

Whether this charge be true or not, it would perhaps be well to heed the intimation and hold the Nominating Convention at another place '

We would be glad to have the Convention in Wilmington. There are hundreds of delegates who have never visited this section of North Carolina. Probably if they would come among us and see for them selves they would be stronger friends of the chief commercial town ever hereafter. But aside from any such considerations, we would be pleased to see the Convention here. As suggested by our esteemed contemporary, the Kinston Journal, Wilmington would offer something new in the way of attractions, and is easy of access by rail or river. Our hotels and boarding houses can entertain them, and our handsome Opera House will give them verge and room enough. The Journal is pleased to add:

"The Cape Fear section ought realiy to be allowed to name the next Governor, and Wilmington is the proper place to give hun a good send off '

It is some forty years since the large Cape Fear section gave the State a Governor. Our people have not been obtrasive or clamorous for place. They have been content for four decades, during which time the State has nearly doubled in popula tion, to do regular, unfaltering service in behalf of principles they held to be right and honorable. They have paid a large share of the public taxes during those forty years, and have steadily voted for all wise measures that looked to the maintenance of the credit of North Carolina, and to the development of its resources. When Democratic principles were to be asserted and upheld the people of the Cape Fear have been found at the front. They have not been predatory soldiers of fortune doing battle for provender and pelf. They have stood fast, because they believed that the Democratic party was a necessity, and upon its perpetuity and success depended the prosperity, honor and glory of the State.

