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HELPING THE FARMER.

The Democratic party has never made special claim to being the friend of the farmer any more than the friend of the toiling millions of other industrial callings. As between honest industries it does not make hypocritical pretence of being the especial champion of one because it happens to be numerically stronger than another. It discriminates against North Carolina, some of the third none, but labors for the betterment of all by advocating legislation which will be for the benefit of all without showing preference for any-equal, just and honest legislation, legisla tion that imposes no onerous burdens upon any but would lift from any and all the onerous burdens imposed by others. It is the party of the people, of all the people without reference to class, calling or station in life.

But it has demonstrated its friendship for the farmer within the past couple of weeks in Congress not by hollow profession or loud-sound- to abide by the action of that ing phrases, but by acts which if they convention if it should prove are permitted by a Republican Sen- to be contrary to its wishes. No man ate and a Republican President to become laws will save the farmers of this country, but especially the South, millions of dollars annually, which they now pay in forced and unjust | who does not recognize the usages tribute to the favored beneficiaries of iniquitous and oppressive laws passed under the false pretence of building up American industries.

The bill placing cotton bagging and the materials out of which it is made, with the amendments including cotton-ties and material used in the manufacture of cotton ties, cotton gins and parts of cotton gins, practically removes all tariff taxes from every thing used in the preparation of cotton for the market after it has been picked This will be a big load lifted from the shoulders of cotton planters, amounting to millions of dollars in the aggregate which, if the bill becomes a law, will remain in the pockets of the planters instead of going North as heretofore into the money vaults of Northern manufacturers The South will be that much the richer and the cotton crop worth just that much the more to the

The bill removing the tariff from wool, which it was pretended was imposed in the interest of farmers, will be worth millions to the farmers of the South who raise but little wool for market, and to the farmers of the whole country, to whom the wool tariff was an injury instead of a benefit. There isn't one farmer in ten in the North or West who raises wool for market, and eight out of these ten grow such a small quantity that the benefit, if there were benefit, protective tariff, was so small as to be insignificant, so that all the farmers, those who grow no wool, and those who grow a little, were taxed and heavily taxed for the alleged benefit of the few who give their attention to the growing of

The small wool-grower got a socalled protection, which amounted to perhaps two or three dollars, and paid for it ten dollars in the enhanced cost of the woollen clothes which he bought, or of the shoddy which was palmed off on him for wool if he could not afford to pay the price asked for genuine woollen goods.

may somewhat affect the business of | directing that but one restriction be a few men who engage in woolgrowing as a specialty, but the probabilities are that it will benefit even those by making a better demand at home for the wool they grow. It may also somewhat affect certain of regard for Democratic usages that men in the West who give special at- would be amazing if it were not tention to the raising of fine sheep, his purpose to capture the convenwhich they sell to farmers at fancy | tion and tie the Democratic party of prices, but it will be money in the North Carolina to the hind axle of pockets of other persons, amounting the third party wagon. That would in the aggregate to a very large be a grand stroke of "majority rule," sum, and money in the pockets of about as grand as the assurance that millions of other toilers, amounting inspires it is gigantic. in the aggregate to many millions more. It means better clothing for all, more wool and less shoddy. cheaper clothing, even if cheap clothing does make a cheap man, as Beni. better protected bodies, more com-

fort and better health. Following these the tariff will be reduced on tin-plate, which will give the people relief at least from the ex-

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plate factories which are to be some time in the distant future erected in talk about the additional cost of dinner pails, tin pans, coffee pots, &c., but yet the aggregate of all these runs up into a vast sum to be taken out of the pockets of farmers and other toilers for their daily bread to enrich a favored few who have been pampered and coddled by jug handled legislation for years.

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In doing all this, and more, which it intends to do, the Democratic party incurs and expects the enmity and resentment of those whose revenues will be cut down by it. 17 realizes this, but it realizes also that it has a duty to perform to the people regardless of the howls, threats or antagonisms that may be aroused among the men who have waxed strong and fat on the substance drawn from the people by unjust and oppressive legislation.

MAJORITY RULE.

