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graph quoted above.

didn't have a fair showing in the

convention, for judging from the

series of resolutions adopted the Al-

liance men were evidently there in

force, as these resolutions embrace

almost everything demanded by the

This removes all grounds of pos-

sible contention between the Dem-

ocratic party and Alliance Demo-

It was solid on Senator Vance, too,

whom it strongly endorsed and

whose re-election it heartily recom-

mended. This ought to quiet the

fears and allay the apprehensions of

those friends of the Senator who

Carolina into the Radical column.

WITHOUT A LEADER.

Heretofore the party has stood

quent increases of duties, then to

and courageously for a reduction of

constructed and supported in the in-

terest of a few manufacturers who

are mighty because they talk with

The extraordinary spectacle

also presented of some of the ablest

Republican journals in the country

taking strong position against and

vigorously denouncing the proposed

people and a gross abuse of public

confidence reposed in the party when

ablest Republican papers in the

country, declares that if they had

now be practicing law in Indiana-

be managing the business of the

days was to the Republicans of the

East, is equally emphatic in its de-

Then we see the most brilliant,

active and undoubtedly the most

popular man in the party, Mr. Blaine,

though a member of the Cabinet,

announcing a policy for the party in

direct antagonism to the McKinley

bill which had, under whip and spur,

take in opposition to the bill.

people in Washington.

tion of taxation.

crats and makes them solid.

sion ?

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

The subscription price of the Weekly Star is

A PLAYED OUT HUMBUG. The New York Tribune is one of the leading lights of the extreme

high tariff protectionists. It affirms that old humbug about the high tariff being beneficial to the farmers, and in spite of statistical facts and figures to the contrary, endeavors to make the farmers believe that they are actually getting rich. A sample of this kind of talk is given in the following extract from a leading editorial: -

"The obvious proof is that a large proportion, indeed, of the farmers are steadily accumulating profits, either in the form of more land owned and paid for or in money invested. Only a minority fail to accumulate wealth, either through their own incapacity or from all other causes. Yet it is this class of men who are asked to organize against the national policy of protection. This is the class of persons who demand that railroads shall be forced to charge less for their services, although much more than half the railroads in this country are at present unprofitable."

This paragraph is somewhat obscure because it is not plain whether it refers to the farmers of the whole country or the farmers of New York, with the other not only for victory As an illustration of the way the probut from the fact that the alleged prosperity which they are enjoying is attributed to the protective policy of the Republican party we take it that the paragraph refers to the farmers of the United States, and is as far from the truth as anything that has been written and printed in the nineteenth century.

That there are farmers in the country who have accumulated mo nev and some of them handsome estates is unquestionably true, as we stated in our editorial vesterday discussing the question, "Does farming | party policy. pay?" But they are the exceptions, There are, doubtless; many wealthy farmers in the State of New York, but New York is an exceptional State. It is the most populous State years bore it patiently began to in the Union, in which is situated the question the necessity of these frelargest city and the greatest commercial mart in the Union. In addition to this it has more large towns within its borders than any other State, and has railroads penetrating in all directions, with markets within a few hours travel of nearly every farm. With this the protective policy of the Republican party has nothing to do, for it had this great metropolis, all these towns, and these railroads before the Republican party and its tariff policy came into existence. In an old State, densely populated, with many cities and towns, with numerous railroads, of course the value of farms runs high, and a man with even a moderately sized farm may be considered in comfortable circumstances, although he may not have a dollar in his pocket. But unless he wants to dispose of that farm or to borrow money on it to invest in other enterprises, the enhanced value of his land is rather a disadvantage than an advantage to him, for the taxes are increased without increasing the productive capacity of the land. Many of the farms in New York are, owing to their proximity to large towns, worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre or more, but that high priced land will not produce any more per acre, unless it has been brought up to a high | hinted at anything like the McKinstate of cultivation, than it did when ley bill in 1888, Mr. Harrison would it was valued at \$10 an acre, so that

wants to sell or to borrow money. The farmer with the high priced land is in about the same fix the drayman would be who would hitch a thousand dollar horse to his dray of his thousand dollar horse than he would out of his hundred dollar horse, but would have nine hundred dollars buried in horse flesh which was making no return, and upon taking a new departure, and alwhich he was paying taxes. He simply has the satisfaction of owning a nice thousand dollar horse,

the farmer is bettered by the en-

hanced value of the land, which the

Tribune represents as an evidence of

prosperity growing out of the pro-

tective policy, only in the event he

that's all. But this is the way the high pro- passed the Republican House. Not tection organs and champions try to satisfied with criticizing the bill, he make the farmers believe they are issued a couple of letters addressed accumulating wealth, when six out of to Senator Frye, but really intended eight of them couldn't find ten dol- for the people, showing the defects lars in cash if they turned all their of the tariff bill in the special fea-Pockets inside out, and thousands tures where they were most opposed of them, even in the State of New to having them exposed, and thus York, have all they can do to keep has made his policy an issue and a

from under the sheriff's hammer.