the same road. From what exami-Gen. Ben Butler made an argument The Supreme Lodge meets at St. Louis on Saturday, which he said he caught last ministry to adopt such measures of relief lute control of 3,500 miles of railroad on the second Tuesday in September next, week-ploughing them up in the field. ple of North Carolina should be willbefore the House Committee on Elecas will save it from the odium of having nation we have been able to bestow D. B. Woodruff, of Macon, Ga., presiding -The negro who was shot last week in -"the largest aggregate under one abandoned its Irish subjects to the charity ing to take a Governor from this imtions, in which he showed that one Jones county, says the man who shot him upon the merits of the question, we Meeting of the State Republican Exof America. management in the world." The Times had tried to conjure him the week hefore portant section of the Commonhundred thousand voters were dishave arrived at this decided concluecutive Committee-The Result. by putting a lizzard in his chittlings. wealth. Our people have been modest The last quotations from the Maine franchised in Massachusetts by the At a late hour Thursday evening a pri-The shad are making their way up the sion: that the sale ought not to have "The combination will include what may river. The first one was caught at Cowpolitical stock market represented vate dispatch was received here from Shelong enough. It is high time that educational qualifications. That State been made, and that Gov. Jarvis debe denominated the Louisville & Nashriff Manning, at Raleigh, announcing that pens on last Thursday night. —Judge Eure, in his charge to the grand jury, which, the Davis-Chamberlain-bayonet-Suville main line, from Louisville, Kentucky, they sent their delegates to the Congets credit, however, for these one serves credit for his action in the matthe State Republican Executive Committee, south to New Orleans, Louisfana, via Nasl by the way, was a very able 2. W88 Dar preme Court stock firm and stiff; vention instructed to vote for one of ter. It would be a great blow to the hundred thousand discredited voters ville, Tennessee, and Decatur, Montgomery which had been in session there during the | icularly severe, and I think justly so, on whilst the Garcelon-Smith Pillsbury and Mobile, Alabama, with a small branch line from Pollard, Alabama, on the Mobile their capable and honest sons.. If who never vote. The Baltimore Sun's the "retail liquor dealers" in this town. He day, had decided to hold the next Republiinterests of the larger portion of the can State Convention in that city on July | said "intemperance had caused more sufthey will unite on some man who is stock was quoted as very weak and Washington letter says: & Montgomery road, to Pensacola, Florida; the Louisville, New Albany & State. Viewed in all its bearings, fering and slain more men than war, famine worthy every way of the honor they rapidly declining. and pestilence combined." "Attention has more than once been At the same time as entire Sherman delas far as we have been able to dis-Chicago road, from Louisville north, via called to the argument that a strict enegation, consisting of W. P. Canaday, D. - Of the young actor, Paulding, can carry great weight when the Decover them, we can see no good and forcement of the fourteenth amendment, Lafayette, Indiana, to Michigan City, on H. Starbuck, James H. Harriss and Rufus the Charlotte Observer says: His real name The Republican Baltimore Ameri-Lake Michigan, whence connection can be made to Chicago by way of the Michigan Central, Pittsburg & Fort Wayne and such as those States determinedly insist upon Barringer, was selected to represent the State in the Republican National Conven mocrats meet in council. There are sufficient reasons for yielding to the is therefore Frederick Paulding Dodge, can syas of Bayard's speech that it where the South is concerned, would and he is a grandson of John R. Dodge, for-Democrats from various sections of Best offer, but we can see most satisabridge the representation in the lower tion. merly clerk of the Supreme Court of North "is pronounced by competent judges House of Congress of at least two of the New England States." factory reasons for opposing it with Grand Trunk routes, or by a new road North Carolina who would gladly Carolina, and a gentleman who was widely New Coin to be Issued. sixty-five miles long; a branch of the Louall due emphasis and vigor. to have been one of the best finanknown for his pungent wit and quaint huvote for a candidate from the Cape isville & Nashville road, southwest only from Memphis Junction, Kentucky, to There seems to be a prospect of the in-We shall consider the matter of mor, a specimen of which is preserved in cial speeches ever delivered in Controduction of several new coins into general Fear section. The Philadelphia Press, Republi-Wheeler's History of North Carolina. The venerable Mr. Dodge is now living in the road and the interests of the Memphis, Tennessee; the St. Louis & gress," Southeastern road, southeasterly from St. Louis, Missouri, to Nashville, Tennessee, via Evansville, Indiana; the Nashville & Chattanooga Road, still southeasterly from Nashville, Tennessee, to Chattanooga Tennessee, the Western & If the people of the Cape Fear can organ, says that "the declaration circulation. A favorable report has been State under a new aspect in our next Rockingham county. In the same county made on a bill creating three new coins. think forty years is long enough to issue. of General Mahone, the newly-elected Mr. Columbus C. Benson, the Chief resides an aunt of the young actor, Mrs. Chalmers Glenn, while not far off across Specimens of these coins have been struck wait, and that the time has come 'Readjuster' Senator from Virginia, of Police, of Norfolk, Va., whose death The colored Republicans in Maryoff at the mint. They are the stella, the the Virginia line are two other relatives, that he would support for President when one of their fellow citizens by suicide was announced by tele-25 gramme silver dollar, and the goloid Mr. and Mrs. James Glenn. These were Chattanooga, Tennessee; the Western & Atlantic Road, from Chattanooga, Tennes-see, to Atlanta, Georgia; and the Georgia Central Road, from Atlanta to Savannab, land have revolted against the reguall present in Danville when the young aceither Blaine or Sherman in prefermetric dollar. The "stella" is a four dollar should be honored with the choice of graph, was a faithful soldier in the lar party organization. They do not tor appeared there, and with them he celc-brated his twenty-first birthday. Young coin, of six grammes of gold, three-tenths the whole people as Governor of the ence to a Bourbon Democrat, is a very war, serving as a Lieutenant in the like the way their white alles manage mportant political fact." Just so. But does Mahone so talk? of a gramme copper. It is larger than the five York, his paidollar gold piece, and very bright looking. many years. Paulding was born, we believe, in New matters. They are evidently getting | important political fact." via Macon, besides numerous minor branches. These will give an uninter-State, then they must move in the Sixth Virginia, and served for six York, his parents having resided there for matter. Let it be remembered that | years as Chief of Police. rupted route from the fresh-water lakes to | tired of being used.

