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THE oluwing cash prices hold good daily: Best leaf lard 6; bonelas strips Dic. S. C. hams 8 to 17 pounds, 10; , and 11;c, cottolene 7;c Watch this space buckwheat 3.c. J. G SHANNONHOUSE, Agt. PR NG your pictures in and have

D them framed before the Christmas WHEELER WALL PAPER CO.

MECKLE'S Cough Syrup is guaran teed Not a single bottle has rill. been returned. It will cure you if you cough. 25 cents at Thornton's Prescription Drug Store, West Trade st.

TR. E. P. KEERANS. DENTIST, West Ttrade Street.

Charlotte, N. C. ZUNDAY School committees on Trade street. Christmas affairs will find it to their interest to see my stock before HARRIS & KEESLER crowded? No purchasing candies, cakes, apples, etc. J. FABNACHT

FOR RENT-Droom, two story dwelling, 404 North Tryon; bath room both lower and upper floor. W. S ALEXAUDER.

LOR RENT-519 S Church; 207 E. Seventh; 806 N. Pine; 904 W Trade Ali desirable and in first class

neighborhood. A DUNCAN M OSBOR'E R. U. L ALEXANDER,

DENTIST. No. 8. South Tryon Street,

Something New in Charlotte.

STYLISH TAILORED GARMENTS AT POPULAR PRICES. Good business suits to your order for \$12 50. Many pieces of cloth to select See our Kersey and Melton overcoats at \$12. Everything guaranteed. Your money back if you like.

ROY C. RAMSEY, 208 N. Tryon st. Hunt Block.

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Office, 7 West Trade Street. Practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat.

CYDONIA LOTION

Prevents the skin from chaffing and preserves it soft and pliant. It is pleasantly perfumed and free from any greasy or sticky feeling.

Burwell & Dunn Co. R. H. JORDAN & CO.'S

Tryon stress, all of November except Wednesdays and Thursdays. His prac

21 N. TRYON STREET

Physicians and Surgeons,

John R. Irwin & C. A. Misenheimer.

Office No. 31 N. Tryon St. Have You Seen Our New Quarters

It is said we have one of the bandsomest Jewelry stores in North Carolina Come and see for yourself. Our line of goods is from the best manufacturers. SHALL & HANDISON, Jewelers. Next to Long, Tate & Co.'s.

ENDING THE CIGARETTE LAW IN Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1.-The Iowa

prohibitory cigarette law seems to have been knocked out. The tobacco trust as discovered that the State law cannot be enforced, because it interferes with inter-State commerce, and yesterday large shipments of cigarettes were received from New York and sold in the original 6-cent packages, and no attempt was made to prevent it

> LOCAL WEATHER REPORT. S. L. Dosher, Observer.

Barem. | Tem. | Weather | Precipitation 30.38 | 32 | Cl'dy. | 00. Maximum temperature, 33; minimum

SAME DATE LAST YEAR. Maximum temperature, 49; minimum mperature, 34.

WEATHER FORECAST. For North Carolina: Threatening eather with light rain or snow; slightv warmer in western portion; northeasterly winds, brisk and high on the

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

HARRIS & KEESLER'S ad says some

KNOCKED DOWN WITH DOLLARS -Biggest stock boots and shoes you ever heard of; best makes; prices less than cost to manufacture; come quick. Belk Bros., Cheapest Store on Earth. hoods in the city; near street car line. Apply at 304 West Tenth street.

CULTIVATED and refined lady wishes a situation as housekeeper or ompanion. Address lock box No. 166,

WANTED-Three rooms for light house-keeping; family of three; cenl cated. "M," care Observer. JUST RECEIVED-A lot of capes. Williams, Hood & Co.

OON'T BUY an old dress pattern when you can get a new one for the same

OUR COUNTERS are loaded down with new stuff. Don't buy till you have een it. Williams, Hood & Co. NO FAKE sale here, but you know

that our prices are always right. Williams, Hood & Co. white bacon 5c , mountain or Northern LOST-Small pug dog. Finder will be rewarded if returned to Jno. M. Trott. WANTED-A good, second-hand safe.

> HARRIS & KERSLER'S sale brings people from all wer the State. FOR SALE-Bargain, 6-room cottage; water, gas. 510 N. Peplar, N. J. Sher-

> CALL ON GEO MESSER for firstclass horseshoeing. We have the fin-est horseshoer in the State. We average 120 shoes per day, but our capacity is not limited, as we can drive 300 just as easily. If your horse is lame, we can cure him, as most of the lameness is caused by bad shoeing. Shop in rear of Elliott's marble yard, 212 West

wonder. Such prices! Such prices! FOR RENT-House, 300 West Tenth st. 8 rooms. S. S. McNnich.

FOR RENT-HOUSE with modern improvements; 300 S. Church. Baumgar

FOR RENT-One of the best store rooms in the city; good hitching lot in rear. John A. Berryhill, 225 W.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL Manufacturers' agents for all styles of vehicles, representing the largest con-cerns in the United States. Write for catalogue and prices. Largest stock in ne Carolinas. Buggies, Surreys, Traps. haetons, Road Wagons, Carts, Farm Sagons, etc. Agents for Charlotte and Catawba

Fertilizers. S. S. McNINCH & CO. -TO NIGHT AT-OPERA HOUSE

-BELFORD'S-

Owing to the inclement weather the management has secured the opera house and will give the entire performance on the stage just the same as under

> NO ADVANCE IN PRICES. -ADMISSION-

10°. 20°. AND 30°

TO-NIGHT.

