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MAKE A SWEEPING CHANGE. The Republican dissensions are fully equal to those threatening the unity and success of the Democratic party. A cursory examination of the Republican papers for a few weeks past shows that it is not a happy family they represent. In fact, the views of these papers are more discordant than those of the opposite party, if possible. The Republicans feel this so much that they are beginning to urge harmony among themselves if they would capture the next Legislature and elect the Representatives some are claiming. The last Asheville News, a Re-

publican paper, has this to say: strife. If we succeed in the campaign of strength of the entire party, with as many recruits as possible. We must let past is sues that have been settled by the people remain settled, and go into the campaign upon the live issues of the day. The question of county governments is being agitated to a greater extent than many of the Democratic papers will admit. Nothwithstanding it is frequently asserted that the people of this section are satisfied with the present system, we hear many Democrats complaining bitterly of it, and saying that they will no longer vote with a party that advocates and upholds this obnoxious method of electing county officers."

Why do not these complaining Democrats go farther and demand that Postmasters, Federal Supervisors, &c., shall be elected by the people also? Why expend their strength over the election of magistrates, &c? Why not strike deeper and go for the most "obnexious" officials? Why stop half-way in their attempts to cure what they profess to regard as an evil that is unbearable, although they bore the very evil all through the century until the carpet-bagger came down and introduced Northern "methods," that brought in their train much trouble.

It is really very absurd to hear the people, (or is it not the demagogues pretending to speak for them?) complaining of an "obnoxious method" that had prevailed before the war, and without their feeling or knowing that they were being outraged in their liberties and rights. It was conceded on all hands that North arolinaC had about the best code of laws of any Southern State prior to the war. But, if a change must be made; if the whites of the negro counties must be placed again under the rule of the colored people, and all to oblige the whites in Western North Carolina who imagine they are burdened and oppressed by a law that really does not afflict them, but if repealed would afflict the people of twenty-five counties that pay nearly or quite one-half of the whole taxes of the State-if these things must be then "the people of the Western section" ought to be consistent, honest and just enough to demand the extension of the principle of popular election and include every Federal office that is connected with North Carolina and its people. If a change must be made let it be sweeping.

The "Liberal" party in North Read the following from the Washington letter to the Charlotte Ob-

"Mr. Charles Price, one of the two who form the great Independent party of North Carolina, was in the city several days ago. He kept very quiet, and few knew of his presence here. It is understood that he will announce himself in a few weeks as an Independent candidate for Congress in Gen. Armfield's district."

Johnston and Price; that is the size of it.

Blaine says the report that he is about to become a Congregationalist minister is "an infernal lie." He would make a good superintendent of a Sunday school, evidently. . .

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1882.

Anniversary of the Great April Snow Yesterday, as before intimated, was the thirty-third anniversary of the great snow storm which occurred on the 15th of April, 1849. In many portions of the State it was one of the heaviest snow storms ever known in this latitude. In this connection it may be of interest to republish the account of the storm from the Wilmington Chronicle of the 18th of April, 1849, which we copy from the files in the rooms of the Wilmington Library Association, and are strictly correct: which appeared under the head of "Remarkable Event-Snow Storm in April:" "We have to record the occurrence of a

most extraordinary meteorological phenomenon; one that has not probably had a parallel within the lifetime of any person resident in this part of the country. On Saturday night last it clouded up, and in the course of the evening the atmosphere became uncomfortably cold. About daylight on Sunday morning a thick sleet began to fall. This continued for five or six hours, when it commenced snowing in the proper winter style of high Northern latitudes, and of this there was no intermission until after sunset, when the whole surface of the earth was covered to the depth of at least five inches. In the early part of the night it cleared away. Monday morning presented a singular spectacle. The combinations and contrasts of colors were in a high degree curious. The pure white of the snow, scattered over and amongst the lively green foliage of the trees and shrubbery, and encrusting the thousands of flowers of every hue and tint-the whole together formed a landscape view indescribably beautiful. By sunset on Monday

scarcely a vestige of the snow remained." The next issue of the Chronicle stated that the storm extended as far south as Alabama; that there was frost in Louisiana and Florida, and that the cotton was mostly destroyed in this State, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, and probably in other cotton growing districts, and it was thought replanting would be neces-

Wilmington and Charleston. Yesterday we gave a comparative state ment of receipts and exports of spirits turpentine and rosin for the ports of Wilmington and Savannah, and this morning we substitute Charleston for Savannah and show how the matter stands between these two ports, as follows: Between Wilmington and Charleston the comparison is from Sept 1st, 1881, to April 8th, 1882, as Charleston's naval stores year and cotton

year commence at the same time: RECEIPTS. EXPORTS. Wilm'n excess, 17,196 163,993 22,804 111,068 Beath of a Prominent Colored Man.

