Work of the National Assembly Told

ABOLISHING DEATH PENALTY

Not Conducting the War in Cuba in Accordance With Civilized Usage. Excluding "Sample Copies," Etc.

SENATE.

Tursday. - Congress reassembled after the holidays, and for two months now the business of the United States will be attended to with neatness and dispatch. The Senate committee on finance met but transacted no business, on account of the absence of a quorum. During the course of the desultory talk around the table some one mentioned the fact that the nomination, of Secretary Francis had not yet been acted upon, and the report that it would have to wait until a quorum was obtained | C.; H. S. Leard, Raleigh, N. C.; travwas presented.

The Senate passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in the line of recent State laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principal to Federal offenses, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty.

Mr. Hale submitted and had printed as a document, a memorandum prepared by the Department of State on the tors favorable to the re-election of Sen-1879 to 1897," tending to show the accuracy of Secretary Olney's contention that the recognition of foreign govern-

. A message from the President was formal in transmitting the report.

in the form of the two resolutions offered Tuesday by Mr. Call, Democrat, citizen condemned by the Spanish authorities to life imprisonment in chains; and the other r joint resolution in-structing the President to demand Sanguilly's immediate release. The first was agreed to; and the second was referred to the committee on foreign re-

In a long speech on the subject of since 1850. these resolutions, the case of Charles Govin was discussed quite as much as

The Senate bill to amend the act repealing the timber culture law was passed; also the House bill for the appointment by brevet of active or retired officers of the army.

The Senate joint resolution requesting the government of Great Britain to pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick, which | industrial and commercial importance was reported adversely last session, was taken from the calendar and indefinitely postponed.

THURSDAY. - Several memorials were presented by Mr. Cullom (Rep.), of Illinois, in favor of the recognition of Cuban independence, and one from the Commercial Club of Chicago, endorsregarding Cuba.

This was followed by the introduction of a joint resolution by that, 'The expediency of recognizing | per in northern Kansas has been forced the independence of a foreign guvern- to build several cribs as a result of this ment belong to Congress, and when notice. Congress shall so determine, the Execntive shall act in harmony with the legislative department of the govern-

Second: That the independence of the republic of Cuba ought to be and hereby is recognized; and the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated for salary and expenses of a minister to that government whenever such minister shall be appointed by the President." Mills will make his Cuban speech

The homestead laws to all the lands acquired from Indian tribes was opposed by Mr. Platt (Rep.), of Connecticut. was advocated by Mr. Stewart (Pop.), of Nevada. The bill went over

without action. The Loud bill, in reference to second class mail matter, was received from the House and was referred to the post-

office committee. Senate bill to provide for a district attorney and a marshal for the western judicial district of South Carolina was

HOUSE.

taken from the calendar and passed.

Tuespay .- Only about half the members of the House were in their seats today when that body was called to order after the holiday recess, to enter upon the bulk of the work, of the last session, A resolution introduced by Mr. Brgderick, Republican, of Kansas, was agreed to, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior to report to the House the reason why patents for lands in Kansas, granted to the old Kansas Pacific Railway Company, had not been issued to the company, and why homestead entries upon the lands in question were being permitted to be made by the officers of the Topeka land district. By the terms of the order adopted Decemcommittee of the whole to consider the Loud bill, to amend the postal laws, by excluding "samples" and serial novel publications from the second-class mail matter, which held the floor for the

rest of the day. Representative Sulzer, of New York, introduced a joint resolution stating that the Kingdom of Spain is not conducting the war in Cuba in accordance with civilized usage, and notifying Spain that if "the barbarous manner in which the war has been conducted does not cease within thirty days, that the United States will recognize the independence of Cuba, and maintain it by

force of arms.' WEDNESDAY. - After two debates the House by 144 to 105, passed the bill introduced by Mr. Loud, chairman of the

committee on Postoffices to amend the law relating to second-class mail matter. The principal features of the bill were those denying to the mails as second-class matter, sample copies of news-papers and serial novel publications and withdrawing from news agents the privilege of returning to their principals at the pound rate unsold copies of periodicals.