Dermal

Balm. The best for chapped face, lips and hands, and any abrasion of

the skin. You will like it. Only at

An interesting place to visit, but especially will it be so for several weeks \$4,747,925, an increase of \$164,155, and a Being pressed for money-at leat \$2 000 | net of \$2,48,209, a decrease of \$251,657. within the next 15 days-I out my en tire stock on the market at greatly reduced prices-numbers of articles at cost-simply to get the investment in ready dash. I am not accustomed to faise advertising, so will be pleased to this afternoon, the vibrations lasting have all call and inspect for them several seconds. Buildings swayed so selves. My stock is new, handsome and perfect in every respect.

A liberal share of patronage is selicit

N. B.-Leek in north window for money making proposition.

JNO. FARRIOR. No. 4 S. Tryon St.

THE ICE GORGE IS UNBROKEN. DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THREATEN

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Being Flooded Because a Dam of Ice Has Formed in the River Just Below - Water Two Feet Deep at Places in the City - Acother Gorge Forming Above the Place, Which, if It Should Break Suddenly, Would Sweep the Whole Town Away- he People Panic-Stricken and Moving Out-The hermometer Below Zero.

Chippewa, Falls, Wis., Dec. 1.-The ce gorge is unbroken and the water is now running over the lower section of the city and steadily rising. All hope of household goods and merchandise. moving people and elects to places of At 9 o'clock to-day the water had

crept up to the bridge and to the post- such scientific men as we are come to office, two blocks from the river. The river is now 22 feet above low water mark. The Wisconsin Central tracks are covered with water two feet, and the

omaha tracks are used in the transfer trains at Eau Claire. Duncan creek, tributary to the Chippewa river, here, is also doing much damage. The water is backing up in it rom the river. The Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company's mill and lumber \$26,000, and he has posted \$5,000, which board meets in regular semi-annual yards are all under water. Every resible will forfelt if he fails to pull of the session to-morrow. Secretary Bruner

has moved out. It is thought by many that this is only the beginning, as there is no possible hope of getting a channel cut brough the jam of logs and ice. The river gorge is now 23 feet high and four and a half miles long. All the farming of Wheaton is under water, and the oss to farmers is enormous. Many farmers barely escaped with their lives and in some places houses and barns FOR RENT-Elegant new eight-room were carried away. Live stock has house in one of the best neighbor- been lost by every farmer. The sufrible, as the thermometer shows from to 5 degrees below zero. At 10 a. m. all hope was given up of

saving the entire lower part of the city The ice is rapidly forming five miles below and the water is rising in the city at the rate of a foot an hour. Everybody is making preparations to move to the hills. A report that another gorge is forming at Little Falls, 30 miles above here, was brought in this morning and increased the panic as in case of it breaking suddenly the whole city would be swept away.

A report from Durand, south of he says thirty people have lost their lives noney at the Racket Store. Williams, and suffering from the cold is intense. probably greatly exaggerated.

A LIVELY SKIRMISH

the Insurgents and Spanish Have a Little Set-To in Havana Province. Havana, Dec. 1 .- A large force of panish troops have met a detachment insurgents under the command of Del Gado, at Navio, near San Jose de , but despite these advantages they vere dislodged and dispersed with great The Spanish loss was also heavy. 50 of their number being killed, includng the captain and a lieutenant. deutenant and 22 privates were wound-in his new place. Mr. D. R. Juliar fierce one and both sides fought bravely. It lasted five hours. ONLY ONE CORESPONDENT WITH

WEYLER. Madrid, Dec. 1-A dispatch to th orrespondent of that paper is the only newspaper representative accompany egainst Maceo in the province of Pinar I Rio. The correspondent sends a dis oatch from Los Palacios, under ate of Sunday, November 29, in which e says that the Spanish column as ived at that place without having een the enemy. The final operations o seneral Weyler, he says, will be car ied out with activity, but without pre ipitation, and in a manner insuring a bsolutely successful outcome

WEYLER ON THE MARCH-A SKIR MISH. Havana. Dec. 1.-It is reported that General Weyler has arrived at Tac. Paco, about three leagues southwes f San Cristobel. After a short res the troops started on the march again but their objective point is not known They met no rebels on the way from San Cristobel. The Spanish force, commanded Col. Pavia, has had an encounter with

he rebels at the Santos Ranch, nea Bolondron, province of Matanzas. Ac ording to Col. Pavia's report the reb is were routed with a loss of 14 killed ncluding Jose Antonio Arguelles. Spanish ligutenant and one private

BUNCH OF TEXAS FAILURES Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.-Telegrams t ommercial agencies at Dallas report the failure of A. J. Soape, harness, sad-dles and buggies, at Ennis, Tex., lia-bilities \$20,000, assets \$7,000; Walton & \$9.000: bilities \$10,000, assets \$5,000; J. H. Box, ued two or more days. Abbott, Tex., general merchant, liabili ties \$15,000, assets \$8,000

RAILROAD SALE AUTHORIZED Atlanta, Dec. 1.-A bill was intro uced in the House here to-day author izing the Governor to sell the Northeastern Railroad. The minimum price named is \$287,000, the amount of the Mr. Boynton introduced a bill to au thorize the courts to grant an injunc ion mandamus to compel railroads t omply with the orders of the State

