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CONTENTMENT-WILMINGTON.

The Scriptures somewhere teach

that a spirit of contentment is a con-

tinual feast. We are not trying to

give the language but the sentiment.

Contentment is the very opposite of

growling, chronic complaint and dis-

satisfaction. The man who indulges

in a discontented feeling is mevita-

bly unhappy. It grows upon what

it feeds like certain plants. If you

will make it a constant habit to com-

plain you will become soured, mo-

rose, and a nuisance. Discontent is

a bad spirit. It colors life and en-

velops one in gloom and often hor-

ror. But contentment is a gracious,

cheerful, happy spirit that makes life

pleasant and because with it we can

please ourselves, and, what is very

If you allow yourself to dwell up-

on the dark side of life you will be

unhappy, and discontented of course.

Look upon the bright side of the pic-

ture as far as possible. Remember

that every cloud has a silver lining,

and that beyond the tempest and the

lowering heavens, the sun shines se-

renely and brightly. Whenever you

find yourself complaining, stop at

once. Whenever you find yourself

regarding disagreeable objects and

dwelling upon the unpleasant sur-

roundings, turn and look the other

way. See the bright parts in every

'Thinkst thou the man whose mansions

The worlding's pomp and miser's gold Obtains a richef prize

Than he who, in his cot at rest, l'inda Heavenly peace a willing guest,

And bears the promise in his breast Of treasure in the skies?"

But men not only fall into the bad

habit of discontent in their own per-

sonal surroundings, but they become

social grumblers. They get in an

unpleasant frame of mind, and by

cultivating a discontented feeling

they at last turn pessimists and be-

come positive bugbears. Men say of

them, and with truth, "Oh, they are

Surely this is a very unhappy condi-

tion to be in. These growlers always

ook upon the dark side of politics,

the dark side of trade, the dark side

of the earth. They are forever cross-

ing the bridge before they get to it.

They will not agree that there is "a

If you meet one of this army of the

Discontented and begin to speak en-

couragingly of Wilmington and its

prospects you at once call forth a

growl of opposition, and presently

the sun is shut out and all is black.

And yet the fact still remains that

Wilmington is steadily improving

and is holding its own admirably and

encouragingly in spite of the growl-

ers and the prophets of evil. There

is not the slightest doubt of this. At-

The writer of this came to Wil

mington just ten years ago this Sep-

tember. He can take any one over

Wilmington and show him a hundred

nice dwellings costing from \$15,000

down to \$800 that have been erected

in that time. Possibly there have

been two or three hundred. He can

show better stores than were here

Now let us all stop this way of

Wilmington a thriving, growing, ac-

tive, go-ahead city in all respects

Let us always take the brightest

view, and when we talk to strangers

do not let our strain be one of dis-

content, disappointment, for as Ed-

mund Spenser says in his wonderful

That maketh wretch or happie, rich or

there is a man who "hath little" and

"But in that little is both rich and wise.

Wilmington is progressive. It is

not doing all that it should do, but

our streets are better than they were

ten years ago, and the city is grad-

ually being relieved of its debt. Let

us hope for the best. Let us talk as

if we were proud of Wilmington and

not ashamed of it. We need more

we need more railroad facilities.

Cape Fear and a free bridge over

Brunswick river. We need a broad-

er, deeper, more imperative spirit of

enterprise. Let us strive after these

He says with true wisdom that

"It is mynd that maketh good or ill,

"asks no more," and adds:

"Fairy Queene,"

tend to the following:

good time coming."

important, please others.

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MIL. VILAS AND THE BEMOCRACE Postmaster General Vilas was to have delivered a speech at a Democratic ratification at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a few days ago. But he did not attend and instead sent a letter in which he made a strong review of the record of the Democratic party. He showed how there had been economic handling of the public funds; that collections had increased while the expenses of collection had been reduced; that the public lands had been redeemed for settlement, and that sectionalism had been destroved by a new national spirit. In the main he pursued in his review something of the plan of Mr. Carlisle to whose timely and judicious utterances we recently called attention at length. In his letter General Vilas

'In the eighteen months which have passed, not only the ordinary operations of the Government have proceeded without difficulty or disturbance, but already many pledges have found redemption. Vast fallen under private control have been reclaimed and saved for settlers, and measures of economy in collections of revenue and in expenditure have yielded good re-

He then gives figures corresponding with those already before our readers. He refers with satisfaction to the Civil Service humbug, but the least said about running a Democratic Administration with "fire-tried Radicals" will be more conformable to Democratic sentiment in North Carolina, As to the cultivation of peaceable, kindly feelings between the sections Mr. Vilas says:

"Another result, bright with promise to the Republic's future, is the complete frui-tion of the purposes of the great war in the restoration of harmony and good feeling between the sections of the country-a result which only could have come, by the success of a national party, and a result which the great Captain of the Union bore witness to with the decleration that he had wished to see it ever since the war; a condition of genuine fraternity so nobly marked as to stir the profoundest emotion by the spectacle now presented of the survivors of the Grand Army, with golden contribulate Charleston.