When charged with the design of

attempting to capture the State Democratic Convention and force upon it the St. Louis platform as the platform of the Democratic party of party men say, "Well, why isn't that all right?" "Hasn't the majority the right to rule?" While admitting that the majority has the right to rule when the majority demonstrates the fact that it is the majority in the way prescribed by law, we deny that a majority-antagonistic to a party has a right to go into a party convention, in the face of the traditions. usages, written or unwritten law of the party, and claim the right to dominate it by virtue of superior numbers, especially when it goes in with a pre-determination not has a right to sit in a Democratic or in a Republican or in any other party convention as a delegate, claiming a right to participate in its proceedings, which govern such conventions, and who will not abide by its regularly expressed decisions. When the emissary of another party goes into such a convention and undertakes to force it-over into his camp, and to put it under his leaders, he exhibits an effrontery and a cheek that are simply

But suppose we concede, for the sake of argument, that the majority has a right to rule, regardless of prescribed rules or regulations, let us see where this will carry the third party champions, and eventually carry this part of the American Republic. Carry it out and there could be no such thing as a party convention proper if a mob saw fit to take possession of it, for all a few bold men need do would be to rush in their squads, secure the majority, declare that the majority has the right to rule, submit their own platform cut and dried before, turn the whole thing into a burlesque and declare it carried.

This is what the majority rule means according to the claims of these third party leaders or their dupes. No man who carries the third party platform in his hand and demands its endorsement by a Democratic convention has any more right to present himself as a delegate in a Democratic convention than one of Mr. Harrison's Republican revenue officers who last Thursday met to wrangle and elect delegates to the Minneapolis Convention would have to claim recognition as a delegate. The Democratic is one party; the Republican party another, and the third party, or as it chooses to inappropriately call itself, the People's party, is another. They don't mix, and the adherent of one has no more business in the councils of the other than he would have at a meeting of Pre-

sident Harrison's Cabinet. When President Butler issued his circular to the Alliance lecturers. calling for a conference of one or more alliance men from each county to meet him in Raleigh, the day be-Taking off the tariff from wool fore the State Convention meets, and put upon them, namely that they must not, under any circumstances recede from the St. Louis platform, the third party platform, he showed an assurance, and a lack

· But suppose that this thing worked out and the majority rule proved such a success as to capture the Convention and commit it to the third party platform, to be honest and Harrison said. Better clothing means | consistent they must carry this majority rule further; they must carry it to its logical sequence. There are counties in Eastern North Carolina where that Cleveland puts the success of the colored voters are numerically the Democratic party before honors tra \$7,000,000 imposed by the Mc- stronger than the whites. Why, then, to himself, and instead of weakening Kinley act, which they are now pay- shouldn't these "majority rule" men him this letter should make him ing to foster some imaginary tin- low before these colored citizens in stronger.

the county and district conventions, and let them do the nominating of this country. It may seem trifling to the officers and representatives? And why not vote for them when nominated? If the majority has a right to rule regardless of all other considerations why not have the black-and-tan fraternization without any more ado and let these "majority rulers" who have been voting with the white man's party ever since the war humbly acknowledge that they were in error or were perpetrating a fraud and make atonement for it henceforth by not voting for white men but by voting for the ignored colored brother whom they now by their words if not by their acts recognize as a full-fledged political equal and comrade in the war against the Democratic party? That's what it amounts to, no more, no less. Under this demagogic, hypocritical plea for "majority rule" what would become of North Carolina, what of South Carolina and what of Mississippi, in both of which the colored contingents outnumber the whites? What a glorious thing this modernized "majority rule" would be for thèse States.

MINOR MENTION.

The House of Representatives isn't taking much stock in Senator Vest's bill to restrict the public building business, for twenty-three bills for that purpose went upon the calendar Friday, and it wasn't much of a day for business either. An examination of these bills shows that seven were for buildings in the South and sixteen for buildings in other sections. The towns mentioned are all towns of respectable pretensions, but the probabilities are that in eight out of ten of these buildings can be secured for the use intended at a reasonable rental, and hence there is really no necessity for the erection of new ones. If there were there was no use this would be as good a way to dispose of it as any, but there isn't any surplus and isn't likely to be for some time to come. We don't believe in skinflint legislation, but economy is a good thing for Congress to follow up in public buildings as well as in other matters.