THE WEEKLY STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1890.

wealth, people who are proverbially braces three classes of peoconservative and non-assertive as ple, each endeavoring to control it-high tariff protectionists, the farmers are, become restive, aggressive and clamerous as the farlow tariff protectionists with Demomers are now becoming throughout cratic proclivities, and the reciprothe country, and band together for city protectionists, a sort of hybrid mutual protection, for redress of cross between the protectionist and grievances and relief from oppres- the free trader, each of these struggling for leadership in the party Idiocy or bald-faced assurance which is without a leader.

In the question of leaders the man must hold a front seat in the tall who presides in the White House tower, when the Tribune utters such exploded humbuggery as the paradoes not enter as a quantity for he is simply a combination of negatives without any of the positive qualities THE STATE CONVENTION. of leadership and is absolutely with-The harmony and unanimity which out a following. He follows and characterized the proceedings of the flatters himself that he is lead-Democratic State Convention which ing. With Reed on one side, met in Raleigh Wednesday, a full and Blaine on the other, the report of which appeared in THE poor man is taxing his energies STAR, yesterday, are a harbinger of and his talents to keep in with all, victory for the Democracy in the while he don't succeed in keeping in coming election. It will not be aswith any. They consider him really serted that the Farmers' Alliance

Alliance save the sub-treasury bill. although they look upon him as the negative cipher which he is. The force bill is another elephant which they have undertaken to manage and which has caused a world of trouble in the big tent, where a half dozen of them are trying to manage

party policies than they do his

private secretary, and if they confer

with him it is simply because as the

dispenser of patronage they think

they can make him serve their pur-

pose in carrying out their schemes,

MINOR MENTION.

it and none of them seem able.

The Democratic Senators did not thought they discovered an undercurrent against him and advised the succeed in getting through any amendments to the tariff bill Friday, forcing of the Vance issue in nomiall the amendments they offered benating candidates for the Legislaing rejected by the "usual party vote," but they had a pic nic in the There is nothing for the Demodebate and had the protection boostcrats now to do but to get into ranks, shoulder to shoulder, each vieing ers on the defensive from the jump. tective tariff is used to bleed the but for such a victory as will demoralize the opposition and forever dishome purchaser, Mr. Carlisle produced a bill of sale for a gross of courage all attempts to wheel North knives to a foreign purchaser, in which it was stipulated that the goods should not be sold in the United While in some respects the Repub-States. When Mr. Platt remarked. lican party has been the best organafter examining the bill of sale and ized party this country has ever seen being satisfied that it was genuine it is to-day far from being a well orthat the case was not made out un ganized party. As for leadership in less it could be shown that the goods the strict sense of the word it has were sold at a higher price at home, none, and it is dodging around here Mr. Carlisle replied that if Mr. Platt and there without any well defined denied it he (Mr. Carlisle) would furnish proof of it. As Mr. Platt wasn't anxious to have it proved he solid for a protective tariff, but the didn't deny it. But it carried its bosses kept piling it on so high that own proof on its face in the stipulathousands of the people who for tion that the goods should not be sold in the United States, for there could be no other reason for such a stipulation. In addition to this it protest and then to demand a revihas been well established that goods sion of the tariff laws and a reducof this kind are sold in South and Central American countries at a very Through the caucus the bosses much cheaper rate than they are who are committed to the manufacsold to home purchasers, and proof turers, who furnish much of the furnished during this debate by the boodle so necessary in campaigns production of the foreign price lists and elections, have held the Repre-It is too late in the day to deny that sentatives and Senators almost solnow, and it is useless for the high idly in line for the manufacturers tariff advocates to try to account for tariff bill, but the extraordinary specit by giving reasons which are false tacle is presented of one Republican on their face. This tariff business Senator, backed by several others, as now managed is simply legalized standing in line with the Democratplunder of the people, in which there ic Senators, and fighting tenaciously is neither right nor consistency.