By many testimonials indeed the security of the past is fixed, and the impulse of national ambition to win a great future are exhibited. The eye is bent hopefully forward now, and a wise guidance of the years before, not revenges for the past, is the care of the thoughtful citizen. The duty and opportunity of such leadership belong now to the Democratic party. Its principles are wisely adapted to the needs of the Republic and the prosperity of the

We trust most sincerely that the when he came. He can point you to Democrats will act with more caumore than double the business houses tion, more wisdom, more frugality than he found here ten years since. during the next two-and a-half years There are more than forty grocery than they have done in the last stores of all sizes in Brooklyn alone. eighteen months. We are anxious There are twice the number of delivery wagons running now in our for the best possible record to be streets that there were in 1876. In made before the parties arrange themselves in battle in the fall of a word, there are signs in every 1888. We trust also that the Addirection of growth, of increasing ministration will so conduct itself as trade. And still the army of the to regain the confidence of a considera-Discontents only talk of hard times, ble section of the party that triumphof no future for Wilmington, of bad ed in 1884, and to unite in unbroken this and bad that. harmony the great Democratic party from Maine to Florida, and from talking. Let us cultivate cheerfulocean to ocean. Whatever may be ness. Let us try to be happy. Let the indorsements of States and Disus do as St. Paul said he would do when he had landed in Italy on his trict Conventions, it is plain to all way to Rome-"Thank God and take observers and newspaper readers that there are hundreds of thousands of courage." Let all strive to make the best Democrats who do not like the course of the Administration in dealing with Republican officials, in favoring the bondholders in their war upon silver, in opposing legislation to reduce the huge and corrupting surplus, and in sustaining the meanest bill that has passed Congress, with the exception of the oppressive laws in reconstruction times. We, of course, mean the Oleomargarean law, that introduces a principle in the American Government, and through Democratic instrumentality, that it is just and wise to tax one commodity for the benefit of another

commodity. The papers are full of protests there is advance. We have now against this kind of action, and we electric light; we have water works; hope that the Administration and the party will be more of a unit hereafter, for it is very important to the prosperity, glory, honor and peace of the country that the control of public affairs shall at least continue for another term of four years with the first rate hotel accommodations; Democratic party-the party of the people. With a united party, and We need a steam ferry over the with a wise, economical, fostering, Democratic administration of the Government, we may well hope for victory in 1888, provided the right men from the right sections are things. But above all, let us culti-

EEKLY STA

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1886,

ment, remembering as the greatest of all poets has said, that,

Poor, and content is rich and rich enough; But riches, fineless, is as poor as winter, To him that ever fears he shall be, poor.

This train of reflection all grew out of a chance talk with a friend as we were coming to the office Saturday morning.

A \$10,000 GIFT.

An additional subscription of ten thousand dollars to the Randolph-Macon College endowment fund has been made by a North Carolina farmer, and a Connecticut gentleman has promised another thousand.

—Richmond Advocate.

This liberal and worthy North Carolinian might have found in his own State an excellent opportunity for the exercise of his benevolence and sympathy. Trinity College is sorely in need of an endowment, and the \$10,000 bestowed on another State would have given Trinity a great hoist and at the same time set such an example of Christian beneficence would have stimulated "the brethren" who seem to be in need of some such help. Trinity languishes simply because of the stinginess of well-to-do Methodist laymen. The other denominational colleges in the State are endowed. In the bestowment mentioned

above there is a clear example of the impropriety of dividing church fields as the Methodists do, putting a part in one State and a part in another. The Methodists beyond Roanoke are not half as much North Carolinians as those who live this side, we may believe. They are so interested in the Church and become so identified with Virginia thereby that they are perhaps more Virginians in feeling than North Carolinians, we have no doubt. It s probably so with the transmontane counties also. They are more identified with Tennessee than with-North Carolina, and lose to some ex tent what little State pride they may have originally possessed. It is a that many North Carolinians have but little State pride. They have never felt that glow of clanship and devotion to soil and home as to make them feel deeply as they ex-

"This is my own, my native land." We wish North Carolina was divided into two or three Methodist Conferences and its territory now given to other States was taken home, then wealthy Methodists in the foreign territories would help their own struggling educational and benevolent institutions. It is a true and good way to first help your own people before showering your beneactions upon strangers. But we are glad that there is one Methodist in the State, if on the Virginia side of the river, who is generous enough to give \$10,000 to a literary institution eeking an endowment. Will not other rich members of that denomi nation imitate the example in behalf of Trinity College?

The Knights Templars at St. Louis when parading formed a line three and a half miles long. The following officers were elected:

"Sir Knight Charles Roome, of New York city, Right Eminent Grand Master, was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, and Sir Knight John P. Gobin, of Lebs non, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the former's promotion.

Fraud Wiggins bases his so-called calculations upon "a conjunction of planets," he says, but among them are "visible and invisible moons." This shows up the unscientific humbug. He knows as much as we do of what is going to happen, and that is absolutely nothing.

John Adams bought a billiard table in France, set it up in the White House, and sent the bill to Congress! That's the way the frugal fathers did!—Washington Post. John Adams lived in France too long. See his wife's letters, and you will find they liked style.