Allen Evans, whose death was recorded in our last issue, was one of the most prominent colored men in the city. He was owner of considerable property, and was a shrewd business man, being the proprietor of a large store on the corner of Fourth and Brunswick streets, with a hall above it. He was at one time leader of an excellent colored band in this city, and was a man of considerable intelligence. His funeral yesterday was largely attended by the colored people of the city, the colored masons, to which he belonged, escorting the remains to the grave.

Foreign Shipments. The foreign shipments yesterday were a follows: The Swedish barque Theodor Capt. Larssen, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co., with 300 casks spirits turpentine, 2,750 barrels of tar and 160 barrels of rosin, valued at \$14,692; and the schooner Ruth Darling, Capt. Chipman, for St. Lucia, W. I., by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming, with 178,669 feet of lumber. Total value of foreign exports for the day,

Brunswick Court. Brunswick Superior Court, Judge Shipp presiding, which has been in session at Smithville during the past week, adjourned yesterday at 12 o'clock. There were no cases of importance tried, and a colored man, convicted of stealing corn and sentenced to two years, is the only case for

the penitentiary. - The Baker Wrecking Company's steamer Resolute, Capt. Nelson, of Norfolk, put in here for coal yesterday, and will leave this morning for the wreck of the schooner Minnie, on Frying Pan Shoals, where an effort will be made to save as many as possible of the empty barrels, with which she is partially laden. She will then look after the schooner reported ashore at

- The schr. O. P. Binns, from Georgetown, S. C., to Philadelphia, and consign-Carolina is about to grow-to be re- ed to Messra. Taylor & Bell, of that city, inforced. It will soon number two. | with a cargo of shingles and lumber, was | city, and a younger brother of Mr. John S. reported ashore off Hatteras yesterday. It is thought that part of the cargo will be saved, but the vessel will likely prove a

- The schr. Daniel Pearson, from Baltimore, with coal for the government; the David Faust and the D V. Streaker, with another schooner, name unknown, were re-ported in below yesterday afternoon,

- Mr. John McLaurin, of the North Carolina Presbyterian, has been sick for some two or three weeks, during the most of which time he has been confined to his room. We regret to learn that he is still quite ill.

- The Register of Deeds issued three marriage licenses during the past

Wilmington and Savannah as Naval THE BLUE AND THE GRAY. Stores Ports. Below we give a comparative statement Visit of Virginia Military to Trenton N. J.-Grand and Fraternal Reception—Speeching, Banqueting, Etc.
[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]
TRENTON, N. J., April 18.—About eighty members of the old First Virginia Infantry, he Otey Battery and Howitzer Association,

of the receipts and exports of spirits turpentine and rosin for the past two crop years at the ports of Wilmington and Savannah. It is not likely with such a showing in our favor that Wilmington will contemplating a surrender of her claim to superiority as a naval stores port, or of itting that she is affected with much of a "decline." The figures have been carefully compiled from authentic sources and ROSIN,

Election Trissist charter SPIRITS. O BOSIN Wilm'n excess 26.888 40,715 147,801

Mr. Cyrus Moore, of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, father of the unfortunate youth who was found wandering about the streets a few days ago, and taken to the station house, where he has since been kindly cared for, arrived here Thursday night, in response to a letter from Chief of Police Brock, and left for home with his son yesterday morning. Mr. Moore, who is a respectable farmer and to all appearances a very clever gentleman, says his boy has been in the habit of going off for a day or two and returning at will, and he had frequently furnished him money to spend on these occasions; but this time it seems he went to Philadelphia and wandered to one of the wharves, where he took passage on a vessel bound to Savannah, whence he made his way to this place. During this time Mr. Moore had not heard from him and knew nothing of his whereabouts until he received the letter from Chief Brock, which came very opportunely to relieve him of his eat anxiety. The young man has a sist in the asylum at Trenton, N. J., and the father is apprehensive that the son will share her fate. Since the poor fellow left home so unceremoniously an uncle has died and left him a fine farm, but it is feared the legacy, will not be appreciated or enjoyed much by it present owner.