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 1.-The State Baptist Convention of South Carolin vill open here to-morrow night. Man delegates are already in the city o-night, and many others will arrive o-morrow. Distinguished Baptists rom all over the United States will be attendance on the Convention, which will hold day sessions in the Citade Square Baptist church each morning

A VILLAGE LOOTED. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1.-A gang robbers looted the village of Moline miles south of this city, last night All the stores in the village and the railroad office were burglarized and considerable booty secured, consisting of clothing, cutlery and jewels. It is not known how much money the burglars secured. There is no clew to the

L. & N. FINANCES. New York, Dec. 1.-The Louisville & Nashville Railroad reports for October gross earnigs of \$1,962,049, a decrease of \$17,551; expenses of \$1.215,957, an increase of \$11,826, and net earnings of \$749,092, a decrease of \$29,337, and from July 1st to October 31st gross of \$6,996, 134, a decrease of \$87,502; expenses of

AN ILLINOIS EARTHQUAKE. St. Louis, Dec. 1.-A special from Cairo, Ill., says that a severe shock of earthquake was felt in that city at 1:19

Can't Hear from Fitzsimmons-Wants to Fight at Coney Island—Desires the Presence of Dr. Parkhurst—Thinks Fitz Will Whip Sharkey.

New York Dispatch, Nov. 30, James J. Corbett arrived in this city last night. He was asked regarding the decision rendered by District Attorney Backus, of Brooklyn, which says that the proposed boxing match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons cannot be held in the Greater New York Athletic Club, on Coney Island.

"Of course," said Corbett, "the law on our side. There is no law in the statute books which forbids boxing, and particularly scientific boxing. You canpreaking the gorge is abandoned, and not make a distinction between us and all attention is given now to saving men like Dixon and Erne, who have had it out. I say it is for the interest of Every team in the city is kept busy boxing to bring such scientific men as Fitzsimmons and myself together. we should ever fight it will be seen then that there is less brutality when two gether. If we could get Dr. Parkhurst and Commissioner Roosevelt to see us box it would be the making of boxing. Corbett said that he had received an fight Fitzsimmons for \$15,000, to take place in the South in some place Shiart

"I have not received Mr. Stuart's letter yet. I have signed articles with Warren Lewis, of Coney Island, for match on January 14th. I am anxiously says there is only routine business to waiting for Fitzsimmons to make a be done. time and again, but can receive no answer from him. It is all in Fitzy. mons' hands. The clubs have been write ing to him and they have met with the same success I have in hearing from

Speaking of the ten rounds "go" tween Sharkey and Fitzsimmons, which takes place in San Francisco next or 400 bales remain unpicked. Mr. week Corbett said that he looked for Leazar is a man of marked ability. It Fitzsimmons to whip Sharkey. "Will whip him in a very short hile," said Corbett, "unless Sharkey while." uses his foul tactics and wrestles, as he did on me. I think they will stop him. Fitzsimmons ought to win

MARRIAGE AT SALISBURY. C. Caldwell in the Race for the Sen

ate-Personal and Other Items. pecial to the Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 1.-Cards are out an ouncing the marriage of Miss Agnes for free silver. In such a case all oueche and Mr. Lucian H. Harris Miss Wednesday, December 16th. toucche is one of Salisbury's lovely oung ladies. Mr. Harris is a posta lerk on the Salisbury and Knoxville P. O., and has made many friends ince his residence here. ake a tour to points North and return o Hickory, where they will reside.
Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville. was here this morning and said to gentleman that he intends entering the enatorial race.

Mrs. W. A. James, whose husband met a tragic end in the collision on the Western road near Round Knob Fri-Las Lajas, in Havana province. The day morning, the 20th ultimo, will move rebels had a much superior force than to Asheville. She is now packing her he Spanish, and occupied strong post- furniture preparatory to taking her They left thirty-nine dead on the of the Davis & Wiley Bank, has accept ed a position with the Cone Expor and Commission Company at Greens boro. He left last night to begin work

was an exceedingly finance committee, has been notified to Mr. D. R. Julian, member of the State meet with Treasurer Worth and the ther members of the committee on the 15th inst. to examine the books. At a meeting last night the Luther eague here took a new lease on life mparcial from Havana says that the A general re-organization will be effect d Friday evening, December 11th. Mrs. W. H. Leith, of Morganton, wh has been visiting friends in the city, returned home this morning. Gen. J. D. Glenn, of Greensboro, was here to-day.

NORTH CAROLINIAN ELECTEI MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 1.-The city election here to-day resulted in the election of Frank V. Evans, Democrat nominee for mayor, and his full ticket of aldermen, in opposition to the reform ticket, headed by C. E. Ensien, anker, and A. C. Lowry, an independ-Two years ago the reformers on; but this time the negroes divided, the most respectable and influenal among them voting the regular Democratic ticket. The mayor-elecvas for ten years treasurer of the city and was at one time editor of the Age-Herald, the predecessor of the state-Herald. He is a native of North

HE SANTA FE RECEIVERSHIP Topeka, Kan., Dec. 1.-Judge Thayer, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, arrived here from -.. Louis at ion from Judge Foster, to come and sit with him in the Santa Fe receivership case. The case comes up upon the same propositions of law as before and in their argument the attorneys say the same ground will be covered, with the exception, probably, that the re-arguments will be more exhaustive Ramsay, general merchants, Grand The question first to be decided by View, Tex., liabilities \$15,000; assets Judges Thayer and Foster is the one of 9,000; J. M. McClennand, Weather-jurisdiction. Argument was begun this ord, Tex., dry goods and notions, lia-afternoon and will probably be contin-