Mr. Bartholomew was a robber of the orphans to the tune of \$20,000. Other corporations than the Charter Oak are ruined or injured by his defalcation and rascalities.

The Candidates at Smithville-Coli Charles R. Laid Out. Col. Alfred Rowland, Democratic candi date for Congress from this District, and

Col. Chas. R. Jones, "Independent," had a joint discussion at Smithville yesterday. A gentleman who was present says: "People who heard the speaking were much pleased. Col. Jones was handled in such a manner as to even enlist the pity of good Democrats, who advised him in a friendly way to go home and remain there, for politically speaking, the funeral over his remains was held here to day."

Cotton Receipts. day were 939 bales, being the largest for any one day so far this season. The receipts for the past week were 8,708 bales. against 5,209 the same week last year. The receipts for the crop year-from September 1st to September 25th-were 4,687 bales, against 9,052 for the corresponding period last year-a decrease of 4,265 bales.

Republican Primaries in Brunswicz. A meeting of Republicans was held in Smithville yesterday. Wm. Brown presided and Franklin Gordon was secretary. Smithville yesterday. Wm. Brown presided and Franklin Gordon was secretary. The delegates appointed to the county convention were Robert C. Smith, John Evans and Frank Gordon. A township commitmittee was appointed, consisting of S. P. Swain chairman, Robert C. Smith and Wm. Brown, Jr. vate assiduously a spirit of content- Wm. Brown, Jr.

Wilmington, Onslow & East Caroli-

In the proceedings, as published, of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Friday last, it should have been stated that the Directors of the W., D C. R. R. Co. withdrew the application made previously by them to the Board. The pe-

ters, asking the Board to order an election on the question of a subscription of \$100,-000 to the road, was not withdrawn. The Directors of the Railroad Company submitted a new application for a subscription by the county, in conformity with the Act of Assembly under which the Company was organized. The law recites that it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners upon the written application of the Board of Directore, together with a petition of at least one-fifth of the qualified voters of the county, to appoint a day upon which an

election shall be held in the manner pre-

scribed by law for the holding of other elec-

tions, after thirty days notice.

That if the result of said election shall show that the majority of the qualified voters of the county favor subscription, the County Commissioners shall immediately make such subscription to the capital stock of the Company, payable in cash or bonds as may be agreed upon, and appoint a board of trustees, consisting of not less than three resident tax payers, who shall issue the bonds to the amount so voted for at the election, and said trustees shall deliver to the said W., O. & E. C. R. R. Co., one fifth of the amount subscribed in bonds or cash as agreed, at as early a date after said election as it is practicable to have the bonds prepared, the balance by installments of one fifth as the work progresses within the county, until the grading is done an | cross ties procured for the track in the county, when the amount remaining shall be paid to the Company to complete the track com mencing at Wilmington, and placing there on one freight and passenger train com-

otton Facts and Figures Increasing daily receipts of cotton give a renewed impetus to business of all descrip-

The local freight on the Carolina Central which came in yesterday evening, consisted of a train of fifty cars, laden principally The price of the staple advanced a six-

teenth in this market yesterday; middling being quoted firm at 91c. per pound. Savannah was firm yesterday at 8 15-16c., and Charleston firm at 84c. Messrs. Everett Brothers Gibson & Co.,

of Norfolk, Va , in a circular letter to their customers under date of the 18th inst , give the following information in regard to cotton and cotton goods: "Warehouses which, at this time last

year, were filled with brown sheetings waiting for buyers at 5c . are now empty. with the looms sold at 5%c., while cotton i 13-16c per pound lower. As a further illustration it has been stated that a contract for yarns, completed within a few days. will require six million pounds, or two years' full production of the mill at the rate of sixty thousand pounds per week. Yarns that were slow one year ago at 15c. are now quick at 20c. for future delivery. The stock of print cloths now on hand is 268,000 yards against 1,068,000 at same time last year, while the price this year is Sec. against 3 3-16c. last year and the visible supply of course is less than it has been in six years."

The Burglar Jones. Every day brings to light additiona

facts which go to prove that the colored man John Jones has been engaged for a long time past in numerous thefts and robberies in this city. Yesterday a lot of silverware stolen from Caroline H. Jackson, colored, on the 20th of June last, was taken to Justice Millis' office and identified by the woman as her property. It had been sold by Jones to different parties in the city; Jones saying that he had been authorized by Mr. Davis, the former proprietor of the 'Racket" store, to dispose of it. Jones was suspected of this robbery at the time t was committed, and was arrested on the charge; but at the preliminary examina tion the evidence was not considered sufficient to warrant his detention and he was discharged. In May last he was arrested at the instance of a colored woman named Fanny Hill, who is thought to have come to Wilmington with him from Newbern. She charged him with beating her, and said that he had killed a man in Newbern. Afterwards, however, she withdrew the warrant and took back the statements she had made. Officers engaged in working up the case have found several other persons than those heretofore mentioned who have bought ar-

ticles of jewelry and clothing from Jones. which are supposed to have been stolen. Fatal Accident at Sloop Point. Captain Lorenzo Stanland, master of th

small schooner Mary, of Smithville, was fatally injured last Wednesday, while his vessel was taking in freight at Sloop Point. He was sitting on the deck of the schooner when a barrel of rosin that some of the crew were taking on board, slipped from its fastenings and fell with crushing force upon the Captain's back, crushing him to the deck and inflicting such serious injuries that he died from the effects four hours aferwards, at the residence of Mr. James Nixon, where everything possible had been done to relieve his sufferings. Capt. Stanland's family, consisting of his wife and one child, reside at Smithville, whither his by the officer. Ryan made two or three at remains will be taken for interment.

