Mortality is greater among the Alaskans than among any other citizens of the United States.

The Congress of Colombia at its late session appropriated \$150,000 a year for the encouragement of foreign immigra-

There are now well-equipped canning factories in almost every State in the Union whose products of land and sea are preserved in air tight caus.

In Canada they call this country "The States." Then why, asks the New York Independent, may not the riddle of a us **States-men P*

The Courier-Journal learns that Professor Wiggins lays the blame for the cold weather, the cholera and the rest of the ills with which the earth has recently been afflicted on the conjunction between Jupiter and Mars.

The latest legislative break in Missourt, recorded by the Detroit Free Press, is a bill requiring all the butterine sold in that market to be colored pink, this mark being evidence to the purchaser that he is not buying the genuine article. No special provision seems to have been made for the protection of those who are solor blind.

Says the Muneapolis times: Defalcation is altogether too common. A long established good name and unblemished character, a lifetime of fair dealing, all the reputation which business men would once have spent years of self-denial to obtain, begins to lose its commercial ilue. We look askauco at everybody. We go about asking whom we can trust.

The St. Louis Star Sayings is convinced that a little learning is not so dangerous a thing after all. English insurance statistics show that fifty per cent. of the authors and statesmen, forty-two per cent, of the clergymen, thirty per ent. of the lawyers, twenty-seven per at, of the teachers and tweaty-four per ent. of the doctors reach the age of seventy.

Flying foxes are distressing the agri-Sturiets in some parte of Australia, aulocal paper says that at the present te of increase it is greatly feare I they will soon become almost as great a menace as the rabbit post. A camp of the foxes, about four miles from Erina, New South Wales, contains fully 100,000 of the pests, "and when disturbed they rise like a cloud obscuring the sun."

The Ohicago Herald alleges that French syndicate is buying up all the worn out ponies on the frontier for export to Paris, the intention being to convert them into food for the people of the s. Hippophagy in France has evidently become a disease, for a realthy stomach would hardly crave the

A mathamatician, who evidently has abundant leisure, has been figuring, relates the New York News, on the size of the mortgage we should now be carrying if Columbus had pledged this country for the cost of his outfit. Starting with the assumption that the expenditure cost Isabelle \$40,000, he adds interest compounded every six

months. At the present time the amount foots up nearly 271 quadrillion dollars. Taking the population of the lited States at 65,000,000, the little stion reaches nearly 417 million dollars for each inhabitant. It is consequently a great relief to know that Columbus never set foot on North America. It would be very embarrassing to have a musty mortgage for that dizzy figure presented, with the customary notice of foreclosure.

The New York Advertiser says: "Beginning with Grant's second inauguration in 1873, a period of twenty years, during which six Presidents have been inaugurated, the 4th of March fell on pleasant days only twice. The 4th of 1873, was a bitter cold and blustering day. There was neither snow nor rain. ut the temperature was so low that eath reapel a large harvest among those who participated in the parade. The 4th of March, 1877, when Hayes was inaugurated, was a miserably damp, pneumonia breeding day. The 4th of March, 1881, when Garfield was insugurated, and the 4th of March, 1885, when Oleveland was first inaugurated, were both pleasant days. Mr. Harrion's Inaugural address was delivered in the midst of a pouring rain, and Mr. Oleveland's second oath of office was taken while the snow beat upon his bared bead. There is no sort of justification for the retention of this date for this important ceremony. It will always be made a spectacle. Surely it is not necessary to slay the people to celebrate

be change in the administration of a

Sepublican Government. Let the date of changed in the interests / humanity."

Easter, smile o' the year!

Bringer of music and flowers! Easter, whose skies are clear With spring days' lengthened hours' What shall we say that is new? What shall we sing that is old? Sermon or sonnet or chant Gilding refinded gold.

Yet, Oh Brightness returned, Well may I glorify thee! Never the world again Sunless and chill shall I see Quickened from clay, the reed Springs from the glow above Up from my heart has leaped

The shining lily of love.

Peal Oh carilland Brery change to be hear!!
Sing in the chapel, choir! Trill in your meadow, bir.11 Thou who kneelest in church (Thy thought from earth spart) My Easter offering, love,— To the altar of thy heart!

-E. Irenœus Stevenson THE OLD WELL SWEEP.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.