Some of the Republican members of the House of Representatives are having some sport and are at the same time emphasizing the absurdity ot allowing members to incorporate extracts of unreasonable length into their speeches, as referred to by Mr. Burrows last Thursday. The members of this Congress who have done this have simply followed a usage which has prevailed heretofore, but age does not lend respectability to this expensive and absurd abuse, and because it has existed is no reason why it should be encouraged and perpetuated. It seems now that several Republican Congressmen have batched up a little plan by which with privilege to print they will have printed voluminous extracts from Republican and high tariff papers which will make the Record in which they appear a very hefty and as a congressional Record a very ludicrous publication. If this results in forcing the House to take sensible action in this matter these Republican Congressmen will benefit the public while they have their fun.

The public has become so accustomed to reading war rumors from Europe that but very little attention is paid to them, but the latest from St. Petersburg indicate that the Russian Government is preparing for a forward move. For some time she has been mobilizing troops on the frontier, in which movement she has been closely watched by Germany, balloons being successfully used for that purpose, and now it seems that she has effected arrangements by which she will have control of all the railways and steamboats for the movement of troops and supplies when the order to move is given. If this and the determination to punish any one who may send information abroad as to matters which the Government thinks should be kept secret don't mean that there is trouble brewing and not far off, it don't mean anything. The clash of arms which for some time has been inevitable cannot be much longer delayed, whether it be precipitated by the Czar or by the Kaiser, who are watching each other with a sleepless vigilance and but waiting the opportune

Mr. Cleveland said in a letter to a friend in Tennessee recently that he had "frequent misgivings as to the wisdom of the Democratic party again putting him in nomination." Some of the anti-Cleveland papers are quoting this as a confession of weakness, and giving it as a reason why he should not be nominated. It is no confession of weakness' at all but simply an exhibition of disinterested candor and moral courage to admit a suspected weakness. It shows

Weather Bureau began yesterday, the 15th, and will continue to Nove 30th. Greensboro, N. C., has been established as a sub-station of the Wil-

mington section in place of Wadesboro, discontinued. The maximum and minimum temperature and rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending 6 p. m. each day, will be bulletined for each substation, with the averages for the section. Also, the averages from other sections of the cotton belt. The bulletin reports minimum ter

The cotton region observations of the

peratures yesterday in this district ranging from 40 degrees at Goldsboro to 58 at Greensboro, and the average minimu for districts in the cotton belt ranging from 40 degrees for Little Rock and Memphis to 50 for Galveston. The rainfall yesterday in the cotton belt was confined to the Charleston and Wilmington districts.

NEW HANOVER ALLIANCE. Quarterly Meeting Held at Myrtle Grove

The New Hanover county Alliance met last Thursday, at Mr. G, W. Rogers' landing on Myrtle Grove Sound. A large crowd assembled; including many young ladies and children. During the forenoon dinner was served on a long table spread in the grove. It was filled with an abundance of everything good to eat that the country could affordoyster stews, piping hot, fish frying and coffee boiling. After the dinner the oung folks danced to the music of a good string band that had been engaged for the occasion, and the members of the Alliance held their regular quarterly meeting at the residence of Mr. Rogers. The proceedings of the meeting were not

POLK AND THE THIRD PARTY.

made public.

The Tenor of His Speech at an Allian Meeting in Caswell. A special dispatch of April 14th to

he Richmond Times says: Many Danville people went to Yanceyville, in Caswell county, to-day to attend the big Alliance meeting there. Notwithstanding the rainy weather a large crowd was in attendance. Col. L. L. Polk was the leading attraction, and peech. His ad was not abusive but earnest, and while he did not in express terms declare for the Third party, the tendency of the speech was in that direction. He said e was not there to discuss the merits of the Third party on this occasion, but he was ready and willing to discuss them If any one took issue with them. He declared that he would not vote for Cleveland or Hill or any of their kind, for he regarded them as the pliant tools of Wall treet and the money power. The large udience seemed to be in sympathy with Polk, and cheered him to the echo.