duties, for a modification of the bill William E. Mason is a Republican Congressman from the Third Illinois district. He is not in favor of the Conger lard bill. Friday he brought serious charge against the Post Office Department, reciting how par ties interested in the passage of that bill were controlling the Post Office Department to aid them. This charge has been made, and notwithstanding tariff laws as an imposition upon the the fact that a resolution had passed calling for information on the subject no attention had been paid to it. He Mr. Harrison was elected. The St. himself had called at the Depart-Louis Globe-Democrat, one of the ment three or four times to enquire why the papers asked for in the resolution had not been sent, and was informed that they would probably not be sent until Saturday night, after the debate had been closed and polis and Grover Cleveland would the bill voted upon. The chief clerk denied him access to the papers or the privilege of making copies to use The Chicago Tribune, which is to in the debate. He reiterated the the Republicans of the West what charge that improper political or social influence had been used to sethe New York Tribune in its better cure the withholding of these papers, essential to the proper discussion of nunciation, while many more able this question. He asked that a committee of three be appointed to call and influential journals in the West to do the work that a hundred are in full sympathy with the St. on the Postmaster General and ask dollar horse would do as well. Louis and Chicago papers, and une- that the papers be furnished. If Mr. He wouldn't make a cent more out quivocally endorse the position they Mason was a Democrat, it would be alleged that this charge was inspired by partisanship, to make it appear that the postoffice can be used in the interests of favored persons, but as he is a straight out Republican, in good standing, this cannot be alleged. That such a charge is thus boldly made on the floors of Congress by a man of Mr. Wanamaker's own party, is a serious reflection on the administration of this good, pious trousers maker, and shows that there must be something rotten within the

The Farmers' Alliance of Missouri at its recent meeting declared against the sub-treasury plan and powerful one in the party. So that adopted the Democratic policy on Do people who are accumulating as the party stands to-day it em- the tariff question.

P. O. precincts.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Official Returns of the Census of Wilmington, Fayetteville and the Counties in the Sixth Congressional District A press dispatch from Washington D. C., last night says: The population of the Third Supervisor's district of North Carolina was given out to-day by the census officials as 252,577. This an increase during the last census pe- the committee on credentials and the riod of 3,367, or 15.35 per cent,

The present population of this di trict and the increase during the last ten

HERE YOU HAVE IT.

H		by counties as fo	
H	Dieden	Pop. 1890.	F7
H	Bladen,	16,729	4 40
H	Brunswick,	10.883	1,49
ď	Columbus,	17,818	3,37
Ī	Cumberland,	27,294	3,45
H	Duplin	18,654	11
١	Harnett	13,672	2,81
į	Moore,	20,470	3,64
ļ	New Hanove	r, 23,927	2,55
1	Onslow,		44
	Pender,	12,475	
ij	Robeson,		7,54
i	Richmond,	23,882	5,63
ì	Sampson,	25,073	9,17
		t population an	
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of no more importance in shaping of the following North Carolina cities is also given: Wilmington, 20,008, Increase, 2,658 or 15,38 per cent,

> Fayetteville, 4,323. Increase, 735; o 21.09 per cent. The above may be taken with a great many allowances for errors, some of which are palpable. But it is given as

received from Washington. NAVAL STORES.

Comparative atement of Receipts an

Stocks at this Port. Receipts of naval stores at this port for the crop year-from April 1st to August 22-as compared with receipts for the same period in 1889, are as fol

Spirits turpentine, 36,170 casks; last year, 39,643. Rosin, 140,050 barrels; last vear, 89,141. Tar, 19,237 barrels; last year, 19,984. Crude turpentine, 8,907

barrels; last year, 8,892. The stocks at this port, August 22, as compared with stocks at same date last

year, are as follows; Spirits turpentine, 5,890 casks; last year, 6,109, Rosin, 59,994 barrels; last year 41,650. Tar, 3,801 barrels; last year, 1,689. Crude turpentine, 966 barrels; ast year, 990.

Death of Rev. Lucian Holmes. Rev. Lucian Holmes died in Charlotte, N. C., Thursday, after a long illness, aged about sixty-four years. The Chronicle says: "Rev. Mr. Holmes was born in Bladen county in the year 1825. He entered the University of North Carolina in 1842, but left before graduating. He taught school for many years in various parts of North Carolina and Tennessee. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Atkinson on May 18th, 1858, and was ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church by the same bishop in April, 1873. He was at different periods connected with the dioceses of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas. Rev. Mr. Holmes was twice married-first to Miss Mitchell, of Hillsboro, his second wife being Miss Swann,

of Willmington," The A. C. L. Extension to Augusta, Ga. A meeting of the representative citizens of Augusta was held Wednesday last, at which committees were appointed to confer with the city government and General Manager Walters of the railroad company, in regard to a site that the latter had selected for a depot and which the city is about to sell to another road. A dispatch says; There s hardly any doubt that the extension will be built, as General Manager Walters has already expressed a desire to come to Augusta so that the road may get direct communication with the West in connection with the lines of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Sudden Death of Mr. A. G. McGirt. Mr. A. G. McGirt, a member of the auction firm of W. H. Kırkham & Co. died suddenly at his residence in this city about half-past five o'clock vesterday morning, of heart disease, aggravated by congestion of the liver. He was ill only a few hours, although he had been complaining of feeling unwell for a