OU ain't goin' to take that wellsweep, away, Jotham-the well sweep that was there when I was a baby? Don't do it, Jothamdon't!" Squire Sedgick

beckoned to his son to lay down the uplifted Mrs. Sedgick stood in the doorway,

glass-towel in her hand. Ellen, the dan thter, paused in the act of tying up an obstreperous young honey-suckle shoot; and old Grandsir Sedgick, leaning on his staff, with his gray hairs plowing in the fresh spring wind, looking not unlike one of the ancient Druids. "Why, father, we didn't know you'd erre," said the squire. "It's a rickety

with a fat, old-fashioned tumbler and a

old thing, anyhow-" "Well, so'm I a rickety old thing!" quavered the octogenarian. "But you ouldn't go at me with an axe and a mallet, would you? I used to draw water with that well sweep afore I stood as

high as the curb."
"Well, well," soothingly uttered the squire, "if you've any feelin' about it, it shan't be touched! Only, sence the pipes have been laid from the spring up on Savin Hill Emirate thinks!" said Grandsir Sedgick. "The pipes from Savin Spring ain't nothin' to me. 1'd ruther hev a glass o' clear water from the old well than all the springs in crea-

"So you shall, father -- so you shall!" said Mrs. Sedgick, picking up the knotted cane which the old man had dropped, and tenderly guiding his footsteps back to the cushioned chair on the porch, which he had just left. But Ellen tossed her much be-crimped

"It's the only well sweep left in Ken-

dal,"muttered she. "Horrid old fashioned thing! Everybody calls our home the "Hush, dear!" said Mrs. Sedgick.

"Grandsir's a very old man, and he's Deal though he was, the old man s ear caught a word here and there, when it was least expected that he would. He looked quickly around.
"Dora," he repeated—"little Dora!
My son Adam's daughter, with the black

eyes and the real Sedgick features! There ain't but a few things that I care for left in this world, and Dora was one of 'em. What have you done with Adam's orphen gal-ch, Eunice? The gal that hadn't no one but me to look

A distressed look crept over Mrs. Sedgick's kindly face. She hesitated visibly.

"It wasn't our fault, father," said she, Dora was always a restless child, and she somehow couldn't seem to be contented in this quiet place." The old man shook his leonine white

head. "I dunno nothin' about that," said

he. "All I know is I miss little Dora, and I want her. Jotham," turning abruptly to his stalwart son, "where's "I don't know any more than you do,

father," said the squire, leaning up against the porch pillar, and saying to wife in a lower tone:

"What has set him off thinkin' of Dora just now?"

"Thickin'! Ain't I always thinkin' of her?" piped up the old man. "Adam's gal, that was left to us to take care of; and Adam was always the best of the family! You nagged her, and you worrited of her, and she was too highsperited to stand it, and now she's gone, an' you say you don't know nothin' about it. En"-and his voice grew thriller-"that was what Cain said, mind you, when the Lord asked him where his brother was! That's why I set here on the porch, where I can see half a mile down the road, to get a sight of Adam's gal, Dora, comin back where she be-longs!"

The three lookers-on glanced un-

Martin Sedgick, the son, flung his axe emphatically on the ground

"Grandsir speaks the truth," said he. "The house ain't itself since Dora went away.

And he staked gloomily down the hill, to where his handsome four-yearold colt was tied to the fence rail, awaiting its daily exercise around the aquara. "Eunice," said Squire Sedgick to his wife that afternoon, "Martin is getting restless again. He wants to go West." Mrs. Sedgick clasped her hands nerv-

ously. "Martin-our only son!" she cried. "He was just beginning to be reconciled to life on the farm, when Dora went away," said the squire, dejectedly. "And it was she that reconciled him. Eunice—if we could get Dora back again? It's as my old father says—she was the luck of the house." Mrs. Sedgick burst into tears.

"It wasn't my fault, Jotham!" she said. "I always liked the child, mough she wasn't no more like our folks than corn flower is like a squash blossom. But she and Ellen couldn't somehow agree. Ellen always wanted Martin to marry Miss Brownlee, and she up one day and accused Dora of settin' her cap for Martin, and Dora couldn't stand that and when they appealed to me, I'm afraid I didn't take Dora's part mite so, afrons as I might hev done."

