seventh cavalry on the frontier from the time of his appointment in the regular army during a greater part of his line service. He attended the artillery school at Fort Monroe, Va., and graduated therefrom in 1875. At the outbreak of the with Spain be accompanied General Shafter's expedition to Santiago and rendered such efficient service that he was appointed a brigadier general of volunteers. He has been acting commissary general

## KICK ON BYNUM

Democratic Senators Insist That He Is a Full Fiedged Republican

Washington, Dec. 7 .- A great many Republicans, in common with all Democrats, do not think it was in the best of taste for the President to send in the nomination of ex-Representative Bynum, of Indiana, for commissioner to codify the civil and criminal laws of the morrow will say:

United States. a gold Democrat, advocated the election of Mr. McKinley in 1896. When Mr. in many lines, but this is not unusual McKinley became President, he nomi- at this season, and is partly balanced nated Mr. Bynum for one of the posi- by a larger interest in retail and holiday of customs assigned to the Democrats. distribution. Weather conditions are still The Democratic Senators would not con- a drawback to the trade in winter-weight sent to this, and their opposition was so effective that the president was constrained to acquiesce and appointed to the position Representative DeVries, of for some weeks past. Southern trade California, of whose orthodox Democra- advices remain good, but retail busi-

cy there was no dispute. In the last campaign Mr. Bynum no longer posed as a gold Democrat, but, of trade new features are not numerous. according to reports which he has never Textiles are quiet and rather dull with contradicted, announced his purpose to agents pending the opening of the spring act permanently with the Republican season. party. His last nomination, sent in by the President Tuesday, was to fill the place of David B. Culberson, of Texas, deceased, a Democrat. The Democratic the next government crop report, which, Senators make no fight on Republicans who are nominated for offices, except on what are recognized as proper grounds for opposition. But they do object to men not acting with the party being appointed to places of honor or profit which, under the law or custom. are considered to be the prerogative of Democrats. If Mr. Bynum were nominated for any office as a Republican, no opposition would be made to him, but they are determined that he shall not be charged to the Democratic party when, according to common acceptation,

he has left it for good. The Republican majority in the Senate has it in its power to confirm Mr. Bynum, but it is thought they will scarcely be disposed to do this in the face of the protest from the Democratic corded. side. The Democratic Senators have not come to any conclusion as to united action, but it is urged upon them that they stand in a body as insisting that the nomination of Mr. Bynum be withdrawn.

# REDUCING WAR TAXES

of the House Ways and Means Commitsemer pig. fraud and deceit were practiced and the tee, in his report on the bill reducing public was deceived. He asked the the war revenue taxes, says that while friends of dairymen and farmers on the the war for which the taxes were levied floor if it was safe for them to depend is ended, the actual expenditures have rather easier. Snow and wet weather for protection of those interests upon not ceased with the termination of hos- are helping retail trade in shoes and gislation drafted by friends and de-tilities. He says it is still necessary rubbers in Northern markets. A betference. He made a great impression fenders of the manufacture of oleomar- to maintain an army of 100,000 men, ter report comes from the flour milling and to provide for manning the fortifi- industry, but the demand is hardly what cations recently built. The increasing was expected. Sugar is higher for raws,

Chairman Payne refers to the recent appearance of irregularity, and another report of Secretary Gage, and says that price war is foreshadowed, despite the the committee deem it safe to make a fact that holiday requirements should reduction of \$40,000,000, while the secbe at their best. retary suggests a reduction of only

\$30,000,000. first section of the bill which seeks to to say, "have sought to remove the

more annoying taxes. In this connection the report announces | pl a recommendation for the reduction of vania, said a condition of things existed 25 cents net per barrel on beer. The 224, as against 184 last week and 220 in Pennsylvania which justified a vig- tax on cigars is reduced 60 cents per in this week a year ago. thousand. After enumerating the various report says that the committee have stricken out the stamp 'tax on bank checks, certificates of deposit, drafts, postal money orders, express receipts, elegraph messages, etc., from the law. The committee repeals all of Schedule B except the tax on wines. This includes proprietary medicines, etc.

effect on its passage.

# BOERS SUFFERED HEAVILY

izens and one American industry against | Their Recent Attack on a British Convoy Failed in the Main Object

> Pretoria, Dec. 7 .- It is stated that the Boers suffered heavily in the attack on the British convoy that was proceeding from Pretoria to Rustenburg. Their casualties are estimated at 100. They were also frustrated in their at- ful, with cotton firm and the rice crop

It is hoped that direct railway communication with Johannesburg, which has parisons. At New York this week the that he would call it up for action after been interrupted by the destruction of the legislative, executive and indicial appropriation bill which he a day or two, and that the use of a the leading cities outside of New York deviation from the regular line would the gain is 3 per cent over 1899 and 26 not be necessary. Owing to the heavy over 1898. Railroad earnings in Novemrains, however, it has been impossible ber increased 1.3 per cent over last year to repair the break caused by the wash- and 13 per cent over 1898. Granger lines out, and it is now reported that another show a decrease, though there are signs bridge has been washed away, making a of a recovery of tone in business in further deviation necessary in the line the spring wheat belt. between here and the Cape. Heavy Collections are excellent, particularly supplies are now being sent here to in dry goods. Heavy absorption of money guard against any shortage that might by the Treasury from the banks, with

be caused by further breaks. similar to the one at Johannesburg.