Mr. McGirt was about fifty years of age. He served during the war as a member of Company D, Forty-sixth N. C. Regiment, and was at the time of his death a member of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., Stonewall Lodge No. 1. K. of P., and Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. and A. M. He leaves a wife and four children.

The funeral services over his remains ook place yesterday afternoon from his residence No. 110 South Sixth street, he interment being in Oakdale Ceme-

Jute Bagging. Nearly all the cotton that has come to this market thus far this season is wrapped in jute bagging, and it is probable that the greater part of the cotton going to other markets is also wrapped in that material. The price of cotton bagging is much higher than it was last year, on account of the high price of cotton, and, besides, cotton bagging does not protect cotton nearly so well as jute bagging. here is another thing which the farmers take into consideration, and that is that under the present system of selling cotton, viz., by gross weight, they get about 80 cents more for a bale of cotton covered with jute bagging than one covered with cotton bagging. Taking into account, therefore, the greater cost of cotton bagging and the wastage which that kind of bagging permits, it may be safely estimated that those who wrap their cotton in jute bagging get fully \$1.25 a bale more for it than those who wrap it in cotton bagging. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that many Alliance men are using jute bagging.

Jacobs' execution.

THE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY. Nominees for County Officers in New Han-

terest on Bonds.

evening:

who is at Williamston, Mass., in regard

to the best method of relieving the pres-

ent financial stringency, and as the re-

21, 1890 :- In pursuance of authorfty

contained in sections 3,694 and 3,699 of

the Revised Statutes of the United

States, public notice is hereby given

that at any time before September 1

1890, the Secretary of the Treasury

will receive at the Treasury Department

in the city of Washington, D. C., or at

the office of any Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and will redeem at par 4½ per cent. bonds of the acts of July 14, 1870, and January 20, 1871, to

an amount not exceeding \$20,000,000

and on or immediately after September

1st, 1890, will prepay to owners of bonds

so received all interest on said bonds to

and including August 31, 1891, without rebate of interest. The circular of

It is explained at the Treasury De-partment that slight delay in making prepayment of interest on twenty mil-

ions of bonds is made necessary by the

fact that the law does not permit antici-

pation of more than one year's interest.

thorized the Superintendent of the mint

at Philadelphia to make advances on

silver bars as soon as received, in order

to relieve the stingency in the New York money market. This action will result in immediate release of over a

million dollars on account of silver pur-

chases already made, which otherwise

would be withheld until after the bullion

had been melted and assayed, a process

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

The Strike of Miners in Belgium-Empero

William's Conference With the Czar-

Another European Congress Probable,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

of an Industrial Council and the with-

drawal of rules recently issued by So-

MELBOURNE, August 23.—The trades

mions here are voting large sums in

support of the strikers in the shipping

rade. As a result of the strike twenty

steamers are now lying idle in the har-

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rom Peterhoff conveys the distinct im-

pression that the Imperial meetings held

Emperor William and Chancellor Vor

Caprivi had a conference with the Czar

to-day which lasted over an hour. Af-

terwards he had a long interview with

Officials of the Foreign Offices here

naintain absolute reticence regarding

the nature of the German Emperor's pro-

posals, but admit that there was immense

political significance in the interview.

Advices from various reliable services

all confirm the announcement made in

these dispatches that Emperor William

desires that another European Congress

further armament. Whatever the na-

ture of inducements offered the Czar, i

is certain that he has met the Emperor's

overtures favorably. Since De Giers

first conference with Chancellor Von

Caprivi, communications have been pass-

ing between the authorities here and at Vienna, with a view to expedi-

ting a meeting between Emperor

Austrian official circles regard the im

pending change in the position with in

tense distrust. Hence the semi-official

press of Vienna throw doubt on the pro-

bability of the holding of another Euro-

pean Congress, and profess incredulity

as to the Emperor's presence at Peter-

hoff causing great political transition.