Criminal Court. In this Court yesterday the greater part of the day was occupied with the trial of Louis LeGrand, colored, charged with larceny. The case was given to the jury in the afternoon, when a verdict of not guilty

The case of the State vs. F. Mayer, charged with bribery, was continued by consent until the next term, on account of the absence of an important witness for the J. J. Ryan alias J. J. Gilbert, charged

with larceny, was arraigned. Defendant submitted, but judgment against him was not pronounced.

Wake Up. If Wilmington does not contribute to the increase and extension of her railroad fa-

ONSLOW RAILEOAD.

Action of the Board of County Com missioners on the Petition Presented by the Board of Directors of the Rail-

The Board of County Commissioners met in adjourned session yesterday afternoon to consider the petition presented at the last neeting asking for an election on the ques tion of a subscription of \$100,000 to the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina Rail-

Judge Russell was present and submitted the following communication from the Directors of the Railroad Company asking a withdrawal of the petition presented by toem at the former meeting:

OFFICE WILMINGTON, ONSLOW & EAST CAROLINA R. R. Co. WILMINGTON, Sept. 25

To the Board of Commissioners of New Han-GENTLEMEN: The application of this

company for a subscription to the capital stock by the county of New Hanover, (which was submitted to your honorable loard on the 21st day of this month, after having been frequently published in the newspapers) upon certain conditions which have not been accepted, is hereby with-drawn. This company is advised that there may be doubt about the validity of a county subscription founded upon a con-ditional application, where the charter expressly defines the terms of the app the rights of the company, and the duties of the county officers. If the subscription shall be voted by the people, the sums and stipulations proposed in our former application may be thereafter made the subject of negotiation between this company and the county, if your honorable Board shall

The Board of Directors of the company argely more than one-fifth of the qualified of the county of New Hanover asking for a subscription of one hundred thousand dollars to the capital stock of this company. The said Board of Directors, by authority of the act of Assembly, entitled: "An Act to incorporate the Wil-mington, Onslow and East Carolina Rail road Company, ratified on the fifth day of March, 1885, chapter 233 of the Laws o 1885, hereby make application for a subscription by the county of New Hanover in the sum of one hundred thousand dolars to the capital stock of the Wilmington Onslow and East Carolina Railroad Com pany, payable in cash or bonds of the county of New Hanover, as may hereafter be determined. This application and the subscription asked for, to be in accordance with the Act of Assembly heretofore recited

by its title.

By order of the Board of Directors E. S. MARTIN. Secretary pro tem. The following resolution was adopted: WHEREAS, The petition presented to the Board by Mr. E. S. Martin, Secretary pro the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina Railroad Company, bears upon its face sufficient to cause grave doubts as t its being the bona fide petition of one-fifth of the qualified voters of the county, many names appearing twice upon the list, many in the hand-writing of the same person, and the certificates on the back of some of the lists being made by persons in whom the Board has little confidence; and whereas,

names of the signers, so that it has been impossible to verify the lists in the short time the petition has been before us. ed. That action upon the applica ion of the said company for the calling an election upon the question of this county subscribing to said road be deferred until this Board has had time and opportunity t examine and ascertain if the said petitt bears the bona fide signatures of one-fifth of the qualified voters of this county.

no ward or township is given opposite the

Another Thier cuptured. mitted to fail vesterday morning by Mayor Hall, in default of bail for his appearance at the present term of the Criminal Court to answer to the charge of larceny.

Ryan is a young man, not more than twenty or twenty-five years of age, small of stature, of fair complexion, with light hair and gray eyes, and of rather prepossessing appearance. He is a stranger in the city. On Thursday last about noon he applied for board at the Marlboro House, on South Front street. He registered as J. J. Gilbert, of Elizabeth City, N. J., and informed Mr. Turlington, the proprietor of the house, that he was night train-dispatcher on the Atlantic Coast Line, and that his trunk was at another boarding house in the city and would be sent around later in the day. After dinner he went to his room and asked to be called at five o'clock An hour or two afterwards he came down stairs and asked for water, which was sent up to him by a colored boy, and soon afterwards he quietly left the house, having in the meantime entered a room on the same floor occupied by Mr. Owen Hollingsworth and wife, and robbing it of a set of jewelry, between three and four dollars in money, a knife, handkerchiefs and other articles which he found in a bureau drawer. The robbery was soon discovered by Mrs. Hollingsworth, and the new boarder was at once suspected. A warrant was procured and the proprietor of the house and officer Latham of the police force went to the railroad depots in search of the man. They found him at the Carolina Central depot and at once took him into custody. Ryan appeared to take the matter very coolly; was indignant at being suspected, and said that he would make some one suffer for the treatment he was being subjected to. He ac-

companied the officer willingly, and was marched off to the City Hall; but when the party reached the corner of Walnut and Third streets the prisoner made a break for liberty and running down Walnut street jumped into a sunken lot on the south side, where he endeavored to conceal himself but was finally captured and dragged out tempts after this to escape, but was finally taken to the guard house and locked up. All the articles stolen from Mrs. Hollings-

worth were found in his pockets. At his examination yesterday morning pefore the Mayor he had nothing to say beyond admitting that his name was not Gilbert but Ryan; two or three letters ad-dressed to J. G. Ryan being found upon his person. During the forencon of yes-terday his case was sent before the grand jury, a true bill was found, and he will be tried, probably, at the present term of the Criminal Court.

