QUITE A BIG FIRE.

The Old Shops, Long known as Briggs',

Burned. At 3:20 this morning the firemen hustled, upon getting an alarm from box 37. The scene of the fire was the big wooden building, 220x70 feet in size, on South West street, and long known as Briggs' planing mill. When watchman Joe Hawkins, colored, first saw the fire it burst out in the second story, over the eugine room, at a point where a steam pipe passed through the roof. He sent in the alarm. The fire fairly raced through the building, which burned like tinder. Eight streams of water were on and the hard-working firemen, using doors s shields, saved the front portion of the light and one machine.

time were there many sparks. The building was put up about 1857 and in it cars for the North Carolina railway and the Raleigh & Gaston railway were built by a private firm. During the war it was a storehouse for commissary supplies for the North Carolina troops. Soon after the war the late Mr. Thomas H. Briggs trebled the size of the building [] and established there planing mills known hearly all over

Everything else went. No damage

was done surrounding property.

The flames rose to an immense height

in the nearly still air. Only at one

the State. The plant was purchased at a court sale for \$6,000 by Mr. W. J. Ellington. He said today that it would cost \$8,000 to duplicate it. There is \$5,000 insurance, with Wynne & Ellington and John B. Kenney, divided as follows: on building \$1,700, machinery \$2,800, manufactured stock \$500. The name of the firm is the North Carolina Building and Supply Company. Nearly all the stock had been removed to the firm's other mill, on North West street. All the lumber had been taken away. No machinery had been moved. The mill shut down yesterday afternoon, so that the machinery could be taken out and carried to the new mill. The workmen had, with the exception of three, removed their tools. These estimate their loss at \$150 - Mr. R. T. Bishop went yesterday to look at the building and was talking about using it as a car-building shop. The one machine which was saved stood quite near the front door. In a two mules owned by Mr. J. A. support Strowd in the fouth district. ble next November 3d.

The Attraction Tuesday Night.

turned out and taken away.

The Bros. Byrne with a superior company will present the new "Eight Bells" at the Academy of Music Tuesday night Sept. 8th. If the old adage "Laugh and grov fat" counts for anything, it will be safe to predict that any one who has the pleasure of witnessing this performance, will increase in avoirdupoise from the rise of the curtain unto its final fall, the spirit of fun and mirth prevails, calling forth prolonged laughter.

"Eight Bells" is a nautical production constructed on a scale differing in many ways from the average farce-comedy, and it is refreshing to know that the art of genuine fun making on the stage, when pantomime, gymnastics and humor, coupled with novel scenic effects abound, is not a thing of the past. The Bros. Byrne, of course, are a "whole show" in themselves : They are assisted by a capable company who help to make a complete success. The revolving ship scene, and trick wagon are features worthy of special mention.

Threatening Weather.

The high area has moved to the New England coast.

The storm has moved North of the lake region, and the depression off Florida has slightly increased in intensity, with a heavy rain at Jupiter. The weather is now generally cloudy except in the Southwest.

Light local rains have occurred at widely scattered stations.

The winds along the entire Atlantic coast are blowing from the ocean to the land, and the increase of moisture should be favorable for rains in the Eastern states,

The temperature has fallen again in the extreme Northwest, and has changed slightly elsehere.

Mrs. A. E. Glenn, who has been in feeble health for several years, left for Johns Hopkins Hospital totirely restored to health

A HEAVY FAILURE.

Big Firm in Nashville Goes Under.

occupied by Hicks, Ellington & Co., \$30,000 LIABILITIES.

The Largest Potato Dealers in the South Make an Assignment - Low Prices Last SeaSon Causes the

Failure.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NASHVILLE, Sept. 5.-Clauson and Stephens and Josiah Clawson re ported to be the largest Irish potato growers, and dealers in the South known as the Irish potato kings, made an assignment vesterday, caused by the failure of the Irish potato crop and low prices realized last season. The assets were chiefly in land, estimated at \$11,000. The Liabilities were \$30,000.