"I knowed a woman's tongue was al

the bottom of it all," said the squire, with some bitterness. "Poor Dora!" That night the whole Sedgick family were aroused by a light blaze in the dooryard—the old fashioned well sween burning up. Grandsir, in his fiannel dressing gown and knotted stick, his

glow, looking more Druid-like than "You done it o' purpose," said he, feebly shaking the stick at the assembled family, who were trembling in the doorway. 'You know you did. First Dora, and then the old well sweep. The only things I keered for in this world—and

now they're both gone, an' I may as well lie down and die!" "I didn't mean any harm!" hysterically sobbed poor Ellen. "I was lighting a taper to seal a letter—Marian Brownlee always uses the new-fashioned colored wax to seal her letters and it burned up too quick, and I flung it of the window, but I never dreamed it would fall among the dead leaves around the old well curb and set it on fire! I didn't mean any harm!"

"Don't fret, father," said the squire. "We'll build it up ag'in -: n; and Mar-tin-just exactly like it was before." The old man shook his head.

"It won't be the same," moane f he -"it won't be the same! Nothin's the same in this world!" And he took to his bed from that

Poor Ellen hung down her head like a drooping lily. In neither case had she intended any actual harm, but in both instances she felt acutely responsible.

Martin was making preparations to go out West. Grandsir seemed to have lost all interest in the surrounding world. Her mother went about with swollen

eyes and a pale face, and Squire Selgick sat by the hour on the front porch however, Martin came home from the city, whither he had been to purchase some absolute necessity for his travels, with a flat parcel under his arm.

"Look, mother!" he said. "It's something for grandsir. I don't know but what I've been extravagant, but I declare to goodness I couldn't help it. The minute I set eyes on it, I thought of the dear old man lyin' up stairs in his bed. It's a picture," he addel, as Ellen came hurrying to his side—"an oil painting with a fine gilt frame. Exactly like our old well sweep that was burnel down, with the red barn in the distance, and the sun settin' behind the woods, just as I've seen it go down times without end. You don't know how queer I felt when I saw it in the store window, and I went n and paid twenty dollars for it. I'd They hung it up on the wall opposite the head of his bead, and when the old

man waked from a nap, just as the sun-set beans shone over the mute canvas, he looked at it with a smile. "It's our old well," said he, not evincing the least surprise. "Just like I was a lookin' out of the window at it. I've

got the well sweep back ag'in now, and p'raps Dora'll come next. Who knows?" And for the first time in a week, he got up and dressed himself, and deigned to give a sort of conditional approval to

the repairs going on in the burned dis-

trict. "It looks too new now," said he, adjusting his "far-away" spectacles. "But p'raps in a year or two it'll be more weather-beaten an' nat'ral-like. I can allays look at the picter, though, when I want to see the old well sweep."

Ellen pulled her brother's sleeve as he

stood intently regarding the bright little oil painting on grandsir's wall.

"Martin," said she, "sobody ever could have painted that picture by guess. It is our old well sweep, and there's the very butternut tree and the broken

shingles on the barn roof. And don't you remember, Martin, how fond she used to be of painting?"

He turned suddenly around with an irradiated face. "Why didn't I think of it before?" he crled.

Mr. Solomon Feldman, sitting behind his desk rail in the darkest corner of the dark little art store, was startled from an abstruse financial calculation by the questioning gleam of a pair of dark eyes close

"Is it sold?" a soft voice timidly asked —"my 'Old Well Sweep?' I see it is gone from the window. Oh, is it possi-ble that I can be so lucky as to have sold that picture? Dora Sedgick was very plainly dres

Her shoes and gloves were namistably shabby; there was a certain pallor in her skin and sharpness in her features which told of a battic with the world, in which she had not as yet gained the advantage. But at that moment her face seemed

transfigured with exultant joy.

Mr. Feldman referred to his books.

"Twenty dollars," said he, with lead pencil between his teeth. "Not a bad price for a beginner, and twenty-five per cent. commission. Price of frame, five dollars, and—and here is your ten dol-lars. You might as well send something

A shadow from without made the little gas lighted cubby hole look a degree dingier than before at this moment,

"Could you give me the name and address of the person who painted the pic-ture I purchase! yesterday—the 'Old Well Sweep!'" asked the voice of Martin Sedgick.

The veiled and shawl wrapped figure

turned suddenly around, so that the flickering gastight shone full on the dark eyes and mobile lips.
"Martin?" she cried out, with an in-

voluntary step forward. "Dora-my Dora! No, you shall not draw away your hand!" he crie!. "I've got you now, and I mean to keep you yes, always, Dora?"