article: "These methods are being applied with

all the dexterity in political management in which Mr. Sherman is an acknowledged adept, and with as little regard to his official responsibilities as the least scrupulous politician could desire. Despite all this opposition, however, it is very apparent, from conversation with representative men in Washington, that Gen. Grant is still, and s likely to continue, the foremost candidate of the Republican party. Mr. Sherman may succeed in securing a portion of the delegates from the South-that is to say, he may secure pledges from thembut there is a very shrewd suspicion that when the time comes they. will go in a body to Grant, who is undoubtedly the real choice of every really earnest Republican in the cotton States. The more enthusiastic friends of the General claim that he will certainly be nominated on the first hallot

The fact that the Times is regarded generally as the ablest and most influential of Republican papers gives peculiar significancy to its opposition to Sherman, who is as corrupt as

Mr. Bright's proposition to the English Government is full of pluck, for he is speaking to a race that is necessarily prejudiced in advance. England may not yield because it is not willing to make concessions, or because it does not believe the scheme is wise or desirable, but it will listen, and Beaconsfield will consider. When John Bright espouses any cause the people of Great Britain will listen with strained ears, for he is no agitator of the hour, but a ripe statesman of the first order. As the Baltimore American says:

able.

"There is no more loyal Englishman in the Queen's domain than John Bright, nor one less given to rash conclusions. His is a fearlessness which arises from profound convictions, and good of country is the most powerfully impelling motive of action with him. When such men, therefore, not only urges upon the Crown the necessity of taking the most generous measures to relieve Irish distress, but advocates the appointment of a commission to carry out Mr. Parnell's plan of selling the vast estates of the nobility to the tenants who make them productive, the Government can no longer refuse to listen. however determined it may be not to yield. So long as public dissatisfaction is confined to Ireland, Beaconsfield can afford, perhaps, to snap his fingers at it; but when it

pendencies that come in. It is unnecessary to mention them as they would merely perplex the reader without a map. At one time it was thought certain Colonel Cole was

master of the situation. The Register Savs "The lease of the Georgia Central and its dependencies from Atlants to Savannah by Colonel Cole and his friends was the complete trausaction by which the Nashville & Chattanooga, through its great head, Colonel Cole, gave its powerful rival the coup de grace. But the "best laid plans, &c.," fail in railroads as in other things. In the

meantime the Louisville & Nashville Company was busy in making purchases and forming combinations. It purchased the South and North Alabama Railroad. It bought a majority of the stock in the Mobile & Montgomery Road, thus securing an uninterrupted line from Louisville to Mobile. Its next move was to buy the

Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, running from New Albany, opposite Louisville, on the Ohio, to Michigan City, on Lake Michigan, some sixty miles south of Chicago. It was thus made strong. The next move was a proposition from the other great rival road to consolidate. The Louisville Road got possession of the Georgia Western. This gave it a shorter route than the rival road

could give. Finally the Louisville Read went to work to buy a controling interest in its rival. The Register says:

"Without the knowledge of the Nashville and Chattanooga parties, the Louisville parties had succeeded in getting enough of the stock of their rivals to give them a majority of the outstanding shares provided they could capture the holdings of one of these zentlemen It is not necessary to show how his was accomplished. It was great stroke. The contract was made in New York, and was announced at the time by telegraph. The road thus purchased owned \$6,500,000 of stock. If the other roads interested should

cate represented by a Mr. Best, of New York. The papers of this State that have discussed the matter are kind. considerably divided in opinion as to what ought to have been done. The

proposition is stated to have been

should be called in extra session to transfer the road; that he and his associates would form a new corporation, with a capital stock of \$4,000,000; that the new corporation should have power to mortgage the road to the extent of \$12,500 per mile: that they should complete the French Broad branch by the first of July, 1881, and the Ducktown branch by the first day of July, 1885, that they should pay the interest on the mortgage of \$85,000 now on the road after the first day of May, 1880, and, of course, the mortgage itself (for which the State is not bound); that they should give the State \$850,000 of stock in the new corporation; that the State should furnish 500 convicts per annum until the first of July, 1885, to complete the road, the company paying nothing for said convicts except expenses in guarding, clothing,

We have, heretofore, withheld our hand in this controversy because we had not the time to give the matter that matured consideration which was necessary to write understandingly about it. We desired to be governed by facts, and not by any selfish or narrow considerations.