WANAMAKER'S SAY.

He Thinks that Mr. Mckinley is on the Winning Card.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5,-John Wanamaker will come out in an interview saying the campaign is over and that McKinley is sure to win and that silver is beaten and business better. He promises Pennsylvania by four hundred thousand.

Big Fire on Long Island.

By Telegraph to the Fress-Visitor.

SOUTH BEACH, L. I., Sept. 5 .-Fire starting at Louis Bauer's near noon spread rapidly to the Albambra hotel. The Columbus house and Mohoney's photograph establishment and other frame structures are threatedened.

Political Points.

Mr. J. Bryan, Democratic nominee for the Presidency, will speak at Asheville Sept. 16. He goes there from Lexington, Ky. His next announced speaking date is Richmond, Va., Sepet, 18th.

Otho Wilson has let the cat out of the bag. The Populists threaten to put up their own candidate for Congress in the fifth district and not support Kitchen, if the Democrats wooden shed near the building were refuse to take down E. W. Pou and

Bivens, and these were at once It is said by Republicans that their State committee at its meeting next Wednesday will nominate either Charles J. Harris, of Hillsbore, or caused by the "dropping" of O iver Dockery, Mr. Josephus Daniels, national Democratic committeeman for this State, when asked what his estimate of the number of "sound money" Domocrats in the State, replied: "Not over 9,000 or 10,000 and not over 3,500 votes can be polled in North Carolina by the Indianapolis ticket."

Improved Stock.

The August bulletin of the Agricultural Department contains a register of blooded horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. This shows marked development in the way of improved breeds. As to horses, Durham county leads. Col. Benehan Cameron having eighty-six registered, including thoroughbred, standard bred. Cleveland bays, English backneys and Percherons. Alamance is second with thirty-seven standard bred trotters, owned by L. Banks Holt. Wake comes next, B. P. Williamson having 20 registered trotting bred and 16 entitled to register. Rocking-

ham has 14 standard bred trotters. As to cattle, Orange leads, Julian S. Carr having 112 registered. Ala mance has 45, Mecklenburg 39, Nash 40, Rockingham 31, Lenoir 30, Durham 43 (Benehan Cameron), Chat ham 20. Besides these there are a great number entitled to register.

As to sheep, Mitchell leads with 335 (owner of 300 W. W. Avery). As to hogs, Orange leads, J. S. Carr having 108. F. W. Shutz, of Forsyth,

Rev. John A. Preston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Charlotte, is critically illat the home of relatives in Lexington, Va. Such is the deep interest of the Charlotte people that bulletins are posted twice a day as to his condition. As an expression of the love the people have for him, a special Sunday day. She was accompanied by her school service of children was held physician, Dr. W. H. Bobbitt. We Wednesday morning in his church. sincerly trust that she may be en- at which prayers were offered for Like a weary child, he has gone to

CALLED AND FAILED.

Maj. W. A. Guthrie Puts D. L. Russell in a

The joint discussion between Cyrus B. Watsonand W. A. Guthrie began yesterday at Rutherford. Marion Butler: There were some rather sensational occurrences. In closing the discussion of the silver question Guthrie advised Populists to vote for none but true friends of silver, and not to Note for Richmond Pearson for Congress, but to east their votes for Joe Adams, Democrat, for that office. He says Pearson is working to defeat the State and is actively supporting McKinley, and therefore Pearson can be no true friend of silver. This sation was on this line. was greeted with loud applause and cries by Populists, "That's what we will do: vote for Adams." Guthrie then said no Populist should vote for a member of the Legislature who is pledged to vote for Pritchard for fairs of the campaign to discuss. United States Senator, because Pritchard is a strong supporter of McKinley and stands on the Repub- 5th. lican platform and he is an enemy to loud and long applause.