"Eh!" eried Grandsir Sodgick, rousing himself from the of the frequent there is the bers of net to the b the Lord sent out a call tor me. Somethin' told me she would. They've fixed up the old well sweep. Dra, and you're back again! I hain't nothin' left to wish for now."

"And she's promised to be my wife," leonine head well outlined in the scarlet declared Martin, with his arm passed carelessly around the girl salim waist. "And Martin's given up the Western plan," ecstatically cried Irs. Selgick,

and he's going to be content to settle down here for good and all?" "And ob, I'm so glad!" rasped Ellen, while the squire slapped his son's back in an encouraging fastion.

Old Grandsir Sedgick looked from one to the other with a screen mile.
"I hain't nothin' left to wish for," he repeated .- Saturday Night

WISE WORDS.

Prejudice is blas breen He who cares not to return may go

anywhere. The fop finds his beautified vision in a looking-glass.

The body may be clean but the soul alone can be pure. The concensus of the science in a cen-

tral and superior whole is philosophy. Inspiration is the supplementation of the original act which created the man. The apt use of symbols is the great art for ruling the operations of human

brains. Symbolism is the translation of the language of one kingdom of being into

that of another. In the recoil of our own spirit and the returns of our own deeds, Nemesis is

perpetually born. The merely surprising surprises but a er more and more as

Be not pliant wax for outward circum stances to seal. Make your own thought the mold, your own will the stamp of your life. Would you make conquests of a man?

mind. Would you make a conquest of a woman? Take her mind and you will win her heart. Human life is a play, consisting o many different scenes; and those who are in the world as spectators often

understand the plot and the characters

Win his heart and you will win his

better than those who are there as actors. Philosophy enriched by history and animated by poetry and applied by humanity to the inner life raligious. The cold forms of scient philosophy, illuminated with duty to the life many

other parts of the country, poor hillsides could be utilized for tree growth," Israel A. Putaam says, "As a rule, few farmers who have lived in a timber country think about planting any trees except apple, peach, pear, etc. many of our nut-bearing trees ought to be grown that are fast disappearing by the woodman's axe, such as the beech, which produces a large amount of feed for hogs, sheep and poultry, and is one of the handsomest of trees on the lawn. with its dense foliage and spreading tops where not too thickly planted. Then we have the shell-bark hickories, large and small; in my boyhood days we had of the large but few trees that bore nuts, but at this time I have quite a number of young trees, the seed of which was probably planted by chipmunks, or otherwise dropped, and when-ever I found one I cared for it by protecting, and now we have the pleasure of gathering almost annually quantities of nuts. Then we have the black walnut, not only valuable for fruit, but as tim ber for manufacturing purposes; it is of quick growth and attains majestic size. I could enumerate others."-New York

An Interesting Use of Photography A French photographer lately invented a process by which a bit of ordinary paper—the leaf of a book, for example - can be made sensitive to light without affecting the rest of the page. Acting on this hint the French War Minister has begun to take the portraits of conscripts and recruits on the paper, which gives their height, complexion, age, etc., and the cheapness and swiftness of the op-eration, which is already in use in the French army, is something remarkable. It coats only one cent to get two copies of a portrait of Jacques Bonhomme—one for his individual register and the other for his muster roll; and account is the process that in a few hours, thole regiment can be so photographed. The soldiers file along, one by one, and each sits for three seconds in the photographic chair and the thing is done. French army, is something remarkable.

They even mark the man's regimental number on his breast with chalk, and thus get a complete identification of him in case of desertion or death, or when a discharged soldier presents his claim for pay or a pension.—Boston Advertiser.

Buffalo, N. Y., has an Magency of direction," a sort of philauthropic intelligence office, which makes no charge for its services,

PALMETTO CHIPS.

News and Notes From Here, There & Everywhere in South Carolina. Street cars will be running at Florence on May 1st.

Commissioner Kirkland fi :ures out the terest on the direct tax refund to be \$35,000.

The Columbia city council refuses to bid for the State Givis' College. The blds now stand Spartanburg \$43,000, Rock Hill \$60,000, Chester, \$55,000.

Judge Simonton dismissed the cross soill which had been filed by the Georgia Construction Company against the bond-holders of the Carolina, Knoxvilte and

One of the signs of increased pro perity of the Columbia, Newberry an I Laurens Railroad, is that the tells on the United States mail have grown from \$600 last year to nearly \$6,000 this year. Gen. Elias Earle, a native of Green ville, but more recently a resident of Florida, a veteran of the Mexican and last civil wars, died on Tuesday.