Expected to Draw. One business man on the wharf called at the office of another, a few days since, and told him that he expected to come into possession of about five thousand dollars in a day or two and wanted to know if his friend didn't want the use of it, as he would have no immediate use for it himself. The gentleman to whom the proposition was made declined with thanks the proffered courtesy. But a short time clapsed, however, before he saw where about three thousand of the offered five thousand might yield a profitable investment, and, though he might have got the amount from the bank, he preferred to oblige his friend by accepting the proffered loan. He there upon hunted him up and told him he would now be obliged to him for three thousand dollars for a short time, as he had hit upon a chance for using it to advant-

The other replied that he was sorry to say that he had been disappointed in getting the expected five thousand.

"A rather unpleasant disappointment," ejoined his friend, 'to a man expecting such an amount."

"Yes, rather," replied the other. "The fact is." he continued, "I had a ticket in the Louisiana lottery, and clearly expected o draw the amount tendered you, but when t came to the pinch I drew a confounded blank. Sorry I can't oblige you!"

At this stage of the interview the wouldbe borrower recollected an appointment he ad elsewhere.

- The schooner Minnie, Capt. Wicks, of 299 tons burthen, bound from New York to Charleston, with a cargo of guano and empty barrels, went ashore on Frying Pan Shoals, five miles south of the Life Saving Station No. 25, near the mouth of the Cape Fear, about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning The officers and crew were saved by the attaches of the Life-saving Station, but the vessel will probably prove a total loss. The steamer Pussport went within about three hundred yards of the schooner on Wednesday afternoon, but found that she had been abandoned, and the seas were then breaking over her. The owners of the unfortunate vessel, Messrs. Evans, Ball & Co., of New York, have telegraphed Messrs. George Harriss & Co., at this port, to render whatever assistance may be possible under the circumstances. This is the same vessel referred to in our last as being ashore at the point mentioned, her name then being unknown. She is a two-master.

Beath of a Former Wilmingtonian. Col. Robert W. James, a native of this James, died at his residence at Biloxi, Mississippi, on the 4th inst, in the 71st year of his age. He removed to Mississippi about forty-seven years ago, and leaves a widow and two sons.

- Mr. C. E. Smith, formerly of Laurinburg, is a new comer among us, having opened an office some weeks ago at the foot of Princess street, where he is do-ing business in fertilizers. We learn it is his intention to move his family here and make Wilmington his permanent residence.

week, of which one was to a white couple. \$18,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

Richmond, Va., arrived here yesterd as the guests of Aaron Wilson Post No. as the guests of Aaron Wilson Post No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, An immense crowd assembled at the depot, and a national salute was fired. Upon the arrival of the train a line was formed, composed of three companies of the National Guard, two companies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 23, and a band military corps of each Post, At the City Hall ex-Mayor Crevelling, in the absence of Mayor Vroom, received the guests, and extended a hearty welcome and the hospitalities of the city. The welcome was responded to in a most eloquent speech by Col. C. S. Stringfellow... of Richmond. Allusions to burying the old animosities and a reunion of the North and South under one flag and constitution, and in one common brotherhood, was received prosecution was closed. Dallas Sanders made the opening argument for the prosecution, and Col. J. C. Haskell opened for the defence. One counsel on each side will be heard to-morrow, one common brotherhood, was received with long and repeated demonstrations of applause. The occasion was one of ancommon interest, and excited the greatest enthusiasm. The houses on the streets through which the procession passed were profusely decorated, and immense throngs filled every available place. In the evening a grand banquet was tendered the guests, at which many of our principal citizens were present. Speeches were made and sentiments offered in honor of the fraternal occasion, and the former hostilities alluded to only to show how deeply they were regretted. New Jersey and Virginia, Trenton and Yorktown, were again united, as they were during the Revolution, and at the festive board the sons of the revolutionary sires again pledged allegiance to one flag, one constitution and one country.