The Charlotte Observer deprecates the sale of this road. It evidently regards such a procedure as fraught with many evil consequences. It takes this view, supposing the sale made to a Syndicate which would have the power to dispose of the right to make all connecting links between Charleston and Knoxville,

thus crippling, if not destroying,"the North Carolina enterprise":

"But on the other hand, suppose the State holds her grip, the completion of the road between Asheville and Wolf Creek, being a necessity, cannot be long delayed, and she will then be in a condition to turn this vast trade in the direction of her own seaports, and Charleston must come to North Carolins towns to buy her Western supplies. With this little link in unfriendly hands, with Norfolk on the north and Charleston on the south, and the Richmond & Danville Railroad a feeder to Richmond, Charlotte and other North Carolina towns would have a rough time of it."

mauttests itself at home and in the person If there is money for a Syndicate the "fighters" are almost on their backs railroad and feed my army. So far as sup-Jermania Lodge No. 4, while several other confirm the sale, then, according to of a great popular leader, he must either plies were concerned I was almost at my from exhaustion. in the road there sought after, there Past Chancellors will be in attendance, concede something or lose all. If it has no the New York Times, the Louisville last gasp when the surrender took place." - Kinston Journal: A negro man leaving for Fayetteville on Monday, the 9th ought to be profit for the State in other effect, we may be pretty sure Mr. had some white mice in a cage in Kinston, & Nashville Railroad will have absoproximo. Bright's speech will, at last, stimulate the The time has come when the peo-

the peace is concerned there ought to be changes made of a most radical

GRANT ON GEN. LEE.

John Russell Young has been giving Grant's opinion of Robert E. "Mr. Best proposed that the Legislature Lee. We knew long ago that he did not appreciate his great adversary. When, in 1865, he said, in response to a direct inquiry, how General Lee impressed him as a military leader, that his greatest quality as a soldier was his ability to excite enthusiasm in his soldiers and that he was a good man, we were prepared to hear him talk as Young reports him. We copy from the Philadelphia Times:

"Lee was of a slow, conservative, cautious nature, without imagination or humor, always the same, with grave dignity. I never could see in his achievements what ustifies his reputation. The illusion that nothing but heavy odds beat him will not stand in the ultimate light of history. 1 know it is not true. Lee was a good deal of a headquarters general-a desk general, from what I can hear, and from what his officers say. He was almost too old for active service-the best service in the field. At the time of the surrender he was fiftyeight of fifty-nine and I was forty-three." 'His officers used to say that he posed himself, that he was retiring and exclusive, and that his headquarters were difficult of

ACCess. Lee had capacity of a high order. He was graduated 1st at West Point, Grant 36th. In Mexico he showed himself a most capable soldier. As to his being beaten by heavy odds being not true, as Grant says, we have only this to say now: Grant admits in his official report that he had more men killed and wounded than Lee actually had men in his army. At the close of the long struggle Grant still had some hundred thousand men whilst at Appomattox Lee surren dered some 8,000 muskéts. There is one interesting historical fact given by Grant, which we copy:

"My pursuit of Lee was hazardous. was in a position of extreme difficulty. You see I was marching away from my supplies while Lee was marching back on his supplies. If Lee had continued his flight another day I should have had to abandon the pursuit, fall back to Danville, build the

by the Postoffice Department for the Mail Messenger and Transfer Service which will

go into operation at Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati and San Francisco on the 1st of July next. The schedule of service required here will be to and from the three railroad depots and the Wilmington and Fayetteville and the Wilmington and Smithville steamboat landings. The advertisement for propo posals requires the contractor to furnish his wagon. There are designs for different dimensions of wagons three the two-horse, one-horse and pony wagon. horse Wilmington will require a onewagon, the design for which represents a very handsome covered vehicle, with a body eight feet in length, three feet and eleven inches in

width and four feet four inches in height: the sides and ends to be painted and lettered in a becoming style. When mails are carried in the night the wagon must be accompanied by at least one person besides the driver, as guard. The wagons will be quite stylish, and the contractor will have to be possessed of means sufficient to spend

two or three hundred dollars for this part of his outfit.