At the same time there comes from Vi-

enna a report that Emperor William has

asked the Emperor of Austria for a con-

projected reception of the Czar in Ber-

BERLIN, Aug. 23.-The Neuste Na

Joseph will meet on Austrian soil be-

fore definitely agreeing to the hold-

ing of Congress. This statement though unconfirmed, has the basis of

The Election Bill Discussed and a Com

William and Francis Joseph.

Foreign Minister De Giers.

have had a highly satisfactory result.

ciate Des Products.

usually taking two or three days.

The director of the mint to-day au-

WILLIAM WINDOM, Secr'y."

August 19, 1890, is hereby rescinded,

The Republican County Convention or New Hanover met yesterday in the Court House. There was only one contesting delegation-that from the Second Ward, headed by Dr. Bill Moore,and this was promptly sat down upon by VanAmringe delegation from that ward

was given the cake. Mr. F. B. Rice was made permanent chairman, and J. W. Mosely permanent

The following ticket was nomi-Clerk of Superior Court-S. Van Am-

Sheriff-W. H. Chadbourn. Register of Deeds-J. B. Dudley (col-

Treasurer-Elijah Hewlett. Coroner-B. Bellois. Constable, Wilmington township . Holmes.

Legislature-Ben Williams (colored) and Luke Grady. Four delegates for each township were appointed to the State, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Speculations as to the Failure of the Senate to Resume Debate on the Quay Resolution-Investigation of Charges Against Pension Commissioner Raum. WASHINGTON August 21 .- The failure of the Senate this morning to resume the debate of yesterday on the Quay resolution was a great surprise, not only to the public generally, but to many Senators. Mr. Quay, when questioned as to the cause of postponement,

would only say: "Some of our friends thought it best not to take it up to-day; I shall however call it up to-morrow. Senator Manderson said it was telt to be the best, if there was any fighting to be done among the Republicans to do it in private and not in public.

"That means the caucus, then?" was suggested. "Not necessarily," he responded. "But a conference may be held, Immediately after the Tariff bill was taken up and Mr. Coke began the reading of a speech, the Republican Senators

deserted their seats and gathered in knots to discuss the situation. What, of an Industrial Council and the withif anything will be done, is a matter of mere conjecture, but it is evident that an earnest effort is making to agree upon an order of business that can be supported by the whole Republican vote. WASHINGTON, August 21 .- A special

an investigation of the charges made against Pension Commissioner Raum, by placing the Commissioner upon the

Representative Cooper, of Indiana, who brought the charges and introduced the resolution of inquiry, appeared as counsel for the government. Universal Refrigerating Company, but Mr. Raum refused to produce them, upon the ground that they had nothing to do with the charges of official corrup-

Mr. Cooper endeavored to induce the committee to compel the production of the books, but failed. Mr. Cooper soon found himself at odds with the committee, and announced that he was so bound by the committee's action as to be estopped from proceeding properly; he would retire, and thereupon he picked up his papers and left the room.

The committee then proceeded with the examination of the Commissioner. He said that he had borrowed \$12,000 upon endorsement of Pension Attorney time to time, and the amount now due was \$9,000; but that Mr. Lenon held collateral for twice that amount. He (Raum), however, had never given priority to any claims for Mr. Lenon or any other attorney. Attorneys had never secured priority at all. Members of Congress sometimes did.

Lenon's letter asking for action upon no action had been taken on it. In reply to a question by Mr. Sawyer. Comnissioner Raum emphatically declared that he did not issue certain specified orders at the request of Mr. Lenon, and had not advanced any of Mr. Lenon's cases over those of others on completed files. He had urged upon chiefs of divisions in the office to show no favoritism in consideration of cases.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Senators Hoar, Allison, Evarts, Plumb. Spooner, Hale and Allen, the committee appointed at the Republican Senatorial Conference last night to arrange an order of business to take the place of the Quay resolution, has reached a conclusion upon the order of business, but some details remain to be settled. The tariff bill, after a date to be fixed, is to be considered under the five-minute rule until a vote is taken. The date of this has not been decided, and will be subject to arrangement with the Democrats. It is expected that a vote will be reached about the 5th of September. After the Tariff bill is out of the way, then the other measures named in Senator Quay's resolution are to be taken up and dis-

posed of. The Election bill, as stated last night, will come up the first thing after the reassembling of Congress in December, but the time at which a vote shall be taken is reserved for future consideration. Arrangements for the disposition of this bill, it is said, does not depend upon consent of the minority, but is wholly a Republican scheme, and includes a change of rules by which the previous question may be ordered.