The Jewelry Thief. J. J. Ryan, alias Gilbert, who robbed one of the guests at the Marlboro House, Thursday last, was arraigned in the Criminal Court yesterday to answer to an indictment for larceny. There being an error in the bill of indictment, the prisoner was told by the Court that if he permitted the bill to be amended his case would be disposed of at the present term of court: otherwise, he would have to remain in jail until the next term, unless he could give bail. Ryan offered no objection to the bill of indictment being amended; but submitted and prayed the elemency of the Court. Judgment will be given in his case before the final adjournment of Court Wednesday.

the interest on \$12,500 worth of bonds.

Let us be up and be doing something for Wilmington's advancement.

BURGAW.

Public Speaking-The Barbecue, &c. The day opened fair and pleasant, and at an early hour a large crowd had assembled. At 11 o'clock the tap of the Court House bell called the large audience together, comprising as it did, much of the intelligence and beauty of the county.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. G. H. Lucas, the gifted chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. Dr. Satchwell, Chairman of the Committee on Invitation, read several letters from distinguished speakers who were prevented

from coming. The chairman then introduced Mr. O. H. Allen, the Democratic nominee for Solicitor, who made a short but pointed speech, which was well received and applauded Mr. Allen is a great favorite in Pender and

she will do her whole duty for him at the The next speaker was Mr. J. D. Kerr, of Sampson, who made a good speech and left

a good impression on the audience. Mr. Geo. A Ramsay then introduced Maj. C. W. McClammy, our candidate for Congress Maj. McClammy thereupon took the stand and ably discussed the political issues of the day—striking heavy blows at Republican mis-rule. We were made to feel proud of Pender's gallant son. The speaker showed himself entirely familiar with all the issues of the day, both in State and national politics. His speech was well received and generated much enthusiasm in the large crowd present and much good will be the result, as will appear on the 2nd

At the close of the Major's speech, the adies, through Mr. O. H. Allen, presented him with a beautiful bouquet.

Mr. Jao D. Kerr then introduced Capt

W. H. Kitchen, of Halifax, who made a strong, old-fashioned speech. For an hour and more he held the audience spell bound. His speech was well received and was an honest and able exposition of Democratic principles.

At the close of Capt. Kitchen's speech, Mr. E. W. Kerr, of Sampson, was introduced by the chairman. Mr. Kerr discussed the questions of the day. Dealt a heavy blow at Republican misdoings. Said they have put no ticket in the field, but we know that they are at work—they are try-ing to organize the disaffected elements of the Democratic party and thereby pull down its power. Be not lulled to sleep or deceived. Wake up! The Democratic party; the hope of the country! Beware of

Mr. J. E. Robinson, of the Goldsbor Argus, was introduced by the chairman and

responded very happily

The big dinner provided for the occasion was spread in the oak grove near by.

There was a bountful supply provided, and ample justice was done to the feast by the great crowd in attendance.

Criminal Court. The business before this court yesterday

was not of much general interest. The jury in the case of J. T. Edens charged with slandering his wife, came into court soon after ten o'clock with a verdict of guilty. Defendant's counsel made notion for a new trial, but the motion was overruled, when motion for arrest of judgment was made.

Judgment for costs was given against Jeff Sears, who submitted to a charge of as sault and battery.

Henry Foust, a colored boy, convicted of mbezzling about twenty dollars in money from a pegro who employed him to sell watermelons and other truck was sentiary.

The Alleged Burglars. Facts are daily coming to light which seem to settle beyond question that the col ored men John Jones and Monroe Hawkins are connected with, if not the leaders, of a band of thieves who have been depredating upon this and other communities for some time past Several store keepers have notified the city authorities of articles of jewelry being le!t with them from time to time as pledges for purchases made by the prisoners, and it is known that while they have had no regular occupation, both Jones and Hawkins seemed to be in good circumstances, and were always trading watches, rings and other trinkets on the wharves with colored people from the country. It is strongly suspected that they had confederates in other places, and that the "plunder" stolen here was sent to members of the gang in other cities for dispo-

sal, while most of the articles sold by them

here were received from confederates else-

THE ONSLOW RAILROAD. EDITOR STAR:-There seems to be som opposition among the County Commiss ors to the proposed subscription to the Onslow Railroad on the ground that a syndicate has taken up the stock and that this syndicate may control the road by means of construction companies and othe devices by which railroads are built in hese days of speculations, consoli loes not control it. Does it follow that the city of Wilmington (which is the county) will lose by the investment? Is it not bet ter that private parties should control and perate a railroad rather than a county Has not every attempt to run railroads political corporations proved a failure? t desirable for New Hanover county to concern loses money, its receipts by less than its expenses, is it desirable to have the county footing the deficiencies? If a private syndicate is willing to take all the risk, to subscribe its money and go into the enterprise for better or for worse is it not better for the county to stand off and say 'very well; we do not want to take this risk; we will assist you to the extent of taking so much stock, but you can operate it and take the risks incident to that.