THURSDAY. - The debate upon the proposition to refund the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroad Company to the government was begun in the House, under the order adopted last month. It took up the time of the House and judging from the attendance and attention of members, and spectators, was neither deep nor extensive. The final vote will be Monday.

Commercial Travelers' Banquet. The Seaboard Air Line will, on account of the Commercial Travelers' Banquet, which is to be held at Southern Pines, N. C., Jan. 12th, sell tickets from all points on their lines at one fare for the round trip, beginning on the 11th and 12th, good to return until the 15th. For further information, apply to Geo. McP. Batte, Charlotte, N. eling passenger agents or T. D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.; H. M. Boykin, Richmond, Va., general agents.

Е. Бт. Јони, Vice-Pres. and Gen. M'gr.

TAKES THE OATH. Pritchard Says He Will Support Free Silver.

The North Carolina Populist legislagovernments and foreign States by the ator Pritchard caucused last Tuesday government of the United States from evening in Raleigh. Harry Skinner read the following letter from Senator Pritchard: "I appreciate your posi; ments was exclusively an executive tion on the Senatorial question. It is function, in which Congress had no in keeping with your reputation of bepart. The precedents cited were nu- ing square and keeping faith. I do not attempt to influence you. You know that I am a staunch friend of all rereceived transmitting the report of the forms contemplated in the Populist Secretary of State concerning the death | movement, and you may assure such of Charles Govin in Cuba. It was in members of the Legislaturs as are inresponse to the resolution offered by clined to vote for me that I will vote Mr. Call reciting that Govin was a for silver by international agreement or United States citizen who had been independent action, 16 to 1, and will killed by the Spanish authorities in take pleasure in voting to amend the Cuba. The message was brief and national banking act so as to permit farmers to borrow money upon land and WEDNESDAY. - The Cuban question staple crops. Any statement that I was under consideration in the Senate | have been or am now a single gold standard man is without foundation. It is proper that I should be frank and of Florida, the one a simple resolution | say I would not vote for free silver or calling on the Secretary of State for anything else when simply introduced copies of the correspondence in the as a rider or obstruction to the passage ed the negro Holt. matter of Julio Sanguilly, an American of any protective tariff or other revie dial legislation bill.

> Our Industrial Progress. a recent issue publishes a table showing | president, has committed suicide. the phenomenal growth of manufacturing industries in the United States

From this table the following figures are obtained:

Yrs estblshmts Capital 1850 123,125 \$ 633,245,351 1,009,855,715 1,811,146 there. 2,118,208,769 2,058,996 1860 140,403 1870 252,148 1880 253,852 2,790,272,606 2,732,595 1890 355,401 6,524,475,305 4,711,432 The figures convey some idea of the

which the United States has assumed within the last forty years.

Corn a Legal Tender. The following notice has been papished conspicuously in several Kansas county newspapers and referred to ediing the policy of the Administration torially: "Corn is legal tender. We have a large amount due on subscriptions. We will allow 20 cents a bushel for corn on both old and new subscrip-Mr. Mills (Dem), of Texas, declaring | tions. Bring on your corn." One pa-

> Bob Taylor's Election Contested. At a meeting of the Tennessee Pepublican State Executive Committee and Repullican leaders, heldlast week it was decided to contest the election of Robert L. Taylor, Democrat, a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted. G. N. Tillman, Republican candidate for Governor, claimed the election by a fair majority.

Nominations of Postmasters. The President has sent to the Senate | casses to fertilizing factories.

the following nominations: Postmasters-J. C. Jones, Titusville, Fla.; R. O. Cresap, Leland, Fla ; Mary P. Dixon, West Point, Ga.; E. W. Wilcox, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Another Cashier Suicides. Christian Schauer, Jr., cashier and treasurer of the National Bank for Savings, Allegheny, Pa., committed sui-

cide by hanging himself in a closet at the Allegheny Gymnasium. Given Up By His Physicians. The Honolulu correspondent of the Southern Associated Press, writing under date of Dec. 28, says that United |

pneumonia, has been given up by his | and member of the same gang. physicians. Denied By the Government,

Thereport that Juan Fernandez, Robinson Crusoe's Island, has disappeared, is denied by the Chilean government.