The plan by which the Republicans expect to secure passage of the Election bill next session is to secure a written pledge of a majority of the Senators to be in attendance early in December and to vote in favor of a change of rules, so as to permit a majority to flx the time for taking a vote upon any measure under consideration. This pledge was generally signed by the Republicans present to-day, and it is said that the pledges will be signed by all members of the majority. It is not asserted, however, that Senators will be a unit in favor of the

-A negative relation to Christ has

always ended in his crucifixion. Pılate "I find no fault in him"; Herod said: "I find no fault in him"; but they gave him up to the murderers! From the spiritual necessity of the case that was inevitable. This is the irresistible sequence. Beware of it. There is no - The Governor paid \$200 for find no fault in him, you will assuredly the capture of Steve Jacobs, the Robe- give up Christ under external pressure. son county murderer who passed through
Wilmingto a few days ago. His Excellency will now have to appoint a day for throne of our undivided love. - Joseph Parker.

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Circular from Secretary Windom in Re-Governor Gordon, in an ad gard to the Purchase and Payment of In-WASHINGTON; August 21.-Assistant Nettleton was in telegraphic communication to-day with Secretary Windom, -Augusta Chronicle, Dem.

report in Washington that the mem bers of the Republican National Committee are quarreling over the Force bill. When these persons fal out in politics honest men may come by their own .- Philadelphia Record

- Iron Cage Davenport secretly at work in the Census Bureau! What mischief is he up to now? Is he trying to fix the Congressional apportionment so as to throw on Demoocratic localities the loss from the false and fraudulent census?-New York Star, Dem.

on. And who should not this be so The farmers are the bone and sinew of the land in point of fact. They are the great observatory force of the last to advocate or assent to any variation from the rule of the "greatest good to the greatest number."-Richmond Dispatch, Dem.

ASBESTOS AND ITS USES.

Queer Mineral That Serves Not a Few Vegetable Uses.

"Here is a towel that is never washed and yet is always kept clean,' said a chemist to a reporter, handing to him at the same time what appeared to the eye and touch to be nothing more nor less than an ordinary piece of coarse cotton towelling

"This kind," replied the man of science, going over to the corner of his laboratory and stuffing the towel into a small stove that was burning BRUSSELS, August 23.-Strikers at orightly there for chemical purposes. Mons and in the vicinity now number "I understand," said the visitor. 1,225. The miners have appointed four

than once." "You are very much mistaken use such towels almost forever and

they almost never wear out." With that he lifted off the lid of the stove and took out the towel with the tongs, dipping it in cold water, and then handing it once more

"Why," exclaimed the latter, "it is BERLIN, August 23 .- To-night's news

> chemist; "but a very peculiar kind of rock-so peculiar, indeed, that the ancients supposed the stuff of which this towel is woven to be of a vegetable nature. They used to wrap bodies that were to be burned in cloths made of the same flax like substance in order to keep the ashes from being lost among the charred wood of the funeral pyre. "But what is it called?

"You have often heard of it under the name of 'asbestos,' though very few people apparently have any notion as to what it really is. Enormous deposits of it exist in Canada and elsewhere. It is a form of a very hard rock called hornblende, and is found in strata of a fibrous consistency readily divisible into silky strands resembling flax. This likeness has given it the name of 'earth flax.' You can see for yourself from this towel how much it looks like a vegetable fabric when woven, An asbestos towel may be used for pretty nearly the same purposes as an ordinary towel, and, when it is dirty, all you have to do is to throw it into the fire and rake it out after a little while perfectly

"Is asbestos used for any other purposes in these days?"

ference within a fortnight, preparatory to "Oh, yes. It is employed for roof paints for stage scenery. chrichten, of Munich, states that the Czar and Emperor William and Francis thick sheets, and in that condition is

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

mittee Appointed to Prepare a Substi tute for the Quay Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.-Every Reublican Senator now in the city was represented at the conference held this evening at the residence of Senator Mc-Millan, either in person or by proxy. '

More than two hours were spent in ar exchange of views, there being, in the anguage of one of the Senators, as many plans proposed for the settlement of the difficulties confronting the Republican majority as there were Senators present. Friend of the Election bill of course presented the claims of that measure for consideration and action at this session of Congress. A proposition that was made by Mr. Teller some time ago to take up the bill and discuss it for a time and then lay it aside until next session, met Mr, Moody made a speech advocating

the adoption of the previous question rule, which was received with applause. After presentation of these various views the duty of arranging an order of business, to be substituted for the Quayresolution and other pending propositions, was assigned to a committee, with Senator Hoar as chairman, and comprising in its membership Senators Alison, Spooner and Hale. This committee, it is understood, will

prepare a resolution, if possible, by to-morrow morning to be offered in the place of the Quay resolution. The order. it is said, is to include a vote on the Tariff bill and upon certain other measures named in the Ouay resolution. The Election bill will go over until next ses-sion, and will be the first measure considered when Congress re-assembles in December.