If the stock turns out to be worthless the city has still secured the railroad and gets its money back in the increased trade of its money back in the increased trade of its merchants and the general improvement of its property. If we wait till we get a chance to take stock in a railroad which is sure to pay dividends, we'll wait and wallow in the valley of sloth for many a year to come. Wilmington gave largely to its three railroads. The city has paid thousands, nay, millions in interest on the debt which is still owing for subscriptions to these roads. The city never received any dividends and lost its stock long ago. But who dends and lost its stock long ago. But who will deny that we have not made largely more than we lost by aiding these roads?

Where is the county outside of Wilmington which hesitates to aid railroads that bring business, trade and money to its peo-

Besides, from what we can learn of

Besides, from what we can learn of the composition of the syndicate of the Onslow road, we hear that it is composed largely of our own citizens, men who are enlisted in every enterprise that pertains to the best interests of the community. Why should we hinder and delay them for fear that they may make some money, when, on the other hand, they may lose?

By all means let the Commissioners submit the question of subscription or no subscription to the people If done at once the election can take place at the regular election in November. If delayed a special election will of necessity be held, and this will cost at least \$750, which sum will pay the interest on \$12,500 worth of bonds.

CHARLESTON.

Shocks-The Work of Repair Progressing-Business Brightening and Public Confidence Restored.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLESTON, Sept. 23.—There have sen no shocks here to-day and the city is quieter than at any time since the great August shock. The work of repair is making good progress, and the labors of the relief committee are attended with grat ifying results. Railroads, steamship com anies and business men generally, speak opefully of the future and coun on a large trade in all branches. The railroads report an increase in passenger business over the corresponding period last year, and say that freight movements during the past week indicate a large increase of trade in the near future. The situation is as encouraging as could be desired under the conditions.

About 900 applications have been mad to the Executive Committee for money to repair dwellings. The Sub Committee on Buildings, of which the Mayor is chairman, passed on 42 cases, ordering repairs to be made. Nearly all of the destitute persons in the city have been supplied with food and clothing. Camps are nearly all de-serted and the houses are generally occupled. A few more days without shocks will fully establish public confidence

Reports have been circulated that the city is not ready to do business. This state ment is conspicuously untrue. It is enough to say that any order or contract or other business obligation can be met as promptly, as fully, and as satisfactorily in Charleston to-day as it could have been met on the last of August. The case is even be ter than this. It is practicable for our wholesale and retail merchants and business men, in almost every branch of trade, to fill orders now that could not have been filled a few weeks ago, for the reason that their stock has been largely replenished in anticipation of the fall trade, and new supplies are arriving every day.

Charleston, Sept. 24 — Letters having been received from all parts of the country asking whether the period of the great distress in Charleston has not passed, the statement is authorized that the Relie Committee, through the generosity of their fellow countrymen, feel themselves in position to furnish subsistence and temporary shelter to all who need it. But at he same time the committee estimate tha the relief funds at command or in prospect, fall short of the money needed to pu in habitable condition the homes of per-sons who are unable to repair their build-ings without public aid. Government engineers have inspected six hundred buildings out of seven thousand in the city, and estimate the damage those inspected at two million dollars Their inspection, however, covers most o the costliest structures. The Relief Com-mittee, in assisting needy householders to make residences habitable, will deal first with those whose losses are small, the obect being to make as many roofs as possible tight, foundations secure and chimneys of widows and orphans and other helples ersons will have paramount claim. loss of any person owning more than one house will be considered at this time. The ntention, also, is to disallow all claims for dastering as not being indispensable

reasonable safety and comfort The Subsistence Committee have suoolied nearly all persons requiring provision and the number of rations issued to-day was the smallest since the commissary was established. The force of clerks and the working force is being gradually reduced. To-day was very quiet. No shocks were felt here, and only a slight tremor at Sum merville. Business is active and merchants

are hopeful. CHARLESTON, Sept. 25.—To-day pass without incident and without shocks. The Relief Committees are making pr gress in examining applications and robably begin next ges sire sman and on houses owned by widows and poor person All cases of relief for persons who do not own houses are acted on at once, and small ums granted to replace personal property destroyed or to relieve pressing wants.

The weather continues fine, with no in lications of the usual September gale. Government engineers sent here to in-spect damaged buildings estimate the noneyed value of real estate damages by he earthquake from five to six millions The heroic bronze statue of the states-man, John C. Calhoun, arrived here to-day by New York steamer, and will be unoaded Monday and stored until the monument is completed. The statue is the work

of Albert C. Hornish, of Rome, and cost fourteen thousand dollars. The monument, when completed, will cost about seventy thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON.