England gives employment to 33 000 persons in her bicycle factories. The number of wheels made last year a nounts to 250,000, ber 19, the House resolved itself into | and the capital invested in this industry is \$85,000,000.

Bieycle bells to be attached to the end of the pedal pin are new. They permit the rider to ring his bell without removing his hands from the handles or leave one hand free for carrying anything.

The Park Board of Baltimore has probibited the use by cyclers of bells larger than three inches in diameter. The supposition had evidently been raised that the bells were in dange, of swelling out to the size of a fire engine gong.

A unique arrangement for riding on the ice was seen in an Eistern city the other day. The rider had fitted skates on the front wheel of the machine, and nad fastened some small spikes on the rim of the rear wheel, which, acting like creepers, made the wheel capable of very high speed. The arrangement was rough and only simporary, but the idea is good and might easily be considerably improved upon.

WADESBORO, N. C., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1897.

WEEKLY NEWS BUDGET.

Southern Pencil Pointers. The franchises and properties of the Electric Railway Company of Savannah were sold at public auction last week under decree of the United States Court. They were bid in by Herman

senting the stockholders. At Norfolk, Va., William Downing and Charles Williams, expiated their crimes on the same gallows.

Meyers, of Savannah, for \$211,000 repre-

The Southern Baseball League met in Montgomery, Ala, and decided to continue in business. The 1896 penant was awarded to the New Orleans

At Augusta, Ga., L. Warner, a Jew-ish merchant, while throwing water out of a third-story window, lost his balance and fell to the ground, breaking rency Eckels:

At Forsyth, Ga., John Hickerman, a young farmer, shot his wife and then shot himself.

Polly Brannum, possibly the oldest

woman in Tennessee, is dead. Aged

The 50th General Assembly of Tennessee is in session. The most important work to come before that body the first week is the consideration of

the contest filed by G. N. Tillman, Republican candidate for governor. Floyd Estill, of Winchester, Tenn., has been appointed circuit judge of the Fourth circuit by Governor Turney to fill out the unexpired term of John A. Moon, elected to Congress from the Third district.

Nine car-loads of Italians, direct from Italy, passed through Charlotte, N. C., last week enroute to Arkansas.

In the next thirty days there will be held in Florida three conventions-Harbor Defense, Tobacco Growers' and National Good Roads Congress.

Nashville Tenn., has recently experienced a \$600,000 fire. Insurance about

Among the 48 fourth-class postoffices to be advanced to Presidential on January 1st, are Laurinburg and Warrenton, N. C. Hereafter the steamers of the Clyde

Line will discontinue calling at Wilmington, N. C., on trips south and will make Charleston and Jacksonville their ports of entry. Governor Bradley, Kentucky, has is-

sued a proclamation offering \$250 for the arrest and conviction of each, any or all of the Owensboro mob that lynch-The Commercial Bank, of Se'ma, Ala.

has failed. The Commercia, was established in 1880 and has a paid up capital of \$300,000, undivided profits of The Chicago Journal of Commerce in \$50,000. Geo. A. Wilkins, the vice-

At Los Angeles, Cal., some weeks ago the police and sheriff received notice to look out for J. P. Folk, son of a prominent South Carolina farmer, who is wanted in Abilene Texas, for alleged forgery. The police got track of the Hands | young fellow at North Pomona, follow-957, 959 ed him to India, and lodged him in jail

All About the North. The convention of the Order of Rail way Telegraphers has been called to be held in Peoria on May 17th.

It is currently reported that the leading Prohibitionists and temperance workers of Kansas have decided to ask the Legislature this winter to pass a law establishing a State liquor dispensary in Kansas.

This January 29, the birthday of Kansas, will be made a State holiday The hard times have closed up about ,000 saloons at Chicago.