- The whole Christ seeks after sinner; and when the Lord finds it. He gives Himself to that soul as if He had but that one soul to bless, How my heart admires the concentration of all the Godhead and manhood of Christ in His search after each sheep of His flock. CURRENT COMMENT

dress to the Alliance in Atlanta last night, flatly refused to support the sub-treasury bill, even if it cost him forty elections to the U. S. Senate.

- There is a well authenticated sult issued the following circular this Treasury Department. Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., August

--- The platform promulgated by President Barbee, of the Virginia State Alliance, is good enough for any man or body of men to stand every land. They should be and are

Washington Star.

"What sort of laundry do you send t to?" was the natural query.

'You never use such a towel more delegates to confer with the Provincial

to the newspaper man.

not even injured! What is it made

"It is made of rock," answered the

ng material, boiler felting, paper stock and in the mixing of fireproof clothes for firemen and gloves to handle red hot iron with are made of Sometimes the mineral is found n thin sheets of interlaced fibres, known as "mountain leather.' Elsewhere it is not infrequently found in called 'mountain cork.'

A COLD HELL.

This Wouldn't Suit the Colored Brothe Popular Science Monthly.

According to the Scandinavian

mythology, all who die bravely in battle are snatched away to Valhalla, Odin's magnificent banquet hall in the sky. Those who, after lives of gnoble labor or inglorious ease, die of sickness, descend to a cold and dismal cavern beneath the ground, called Niflheim-i, e., the mist world This abode is ruled by the goddess of death, whose name is Hel The place of torment for redeeper probates is Nastrond, underground than Nifiheim, and far toward the frigid North. This grim prison is described in the following passage from the prose "Edda." written in Iceland in the thirteenth century: "In Nastrond after they are convicted. One was there is a vast and direful structure | brought from a distant county the other with doors that face the North. It day at an expense of \$107. - W. G. is is formed entirely of the backs of McCune and A. Spain, agents for Gateserpents, wattled together like wicker-work. But the serpents's heads last Saturday. They were here selling are turned toward the inside of the goods, and the city authorities thought hall, and continually vomit forth they were subject to the license imposed floods of venom, in which wade all on peddlers, and demanded the those who commit murder or who payment of license tax. The agents forswear themselves." According to the "Volupsa," a poem of earlier date, that the business they carried on was the evil-doers in Nostrand are also gnawed by the dragon Nidhogg.

H. T. Johnston, of Chambersburg township, is expecting to realize \$1,500.

Mr. W. T. Watts, better known as "Billy" Watts, died at his home two it and were committed to jail. Yestermiles south of town Tuesday morning, day Mr. J. C. L. Harris, who is of counaged about 65 years. He was for many sel for the agents, left for Baltimore years a deputy under ex-Sheriff Wason where he will sue for a writ of habeas and magnified his office. The job of corpus before Judge Bond. In case this whipping convicted felons at the whipping post in old times was generally assigned to him and he set much store by it.

corpus before Judge Bond. In case this is granted the agents will be sent there for a hearing. The parties who are custody have been selling clocks, silverware, etc.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Raleigh News and Observer: We regret to announce to-day the death of Mr. George Fentress, formerly of this city, who died in San Francisco on the 20th inst.

— Asheville Journal: A Republican organ, to be published weekly in Asheville, will make its appearance within a couple of days. The name chosen is the Farmer and Mechanic.

- Oxford Day: Grand Master of Masons S. H. Smith has postponed the meeting of the directors of the Ox-ford Orphan Asylum, for the election of a successor to Dr. Dixon, until Septem-

- Morganton Herald: Mr. Rufus Duckworth says that he saw on the lands of David Hennessee, near Chambers, the other day, four stalks of corn that sprung from one grain, and that there nineteen ears of corn on the four

- Salisbury Watchman: Officer Pool went up to Winston last week and brought back with him Jim Johnson, who is charged with being implicated in the Judd robbery. Jim claims that he is not implicated more than Graves and Perkinson gave him \$80. This, however, will be decided at this term of

- Winston Daily: A white man named John Dickson, of Tarboro, was arrested here yesterday upon the charge of receiving goods under false pretense at Tarboro a few weeks ago. Chief-of-Police Bradford left with the accused man no last night's train to turn him over to the proper authorities at that

- Raleigh Visitor: At the recent meeting of the State Farmers' Alliance in Asheville, some gentlemen that were present say that it was one of the finest looking bodies of men they had seen together in years; that it was an intelligent body, and they believed that two-thirds of the members would average 200 pounds apiece in weight-fine looking, and quite a number of very intelligent men were in attendance.