National Banks Greatly Disturbed by the Calling in of Three Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.-Inquiry was made at the Treasury Department to-day in regard to the published statement that national banks are being greatly disturbed by the calling in of three per cent bonds which form the principal base of their cir-culation. It was learned that several of these institutions have given notice of withdrawal from the system and that others are trying to have their called bonds retained as a basis for circulation, preferring to forego the interest altogether rather than risk buying 4 per cents and 41 per cents. at the present high premium. It has always been held by the Treasury Department that when bonds cease to bear interest they become unavailable as a basis for circulation. This ruling, however, has lately been contested by some of the banks and the question has been referred to the Attorney Gen eral for decision. Until this decision is ren dered the Department still of course adheres to its practice In many cases, however, deferring their replacement, expecting ap-parently a decision allowing those bonds to nain. In the meantime the Comptrolle of the Currency, the Treasurer and Register are so busily engaged with replace and withdrawals that it is not considered likely that the Department will be very exacting with banks that have failed to sur-

ender their called bonds A letter was received to-day from a lead ing financier of New York suggesting that as the exchange of bonds will lock up a good deal of money just at this time when it is in great need in the moving of crops, &c., it would not be well for the Government to force banks beyond a reasonable legree of diligence in substituting other bonds for called threes. It is understood that the question will be left open until the return of Attorney General Garland, who is expected back about the first of the month. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The Atlantic Coast Line will run an excursion train from

here to Charleston October 2d, returning October 4th; the proceeds to be given to the Charleston benefit fund. The price of the round trip will be \$10. Pullman cars will be attached to the train so as to give sleeping accommodations to those desiring The Light House Board has prepared ifications for two new steel

Beaman, colored, was accidentally shot in the face and neck by Barney Jones at Mr. J. R. Beaman's Jr., one nightlast week.

Spirits Turpentine.

— Revivals reported in N. C. Presbyterian: Mark's Creek, 11 additions; Hawdeld, 20 additions; Chinquepin, 21 ad-

- Wilson Advance: Rev. J. R. - Wilson Advance: they. J. R. Brooks, D. D., spenta portion of last week assisting Rev. Mr. Raven in a protracted meeting at Whitaker's. There had been eighteen conversions when he left and the interest still continues. — The train was run through to beyond Selma on regular schedule for the first time on Wednesday of last week. A regular schedule will be run to Fayetteville on and after the first of next month.

- Raleigh Chronicle: Mr. Julian B. Carr has promised to give \$1,000 to the building of a new Methodist church at Chapet Hill. \$500 has been given for the same purpose by the late Mr Walter Scarboro, of Wisconsin, who was a brother of boro, of Wisconsin, who was a brother of Mrs. Rev. J. B. Martin, of Chapel Hill. procession two years ago one of the transparencies read: "Nichols was not with us; Gorman was." Mr. Nichols is such a died in the wool Republican that in the election of 1884, when Gorman and other good Republicans repudiated the Republi-can ticket, Nichols swallowed the nauseating dose ! And yet he is the "ind From such "Good Lord deliver

- Revival notes in Raleigh Recorder condensed for STAR: Smithfield, 2 isms; Asheville, 6 baptisms; Richlands 14 baptisms; Morrisville, 25 professions; Chalk Level, 35 professions, 24 additions; Palmersville, 29 additions; Olive Branch, 28 baptisms and 73 professions; New Bethel, 6 additions; Bay Leaf, 8 baptisms; Swift Creef, 11 professions; Neil's Creek, 8 hap-Creef, 11 professions; Nell's Creek 8 bap-Creef, 11 professions; Neil's Creek 8 bap-tisms; Buie's Creek, 3 baptisms; Piny Grove, 14 baptisms; Cameron Grove, 27 profes-sions, 9 baptisms; Hopewell, 16 additions; Windsor, 8 baptisms; Ephesus, 60 profes-sions, 54 additions; Lumber Bridge 35 ad-ditions; Unity, 27 baptisms and 12 re-stored; Euon, 4 additions; Shiloh, 12 bap-tisms; Carthage, 40 professions; Bethlehem, 26 converts. Do not steal this work.

- We have copied many revival notices from our secular exchanges. The following notes are condensed for the STAR from the Raleigh Advocats, omitting any that have previously appeared, as far as we remember: Franklinsville, 35 professions, 19 additions; Wadesboro, 50 professions; Youngsville circuit, 19 additions; Farm ington circuit, 50 professions; Mattamus keet circuit, 12 additions; Marvin Chapel, 7 additions; Carteret circuit, 16 professions, 11 additions; Mt. Pleasant circuit, 175 professions, 107 additions; Stony Hill Church, 30 additions; Forsyth circuit, 9 additions Forest City circuit, 17 professions; Concord circuit, 126 professions, 83 additions; Waccamaw circuit, 40 professions, 54 accessions; Pittsboro circuit, 110 professions. 56 additions; Pamlico, 15 additions. In all during the year on Concord circuit, there have been 206 professions and 143 additions. Snow Hill circuit, 34 additions. Do not use without credit, as all this has cost much time and labor,

- Durham Plant: We learn that two young men. Messrs. Johnson, of Bertwo young men, Messrs. Johnson, of Bertie county, and Cooper of Cherokee county, were expelled from the University on Saturday last, for hazing. [Served them right.]