LOST THEIR LIVES FOR NAUGHT Everette, Mass., Dec. 1.-While crossing the tracks of the eastern division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, in response to an alarm of fire, at 2:30 this afternoon, fire engine No. 2, of this city, was struck by a locomotive and Boardman Bennett, the engineer of the steamer, was instantly killed. Stevens, the driver, was severely injured, and died soon afterward. Both rses were fatally hurt. It was learned that there was no fire, the alarm having been rung through a misunder-

DR. JAMESON TO BE RELEASED FROM JAIL. London, Dec. 1.-The report publish ed to-day in the Daily Mail that Sir Matthew White Ridley, the Home Secretary, has ordered the release from Holloway jail of Dr. Jameson, Transvaal raider, is confirmed upon official authority. Though his re-lease has been decided upon by the authorities, the condition of Dr. Jameson's health renders it impossible or him to be removed from the fail at resent.

A CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA. Richmond, Dec. 1.-A Warsaw, Richmond county, special to the Inspatch Samuel Jones, a respected citizen of this county, died at his home near this village at an early hour this morning of a well developed case of and write. Such is the great resposibility of North Carolina. If she does not hydrophobia. On election night Jones vas bitten by a mad dog. For the past few days he had been suffering agony. county and there is a great deal of ex-

MISSISSIPPI'S GOVERNOR POINTS. Jackson, Miss., Dec. 1.-Governor McLaren has appointed ex-Congressman Stockdale, of Pike county, to fill Terral, of Clarke, for the term beginnig in May.

CORBETT TALKS AT LONG RANGE. JUDGE NORWOOD TO BE FIRED. twelve weeks at this rate? The teach HIS HONOR IS TO BE IMPEAUHED.

Folks Mad at Russell—The Penitentiary pear is \$835,265, that is to say (bear-Farms and Superintendent Leazar—Suing in mind the amount paid teachers)

preme Court Decisions. Obesrver Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 1 The Biblical Recorder speaks about Judge Norwood's intemperance and says: "This is not the first time such

hisgraceful conduct has been reported of Judge Norwood. He seems to be hopeless subject of strong drink. He ought to resign for his own sake. If he does not, he ought to be impeached The bench should be kept above reproach, above all other parts of the government." Your correspondent is assured on auhority that Judge Norwood will be

mpeached. It is also learned on high authority that a number of counties will ask the Legislature to allow them to adopt the of hose which got loose from the firelispensary law. It is asserted that in Haywood county it is found to work admirably. The finance committee of the Board

of Agriculture met this afternoon. The session to-morrow. Secretary Bruner Three convicts from Rowan have ar-

rived at the penitentiary. Superintendent Leazar, of the penitentiary, is on a ten day's trip to the the great freshet. As yet 300 or 400 bales remain unpicked. Mr. is no flattery to say that his management of the penitentiary is in all respects admirable.

It is said that the statement made day or two ago that 9 per cent. of the North Carolina Railroad favored its really much opposition to it. State Chairman Ayer was asked to

ome here and pledge himself to vote was learned. hands might vote for him." Some of the brethren whisper that D. L. Russell has his eye on the Senate. It does not so appear. His interview, just published, is not along that and has made many friends line. It is said the interview has great-s residence here. They will ly angered the Dockery men. And to sure Col. Dockery has friends. Evangelist Fife and his brother, W. Fife, were here to-day on their way a from Henderson to Newbern. The evangelist tells me he had a big reival at Henderson and that there were 50 conversions. He says the "White 'rook" show got the opera house from him one night, but did only \$28 business. Among to-day's arrivals were J. C. L. Bird, of Marion; W. C. Newland, of Lenoir; E. J. Justice, of Marion; Frank

> ceremony was performed by Rev. E. E. Rose, brother of the groom, and Rev. Dr. N. B. Cobb. It is to be regretted that the halls of the two houses of the Legislature have not experienced the touch of the kalare very dingy. The furniture has been ly wounded. Then, without re-polished. It is all very fine mahogany, put there in 1838, it is said. electoral college met at 12:30 and Freeman, Thomas, Keith, Kluttz, Gilmer, Bailey Justice Clark, who was invited by a ommittee to administer the oaths. All the electors save Tyre York were present, and a grapevine telegram brought news that he was headed toward

of Edenton

At Pittsboro to-day,

Raleigh on his famous mule, "Gin'ral Jackson," of which due announcement vas made to the college. R. B. Davis presided and Elector Merritt was secretary. The electors had no certificates. It seems that while the State law says the electors were to meet to-day, the first Tuesday in De ember, it is only to organize and fill ny vacancies. But the law further says that the Governor shall issue commissions on or before the first Wedneslay in December. On motion of Elector Kluttz the college adjourned, or rather ook a recess, until noon to-morrow. Governor Carr will return in the mornng and issue the certificates. Elector raig says the statute does not provide that the Governor shall furnish these until to-morrow. There appears really to be a vacancy, as the law seems to make absence a vacancy. Elector Freeman says he thinks that in case York fails to arrive the vacancy cannot be filled to-morrow. Elector Kluttz, in speaking of the vote of the college, said that really no vote will be cast until