-Carolina Banner: There is some complaint of rust in cotton, No very great damage is expected, as the crop is early. Old cotton is said to have no top crop, but that the first crop is as much again as ever before. Cotton planted after the hail, is full of forms, and with a late fall, will make a tremendous crop. -All crops are said to be, at least two weeks earlier than usual. —A gray mare belonging to John Carr, near Kilquick, gave birth to two colts, one gray, the other bay, last week. Both died

- Goldsboro Dispatch: About an hour after breakfast this morning, the entire family of Mr. Samuel Cohn was taken violently sick with vomitings and other symptoms that clearly indicated poisoning. Dr. Kirby was at once sum-moned, and has been kept busy with them all day, The whole number affected is twelve, including every member of the family, a young lady visitor and the cook. Some are violently sick, but it is danger. The ladies are worst off. Dr. Kirby is at a loss to account for the attack as indeed is every one else. The symptoms do not indicate mineral poison but rather impure or diseased food such as tyrotoxicon in milk. The breakfast of the family consisted of coffee, bread, beefsteak, etc., and about the only thing that could have caused the trouble was either in the coffee or water. There is no thought of foul play as the servant is also sick, but the case will be thoroughly investigated.

hand. On the day the accident occurred, he had his trunk packed preparatory to his leaving for Blacksburg, Va., to enter school. - Derrick Alexander, who was a slave of Mr. John R. Alexander, father of T. L. Alexander, was in town from Cabarrus county to-day. Derrick is 73 years old, and is the father of 23 children, 14 of whom are living. He has been married twice. He had 17 children by his first wife and 6 by his last. There were 8 twins born to His youngest child is 11 months His oldest twin daughter is the mother of 6 sets of twins. - The surveyors of the Roanoke & Southern road are now within a few miles of Charlotte. The road is now all right from Salisbury to Charlotte. The company only asks the right of way, and this has been given freely. Mr. Robert Wallace, through whose farm the road passes, was in the city to-day, and he says that the survey between Salisbury and Charlotte is eminently satisfactory. He does not seem to think that there is any doubt about the road coming to

Charlotte, and he has the inside track

- Greensboro Patriot : Mr. P. R.

Hines, of East Greensboro, exhibited at

this office, this morning, tomatoes weigh-

on Roanoke & Southern information.

- Charlotte News: Roy Shan-

non house, who was injured by a mow-

ing machine last Monday, is doing well,

and will soon be out again, but minus a

ng one pound and seven ounces, of his own raising, and he has plenty of them. - The work of investigating the oil discovery is being pushed forward, a well is being sunk at the rate of from four to six feet per day, and by Saturday next, the owner of the well informs us' he will be ready to make the results known to the public. The signs are very encouraging. - Newt Troxler. the young man who the police have been wanting for being implicated in a fight in a "dive" near the eastern limits of the city, several weeks ago, was captured here Monday night and jailed to await trial at the next term of the court, — George May, a white man, broke into the house of Mr. J. E. Corsbie, a prominent citizen of Green township, this county, last Sunday night. The family was awakened by the noise, and he sprang through a window and fled into the darkness, but not before he was recognized. Mr. Corsbie gathered a party of neighbors and at once proceeded in hot pursuit of the burglar. After a long chase they came upon him in the woods, and he was arrested by deputy sheriff Starr, who was one of the pursuing party. He was securely tied. placed in a buggy and brought to this city, well guarded by men on horse back, and jailed to await his trial. It is said May is a desperate fellow. - Raleigh Chronicle: An escaped

convict named William Heffner was He was captured by Mr. L. Matthewson and brought back at an expense to the State of forty dollars. It costs a lot to get the jail birds into their cage, even declined to pay the tax claiming that they were drummers, and exactly the same as that done by drumt mers for commercial houses. One agenhad been through the city selling the - Statesville Landmark: Tobacco | goods, and another agent followed, decutting will begin next week. The crop livering such goods as were sold. The is very fine. From about nine acres Mr. | case was carried before J. W. Marcom,