— On last Thursday night the large prize room occupied by Mr. T. A. Noel, was destroyed by fire. The building was the property of Mr. W. R. Cooper, upon which he had insurance to the amount of \$2,500. This did not by any means cover the value of the building. Mr. Noel had a very large quantity of bright wrappers in the burned building, upon which he had an insurance policy of \$9,000. — Durham shipped last week 113,800 pounds of smoking tobacco, worth \$85,801.57. 4,565 pounds chewing tobacco, worth \$1,300. 175,000 pounds leaf tobacco, worth \$30,000, 7,638,700 cigarettes, worth \$22,155. At the warehouses last week 310,375 pound of leaf tobacco was sold at \$30,257. The tobacco was generally poor quality and the price rated low.

- A Shoe Heel correspondent writes as follows of the Rowland-Jones discussion Sept. 22: "Col. Rowland met Col. Jones here to-day in discussion, and, while we all knew that Rowland could handle Jones in a very proper manner, a olished him. In fact some of our good people wanted to advise Jones to return home and stop making a fool of himself. Jones claimed to be on a Democratic platform, but one of his own make, Gol. How will also friend, the Colonel, has a hacked, wo-begone expression about him, and while he says he will be elected you can tell from his tone that he don't believe what he says himself, and I know no one else does. The crowd was not very large and especially the colored people were scarce. Those that were present seemed to think that it was no fight of theirs, so they were hands off. Jones would have been better off if he had never met Col. Rowland in iscussion at this place

- Raleigh Visitor: The following nominees in the Republican Conven-tion were recommended to be voted for at the coming election : Chief Justice Supreme Court, W. P. Bynum; Associate Justices, John W. Albertson, R. P. Buxton; Superior Court Judges: 3rd district, B. F. Bullock; 4th district, T. P. Devereux; 6th district, D. M. Furches; 8th district, W. S. O'B. Robinson; 9th district, A. E. Holton; 10th district, - Marsh; 12th district, P. A. Cumming. The following State Executive Committee was chosen 1st district, C. C. Pool; 2nd district, H. E. Davis; 3rd district, G. C. Scurlock; 4th district, John H. Williamson; 5th district, R. M. Douglas; 6th district; W. C. Coleman; 7th district, H. C. Cowles; 8th district, W. G. Bogle; 9th district, V, S. Dusk. State at Large: R. E. Young, James H. Harris, A. V. Dockery, T. S. Hargrove, G. T. Wassom. After the adjournment of the Convention the new Executive Committee met and elected Col. T. L. Hargrove chairman. No secretary was chosen, and Mr. J. C. L. Harris will act in that capacity tem-

ing taken to make application for the creaing taken to make application for the creation of a new county out of parts of Wilson, Johnston, Wake, Nash and Franklin.

On Sunday morning Mr. Moseley, who lives on the plantation of Mr. Calvin Wood, was kicked by a horse and so severely was he hurt that the unfortunate man died the uext day. — Mr. T. R. Batts, who has been a patient sufferer for months, was released from pain on Wednesday night. He leased from pain on Wednesday night. He was a young man whom Wilson can ill afford to lose. — F. M. Simmons, our candidate for Congress, will address the people of Wilson on Wednesday night, the 6th of October, and at Toisnot the next day at 11 o'clock. — On Wednesday morning, while Bob Boyd was coupling the circus advertising car to the through freight. cus advertising car to the through freight, he was caught between the cars and terri-bly crushed. — Billie McSween, the brave and fearless hero, who stood at his post of duty in the terrible accident that befel his engine sometime ago near Wel-lon, and who by standing at his post amid scalding steam, saved the lives of the passengers by endangering his own, has recovered from his injuries and is at his post again. We salute thee, brave, noble, chivalous spirit, and give thee the homage that is due to true heroism and knightly gal-

Wilson Mirror: Steps are be-

- Raleigh News-Observer: A reduction of State taxes from 25 to 20 cents on property, is a reduction of 15 cents on the poll. — Sunday night while Mr. W. L. Hunter and his daughter, of Graham, were at church, their house was entered by several burglars and \$500 in money was taken therefrom. — There are three districts in this State of Knights of Labor, each of which has chosen two delegates to the national assembly at Richmond, Va., next month. The delegates from this dis-The Light House Board has prepared plans and specifications for two new steel light-ships, and will shortly advertise for proposals for their construction. One of the vessels is to be stationed near Cape Charles and the other near Winter Quarter Shoals, Va.

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A Merchant Murdered by: Burglars at Creswell.

**RALEIGH, Sept. 24.—Early last evening A. D. Dowes, a merchant of Creswell, N. C., while sleeping up stairs in his store, heard some one breaking in. He came down and saw two men. He was fired upon and forty buckshot took effect in his stomach. He died in about one hour afterward.

Clinton Caucasian: Esther Beaman, colored, was accidentally shot in the face and neck by Barney Jones at Mr. J. R. Beaman's Jr., one night last week.