BALTIMORE.

The guests leave to-day. The citizens gen erally have united to do honor to the visit

Boller Explosion in a Corn Mill-Two Brick Dwellings Demolished and Many Persons Killed and Woun

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BALTIMORE, April 13.—By an explosion of a boiler in a corn chop mill, corner of Fremont and Pratt streets, yesterday evening, it is reported there were twelve per-

The machinery had been idle for some time for repairs, and a fire had just been started to resume work when the explosion occurred. A portion of the boiler was propelled northward, entirely demolishing two brick dwellings on King street, and throwing down the side wall of a rear build ing adjoining. At the time of the explo sion John Addison, engineer, Harrison Wa ters, fireman, and Rew Cooper, machinist who had been making repairs, and Frank Kraning, a boy 15 years of age, were killed, except Cooper, and he was so badly scalded that his life is despaired of. In the house No. 173 King street, Georgie Pintz, and 19, was killed, and Ida Roseberg had one of her legs broken. Ellen Rawlings, colored servant woman, was severely hur by the walls falling upon her. In No. 171 King street, Grace Gray, aged 20, was killed. In the yard adjoining the factory, Abraham Hepbrun, colored, unloading a umber wagon, was struck by a flying mis ile and his skull was fractured. Jan Roden, aged 15, had his skull fractured Edward Callahan had a leg broken. Mrs Margaret Kauf, living in a house adjoinng the factory, was standing at her wash-tub in her kitchen, and was struck by flying bricks and killed. C. W. Gates, at work in a granite yard a square distant, was struck in the face by a brick and severely hurt. Edward Kelley, one of the employes in the building, had a leg broken, and several others were less seriously hurt. The building and machinery and dwelling houses are owned by Richard Cromwell, Jr. Several bodies are supposed to be still under the ruins, including those of the engineer, fireman and the boy Kraning. Firemen are at work to recover them. The damages to property and machinery are estimated at about \$80,000. There was a similar explosion in the same building twelve yearc ago, when five persons lost

CHARLESTON.

Boller Explosion—One Man Killed— Two Seriously and Two Slightly Injured.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 13.—The steamer Planter, from this port, exploded her boiler this morning just after leaving her dock. Jake Washington, colored deck hand, was scalded to death. L. S. Bosang and W. T. Haw, mate and engineer, both white, were seriously scalded. Two col-ored men were slightly injured. The Planter had a cargo of merchandise, and about twelve cabin passengers. None of the latter were injured. The vessel and cargo are but slightly damaged. The ves-sel was towed back to her pier.

VIRGINIA.

Fallure in the Sumae Trade—The Readjusters Reapportionment Bill De-

RICHMOND, April 13.-The failure of John H. Bryant & Co., proprietors of a large sumac mill here, was announced today. The liabilities are quite heavy, but amount is unknown. In the Senate to-day, the Congressional reapportionment bill recently passed by the House of Delegates, was defeated by a vote of 16 ayes to 19 noes. If the bill had passed it would have given the Readjusters eight out of ten Congressional districts of the State. It was considered an extreme party

FLORIDA .. TOBERO

Organization of a Mill. Land and Lumber Company.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW YORK, April 14.-Ex U. S. Senator road, A. S. Sullivan, of New York, and Milton Taylor, of Cincinnati, have or-ganized the Florida Mill, Land and Lumhave orber Company, with a capital of \$500,000. They have purchased 625,000 acres in three of the Gulf counties of Florida, from which they propose to take yellow pine for ship-ment to New York.

ALABAMA.

Two Negro Murderers Taken from Jail and Lynched.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] make Wilmington his permanent residence.

— The Russian brig Atlanta, Capt.

Nyburg, was cleared from this port for London, yesterday, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 500 casks spirits turpentine and 2,341 barrels of rosin, valued at \$18,000.

The Trial of the Election Cases at Charleston Discreditable Character

CHARLESTON, April 13.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, in the Acton case, testimony for the defence was opened and closed, and testimony in reply for the

sel on each side will be heard to-morrow, and the case will then go to the jury.