Another dramatic incident was when Guthrie said: "I ask my opponent (Watson) if Russell has been invited to meet us?" Watson replied. "He has at everyappointment I have had. Guthrie then said: 'I have invited him also. I was at and this will be sent in a few weeks. school with him when we were boys, to meet in joint discussion. If I not run after me fast enough to get me to accept the nomination for govjudge of the Superior Court and you called and fails to appear, the judge they were authorized candidates. always imposes a fine on the witness didate for Governor, come before do this day or your default will be remembered by the voters. Let the

"The Other Man's Wife."

& Long, is in the city arranging populist ticket. Charles Reynolds, of Winston Lieu- for the appearance at the Academy tenant Governor, to fill the vacancy of Music on Friday, September 11, in Georgia concerning the notificain their new successful comedy, tion until the situation was explainan adaption from the French, and Butler. said to be screamingly funny.

Bert Coote, well known to our theatre-goers as the "New Boy, will in this comedy appear as the hen-pecked husband, with a stern and obstrusive mother-in-law in his path, while Nick Long will portray

the husband of the 'Other Wife. Mr. White assures us that the fun is fast and furious, and advises all those who enjoy a good laugh not

Among the members of the compady are notably Julie Kingsley, Idalene Cotton, Lillian Dix, Carrie Medford, Harry C. Stanley, Kraft Walton, Wallace Henderson, J. W.

Gardner and Henry F. Georgie. James A. Hesne's one act play, 'A Soldierof France," will precede the comedy.

The Republican Executive Committee. The Republican Executive Committee met today and called the County Convention for October 1st. | men who have seen it. The Dockery faction and Russell faction settled their differences as to the chairmanship of the committee by electing D. H. Young chairman and W. F. Debnam secretary of the Central committee of seven appointed to confer with the Populist convention when they meet here next Saturday. The committee to confer with the Populists are: H. T. Jones, Chas. McNamara, J. H. Young, T. R. Purnell, R. S. Morgan; Jerry Smith and J. P. H. Adams.

At the Soldiers' home at 11:30 a. m, on the 4th inst, Sergeaut J. E. Bennett, of Pitt county.

Numbered with the bravest of the valliant host Nobly defended the cause that was

Not a blot on his name, not a stain

TO NOTHEY WATSON.

Senator Butler Says That This Will be

The Atlanta Constitution has the following interview with Senator

"Our consultation was to discuss the general issues of the campaign,

said Senator Butler last night. "The time was mainly occupied in discussing the line of work for the campaign," said Mr. Watson; 'Senator Butler wished to know ust where I stood on several questions. He wanted to familiarize the Populists in the eastern part of himself with my reord and obtain copies of my speeches. For the greater part of the day our conver-

"It was first time the Senator had seen Mr. Watson since the St. Louis convention," said Mr. Reed, who was the third party in conference, 'and naturally there were many af-

It has been definitely settled that Mr. Watson will be notified by the

This will be done by a letter, silver. This was also greeted with ano the letter has already been written by Chairman Butler. It has been sent around to other members of the committee to sign, and will be sent to Mr. Watson as soon as possible.

> Senator Allen will prepare the letter of notification to Mr. Bryan,

The notification feature played a He is a lawyer and has been one as prominent part in the consultation long as I have been and can make a that came about vesterday. The despeech. He says he is afraid it would lay in notification of the nominees of produce riot and bloodshed for us all the St. Louis convention caused comment both inside and outside of thought I could not address an aut the Pooulist party. The supporters dience in North Carolina without of Mr. Watson in Georgia were fretcausing riot and bloodshed you could ting under the apparent tardiness of the committee appointed to notify. Mr. Watson himself grew impatient ernor. Judge Russell has been a and under his signature in the People's Party Paper declared that it know when, a witness is called and was embarrassing both to Mr. Bryan fails to appear, or when a juror is and himself not to be informed that