the January meeting, which is the legal

Invitations to the "silver wedding" Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Wrightsville, have been received here. he date is December 5th. The cold snap is right on hand. The ground was frozenn hard this morning. The Supreme Court files the following pinions: Powell vs. Sikes from Granlle, affirmed; Carter vs. Elmore, from Sampson, dismissed; Stack vs. Pepper from Stokes, affirmed; Pastley vs Richardson, from Alleghany, new trial Caudal vs. Moran, from Stokes error Johnson vs. Rodeger, from Forsyth, af-firmed; Marion vs. Tilley, from Stokes, affirmed; Williams vs. Railroad, from Surry, new trial; Snyder vs. Boyd, from Surry, new trial; Kiger vs. Terry, from Stokes, affirmed; Broyhill vs. Gaither, from Wilkes, affirmed; Cullen vs. Ab-sher, from Wilkes, new trial; State vs. Isley, from Wilkes, new trial; State vs. from Stokes, new trial; State vs. Childs, from Forsyth, new trial; Stith vs. Jones, from Davidson reversed; Riley vs. Hall, from Cumber-land, affirmed; State vs. Horne, from Robeson, affirmed; Vaughan vs. Jefreys, from Edgecombe, reversed Editor Daniels, of the News and Observer, entertained at dinner this eve-

ning all the electors here, ten in number.
The Biblical Recorder to-day contains the following, under the head "The Facts in the Case": "By the courtesy of Hon. J. C. Scar borough, Superintendent of Public Instruction, we are able to give facts and figures of his report on our public schools for the present year, in advance of the publication of the report. There are 635,455 children of school age between 6 and 21 years) in North Carolina. Ninety-five per cent. of these which is 603,673, are dependent on the public schools to teach them to read provide schools, 603,673 of the children in her borders have no hope, no oppor-Several mad dogs are at large in the tunity but to grow up illiterate, ignorant utterly. If she provides schools, sorry teachers, and keeps them only a few weeks in each year, the chances of these 603,673 children are but slightly improved. And it is no reflection on the teachers to say that this is the condition of the average public school; the reflection is upon the man Stockdale, of Fike County, to his out Judge Cooper's unexpired term, Assemblies which have met without which ends next May, and Judge S. M. Making better provision, it is a shame Gas was sold for the account of the making better provision, it is a shame firm. enough to recognize these conditions A DEFICIT IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 1.—The State of Iowa has a deficit of \$500,000 in sight.

A DEFICIT IN IOWA.

and to deplore them, but who have indifferently tolerated them. No patriot can stand to see the 603,673 children out of the total of 635,445 in the State, com-

"In this connection let us append two facts of interest while we have them at The total number of school districts in North Carolina is 7,807, that is The Electoral College Meets - Old York to say (bearing in mind that the numand Gineral Jackson Not There-Halle- ber of schools reported is 7,191) that in lujah Suggests That Pritchard May Take 616 districts there were no schools at the Pledge and Be Re-Elected—Dockery pended on the public schools for the

houses, sites, furniture, expenses of county boards, fuel, etc. A FIRE IN NEW YORK.

that \$145,104 was expended for school

Two Firemen Severely Injured in Fighting the Flames—The Scene Was From Broadway to Mercer Streets. New York, Dec. 1 .- Two firemen were severely injured to-night at a fire in the brick building No. 147 Broadway, and extending through to Mercer street which did \$100,000 damage. The men are Captain Charles Kelly, who had and severe contusions of the body, and Fireman John J. Smedler, whose body was badly bruised. They were knocked down by a stream of water from a line

The fire was discovered just after o'clock by a policeman standing on the corner of Clinton place and Mercer street. Smoke was coming from the basement of No. 306. The store and the cellar were occupied by the Rothschild Sons Company, manufacturers of bar fixtures and billiard tables. The store extended through the building from Broadway to Mercer. The flames spread rapidly, and in a few minutes after the farms, taking an inventory of the and third floors, occupied by Leo Goodcrops and property. On 2,750 acres of man & Brother, necktie manufacturers, land in cotton over 2,000 bales were and the fourth floor, occupied by David raised, 1,000 acres having been destroy- Garber, a photographer, caught fire. the building on the south side, occu-pled by E. V. Connett & Co., hat makers, and the second floor was soon enveloped in flames.

After a battle of an hour and a half the flames were gotten under control. E. V. Connett & Co. lost \$30,000 and private stockholders of the Atlantic & Holzman Brothers \$24,000. The building No. 147 Broadway was completely lease was incorrect, and that there is gutted. The Rothschilds' loss is about \$75,000. The Goodmans' lose \$25,000 and the photographer \$2,000. The losses day if it would be safe to bet \$50 to given are reported by the police, but \$40 that Pritchard would be returned. Fire Chief Bonner thought the total He replied, "No, for Pritchard may would be less than \$100,000. No cause

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

A Boy of 20 Kills a Man of 35, in Geor gia. After a Fierce Struggle. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1 .- A special to the Constitution from Thomasville says as the climax of his persistent persecu-35 years of age, who lived in the upper part of Thomas county, attacked Tobe his neighbor, a youth of 20. with a knife and in a desperate fight that followed was shot and killed by Bryant. The latter immediately surrendered to the sheriff, and is now jail awaiting an investigation of the affair. Both men were prominent in the