Witnesses for the defence to-day denied point blank the charges made by government witnesses, and swear positively that Kane, U. S. Supervisor, had been allowed far more privileges than he was entitled to under the law. They testified that the ballot box had been opened fully and displayed to Kane before the election began, and that he had expressed no dissatisfaction; that Kane had been caught twice with his hand in the ballot box, and that his hand in the ballot box; and that it was shortly after one of these occasions that a bundle of tickets had been found in the box. The defence also put up a number of witnesses to prove the bad reputation of the government's witnesses. One was shown to be a gambler, and to have been tried for murder and larceny; another, a colored school teacher, was shown to have forged pay rolls and swin-dled a bank in Columbia and seduced some of his pupils; another was shown to have swindled a colored woman out of a tract of land; and testimony was introduced which went to show that every witness examined for the government was of bad reputation in the community in which he lived, and was unworthy of belief on oath. The Board of Health and Quarantine-

Railway Transfer-Reports from the Submerged Section-Loss to the Sugar Crop and in Stock-Violent Hail and Rain Storm-Sugar House Blown Down and Eleven Persons Missing. NEW ORLEANS, April 14.—The State Board of Health reorganized last night, re-electing Dr. Joseph Jones, President, and Dr. S. S. Herrick, Secretary. The President was authorized to request the Gov ernor to issue the usual quarantine procla-mation, to take effect from May 1st, the quarantine to be only three days, to be in creased to ten days if necessary.

The franchises, rights of way, surveys, &c., of the New Orleans, Red River & Texas Railroad Company have been transterred to the Miss Company, the consideration being \$175,000 of capital stock in the latter company. PLAQUEMINE, April 14.—The Times-Dem perats boats Susie B. has arrived here after a trip through bayou Grasselete as far as Rosedale, Woolfolk, Shady Grove, Augusta. Trinity and Daquin places are un-der water. The cane will probably be killed. The loss to the sugar crop here will be about three thousand hogsheads, and the loss in stock one thousand head. On the Gay and Daigra place, Wednesday the sugar house was blown down, and nothing can be heard of its eleven white occupants. They were Mr. J. Ovillan, his mother, brother, wife and child; Mr. Hopaker, his wife and two children, and two unknown persons. A search this morning showed that all of the refugees' furniture was crushed, but no bodies were found. As their boats are missing the hope is that the people fled to the woods before the storm broke.

The Election Trials at Charleston Judge Bond's Charge-The Jury Out-An Absconding County Treasurer-Development of Water Power at Columbia.

CHARLESTON, April 14.-In the U. Court to-day, in the election cases, Mr. R. Abney made the closing speech in de fense of Bates and others. District Attor ney Melton then made the closing argument for the prosecution. In the case against Mr. Christburg, which was not pressed by the District Attorney, Judge Bond refused the instructions to the jury asked for by the defence, and charged the jury as to the remaining three defendants. He admonished the jury to free their minds from partisanship and prejudice, and dwelt upon the importance of preserving the purity of the importance of preserving the purity of the ballot-box. He told the jury that it was the right of the accused and of the government to have the individual judgmen of each juror, and that a verdict reached by agreement on a majority vote was un-lawful. The jury must, he said, give the accused the benefit of every reasonable doubt, and while they should be careful that no innocent man is convicted, they should be equally determined to allow no guilty man to escape.

The jury then went out, and at 8 o'clock had returned no verdict. Columbia, April 14.—U. B. White, Treasurer of Newberry county, has absconded, and is in default \$8,000. He is said to have lost the money in gambling and is supposed to have fied to avoid the shame of exposure. He has been County Treasurer since 1876, when he was appoint ed by Gov. Hampton to collect the volun

Work on the Columbia canal has been begun, with sixty convicts. The event was celebrated by an artillery salute and other demonstrations inspired by the magnitude of the enterprise. Cotton mills will be in operation here within the next year, and 11,000 horse power will be developed The Election Trials at Charleston-A Sealed Verdict Rendered by the

CHARLESON, April 15,-In the U. S. Circuit Court to-day the jury charged with the case of the United States against Bates and others, managers of election, had not agreed to a verdict up to 1 o'clock. At that time they were called into court and questioned by Judge Bond as to the cause of disagreement. The foreman stated that they disagreed as to the facts, and the Judge remanded the jury to their room, with in-structions that if they came to a verdict any time before Monday morning they could seal it and then be closed. To-night

they have rendered a sealed verdict, the nature of which is unknown. NORTH CAROLINA.