The friends of Mr. Watson in or juror. Now I want to give Rus- Georgia also thought to make a sell a little of his own medicine and master move in the notification move I will call him out. Oyez! Oyez! of Mr. Bryan. They thought that Daniel L. Russeli, ex-judge of the they would force him either to de-Superior Court, and Republican can- clare himself in favor of Watson or repudiate the populist indorement. this audience and participate in this By this means they wished to bring debate as you have been invited to about some definite decision in regard to the withdrawal of Sewall. If Mr. Bryan should accept the people make the record, 'called and formal notification they argued that failed, judgment nisi, rule returna- it was a tacit admission that he would accept Mr. Watsonashis runquestion would be finally decided Ed. C. White, manager of Coote and a head ought to be put to the

This was the idea which prevailed "The Other Man's Wife," which is ed and all points cleared by Senator

WHAT IS IT?

The Strange Animal Cause Railroad Men

Railroad men are naturally super stitious, and for the past several weeks they have had great cause to be, especially the freight men.

At the deep cut half a mile below the depot at Concord some kind of to miss seeing "The Other Man's of an animal resembling a cat jumps from the embankment on to the cars and runs up and down the entire length of the train. The strangest part of the mysterious performance is that it cannot be seen on any but southbound trains.

When the train reaches the section house, two miles down the road the thing vanishes away. The Standard says railroad men regard it as an omen that bids evil and that while the strange appearance and disappearance is interesting to watch, it puts a most dreadful spell upon the

Cut Rates Go Into Effect,

The Norfolk Virginian of yesterday says: "The cut rates on the S. A. L. go into effect to-day. The fare from Portsmouth to Atlanta has been placed at \$8 and all points beyond Hamilton South and North have been reduced in proportion.

Upon request of a number of our patrons the Virginian representative visited Mr. Anderson yesterday and asked to be informed if the reduction offended local travel and if so to what extent. He said that local travel to all points where the fare was less than \$8 would remain as it now is, but all above \$8 would be reduced, and that the reduction here was made beyond Hamilton, so that the inter-state law would not be violated. The road expects to be greatly benefitted by increase in travel as was shown while the fare goods buyer, went also to make purwas down.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Market Closed 3 to 6 Points Better than Yesterday

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. Cotton quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 56 Broadway, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, over their special

MONTHS.	ING.	EST.	EST.	CLOS- ING
January,	8 35	8 38	8 26	8 38
February,	8 40	8 42	8 30	8 42
March,	8 43	8 45	8 34	8 45
April.	8 47	8 48	8 41	8 48-
May,				WW. 0000 1780
June,		1000000 H	C-000	
July,	00000000000	CONTRACTOR	120001	
August,				100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Sept'mb'r.	8 17	8 19	8 11	8 19-
October,	8 27	8 27	8 16	8 20 -
Novemb'r,	8 24	8 24	8 14	8 24 -
December,	8 30	8 32	8 24	8 32-

New York Stock Market. The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock

	Exchange today:	
	Missouri Pacific	1
	Union Pacific	
	Rock Island	
	St. Paul	. (
	General Electric	2
	Tennessee Coal and Iron	
	Manhattan	
	American Tobacco	6
	Burlington and Quincy	
	Western Union	8
	Louisville and Nashville	
	United States Leather	
	Southern Railroad	
	Southern Preferred	
	Chicago Gas	5
	Sugar	
	Reading	
	Des. and Cat. Feed	
	Atchison	
	D. L. & W	
		10
1	Erie	
	Silver	
	Liverpool Cotton Market.	
	Surfamban 1.3	901

Liverpool Cotton Market.			
September	4.3411		
September-October	4.281		
October November	4.26.		
November December	4.24% (
December-January	4.24.		
January-February	4.24.		
February-March	4.25 - 1		

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat-September, 551; December,

Corn-September 194; December, Oats-September, J41; December 152

Pork-September, 5.55; December 5.60 Lard-September, - ; Dec. 3.40. Clear Rib Sides-September, 3.15; lanuary 3.30.

New York Cotton Letter.

By private wire to G. E. Leach. New York, Sept. 5, 1896.