Of 276 members of the Connecticut Legislature, which will convene next month, one hundred are farmers. The fawyers number only twenty-three.

They are having a toll-gate war in Clinton county, Ind., and forty-four prominent farmers have been arrested for chopping down the gates. The attacks on the gates were made openly, | be held in London. The representative

during the day. The warm weather will prevent the usual ice palace carnival at St. Paul, Minn., this winter.

It is said that farmers in Northern Indiana rather than bear the expense of feeding hor: 6: through the winter have killed them and disposed of their car-

Frank S. Black, the new Republican Governor of New York, has been inaugurated at Albany. The Ohio Miners, in State Conven-

tion, declare that they will not accept less than 70 cents per ton for At Sully, Iowa, a small town near Newton, robbers looted the State Bank. It is reported the robbers entered the

bank, blew the safe and carried away an amount of cash estimated at from \$5,000 to \$20,000. At Lancaster, Penn., Abe Henson,

one of the members of the gang of thieves and outlaws who reside on the Welsh Mountains was shot and killed by his step-brother, Jerry States Minister Willis, suffering from Green, who is also a noted criminal

Miscellaneous.

Senator Sherman has written to President-elect McKinley that he has decided to remain in the Senate in preference to accepting a cabinet posi-

Bob Fitzsimmons is matched to fight

Jim Corbett for a purse of \$15,000 and a side bet of \$5,000 St. Patrick's Day. March 17th. There are fifty-two penitentia-ries and over 17,000 jails in the United States, It cost \$500,000,000 to build them. Over 900,000 persons

criminal expense to the country is not less than \$100,000,000 annually. Col. J. Courtney Hixson, United States Consul at Foo-Chow, China, is enjoying a brief vacation in Washington, the first since his appointment.

were incarcerated in the year 1892. The

three years ago. The directors of the American Tobacco Company have declared dividends of 2 per cent, on the preferred stock and 3 per cent. on the common

Convened Wednesday.

Banks That Have Failed Have Been Due to Local Conditions.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

The Banking Institutions of the South Made a Remarkable Good Showing During the Panic of 1893.

The Atlanta irnal, under date of Jan. 2, prints the following signed statement from Comptroller of the Cur-

Washington, Jan. 2. To the Atlanta Journal-The bank failures which have occurred have been entirely due to local conditions and in almost every instance to defects peculiar to the institutions failing. This is strikingly so in the case of the National Bank at Rcanoke Va , and as much so in the failed Bank in Texas some weeks since. The same may be said of all national banks failing since November 1, and I imagine the same thing will hold good in the State and private banking houses which have ceased to do business.

The banking-institutions of the South made, with here and there an exception, a remarkable good showing during the panic of 1893 and the financial distress the was general and acute. No such condition now exists nor will occur, upon the one hand, while on the other during the year since then liquidation has gone on, bad paper has been weeded out, and the banks are stronger in cash means. There is no basis for any exception that either now or in the future the South or any other section of the country will suffer from more than the ordinary number of bank failures incident to the accumulation of slow assets and bad methods of banking. I certainly do not appreher my difficulty beyond that due to asses I have stated.

If the attent. of the country could be directed towards attending to business affairs in a business way, undisturbed by "wars and rumors of wars" and promises of renewed and continued agitations, the country would enter upon an era of prosperity which in the argest measure would fall to the lot of the people of the South.

The South today offers a marvelously rich field for investment and the capital is at hand to be invested, but it will not go there or elsewhere, when disquieting rumors are verywhere to be met with and uncertainty as to mining a return for it confronts the in stor.

The opportunity presented to Americans to become rich, prosperous and happy by confining themselves strictly to the immediate needs of their own country was never so great as at this present moment. JAS. H. ECKELS.

Comptroller of the Currency.