Verdict of Acquittal in a Murder Trial. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] Petersburg, April 14.—Philip Turner has been tried in the Superior Court of Northampton county, N. C., for the murder of Aaron Hill, a quack doctor, and been acquitted. Hill having been murdered, was thrown into a ditch and his house close by burned to the ground.

COTTON.

A Summary of the Crop to Date.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

NEW YORK, April 15.—Receipts of cotton at all interior towns 25,891 bales; receipts from plantations, 19,932 bales; crop in sight, 5,109,181 bales. The total visble country for the world is 2,240,879 spectively last year.

Committee Report on the Florida Contested Election Case-War Claims River and Harbor Improvements— Cabinet Session—The Shipherd Investigation, Etc.

WASHINGTON.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] Washington, April 14.—The House committee on Elections to-day adopted a resolution, by a vote of 7 to 4, that Jesse J. Finley was not elected as a representative to the 47th Congress from the Second Con-gressional District of Florida, and is not entitled to a seat; but that Horatio Bisbee, Jr., was duly elected. Representative Rainey was instructed to report the action of the committee to the House, and permission was granted the minority to make a

report direct to the House.

The House sub-committee on War Claims made a favorable report to-day upon the claim of H. L. Bradley, of Knoxville, Tennessee, for \$6,000 for property destroyed by Union forces during a battle in the late war. The report elicited considerable opposition upon the ground that this claim position upon the ground that this claim if allowed, would establish a precedent fo a large number of similar claims now pend before Congress. Action upon the re-was deferred until the next meeting of committee.

The House committee on Cor heard arguments from the Congres sional delegations of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, in advocacy of appropriations for river and harbor improvements, which the members desire inorporated in the River and Harbor Appro-

The Cabinet was in session two hours today. The principal subjects under consideration were the coming monetary conference in Paris, the trouble with the cow-boys in Arizona and the Fitz John Porter case. This case was finally disposed of so far as the executive is concerned, but the action taken is not positively known.

The Shipherd investigation was resumed at 10.30 this morning, but the testimony was not of a very important character, the witness declining to answer a large prohey involved purely private interests.

The House committee on Education and

Labor directed Representative Sherwin to report to the House, favorably, the bill ap-propriating \$10,000,000 for general educational purposes, and to ask that it be printed and recommitted to the committee.

LOUISIANA.

Detailed Report of the Wholesale Destruction by Wednesday's Storm in Iberia Parish. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW ORLEANS, April 15 .- A special t the Times-Democrat, from Morgan City gives the following account of the storm of Wednesday night: On Berne Island a sugar house was blown away; on the lower Atchafalaya the dwellings of W. H. Cal-

ow and Mrs. Moore were destroyed; or Little Wax bayou the houses of John Frammeltsen, Louis Kalb and Jane Fit were swept away, and much other damage done; at the Alice plantation, near Jeane-rette, a colored church was blown over to the west side; at Cypremort a negro church was blown down; at the Wills Linder place a church was blown over; on bayou Bouf a large house was seen floating during the storm, and was found the next morning lodged against the bridge, but the occupants had disappeared, and it is supposed they were drowned. The house of Engene Templace and a cooper shop were also found against the bridge. The residence of James Pennison floated off, and Reaney Pennison's store, with its con-tents, was swept away. The kitchen and all of the cabins except three, were swept away from the Pandley plantation. James Simmons' residence, with its contents, is a total loss. Orelou Comour's residence was destroyed, and the stores of Alex. Pennison and Jules P. Fellot were swept away. All of the cabins occupied by the colored peo-ple were carried away. Efforts are being made to get a boat to go to Bayou Bœuf to aid the people. At Lake Raloander everything is gone.

THE REPUBLICANS.