D. H. Traxler, the State dispensary. commissioner, is in Columbia preparing to commence business, and, as the Sta e expresses it, "the government barroom is to le located in the agricultural hall building."

On the 12th of May - inless executive Con the 12th of May—inless executive clemency or natural death interposes—Alfred Crosby, Is nac Crosby, Is nac Yongue, Martha Yongue and Eisha Yongue, all found guilty of the murder of Anderson McAlly, together with Joe Brannon, already under sea ence of death, and all colored, will be home a Chest of the clement will be a clement with a clement will be a clement with the clement will be a clement will be a clement with the clement will be a clement will be a

and all colored, will b : hing at Cheste :. The farmers in the Etta Jane section much of the old crop of molasses over, they expect to keep a year's supply ahead The Italians who have been working in the South Carolina phosphate mines are returning to sunny Italy.

Governor Tillman has wri ten to Sanato Smithe authorizing the use for the phos pha c exhibition at Chicago of such part of the South Carolina exhibit that is now at the Augusta Exposition.

E. L. Roche had a consultation with the phosphate men of Churleston last week in relation to the phosphate exhibit to be made at the Columbian Ex-position at Chicago. Great progress is being made in collecting specimens and making other final arrangements for the prop:sed exhibit.

The Kershaw Manufacturing Co.'s new \$250,000 cotton factory at Camden is rapidly nearing completion, and the

spindles will soon be in operation. almost the clear hundred million mark. While she fell off some in the year 1892, in common with the trade of the whole coun'ry, due to depressing causes un-lversally prevalent, her legitimate rate of expansion is exemplified in the remark. ble increase of exports and imports from \$13,807,673 in 1890 to \$21,857,470 in 1891, or \$8,049,797, or the amazing figure of 60 per cent. in a single twelve

THE ATLANTA SENSATION.

Some Gate City Bank Directors in Very Ugly Position.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- It is authoritative'y learned at the department of justice that special counsel Henry W. Jackson, employed in the Gate Ci y Na tional Bank case of Atlanta, Ga., has not been r moved, but any further action on

his part in the case has been suspended The Gate Cit, National Bank Cape, far as information reaches here goes, has assumed a very peculiar phase. The bank Thursday, in the opinion of the treasury officials, is in a position to open its doors and pay off every dollar of its indeb: cdness caused by the defalcation of Redwine, its cashier, but there is said to become d'sagreement as to who shall constituée the board of directors, and for that reason principally the bank has not

On the other hand, it intimated that everal of the old directors are open to the charge of having wrongfully taken money from the bank. This view is s-id to be held by Special Counsel Jack son, who was formerly attorney for the bank. G.n. Jackson's son, it will be recalled, committed suicide shortly after Redwine's defalcation, and in some way not clearly indicated the suicide of young Jacks n was connected with Redwine defalcation. Gen. Jackson, special counsel in this case, was naturally very much grieved at the suicide of his son. and the intimation unofficially thrown out here is that Gen. Jackson has become overwhelmed with grief and has made very wild statements and insinuations against some of the old board of directors so gave in character that the Government has been called upon to stop further action on his part in the case, until a most thorough and searching investigation of

Whole Town Destroyed.

WILMINGTON, DEL -The chief of the fire department of this city received word that the town of Galena, with about town, Md., was on fire and requ sting assistance A later dispute's was received saying the town had been wiped out.

About two hundred houses were totally destroyed and several persons severely burne I while fighting the fire. No lives were lost. As no ra lroad nor telegraph off e is in the town, it is impossible to get further details. The houses, which were frame were neat and substantial, and but t close together. The town contaiced several agricultural implements shops and had a large school house. The largest retail sto c in Kent county was located at Gelera

BIG BLAZE IN GLOUCESTER.

Nearly All the Town Destroyed by Fire.

WEST POINT, Va.—A big fire in the night destroyed the town of Gloucester Courthouse. Two large stores, the tele-phone office, the po toffice and all their contents were consumed. The building were partial covered by insurance, Ori gin of the fire is unkown, Walking Leaves, Sileks, Etc.