Cleveland's New Year's Reception. Friday 7,000 people visited the White House for periods varying from one to six hours. But patience had its reward in every case, for the President and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with every one of them. The closing New Year's reception of the present administration was the most brilliant of Mr. (leveland's whole eight years in office, and old Arthur Simmons, the President's famous colored messenger, whose service in the White House dates back thirty years, shook his head as he viewed the far-reaching crowd from an upper window, and declared it "de greatest inception since de wah.'

Meeting of Bimetallists.

Senator Wolcott sailed on the Campania from New York Saturday as the envoy of bimetallism. Before the end of this month an international conference in the interest of bimetallism will of five governments will be present. The conference will be informal, but those who will meet are accredited representatives of their governments and out of this meeting will grow a formal conference.

"Commodore" Goes Down.

cargo of arms and ammunition foundered off Cape Smyrna. Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer and so far as learned only twelve were saved. One boat was washed ashore empty and another one landed with the twelve men. The Commodore carried two other boats, but those have not been heard from. The steamer is reported to have sunk twenty miles out to sea.

Treasury Statistics. The recent report of the Secretary of

the Treasury shows customs receipts at North Carolina ports for the fiscal year anding June 30, 1896, were as follows. by districts: Albemarle, \$35.71; Beaufort, \$5.94; Pamlico, \$367.22; Wilmington, \$3,953.49, total, \$4,362.36. The receipts in the Charleston district in South Carolina were \$27,639.36. If, however, South Carolina is rather short in her customs contributions to the Treasury, she makes up for it in her internal revenue collections, which were for the same period: From the fourth district, \$1,070,502.70; from the fifth district, \$1,671,421.56; total, \$2,741, 924.26. The revenue receipts from South Carolina were \$109,389.77 for the same period; from Tennessee, \$954 . 973.44; from Georgia, \$475,671.58.

Killed Husband and Wife.

Two unknown men went to the house of William Whaley, a farmer living two miles from Sevierville, Sevier county, Tennessee, and without speaking a word broke down the door, walked in, and shot and killed Whaley and his wife. Miss Lizzie McMahon, sister of Mrs. Whaley, was present, but was un-hurt. She had an infant of Whaley's in her arms when the men entered. It is thought that they are the two men whom Whaley prosecuted before the grand jury for committing murder.

NORTH CAROLINA LAW-MAKERS Both Houses of the State Legislature,

Wednesday the State Legislature convened in Raleigh. The body is composed of Democrats. Populists and Republicans. It is useless to say that the entire State, as well as the whole country, has been waiting and watching anxiously for the convening of this body of law-makers, as there is to be a Reciprocity and Bi-Metallism -- No United States Senator elected. From the present outlook it seems that everything has been cut and dried in favor of Pritchard, since he took the oath of 16 to 1. At the cancus held Tuesday night three Republicans failed to stand up when a motion for a rising vote endorsing him was put, but it is said the defection of these cannot defeat him. Congressman Harry Skinner said in an

"Twenty-seven Populist members announced themselves in favor of Pritchard, and said they would vote for him in the caucus. Seventeen will vote for him, no matter what the caucus

It is said that Senator Butler does not concede Pritchard's election and that he will undoubtedly control the to keep a sufficient number of Populists than toward the self-seeking majority. to elect him from bolting the caucus. "The views of Major McKinley on The conference of Democrats expressed their sentiments for the sup-

Maj. Guthrie. The latest concerning the Senatorial scramble is that Pritchard will undoubtedly succeed himself.

SENATE.

Wednesday.—Lieutenant Governor Doughton called the Senate to order. Senators then came forward, beginning with the First district, and were all sworn in. It took just one hour. The President declared the Senate duly organized and stated the first business was the election of a principal clerk, which resulted in the election of Hill E. King. For doorkeeper, T. N. Hallyburton and N. L. Wagstaff were nominated. The vote stood: Wagstaff 6, Hallyburton 40, and the latter was declared elected. For assistant doorkeeper S. D. McCarthy and L. E. Howerton were nominated. The vote stood McCarthy 40, Howerton, 7. Mc-Carthy was declared elected. For reading clerk J. W. Watson and J. C. Brown were nominated. The vote was Brown 8, Watson 38, and Watson was declared elected. For engrossing clerk J. Buchanan ond D. S. Lovelace were nominated. The vote was Lovelace 7, Buchanan 40, and Buchanan was de-

clared elected. The President then asked the officers elected to come forward and qualify, which they proceeded to do. Senator McCaskey then introduced resolution that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to act with a