Yesterday they had a quarrel. Carlisle warning shoved the door open and home, Miss Emma Fouschee was united walked in. As soon as he saw Bryant in marriage to Rev. W. W. Rose, of the he directed a tirade of abuse against North Carolina Methodist Conference. him. Bryant warned him to desist, and notified some women who were presenthat it would be well for them to send Carlisle away. They attempted to do this, and the latter grew furious. He drew a knife and rushed toward Bryant, who tried to defend himself, but sominers and painters this year. Both was struck in the shoulder and severenesitation, he clinched with Carlisle and a desperate struggle began. The boy caught the knife hand of his antagonist was in session half an hour. Electors and while holding on to it with the Davis, Craig, Freeman, Howland, strength of despair, succeeded in pulling a pistol. He placed the muzzle and Merritt were sworn by Associate against Carlisle's head and fired. Bryant looked up the sheriff and surren dered. He is now in jail. eaves a wife and family.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES UNITE The Postal and Commercial Cable Com panies Form a Closer Alliance. mercial Cable Company's directors me

graph Cable Company and the Com to-day to take action in regard to form-ing a closer alliance. The relations of the two companies will not be changed except that they will be bound closer in organization by the absorption of Postal stock by the Commercial Comoany. The latter will give in exchange for the Postal stock a debenture of collateral trust bond, dollar for dollar and guarantee 4 per cent. The capital of the Postal Company is \$15,000,000 with no bonds; the Commercial Cable Company's capital stock is \$10,000,000, no bonds. This closer alliance is formed for the purpose of continuing in perpe tuity the co-operative working of the two companies. The stock of each com pany at present is held by practically

the same interests; so that in this respect the new arrangement will make no change The Postal Company commenced this year to pay dividends of one per cent quarterly. The Commercial Cable Company has paid 7 per cent, annually fo several years. A meeting of the stock holders of both companies has been called for December 22 to ratify the ac

ion of the directors. THE MONETARY CONFERENCE. Fifty Delegates Present at the Open

ing Session-Addresses By Prominen Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 1.-The mone ary conference called by the Indian apolis board of trade met at the Deni on House this afternoon and was call ed to order at 2:10 p. m. by Justice (dams, president of the board of trade About 50 delegates were present at the opening session, among the more prominent being M. E. Ingalls, of Cincin nati, and J. G. W. Cowles, of Cleveland Each commercial organization pres-ent was allowed three votes, and upon notion of E. B. Martindale, of this city x-Governor Stannard, of Missouri was made permanent chairman. Attorney General Miller and John'R Wilson, both of Indianapolis, addressed

he convention at some length. A resolution was adopted declaring was the sense of the conference that general conference of commercial odies be called at Indianapolis about January 12, for the purpose of suggesting such legislation as may be neces sary to place the currency system of the country upon a sound and perma ient basis. It was found, however, that the hal ould not be secured on January 5, and the date was left to a local sub committee. It probably will be fixed at

lanuary 12. BOSTON FIRM OF BROKERS SUSPEND. Boston, Dec. 1.-The suspension of he firm of Gage & Felton, bankers and brokers at 30 Kilby street, was an- affairs. ounced on the stock exchange to-day The firm was insolvent and probably owed \$100,000. Both members of the firm have left the city. The cause of the failure was speculation. Member of the firm have no assets. On the exchange some 1,000 shares of Pionee mining stock was sold "under the rule" for the firm. The stock was supported well, its friends taking the of \$30,000. Fully covered by insurance, shares under forced sale. Bay State

THE HARVARD-YALE ATHLETIC AGREEMENT. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 1.-The new this afternoon, the vibrations lasting several seconds. Buildings swayed so perceptlely that the inmates became alarmed and rushed into the streets. No serious damage was done.

A BLIZZARD IN TEXAS.

St. Louis, Dec. 1—Reports received from Texas state that a severe bilizzard has been raging in portions of that State during the past 48 hours. At Houston, Victoria and Eagle Past the heaviest snow storm of recent years is raging. It is not thought that cattle will suffer very much.

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Cherry Mountain, Nov. 28 .- This is t

serve notice that the oldest inhabitant

to that name ever since Braddock's

never met him, and he is such a rapid

transit old patriarch that I hope never

CHALLENGING THE SQUIRES. The Litigants Rejected All Who Were Persona Non Grata, Just as in Choosing a Jury—The Record of the Oldes Inhabitant at Cherry Mountain.

Correspondence of the Observer.

to overtake him. One night last week he started out for a sixty-mile walk, and told his folks that as he was in no particular hurry he might not get in much before night. He is sound of mind, limb and condition, and condition, and reported on schedule time at the home of E. Z. Champion, a justice of the peace and a local politician. He took dinner, and as he had just to make forty miles before sunset, he put in an hour revealing to 'Squire Champion how he had succeeded in cording up a very long and very martial record. He answers to the name of Burt Franklin, and claims that he has been answering is again getting in his mark. I have defeat. He helped sweep Furgeson's minions from the summit of King's Mountain, and to route the forces of Gibbs and Packenham at New Orleans In the Creek and Indian wars he cover-ed himself with gloy and his belt with scalps. Then exico needed his attention, and he marched on the gory fields of Monterey, Cerro Gordo, Buena Vista and Chepultapec, and stalked with dripping blade into the City of Mexico. In '61 he enlisted under the starry cross of Lee and Jackson and staid until thes urrender at Appomatox. Now his step is still as elastic as that of the mountain doe, and his eye shines with the light of heroic resolve. He may go down to Cuba and take the top off Weyler's head, rout his army and administer on his estate Should another war arise among ourselves, I speak in time, for Uncle Burt to be my substitute. He has his hand in and I am a man of peace. So all and sundry take notice that this cliam is staked with all spurs, dips and angles. My friend, Amos Owens, was a brave soldier in the Confederacy, but he didn't know hen to quit fighting. When Lee surrendered at Appomatox Amos didn't think that the war was more than half over and came home and opened up a relentless crusade against the red strings. In some respects he was as relentless as Henry Berry Lowry, but never added robbery to his o quests. He is still an unreconstruced rebel, and defies Uncle Sam and his