Imitative forms in nature are too well known and have been written on too often to require any special notice here.
Nature's law, being almost universal as far as the protection of the weak creature is noncerned, it is not at all wonderful, perhaps, that she has formed insects into perfect counterparts of flowers, leaves, sticks, etc. Some of the "walking leaves," those which are natives of India, Calua and Japan in particular, are large, grotesque looking creatures, their resemblance being strikingly like a bundle of yellow twigs joined together with fale, macerated leaves. The limbs of this species of insect are long, sleader and very twiglike, the coloring being suited to that partie ular species of vegetation upon which

the deceptive mimicker subsists.

The "walking stick," like the walking leaf, is also very deceptive, as far as looks go. The males have smill, slender bodies, the legs or arms starting from it just as smaller limbs of a tree or wood

start from larger ones. The "walking thorn" of Java belongs to this curious order of insects, as do also the "devil's horse" and the mantis. The "walking thora" looks exactly like the large compound spine of our common honey locust tree, even in color and general contour. — et. Louis Republic.

A Remarkable Care.

The sentiment expressed in the lines: "When we begin to live, We all begin to die."

was almost literally verified in the case of Simon M. Elder, who died at Port. of only a few months, and yet a surgical examination showed that death was caused by a kick from a horse sixty years ago, when Mr. Elder was a small boy. The animal's hoof crushed the skull two inches above his right eye, and the operation above referred to disclosed a large orifice in the skull, through which it was seen that the right frontal lobe of the brain was entirely gone. How life and reason were sustained for years under such conditions is a subject of interest to medical science. "That he should have survived the accident was in itself a marvel," said his attending physician: "but that he retained his faculties and led a life of useful industry, makes it s truly wonderful case."—Boston Journal

The Mound City's Name.

The city having been named in honor of St. Louis many suppose that the pro-nunciation should be "St. Looie." beof the name of the saint. Louis is not an English name, and Hume, in anglicizing it in his history, always writes it "Lewis." All the French kings of the name "Louis" are "Lewis" in Hume's writings. Those who say "St. Looie" in speaking of the city may think it is more honor to the sainted King of France, for whom it was named, to use the French pronunciation. On the other hand, our language is English, and it is perfectly natural that there should be those who hold that the name of our cities should be as nearly English as possible. The "St. Looie" pronunciation will never cause any one to forget why the city was named St. Louis, and if it is the most popular it should be nerally accepted. Doubtless the earliest settlers never said "St. Loois," but it is a long time since they were here. -

St. Louis Post-Dispate'. bed is now almost/as well known as if it were dry land. The charts reprezent it as a huge trough of varying depths, extending from pole to pole. Here and there are rocky peaks, like that of Teneriffe, or huge mountains of sand, like the Banks of Newfoundland, which reach up to or above the surface. Between Ire land and Newfoundland there is a remarkable submarine plain. This great level stretch of ocean bottom is always referred to as the "telegraph or cable platenu," because of the fact of the main submarine cables being stretched across it. This plateau is believed to be a continuation of the great water shed which, between the latitudes of forty and fifty degrees north, surrounds the earth, and divides the waters which flow south from

those which flow toward the north .-

New York Dispatch.

A War Ship's thuns Disabled by Fro t Up to the present we have not felt able to advocate the general use of electric motors in place of hydraulic gear or auxiliary steam engines on board ship; but the effect of the recent frost on He Majesty's ship Benbow discloses a weak point in hydraulic machinery which has no parallel in electrical work. The gear of the heavy guns has been not only disabled, but has suffered such serious injury that it has been found necessary to take the greater portion of it to pieces and to forward it to the manufacturers for reconstruction and repair.-London Electrician.

End of the Nashville Bank Panic. NASHVILLE, TENN. - The financial situation in this city was perfectly quiet Friday. The Banks did little business beyond the receipt of deposits, there seeming to be no desire to check out. But little demand from country banks for currency was made, though when made it was promptly supplied. The Mechanics' Savings Banks and Trust Company is receiving depos to and in a day or two will resume payments.

Hard Times in Atlanta. The chief dry goods dealers of Atlanta

Ga, will reduce the wages of all clerk 33 per cent. on April 1st, and this reduction will continue throughout the summer, and longer if trade does not

Tom Watson Gives Up His Contest.

AUGUSTA, GA. Reports come to the press from Thomson, Ga, Thomas E Watson's home, saying that Wa'son has abandoned his contest for the seat of Major J. C. C. Black in Congress.

NORTH CAROLINA SQUIBS.

Newsy Gleanings from Cherokee to Currituck.