House committee, notify the Governor that the Legislature was organized and ready to receive his message; also that a message be sent notifying the House that the Senate was organ-Senator Smathers presented a new

gavel which President Doughton re-

ceived on the part of the Senate. A large crowd was present. THURSDAY. - The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Doughton presiding. Prayerr by Rev. Ashby, of the Senate. The Journal of Wednesday was read and approved. Senator McCasky reported from the enmmittee which waited on the Governor, that his excellency would, as soon as practicable, send in his mes-

Leave of absence was granted Senators Maultvy and Odom on account of

The message from the Governor was at noon received and read by Col. S. F. Telfair, the Governor's private secretary, assisted by the reading clerk. Senator McCasky introduced a resolution that 1,500 copies be printed. This was adopted and sent to the House for concurrence.

WEDNESDAY. - Chief Clerk Satterfield called the House of Representatives to order. The members were sworn in and A. E. Hileman, of Cabarrus, was elected Speaker. The Democrats voted for Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person. Rev. Dr. Levi Branson offered the opening prayer. He prayed that laws to prevent intemperance might be enacted. Reading Clerk John D. Stanford, of the House, called the roll of members and these came forward in The steamer Commodore, which blocks of five," and were sworn in by ery. Each took a double oath to sup-

port the Constitution of the State and the United States. Nelson, Harris, of Hyde, and Blackburn were appointed tellers. Other officers elected are: Principal clerk, E. O. Masten; reading clerk, F. B. Benbow: doorkeeper. D. T. House:

assistant, Abe Middleton, colored; engrossing clerk, D. F. Scarborough. Governor Carr was notified that the House had organized and was ready for THURSDAY-The House was opened with prayer by Rev. C. J. Woodson. At noon Private Secretary Telfair de-

livered the Governor's message. Mr.

Schulken announced that the Senate and House committees had called on the Governor and notified him that organization was complete. Mr. Sutton moved that the reading of the message be dispensed with and that 250 copies be printed. Mr. Lusk said it was always the custom to read the message, and that he hoped Mr. Sutton's motion would not prevail. Speaker Hileman said it was the rule always to read the message. Mr. Sutton then withdrew his motion. The reading oc- I cupied two hours Mr. Sutton's resolution was adopted and 250 copies were ordered printed. Some leaves of ab-

sence were granted. The Speaker announced the following committees:

Privileges of Elections: Cook, Blackburn, Sutton, of New Hanover; Peace. Bryan, of Chatham; Brown, Person, of Wayne; Cunningham and Gallop. Banking and Currency; Bryan, of Chatham; Hanser, Crumpler, Ormsly, Cox, Adams and McKenzie. Rules: Sutton, of Cumberland;

Brower, Bryan, of Chatham, Schulken

and Nelson. Judiciary: Lusk, Sutton, of Cumberland; Cook, Young, Schulken, Price. Craven, Scales and Cunningham.

An Early Tariff Revision on Moderate Protection Lines.

TRUSTS NOT TO BE FOSTERED.

Bond Issues to Take Up Greenbacks Expresses Himself Frankly.

A dispatch from E. V. Swalley to the O., outlines some of the features of the incoming McKinley administration. It says: "The President-elect has clear and positive views on all questions of national finance and he expresses them frankly to callers who bring up the subject. It must be a relief to him to receive a caller now and then who wants to discuss measures instead of men. At all events he seems to be if possible Populist caucus. He is working hard a trifle more cordial toward such callers "The views of Major McKinley on financial questions will no doubt be shared by all the members of his cabi-

port of some good Populist, probably net. There will thus be a definite and positive administration policy, which will be recommended to Congress, known to express the opinions of the new President and his constitutional advisers. This policy might be formally stated as follows:

iff on moderate protection lines. No disclosure of unsoundness in a few extremely high duties that might foster trusts or defeat the purpose of obtain- normal state of popular ceeling after an ing adequate revenue to pay the expenses of the government. "2. The restoration of the reciprocity

creaties of the Harrison administra-"3. The maintenance of all kinds of money at a parity with gold. "4. Efforts toward international bi-

metallism, in fulfilment of the pledge of the St. Louis platform. "... Gradual retirement of the greenbacks. as soon as the government has L pose and some other form of currency, bank or metallic, can be substituted for them. No new issue of bonds will be favored for the purpose of taking up the greenbacks. Possibly some plan may be suggested for a virtual retirement of a considerable/part of the greenbacks part of the bank reserves; this with a view of strengthening the gold basis of

the currency. '6. An enlargement of the national banking system to enable independent ower the in Past rate in the country listricts and and to lessen the present centripetal tendency of money towards

the large citic '7. Economy in government expenness by the condition of the times.

Epidemic or Suicides Last Year. There was quite an epidemic of suicides last year, the total number being 5,520, as compared with 5,759 in 1895, 4,912 in 1894, 4,436 in 1893, 3,860 in 1892, 3,531 in 1891 and 2,040 in 1890. The total shows a steady increase in the unfortunate crime of self-murder. Of this number 5,087 were males and 1,442 females, the proportion of about four to one being steadily maintained year by year. Among professional men, physicians still lead the mournful list, fortyseven having taken their lives, as compared with fifty-nine in 1895 and forty-

President Emeritus for Life. Gen. G. W. C. Lee, son of Gen.

five in 1894.

Robert E. Lee, President of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va , since his father's death, in 1870, in session at Mobile, Ala : George J. has resigned that position to take ef- Ramsey, president of the Silliman Col feet July 1. Continued ill health has lege Clinton, La, president; T. Fl forced him to take the step. He has McBeath, principal of the Jacksonville been appointed president emeritus for public schools of Jacksonville, Fla, life, and will give as much of his time vice-president; George B. Cook. of to the University's interest as his Hot Springs, superintendent of the health will permit.

Slashing Wages.

The employes of the Illineis Steel Mobile county, treasurer. Company at Chicago have been notified that their wages would be cut Feb. 1. cleared from Jacksonville, Fla., with a Associate Justice Walter A. Montgom- The amount of reductions has not as Maryland for President on November yet been agreed upno, but it is generally believed that it will be about 20 per cent. President Gales says it is the result of poor business.

A Traitor on Board.

The latest about the ill-fated fillibusterer "Commodore," which went down off the coast of Florida, is that one of the crew was killed and fifteen were lost in attempting to reach land. It is claimed that a traitor was on board and that he scuttled her and then tampered with the pumps.

Getting Ready for 1900.

The Progressive Democratic Club of New York, has decided to work for the nomination of William J. Bryan for President for 1900. The club has issued invitations to all Democratic organizations in the North to attend a ed to the ground. All the patients convention to be held this month.

Ten Thousand Applicants.

It is estimated that the extension of the civil service rules leaves at the President's disposal only 1,700 places in the departments and only 53 consulates. There are already at least 10,000 applicants for these places, with the 4th of March yet a great way off.

"How are you getting along with the bicycle?" asked Miss Cayenne. "Better than I expected," replied Willie Wishington. "So you have at last attempted to ride?" "No; I haven't gone quite that far. But I don't believe I'm quite as much afraid of it as I used to be."-Washington Star.

The leather trust is forcing prices skyward again. But don't kick; you can't afford to wear out your shoes that way,

LAST YEAR'S BUSINESS

As Reviewed by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.