## Accident at the Guano Works.

Mr. Winslow Newkirk, engineer of the Navasso Guano Works, near this city, met with quite a severe accident yesterday. It seems that while attending to his duties as engineer his clothing caught in the cog wheels, and he was precipitated into the mill pit. How he extricated himself from the perilous position in which he was

placed he cannot imagine, as the machinery was not stopped, and his escape with his life would appear almost miraculous under the circumstances. As it was he was badly injured, receiving two severe scalp wounds on the head, and wounds on the shoulder and other portions of the body. A physician was telephoned for, and went up to the Navassa Company's Works on the little steamer Busy Bee, upon which the wounded gentleman was subsequently brought to this city and taken home. We are glad to learn that none of his wounds are considered dangerous. The accident happened about 11 o'clock n the morning.

## Knights of Pythias.

As stated in our State column yesterday, the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias meets in Fayetteville on the 10th of February. The Order in this city will be represented by Grand Chancellor John L. Dudley, who will preside; H. C. Prempert, Grand Prelate; Past Chancellor L. L. Boone, from Stonewall Lodge No. 1, and Past Grand Chancellor W. A. Gerken, from

bones, 25,000 pounds; dried peaches, apples &c., 63,800 pounds; sassafras oil, 10,241 pounds; wool, 14,379 pounds. - Methodist Advance: We copy in this number of the Advance, from the Wilmington STAR, an article on the life of

Rev. Thomas G. Lowe, by T. B. Kings bury. We do this for the following reasons: Because of its superior literary character. Because we desire to perpetuate the memory of so good a man. Because we hope thereby to inspire in the hearts and minds of the young men of North Carolina the cultivation of the graces of oratory. which were so conspicuous in his character

- Raleigh Visitor: Dora Gordon Steele's Hallowe'en Burlesque Troupe will be in this city on the 18th of February. - The students of Shaw University organized a military company on Monday last. The following are the officers elected; D. P. Lane, Captain; - Buford, 1st Lieutenant: - Henderson, 2d Lieutenant; - Dixon. 3d Lieutenant. - Mrs. Dr. M. T. Yates and daughter have just arrived in the United States from China, and will arrive in Raleigh early this spring. - It is said that Milton Nobles will be here on the 5th of next month.

- Charlotte Observer: Col. Calvin J. Cowles, one of the stockholders in the Copper Knob Mining Company, in Ashe county, a report of the operations of which was published in this paper two days since, was yesterday negotiating with a representative of a steam engine manufactory in the city, for an engine for use at the mine. As appeared from the report, the company was organized with a capital stock of \$300,000-300,000 unassessable shares at \$1 CO each. The mine is situated fifteen miles from the famous Ore Knob Mine, which is now being worked most successfully by a wealthy company from Baltimore, who employ several hundred hands.

- Hale's Weekly: We live cheaply in North Carolina-\$158,533 is the whole amount of net income and profits returned on the tax lists as filed in the Auditor's office and summed up in his late report. Only in twenty-eight counties was there either income or profit. ----The grading of the track for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad is going on rapidly, the convicts working well, as they do on the Western Railroad. Huilford, Stokes and Surry have added \$65,000 to the capital stock, but the progress of the road to completion must be very slow until the State is in condition to pay the \$50,000 appropriated at the last session of the Legislature.

- Reidsville Times: A Raleigh correspondent to the Durham Recorder savs that the fight for Governor has settled down between Jarvis and Fowle. Of course. They are the only two we know contending for it. But suppose the people give it to some peaceable, good looking brother outside who has never fought for it ? As a few papers are for holding the convention right off, some of the "fighters" may get in before the people are roused up to go to the scene of action. There is a good deal of pulled hair lying around Raleigh now, and