New Hanover's new court house, which s said to be by far the handsomest in the State, will soon be ready for occupancy. A lodge of Odd Fellows which was organized in Sta'esville more than a year

ago, with a good membership, has gone out of business, Governor Carr has offered \$200 reward for the arrest of J. M. Benson, treasurer of Harnett county, official information having been received that Benson has taken \$2,400 of the county fund and fled. It is reported that Captain Charles Price, who is attorney for the Richmond and Danville railroad, has succeeded in compremising nearly all the suits brought against the company on account of the Bos ian Bridge wreck.

A bank, an opera-house, and a railroad are three things that will probably be added to the improvements of Lumberton during the year 1893.

Mayor Fishblate, of Wilmington, has instructed the chief of police to notify his officers to arrest all persons they hear using profaue and vulgar language on

There are twelve North Carolina stu-dents at Harvard University, Massachusetts, and several of them "stand way up." Of these eight are graduates of the University of North Carolina. The North Carolina committee on colo-

nial exhibits for the Columbian Exposition has called upon all citizens in that State to lend their aid in furnishing portraits, glastonthy period. Ten students of the medical class in

the Le nard medical school of Shaw University, colored, at Raleigh, bave graduated. Some of them are foreigners, one or two being from the Congo Free State, and having been sent at the direction of the King of the Belg ans.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS.

The Latest News Items in the Old Dominion. The growing wheat crop in the Valley

of Virginia does not present a promisio, appearance. A new town, to be named Dawson City, is being laid off on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, near Cherry Run.

A new bank has been organized at

Norfolk wi h \$250,000 capital. It will

be call d the Norfolk Bank for Saving & Trust. Chesancake and Ohio Railroad The Gryandotte river in order to reach some

coal dep sits Robert Stevens, a venerable citizen of Louisa county, was killed by being caught under a filling tree.

A millionaire Colorado miner and s Be gian repr sent tive of a company are on their way to Virginia with a view to investing in gold properties in Fluvanna, Goochland and Fauquier counties.

The fruit trees and strawberry patches round Nor olk are blooming on the trues farm', and the green stuff, under the warm rains, is looking very promising. The season will be late owing to the se vere freezes of January, but the truckers all believe the outlook is very favorable for a large yield of everything and a scare cu's off the markets. The green peas never looked prettier at this time of the year and only a heavy breeze will

poil a fine crop.

and Printed Here. Joe Bond, colored, was convicted Friday at Appling, Ga., of the murder of Louis Shank, also colored, last Decem-

Baptist preacher of Atlanta, died at Mon-tezuma, Gr., Thursday. He had been ill a long time. The Campbell Glass and Paint Com-

Dr. H. C. Hornaday, a well-known

pany's estab ishment, in Kansas City, Mo, was completely destroyed by fire. Loss \$120,000; i surance \$100,000. Mike Chambers, in jail at Sacramento, Cal. has confessed that he is the man who murdered Fred Fetterman some

months ago at Hun'sville, Tenn. The Pennsylvania board of pardons has recommended pardons for Buzzard, the notorious Welch Mountain outlaw, and James S. Dungan, the wrecker of the Bank of America, Philadelphia.

Toe Philadelphia, Admiral Gherardi's flagship, the Baltimore, the Yorktown, the Vosuvius and the torpedo boat Cushing sailed from New York Frirday for the naval rendezvous at Hampton Roads.

The Chattanooga Bar have sent to Governor Turney their endorsement of Judge W. K. McAhister, of Nashville, for appointment as Judge Lorton's suc-

cessor on the State Supreme Bench. General Smith Buried.

SEWANEE, TENN -The funeral of General Edmund Kirby Smith took place Friday morning at 12 o'clock. A special train of six cars arrived from Nashville with nearly 500 veterans and two companies of State troops. The funeral was of a military character. A beautiful floral tribute was presented by the studcuts of the University, of which the late General was a professor. Telegrams of condolence have poured in from all parts of the United States, showing the esteem in which he was held.

Chicago Eats Texas Strawberries. CHICAGO, ILL. - Four hundred cases of strawberries picked ripe in Texas and

shipped in a new refrigerator arrived here Wednesday in quite good condition. This shipment was an experiment, and consignces are so will satisfied that they will continue to receive small fruits from Texas throughout the season. Fate of Six Fishermen.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.—The fishing schooner Ada K. Damon lost six men on Tuesday. They were setting trawls from dories when a snow storm shut them from view, and they were not seen again. Three dories and one dead body blew ashore between Nanset and Welfleet.