R. G. Dun & Co. says: "There have been more commercial failures in 96 than in any previous year except 1893, about 14,890 against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of about \$225,000. -000 against \$173, 196,000 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent. and in liabilities of 29 per cent. Ties holidays make it impossible to give exact figures, but the monthly returns heretofore prepared show that \$36,00 '.-000 of the excess over last year was in two months. August and September, in which manufacturing liabilities were \$15,600,000 larger than last year, trading \$10,000,000 and brokers and

other commercial \$10,300,000 larger. the latter class \$11,041. 416 out of about \$18,600,000 were in those two months; of the manufacturing class, \$24,910,356 out of about \$98. 260,000 in the whole year were in thora two months, and of the trading class \$21,831,880 out of about \$108,500,000 in the whole year. The ratio of defaulted liabilities to clearing house exchanges was \$4.37 per \$1,000 against \$3.25 last year and \$6.39 in 1893. The average of defaulted liabilities per firm in business was \$190.57 against \$145 last year and \$290.65 in '93. For the first time detailed monthly statements are also published for the last quarter of the panic year 1893, showing liabilities

amounting to \$64,000,000. "The year closes with an epidemic of failures, mainly at the West and inbanks, loan and trust companies or concerns dependent on them. The action of clearing houses in various. places indicates no want of confidence and several banks which have failed '1. An immediate revision of the tar- will be enabled to pay in full, but, the widely known institutions in the abexciting contest on the monetary issue has caused distrust and suspicion where it is frequently undeserved. There has been no monetary pressure to cause trouble, nor have important Western products declined in value. There has evidently been too liberal assistance given by some fiduciary concerns to speculative operations. No drains on Eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large failures and the money then sent has all returned. surplus of revenue to apply to this pur- Failures often grow more frequent as annual settlements approach. "Wheat has risen to the highest point since June, 1832, because Western receipts in five weeks have been but

"Atlantic exports, flour included, and Treasury hotes by their use as a have been in five weeks 9,90',00') bushels, against 10,413,249 last year. The exports from New York, in December were 5 per cent. larger and imports 12 per cent. smaller than last year.'

13,280,000 bushels, against 22,605,367

carried on in pall towns. This might Five Hundred Leading Men Express

Confidence in the Future. About 500 leading Northern and Western manufacturers and railroad officials, including Presidents Cowen; ditures to concession with the economies enforced in all other lines of busi-Ingalls, of the Chesapeake & Ohio; Vice Presidents Finley, of the Southern Railroad, and St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line; President Gates, of the Illinois Steel Company; Abram S. Hewitt and others, contribute to the Manufacturers' Record their views upon

> the business outlook for 1807. Almost without exception they take a very favorable view of the situation and s general summary of their letters shows confidence in a gradual but sure return of business activity and pros-

> The expectation of many people that there would be a quick revival after the election is pointed out as without reason, and the position taken that the election only served to make possible a beginning of better times.

> Educational Associations Officers. Following are the offices elected by the Southern Educational Association Hot Springs public schools, re-elected

> > How It Was Done.

secretary; John D. Yerby, of Mobile

superintendent of public education in

The official canvass of the vote of 3 has been completed, this being the last State. The total vote in the dit ferent States was 13,886,503. Mckin lev (Rep.) received 7,101,401; Bryan (Dem.), 6,470,656; Palmer (Gold Stan dard), 135, 956; Levering (Pro.), 130, 560. Bentley, (National), 14,392; Matchette (Socialist), 33,538. McKinley's plural ity is 630,745; and his majority over all.

More Bank Failures.

At St. Paul, Minn., three banks, namely the Germania, the Albemania and the West Side, closed their doors last week, owing to a run being made upon them by their depositors.

Died From Fright. The Wyoming State general hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo., has been burn-

from fright. Gomez May Surrender. Private telegrams received in Madrid. Spain, from Havana, say that it is possible that Maximo Gomez and other in-

were removed, but one woman died

ish authorities. Gen. Francis A. Walker Dead. Gen. Francis A. Walker, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and widely known, died at

fluential Cubans will surrender to Span-

Boston last Tuesday. The heavy snow storm which prevailed out West last week will cause great suffering among cattle.

The postoffice deficit for the year is \$8,127,088, notwithstanding the fact that most of the poets send stamps for the return of rejected manuscripts.