After opening 3 to 6 points ad vance over last evening's close, the prices reacted and declined 3 to 8 points, Liverpool was lower, and selling orders were received from that market. But the loss was soon recovered on buying for local, southern and continental account and an advonce of 3 to 6 points over last night, closing prices was established, the market closing firm after sales of 112,800 bales.

The weather report for the last twenty-four hours showed a fair precipitation in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and the Carolinas, but in Texas no rain was reported. The port receipts were estimated at 17,000 vs. 16,847 last week and 6,468 last year. Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of twenty-five bales for spinning. Midling uplands, 84. New Orleans advanced 10 to 11 points. Northern spinners have taken, since September 5,561 bales against 8,272 in the same time last season. Came in to sight thus far this season 84,380 bales vs. 36,273 in the same time last season. The world's visible supply is now 1,367, 385 bales including 1,086,185 American vs. 2,289,549 bales last year at this time, of which 2,011,349 were American. The exports from the ports thus far this season are 22,-630 bales vs. 5,972 in same time last season. A San Antonio dispatch to the "Chronicle," said, that rain would not help the top crops now, as frost would kill the stalk before bolls could mature and that moisture would moreover damage cotton already made. A Dallas dispatch said that the crop will be gathered by the last of October and will be the shortest ever made in that sec-

Monday being a legal holiday (Labor Day) the New York Exchange will be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woollcott went to New York today. Mr, Woollcott will purchase a fall stock of goods for Woollcott & Son. Miss Lalla Denton, milliner and fancy chases for those departments.

SFORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Pa per-Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in

It will pay you togo to Woollcott's special sale Monday. The city is billed for the appearance of "The Other Man's Wife"

company. The State University opens next Monday. Between four and five

nundred students will attend. Read the new announcement of James McKimmon & Co., and call

on them if you want a good cigar. Mr. J. R. Johnson will speak to men at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.,

tomoorow afternoon at 5 p. m. All men are cordially invited to attend. J. Frank Ray, who was known as the 'Democratic game-cock' in the last house, is nominted for the State Senate by the Democrats of the 35th

Services will begin at the camp meeting ground tomorrow at 11 a. m. There will also be services at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. It is the object of the managers to continue the meeting 25 or 30 days.

district.

The Knights of Labor have officially repudiated Terence V. Powderly, who was for years the head of that order, because he says free coinage of silver is no part of the reed of the Knights.

Monday, September 7th, being a egal holiday, Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice. The general delivery and carriers' windows will be open from 2:30 until

W. H. Baldwin, second vice-presdent of the Southern railway, having been elected president of the Long Island railroad, to succeed the late Austin Carbin, has resigned and will be succeeded in the Southern railway by W. W. Finley, now second vice-president of the Great Northern railroad.

Clubs, will issue a call for a State convention of clubs to meet at Raleigh on or about the date of Mr. Bryan's speaking here, with a view to ascertaining the strength of the the machinery into active operation.

A train from Goldsboro reached Richmond Thursday, having on board quite a number of merchants and citizens from this State. The Dispatch says that while en route a Richmond man took a vote to ascertain the political sentiments of the passengers. The ballot result ed as follows: Bryan, 93; McKiney, 2; Levering, 1.

The new and attractive store of Sherwood, Higgs & Co., was crowded to day with country people and town folk. The great lnflux of cotton and tobacco betokens a lively fall trade, and indications unmistakably point to this new firm as a great trading center. Read their price list in this issue on Domestic Dry Goods and Solid Service Shoes.

The superintendant of one of the great penitentiary farms on the Roanoke river was here today and says the July freshet ruined 4,000 acres of corn; this being divided between the two Caledonia plantations and the Northampton and Halifax farms. About 1,000 acres of corn which was spared will make a good crop The cotton crop will also be as large

Autumn Tour to Ningara Falls.