The County Democratic Executive Committee met last night at the City Hall; Mr. W. P. Oldham, chairman, and Mr. Wm. Ulrich, Jr., secretary. On motion, the chairman was requested to call the Democratic voters of the different wards and townships to meet April 26th, 1892, to elect delegates to the County Democratic Convention, and executive committeemen. The ward meetings will be held at the usual places at 8.30 p. m. and the township

meetings at 19 o'clock noon. Louisiana Planters Act. The rice planters of Louisiana are fighting vigorously against the milling trust. At a recent meeting of the planters and farmers of Acadia parish, the following was signed by the largest and best planters, who, it is said, can easily pay the amount named as it is needed: 'Resolved, That we, the undersigned farmers and planters in the parish of Acadia, fully endorse the steps taken by the rice receivers of the city of New Orleans; that we will give them our support to their efforts, and thereby pledge ourselves to subscribe the sum of \$50,000 toward building an independent rice mill in the city of New Orleans."

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Statement from Receiver Robinson W. S. O'B. Robinson, receiver of the First National Bank who has been in charge for three months, has just finished his first quarterly report, which he forwarded to the Comptroller of the Currency a few days ago. He has been requested by the Comptroller to prepare all necessary schedules of the first dividend which will be paid as soon as schedules and checks are prepared. The dividend will be 15 per cent, on all claims proved up to the 31st of March, 1892, and will doubtless be ready in course of the next few weeks. Notice will be given through the local press when everything

is ready for the dividend. Evangelist File, who conducted meetings here with Rev. Mr. Needham, will begin a series of meetings in Newbern on May 8th, as will be seen from the following clipping from the Newbern Journal: "A letter was received in this city last night from Evangelist Fife, stating that he will begin his meeting here on Sunday, May 8th. He proposes soon to ship his tent here in which the meeting wil be held. It will accommodate 2,500 or

Evangelist Lee, who held a series of meetings last year at Fifth Street M. E. Church, of this city, is in Newbern now.

Naval Stores Beceipts.

Receipts of naval stores, at this port, for the first half of April, as compared with receipts for the same time last season, are reported at the Produce Exchange as follows: Spirits turpentine. 1,087 casks, against 1,185 last year. Rosin, 8,703 barrels, against 18,886, Tar, 2,578 barrels, against 5,123. Crude turpentine, 190, against 561. Wilmington's Cotton Beceipts.

The receipts of cotton vesterday were 129 bales; for the same day last year, 56. Receipts for the week ended yesterday were 898 against 826 bales the cor-

responding week last year. Receipts for the crop year, to April last season, 184,641-decrease, 29,869 THE REPUBLICANS.

STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION AT RALEIGH.

Great Gathering of Revenue Officials and Post Masters-Mott and Raves Factions Fighting-Coalition Overtures Expected from the Third Party. [Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 14, 1892 .- The Republican State Convention assembled at noon to-day in Metropolitan Hall, The attendance was large, and, while the colored element predominates, there seems to be a fuller representation of whites than usual. These latter are made up to a great extent of revenue officials, post masters &c., with a few outsiders, mainly aspirants in their respective counties.

It is understood that the chief business of the body will be the appointment of delegates at large to the Minneapolis Convention, and the re-organization of the State Committee. As regards the latter matter a most terrific fight is in progress between the Mott and Eaves factions, with some symptoms that both will be discarded and a new executive regime instituted. John Nichols is still here, and seems to be the chief fugleman. He was yesterday appointed a district delegate to the National Convention, but his friends assert that this empty honor will be but a stepping-stone to a nomination for

hat purpose later on. The endorsement of Harrison is foregone conclusion, and the delegates chosen will be instructed for him. The matter of a nomination for Congress from this district is "still at sea." The irrepressible John Williamson i earnest for an endorsement on his proposal to get pay for the "niggers," the scheme don't work.