Meeting of the National Committee Party Interests in the Southern States Discussed.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- An informal meeting of the Republican National com-mittee was held this morning in the rooms of the Senate committee on Rules. Hon. Marshall Jewell, chairman, presided, with George W. Hooker, of Vermont, Secretary. Hons, John C. New, Ind.; W. P. Fryer, Maine; Chauncey J. Tilley, Mo.; Wm. Yost, Va.; W. W. Hicks, Fla.; J. B. Devaux, Ga.; J. A. Martin, Kansas; Panl Stroboch, Ala.; W. P. Canaday, N. C., and Samuel Lee, S C., were present. The subject of party interests in the Southern States was fully discussed, and the members expressed themselves earnestly in favor of a union of the Republicans of the Southern States with such liberal elements in those States as promise progress in the direction of a liberal national sentiment and broader political ideas, that will insure a free ballot, and honest count, and that in national affairs will antagonize the princi-

ples and policy of Bourbon Democracy.

Hon. W. P. Frye offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, that there be a meeting of the Republican National Committee at Washington on the fourth Wednesday in January, 1883, to consider and take final action on the report of the committee appointed March 5th, 1881, to mrture and report to the National Committee a plan for securing to the several Con-gressional districts the right to elect their own delegates to the next National Convention, and to transact any other business that may be brought before them.

The meeting then adjourned sine die. FLORIDA.

Big Railroad Scheme-Somewhat of Cormorant. JACKSONVILLE, April 15 .- A Tallahasse

special to the Times says the surveying party which has been surveying the route from Jacksonville to Tallahassee, arrived Wednesday. The road is to be extended northward to Columbus, Ga., and to be built by a company composed of the Hamilton, Disston and Gordon syndicate of Alabama and Georgia, and will control all the travel and traffic between South Florida and the entire Northwest. The surveys were filed yesterday and the organization of the com-pany will be perfected immediately.

NEW YORK.

Wass Meeting of the Free Trade Club -Speeches by Senator Vance and

NEW YORK, April 15.—A mass meeting of the New York Free Trade Club was held last night, to advocate the repeal of the in sight, 5,109,181 bales. The total visble supply of cotton for the world is 2,949,679 bales, of which 2,021,924 bales are American, against 3,023,148 and 2,455,648 respectively last year.

- New Bernian: Mr. Best, of the Midland N. C. Railroad, seems to be thoroughly aroused to the importance of feeders to the main line of his road, and if it is in the compass of energy and liberality, we may at no distant day expect to see Greenville, Wilson, Snow Hill, Trenton and some point on New river, in Onslow county, in railroad communication with

- Elizabeth City Carolinian: Cot corn at 79 to 80. — We understand that among the Democratic aspirants in this District are J. Edwin Moore and W. D. Pruden for Judge, and W. B. Shaw and Sam. B. Spruill for Solicitor. — At Brinkley's fishery, Dare county, one day last week, a haul of 75,000 herring was

Laurinburg Enterprise: The Bapatist church in this town was struck by tist church in this town was struck by lightning last Saturday evening during the prevalence of the terrific thunder storm. The belify was struck about twenty feet below the pinnacle of the steeple and its corner post split and splintered. The lightning then played across the transom of the front door and descended to the floor, shattering the glass and splintering the door near and between the hinges. Three men were in the building at the time and felt the shock very sensibly, but were not injured.

-New Berne Journal: Mr. Abner Hargett, near Polloksville, Jones county, died on Tuesday morning. Mr. Hargett was regarded as one of the best citizens of Jones. — The Midland Railway Company has ordered lumber and material for fly new cars. — Annie Murrill, col-red, of Catherine Lake, Onslow county, arrived yesterday evening. She carries her noddle seven feet and two inches above the ground. - The total receipts of cotton at this port to date foot up 20,704 bales.
This is the number sold, and does not include a large number shipped from here.

- Washington Press: Our section was visited on Monday last by one of the most severe hail storms known here for many years. The hailstones were as large as hulled walnuts, and during the short time they continued to descend caused great destruction to window-glass and vegetation. The Presbyterian church alone had one hundred and seven panes of glass broken on the northern side, and many other buildings suffered in proportion, some losing from fifty to sixty panes. Many persons and stock were exposed to the storm, but beyond bruises, &c., all escaped serious injury. The gardens with their early vegetables were also much damaged.