# DIPLOMATIC COOLNESS

Break in Cordial Relations Between Holland and Portugal

Lisbon, Dec. 7.-In consequence of the Portuguese government withdrawing the exequatur of Herr Potts, the Dutch consul at Lorenzo Marques on the ground that he used his position to as-This completed the whitewashing sist the Boers and exposed Portugal to a row with Great Britain the minister to an immense audience on the educa- engineering from the moment he was of Portugal at The Hague, count Desuspended by the President because of Selir, and the minister of the Netherthe verdict of a court-martial that he lands at Lisbon, Dr. Van Weeds, have August.

mittee on Naval Affairs this morning first lieutenant in the Fourth Kentucky Herr Potts also represented the unanimously elected Representative cavalry, November 26, 1861. He rose Transvaal at Lorenzo Marques up to a mittee, vice Representative Boutelle, of to serve until August, 1865. He was his exequatur for the same reason as

Volume of Business Reduced in Wholesale Lines

# WEATHER IS A DRAWBACK

Southern Trade Reported Good-Manufactured Cotton Fails to Respend to the Higher Price of the Staple-Iron Furnaces Sold Ahead-Railroads Report Increased Earnings-Bank Clearings Increased

New York, Dec. 7.-Bradstreet's to-

There is a quieter tone and reduced Mr. Bynum, it will be remembered, as volume of business doing at wholesale goods, but it is notable that a better ness at Eastern markets is still re-

> Wool and woolens are still quiet. Cotton is irregular and the market is at balance, pending the publication of however, is expected to approximate 9,750,000 bales. The high cost of raw cotton has not as yet been equalled by the advance in manufactured goods. A hopeful feature this week, however, was the taking of a large lot of brown cot-

> tons for export to China. The higher trend of values in November has been duplicated in the first week of December, and cereals, long backward in this respect, have led the advance, which, however, has not been steadily maintained. The better business in November is being reflected in renewed gains in railway earnings over last year's exceptional returns. Bank clearings, swelled by enormous interest payments, are the heaviest ever re-

Finished products monopolized activity in the iron and steel trades with bars, plates, sheets and bridge material most active. Even in finished lines, however, there is less reported doing in new business, but Pittsburg and Chicago mills are reported sold ahead sixty to ninety days. Much is heard about forthcoming reductions in cost of ore, coke and labor, and this undoubtedly checks Chairman Payne Explains the Effect ordering ahead; but higher prices for rails are talked of, and Southern furnaces are reported heavily sold ahead. Washington, Dec. 7 .- Chairman Payne | There is little or nothing doing in Bes-

> Among other metals copper is active and firm, but tin is weaker. The shoe trade is cheerful. Hides are but the refining branch presents the old

The scarcity of small sizes of anthracite coal is still a feature, but no ad-"The committee," the report goes on vance at wholesale is looked for. Daily products are again higher for fancy grades, which are not in excessive sup-Failures for the past week number

# Dun's Trade Review

New York, Dec. 7 .- Dun's tomorrow

Business is progressing along conservative lines. It is without excitement and without great speculative activity, but with a confident undertone, which is to be explained largely by the fact It is recommended that the bill take that leading concerns in most of the great industries have orders booked to employ their machinery at nearly full capacity during months when curtailment is usual. This situation should quiet fears of bad shocks, such as some previous seasons have seen. No new reduction of working force has appeared in the last fortnight, and new wage schedules in some branches of the steel trade

are effected without trouble. Prices of commodities are generally steady, and holiday trade is brisk at all points. The South is particularly cheercoming in at very full prices.

Bank clearings make excellent com-

a renewal of moderate shipments South, It is probable that a town guard of have led to some uneasiness among bor-British residents will be established here rowers on collateral and on discounts, but there has been no actual advance in rates. Exports from this city declined sharply to \$7,171,130, a decrease of \$5,800,000 from the previous week, and still more than a million dollars in excess of last year. Imports increased \$4,400,000 over 1899. A smaller trade balance for November will be the re-

> Mrs. McKelvie Dies in Wilmington Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7.-Special.-Mrs. T. Arlington McKelvie died to-night at seven o'clock. Her death was somewhat unexpected as it was not known that her condition was so serious. Mr. McKelvie arrived at noon today from Raleigh. They were married in

> Ex Senator Irby Dying Columbia, S. C., Dec. 7.—Former United States Senator John L. M. Irby. who defeated Senator Hampton, is dynot live through the night.