It is the "chat" that the party is lying n wait for a coalition overture from the Third Party craze, and, it is even hinted that the "trick" has been worked up almost to consummation. Of this, however, your deponent can only quote current rumor. Differences are almost rreconcilable, and it may be that the Convention will not terminate its business before-to-morrow.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 14 .- The State Republican Convention met here to-day at noon and was called to order by John B. Eaves, Chairman of the State Execuvention, Mr. Eaves referred to the Alli ance defection movement in the Democratic ranks and predicted that the Republican party would give the Democrats a close contest in the State in the coming campaign. At the conclusion of his ad dress Mr. Eaves announced as tempo rary chairman of the convention James H. Young, colored, collector of the por of Wilmington, who took the chair and addressed the convention. Nearly all the counties in the State are represeted in the convention

Mr. V. S. Lusk, of Asheville, was chosen permanent chairman, and after a stormy scene the following delegates were elected to the Minneapolis Convention: Congressman H. P. Cheatham E. A. White, J. C. Pritchell and John C Dancy (colored). All are for Harrison. and the Alliances in the convention

SUIT FOR INSURANCE MONEY.

New Chapter to be Added to the Fr mous McDougald Case.

Fayetteville Observer. Proceedings against the New York Life Insurance Company have been instituted by the family or administrator of Simeon Conoley, deceased, for the collection of a policy for \$5,000 on the life of the murdered man. We have it upon good authority that the Insurance Company will strenuously contest the payment of this policy and fight it to the last ditch-even to the extent of a rehearsal of all the testimony in this belebrated case before another court, at which time it is expected that other testimony will be adduced to fasten the crime on McDougald, who, for the present, is residing in Laurinburg and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at that place. Those who know him best say he shares to-day but little o the pleasures and pastimes he once enjoyed with his many friends, and leads a life of almost utter seclusion, rarely ever leaving his place of business excep when going back and forth to his meals To a close observer the inroads made upon his constitution by the dreadful suspense and strain upon his physical and mental powers during his long confinement in jail, and the trial in this city, is perceptible, though to all of this must be added the fact that he has suffered among other things a violent attack of la grippe, from the effects of which he has hardly recovered. As to the final result of the suit for the insurance money, etc., we do not care to ven-ture a prediction thus early in the fight uffice it to say the public will watch the proceedings with more or less anxiety. Both sides present practically an unbroken front, and the fight will no doubt be a "fight to the hilt;" McDougald, or the family of Conoley, with the verdict of the Cumberland fury at their back, while the Insurance Company al leges to have developed new and impor tant testimony in its behalf. With the next chapter, therefore, of this noted case the public may reasonably antici pate some startling developments.

Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., an able preacher and one of the most popular ministers in Wilmington Presbytery, died vesterday at the residence of Dr. Daniel Mc Graham in Wallace, Duplin county. Dr. Marable had charge of the Presbyterian churches at Clinton and Mt. Olive. He was about 58 years of age. For twenty years past he had suffered with some pulmonary trouble.

Intelligence was received here yesterday that Mr. Walter S. Little, a promi- opinion. nent citizen of Anson county, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol, at his home in Ansonville, last Thursday morning. He was a son of the late Wm. Little, and was 45 years of age. He had been suffering with the grip for some time, and it is supposed his mind was affected. He was one of the most prominent men in the county, and greatly esteemed. He leaves an estate of about \$30,000.

Hail and Wind. A heavy hail storm is reported as having occurred Thursday night along the line of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. In Bladen county there was a cyclone which levelled trees and blew down some outhouses.

The miners have quit work, and yester-day were seen conversing excitedly in groups. The mines pay off to-day and the troops will also get their monthly allowances. This means a lively time for miners, and the troops fear another conflict. the line of the Wilmington and Weldon 15th, 155,278 bales; receipts to same date | railroad. In Bladen county there was a cyclone which levelled trees and blew down some outhouses.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