In view of the recent successful ummer tours to Niagara Falls, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has arranged to run an additional excursion to Watkins Glen, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara.
This excursion will leave Norfolk

via Washington and Baltimore steamers, Wednesday, September 9th, connecting with special train of parlor cars and day coaches as per schedule below:

Leave Washington, 8:10 a. m.

Leave Baltimore, 9:05 a. m. Arrive Niagara Falls, 11:00 p. m. Remember that this will be the last excursion of the season and the date is Wednesday, September 9th. Round trip from Norfolk \$13.00. For tickets and further information apply

> ARTHUR G. LEWIS, Passenger Agent. is bad.

NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

Gossip and Politics at the National Carl-

tal, Washington, Sept. 5, 1896.

The McKinleyites haven't had much to enthuse over before so they are making the most of the Vermont election by yelling themselves hoarse over what every intelligent man knows to have been a foregone conclusion. This isn't worrying the Democrats even a little bit. Senator Faulkner, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, says of it. "We made no attempt to carry the State, while the Republicans have spent lots of money and have exerted every energy to win. 1 am told that a house to house canvass was made by prominent Republicans." Senator Harris, of Tenn., one of the old Democratic war horses, said: "If the Republicans can find any comfort in the Vermont election they are welcome to it. They will need a great deal of comfort before this campaign is over." Secretary Diffenderfer, of the silver committee, said: "The effect of the election will be to unify the south and west and middle west. The election shows that the east is making a sectional fight, and I do not know anything which could have happened that would have made more silver votes. We had no idea of carrying Vermont, and we haven t any idea of carrying Maine. We have not done anything in either

The Democratic National Committee has decided to accede to the request of the Pennsylvania miners, and will send Senator Tillman, of S. C. upon a ten days stumping tour of the coal section. The Democrats do not expect to carry Pennsylvania for Bryan, but they have excellent reasons for expecting to give the Republicans some very unpleasant surpries in a number of the Con-

gressional districts of the State. Senator Gorman was at Democratic headquarters this week, and it is expected that from now on he will take an active part in the management of the campaign. He believes that Bryan and Sewall can be elect-

Is He Dead or Alive?

Last week news reached here of the killing, by a dozen men, of Wash Attwater, an Orange county negro outlaw who attempted to outrage a Miss Canada. The young woman's Col. J. S. Carr, president of the father arrived at the time of the atvent a more serious crime. Attwater held the young woman in front of him as a screne to prevent ber father, who had his gun, from shooting him, and reaching some bushes movement and next for putting all | made his escape. Then a plan was made by which some negroes were to entrap Attwater. One of them invited him to dinner. While he was eating the mob came up, and as Attwater dashed out of the house riddled him with shot. The report was that he was left dead on the ground there and that at night a wagon came and took away his body. But the news now is that he was not killed. Yesterday's Durham Sun says:

"Attwater is badly wounded but still at large Thomas Pickett and Baywood Cole saw him last Tues-Albert Lloyd says he was at White Cross last Saturday morning. Jim Hill, colored, says he came to his house and he dressed his wounds and gave him something to eat; and Jerry Bynum brought word here Monday from Attwater that he was willing to give himself up to an officer if he would not let them mob him. It is said by those who claim to have seen him, that he is badly shot in the right leg from the thigh down, that it is swollen double its former size, and that he is anxious to come in to have something done for his wounds.

At Central Church Tomorrow.

A telegram received from Rev. D. H. Tuttle announcing the sickness of his family will prevent his return and Mr. Peter Briggs, of Durbam, will fill his pulpit at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. No disappointment this time. All who wish to hear this able and eloquent expounder of the gospel can have an opportunity to hear him.

The Tobacco Market.

There are now two warehouses open; the Farmers', conducted by Fleming, Lea and Bissett, and the Flanters', conducted by Williams, Lee and McGehee. The auctioneers are Ed. Thomason and Maj. Paylor, of Roxboro. Yesterday about 55,-000 pounds were sold. The outlook for quantity is good, but for quality