without scratching. In that we agree. and I fear we will have to go out of ousiness. I have gone back on McKinley for not giving me a postoffice. He might have sent me some old clothes, but instead he sent them to white Republi ans. Several of them I see with Mark Hanna's and McKinley's old clothes, and the clothes are too big for them saw a white Republican at Polkville ot long since with what looked like the same old hat that Ben Harrison used to vear, that Henry Watterson called 'his grandfather's hat.' Speaking of Polkville, it still comes in

istory everybody went into law. Mag-

evenue laws. Next to a revenue raider

Uncle Amos despises a preacher who

loesn't vote the Democratic ticket

istrates and chimney-corner lawyers are here by the legion, and they mus Men fight and get warrants and the civil suits are quite a feature When a man cuts down a board tree ir lispute business of every kind is suspended for a week, till the ownership is established. One of the most original rials came off yesterday that is known to jurisprudence. A contractor had built a house and brought suit for his pay, under a mechanic's lien. The magistrate who issued the process was bjected to for cause, as was his asociate. Both sides agreed to arbitra ion, but one of the litigants required he other to give bond, when the other finally concluded to let the law take its course. As we have some seventyfive magistrates and non-commissioned magistrates, they were all ummoned on a special venire, and challenged like jury. The challenge went: "Litigant ook upon the 'squire 'squire, look upor he litigant. Do you like him? After he special venire was exhausted (all tu three) a 'squire who was not pres nt was selected. One of the litigants said he was ready for trial that even-ing, while the other insisted that he rould not be ready till the 20th, prox Both agreed to this date, when one o the rejected 'squires suggested that his honor who had been selected was a good Methodist, and that the 20th prox. is his meeting day. Nobody had hought of the 20th coming on Sunday. and part of the crowd said not to have it on Sunday as they wanted to go abbit hunting on that day. As a representative of Cherry Mountain I suggested that Sunday was the day that nost of our members visit in Cherry fountain, but I didn't like to have our usiness conflict. It was then decided have the trial on the 19th, and all ome up to Cherry Mountain on Sun-Amos is going to be present, and addition to his corn and rye refreshments, promises to have ten dozen ose eggs cooked up for the occasion ly business will be to mix Thomas and eremiah, egg-nog, mint-slings, cotch, and dodge brick-bats and bul-CORN-CRACKER.

FAVORED A REPUBLIC. The Leader of the Opposition in Cape Town Parliament Startled His

London. Dec. 1.—A dispatch from ape Town to the Daily Mail says that P. Schriener, formerly Attorney eneral, but now leader of the Opposi ion in the Parliament of Cape Town made a speech at a banquet at Cape Fown yesterdlay which was virtually a republican manifesto. He avowed that he looked forward to the creation of an dependent African nation by uniting the existing governments in South The speech startled the au Africa. dience and the speaker was frequently interrupted by protests from his hearers. Mr. Schriener finally became angry over these interruptions and used violent language, for which he subsequent ly apologized.

SLIM BETTING ON THE PRIZE · FIGHT. Dec. 1.-The betting Chicago at the sporting resorts on the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight, in San Francisco, to-morrow night has been light, but many wagers are expected o be made to-morrow. The bets are made on the length o the fight. One bookmaker is reported to have offered \$5,000 at odds of 2 to 1 hat Fitzsimmons would win

TO WIND UP THE TRUST New York, Dec. 1 .- The members the wire nail association have decided after two days deliberation to dissolve the association and wind up its

The cruiser Brooklyn went into comission at League navy vard at Phila lelphia yesterday at 1:42 p. m. At an early hour yesterday morning ire in the Zeeman, Barney & Brothers carriage factory at St. Louis damaged the building and contents to the exten

Came to Hear the Lecture.

Mr. W. F. Marshall, editor of the Gastonia Gazette, one of the very brightest weeklies in the State, came up last night to hear Dr. Lorimer's lecture. Thirteen years ago Dr. Lorimer delivered the baccalaureste at Wake

GOV. JOHNSTON'S INAUGURAL

HE IS SWORN IN AT MONTGOMERY

He Makes an Eloquent Speech, Pointing Out the Advantages of Alabama for In-dustrial Development — His Message to the Legislature and Its Recommenda-