mittee and Public Building Bills-The International Naval Review to be Held in 1893.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The House Committee on Public Buildings to-day completely negatived the supposition that in pursurnce of an economical policy the construction of new public ngs was to be very much restricted for it presented favorable reports upon twenty-three bills authorizing the construction of new buildings, as well as upon two bills allowing increases of the original appropriations. The bills reported were as follows: At Cumberland, Md.; Anniston, Ala.; Hastings, Neb.; Gardner, Me.; Newport News, Va.; Laredo, Tex.; Brunswick, Ga.; Johet, Ill.; Spokane Falls, Wash.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Boise City, Idaho; Helena, Mon-tana; Durham, N. C.: Massillon, Ohio; Gallipolis, Ohio; Suspension Bridge, N. Y.; Brockton, Mass.; Bedford City, Va.; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Waterbury Conn.; Clinton, Iowa; Providence, R. I. and Nashua, N. H. Also increasing the limit of the cost of the buildings at Paterson, N. J., and Kansas City, Mo.; also

Louisville, Ky. All of the bills were placed on the Calendar. The House elections committee today decided to hear arguments May 8, in the Alabama contested election case

for the sale of the old custom house at

of McDuffie vs. Turpin,
After conference with various parties interested in the great international Naval review, to be held in Hampton roads and New York harbor in April, Governor when the convention meets for 1893, Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, will on Monday introduce in the Senate an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, appropriating \$800,000 for expenses of said review and enter-tainment of official guests of the nation, who will accompany the foreign fleets. The president will, as directed by the existing law, extend to foreign nations a formal invitation to participate in the review as soon as Congress provides the necessary appropriation. It is believed by riends of the movement that many of the Presidents of American Republics and the reigning sovereigns of several European nations, will come with their fleets. It is particularly desired that the King and Queen of Italy, the native land of Columbus, and the Queen Regent of Spain, which country supported the discoverers four hundred years ago, should participate in the ceremonies. Although the proceedings of the House to-day were without interest, and would not occupy more than two or three pages of the Record, the probabili ties are that the Record to-morrow will a volumnious one. Mr. Milliken, of Maine, will publish the brachure on "Plymouth Rock to McKinley," which will use up about ten pages, Mr. Dolwill use up about ten pages. Mr. Dol-liver, of Iowa, has filed for publication a series of articles from the New York Tribune anent the Roswell G. Harr communications. Mr. Smith will print (ii he has time to collate them) a membe of editorials and letters in the American Economist and several other members of the Republican side will by printing extraneous matter emphasize and bring nto public prominence the action of the of the House yesterday, which declared

> al Record the medium of advertising. THE MERCILESS FLOOD.

in substance that under leave to print

members may make of the Congression

Appalling Scenes of Destruction in Misissippi-Rapid Rise of the Water. JACKSON, Miss., April 14.-Yester day's report from the flood-stricken re gions confirmed all heretofore said, and as the waters in the Tombigbee and its tributaries recede, the destruction is more fully realized. Deputy sheriff Crocker, of Lee county, was here and informed your correspondent that he was a passenger on the first Mobile and Ohio train that crossed the Tombigbee river in eight days. At that point a half mile of track has been washed out and carried a mile, where it lodged against trees. Capt. Crocker says the published reports do not give half an idea of the wreck and ruin to be seen in Lowndes, Clay and Monroe counties Houses, fences and bridges are all gone Thousands of dead horses, mules, cattle hogs, sheep, poultry and the body of an occasional negro can be seen in every

district. The Warrior river, in Alabama just across the line, raised forty-seven feet in four hours. He relates many incidences of person al suffering among negroes, with whom these bottoms are thickly settled, 'and upon whom the mad togrents desended with terrible furry, wiping homes and familes out of existence. The city of Columbia is feeding five hundred refu gees, but telegraphs Gov. Stone that they doubt the wisdom of asking nment aid, though they would like to have a few hundred tents of shelter The water is falling off in the Yazoo and Big Black rivers in the western portion of the State, and danger of an immediate serious overflow there is about over, and trains are running. Fearful rain storms prevailed Wednesday night. The weather yesterday was clear and bright and doubtless the worst is over.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