- Elizabeth City Economist: The world pauses in its practical surging to con-template and admire the sensational and heroic, and at Harker's Island, in Core God, our friend Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke has found new material to "point a moral or adorn a tale." In a late communication to the Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic, Mrs. Clarke has brought to the public notice a philanthropic heroine, a Miss Jane Bell, an English lady, who in 1864, unaided by organized church or other assistance, estab-lished a school on Harker's Island, among a rude and uncultured population, and by her judicious and energetic labors has

wrought a good work among them. - Charlotte Home and Democrat: The spire of the Baptist church was slightly injured by lightning on Sunday evening. The church is supplied with lightning rods and it may be due to this fact that the damage was so slight, by them attracting and caused the bolt to be divided. Mr. F. W. Kuester died on Monday last from the effects of a wound. Six months ago while his son Charles was exhibiting a pistol to a customer, it was accidentally dis-charged and the ball entered the thigh of his father, who was at work near the counfather, who was at work near the counter. The wound was not at that time considered dangerous, but alarming symptoms developed themselves some time since, when it was thought Mr. Kuester could not recover. He was 55 years old.

- Washington letter in Charlotte Observer: Senator Ransom accompanied the President on his visit to Ford's Opera House to witness the performance by Madame Rhea. The President and the Senator are warm friends and are frequently together. — Private Marcus J. Wright, now in charge of the signal station at Cape Lookout, N. C., is relieved, and Private Coburn ordered to take his place. Sergeant Parker is ordered to Smithville, N. C., vice Sergeant Rickle, detached. - The mail messenger service has been ordered established between Morganton, Burke county, N. C., and Railroad Station, and Jefferson Caldwell appointed messenger, vice J. A. Barberry. — A new postoffice has been established at Hall's Mills, Wilkes county, N. C., and Daniel M. Hall appointed post-

-Fayetteville Examiner: The engineers employed by the W. & W. Railroad, to survey the route from this place to a point on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta at or near Florence, have completed the survey, and are here in camp with their chief officer, Mr. Cain, working up their field notes. — The Fayetteville Presbytery met at Antioch Church, Robeson county, on Wednesday, the 5th inst.
The introductory sermon was preached by
the Rev. E. McNair, D. D. The Rev. H.
G. Hill, D. D., was elected Moderator, and
Messrs. Daniel McIntire and J. A. McAllister were elected temporary clerks. The attendance was very large, and the hospitality of the people unbounded. The next meeting of this presbytery will be held at Sherwood Church, Cumberland county, commencing on Friday, September 15th,

- Elizabeth City Falcon: Camden county was startled last week by the re-ported elopement of Mr. Joseph D. Berry, of Shiloh, one of the most prominent men in the county, with a young girl who had been employed by his wife in the capacity of a domestic. The circumstances, as we have been able to get them, are these: Mr. Berry was a well-to-do citizen, respected by everybody, and the head of a family con-sisting of a wife and three or four children. A young girl had been employed at the house and it was thought that Mr. Berry's relations with the young lady were rather intimate. The girl disappeared a short time ago, and the fact that Mr. Berry followed shortly after is taken to mean a preconcerted plan of elopement. Mr. Berry was treasurer of the Shiloh Lodge of Masons and took with him \$300 belonging to the Lodge. Lodge.

- Raleigh News-Observer: We learn that Hon. M. A. Newell, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Maryland, who will superintend the next University Normal School, and Professor Edward P. Moses, Superintendent of the Goldsboro Graded School, who will be the Assistant Superintendent of the University Normal School, met in Richmond on the 10th inst., coording to agreement, to complete the rogramme of the normal school. ——Dr. Talmage was called on by a number of gentlemen, several of whom, among them Rev. Dr. Jos. M. Atkinson, dined with him. No lecture ever delivered in Raleigh had been anticipated with so much eagerness and pleasure as that of Dr. Talmage, at Tucker Hall last evening, and when at 8.30 o'clock the erect figure of the famous preacher appeared, there was not a vacant seat. The lecture was received with the heartiest applause of appreciation,