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1.—The day was inclement, with a steady rain fall-ing. In spite of the elements the inauguration programme was fully carried out. The procession started at 2 o'clock and soon reached the capitol. There was a fine turn out of soldiers. The State House contained a great who stood with umbrellass of the capitol who stood with umbrellass. many people, who stood with un

stretched over them.
Senators and members of the He were on the portico of the capitol, from which the exercises were conducted Prayer was offered by Rt. Rev. H. M Jackson, assistant bishop of Alabama. Governor Oates spoke of his appreciation of the consideration which had been shown him by the people of Alabama, and said that on retiring he did so with the consciousness of having so with the consciousness of having sought to do his duty. He then paid a tribute to Governor Johnston, and introduced him to the assemblage. Captain Johnston's remarks were in no sense olitical. He made no reference to paries, but made several suggestio the policy for building up the State. After referring to climate, soil, timber, mineral wealth and other advantages

of residence in Alabama, he said: "These are our opportunities; the sub-stantial ground work upon which a great Commonwealth can be erected." is our duty and our privilege to utilize these blesings. "This is the age of industrial develop

ment, and to that task the Legisla-ture and the citizen should bend their energies and weary not in well doing. When we consider that we are now using less than a third of the State's re-sources, and that the other two-thirds produce nothing but taxes, it behooves us to invite to our borders and give gen erous welcome to men to aid in awakening our dormant resources.
"Our pig iron should be melted and ur cotton spun and woveen at home, thus giving employment to labor and establishing home markets for our agricultural products. The smoke factories should be found rising in every county, and furnaces fired up. The production of grasses should encourage the raising of cattle, which should be stimulated until we become

great beef-raising States of the Union.

There seems to be no good reason why

our productive lands should not become

a great centre for the manufacture of

beet sugar, and by its exportation to sister States, add further store to our ncreasing incomes.
"We must also bear in mind that as ur State progresses in population. wealth and development we can deve larger and larger sums to the education f our children, the reformation of our criminal classes and the enlighten-ment and progress of our people until our Commonwealth shall stand at the very head of the list of States, not only on the roll call, but in all that commands the admiration and affection of

the good and wise. "In order to accomplish this great schedule time with a first classs sen-tion. When the election passed into rty, except for common goo ever mar our statute books, and all the people should be permitted to work out their own destiny and worship God acaccording to the dictates of their own consciences, free from any legislation that will hamper them in the enjoyment of their rights. We have the right to congratulate ourselves upon the progress we have made. Having acomplished such results, we have the right to expect that as secional prejudice disappears before the rising light of a broader patriotism our progress shall be greater in the fu-

"Here on this spot, hallowed to us y so many sacred memories; where a young nation was born the thunder of hostile artillery, tized in the blood of its noblest and then maintained the unequal struggle for sovereignty for four bloody years—what more appropriate place than this for us to dedicate ourselves once more to the preservation and laration was framed, whose armies were led and whose highest court illuminated by such men. "With a profound gratitude to the God of our fathers, that our lots have

seech Him to send warmth and vitality and enduring growth into every field of endeavor that will make us strong to accomplish the things that make a loved at home and revered State abroad." At the conclusion of his address the ath of office was administered by the Chief Justice. The two houses repaired to their chambers and the new Govrnor sent in a lengthy message devoted entirely to suggestions concernng legislation. He recommends

been cast in the sunny land, let us be-

favors a constitutional convention and ecommends weekly payment of sala-

mmigrant bureau, calls for State elec-

ions laws and compliance with them.

A WAIL OF WOE. The Cry of Iron and Other Metal Workers for a Return to the McKin-

ley Tariff. New York. Dec. 1.—The first steps oward securing a revision of the tariff luties on manufactured articles of iron nd other metals, or a return to the McKinley law, were taken by a num of the members of the New York metal exchange to-day. The tariff question was taken up by the executive commitee as soon as McKinley's election was

in assured fact. Mr. Henry E. Dodge, of the Jollet ron Company, called the meeting to order. He referred to the losses caused by the change from the McKinley to the Wilson law, and outlined the purposes of the meeting. There were speeches made, but the condition of the tin, iron, zinc and steel trades was thoroughly discussed. Except the im-porters of tin, who assert that this country cannot supply the demand for sheet tin, either with or without a proective tariff, all of the gentlemen pres ent were unanimous in their requests for a higher tariff. Mr. Edward Parke, an importer of manufactured steel, said that while he was not particular whether the tariff be high or low, he thought that the country should have an established policy on the tariff quesion. The trade suffered more from the disturbances caused by freque changes than from any other reason. He advocated the appointment of a ariff commission-experts-to all such matters should be referred. and with such powers as would enable them to prevent changes unless it was certain that the country would be benefitted. His idea was endorsed.

It was decided that several weeks ould be required to crystalize ideas into proper form on which to base schedule for presentation to Congress and the committee was appointed. This is composed of Mr. Kent, Mr. G. F. Mayer, Mr. H. S. Clements, Mr. Dodge and Mr. Wm. A. Jackson, of Jacks Brother & Co. These gentlemen will bear the views of all interested, put hem in proper form and will report at another meeting to be held in about

When the committee reports work will begin at once on the schedule, a will be rushed through to reach Con-gress, if possible, at this session. MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL

ELECTIONS.

Boston, Dec. 1.-Municipal elections in Massachusetts to-day resulted in a victory for the Republican ticket in Pittsfield and Waltham. For the Dem-

Pittsfield and Waltham. For the Democrats in Quincy, Woburn. Chicopes and Northampton. Local issues predominated and the citizen, or indemendent ticket, was victorious in Malden. Fitchburg. New Bedford, Marlhorp and Newton. The municipal election in New Haven. Conn., resulted in a victory for the Republican ticket.

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch says that Jack Everhardt, the champion light-weight of the South, last night defeated Billy Ernst in a 20-round contest before the Myers Athletic Club.

Eye, Far, Nose and Throat.