Knights of the Iron Road Hold Up a Train and Capture the Express Packagesengers Unmolested.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15 .- The pas senger train on the Illinois Central which reached here last night was held up 77 miles from the city and every valuable express package taken. When the train reached Hammond station a man sprang on the engine and scrambled to the cab. Covering the engineer with his pistol, he compelled him to ston. Two men then emerged from the under growth along side of the track and joined the other man. The engineer and firemen were used by the robbers as a parleying party, and instructed to go to the express car, and order the messenger to en his car which was complied with. Entrance into the car which bears the treasures of the Express Company as well as that of Uncle Sam, was then effected by the robbers, and the safe emptied of its contents. Having completed their work the men disappeared n the darkness, leaving the mails and passengers undisturbed. Superintendent Fisher, of the Express Company, said bers would hardly exceed \$8,000, in his

TENNESSEE MINERS.

Serious Trouble Apprehended at Coal Creek—Pay-day with Troops and Miners —A Crisis in the Situation. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN. April 16.—The trouble at Coal Creek continues. The firing on the troops by miners has pro-bably brought the long impending crisis. The Camp Anderson Telegraph operator, Maddox, is missing. A hint was dropped by miners some days ago that the troops and convicts would have to go "when the leaves come out." All the miners have quit work, and yester-

WASHINGTON GOSSIP. Tariff Literature to Be Published in the "Record"-The Noyes-Rockwell Contested Election Case a Subject of Gen eral Interest in the House of Representa-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, April 16 .- "The tarif iddle," a copy right pamphlet written by a former attachee of the Chicago Tribune, will be published in the con gressional circulating library (the Record) to-morrow. It will be published at the request of Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts Mr. Loud, of California, evidently believes that some author is competent to give information on the subject of the "continued reduction in prices," and will nsert in the Record a long dissertation on that subject. Other publications will he duly noticed

The Noyes-Rockwell election contest has now displaced almost all other topics of general interest in the House of Representatives. Mr. Rockwell is working earnestly for himself and has assistance of a considerable number of his party associates. Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, and other nembers of the election committee are gained strength during - the last week. and there are numbers of Democratic members who expressed the opinion that he will retain his seat. There was some talk to the effect that a consider able number of Democrats would refrain from voting and would in this way break a quorum and prevent the unseat ing of Rockwell, but a number of Dem ocrats who will support Rockwell have discountenanced any movement of the sort. All indications point to an interesting fight when the case is taken up. Chairman O'Ferrall said to-day that he had given notice of his intention to bring the case up on Tuesday, and that e expected to do so whether the Naval bill is out of way or not. Mr. O'Ferrall rather expects that the question of consideration will be raised against the mo tion and that it will be antagonized with an appropriation bill. This move indirectly would make an issue against the report of the majority of the Elections Committee. Members of the Elections Committee will very generally make speeches on the case, and Mr. Lockwood of New York, one of the committee speaking for the nays, will meet Mr. Fel ows, of New York, who will support Rockwell. One rather significant indication of the gain by Rockwell is the fact that nearly all the Democrats who have thus far paired on the case have paired on the side of Rockwell. Mr. Cook, of Alahama, who made the minority report. said late this afternoon that so far as he was aware, the minority would not attempt to prevent its consideration. "All eration nor filibuster.

RICHMOND AND WEST POINT. Statement by Two Members of the I organisation Committee. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 16 .- A good deal of comment was caused to-day by a statement authorized by H. C. Fahenstock and Fred. H. Tappen, two members of the Richmond & West Point Reorganization Committee, in which it is stated the committee has not had a neeting in two weeks, and that the wording of the advertisement of the committee is wrong in regard to the deposits of underlying securities. This advertisement says "underlying securities to a large amount have been deposited under the plan of reorganization." say they have investigated the matte and find that the total deposit of bonds of the East Tennessee, Richmond Danville, and Virginia Midland roads amount to only \$313,000. This action by Fahenstock and Tappen is looked or a positive indication that the prepared plan is a failure, and a new plan is expected to be put out by them at an ear-

GEORGIA CONVICTS

Mutiny and Refuse to Work-Starvati to be Resorted to to Subdue Them By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, April 16 .- The State of Georgia has leased a number of convicts to the Chattapoochee Brick Company, who are using them on the construction of the Chikamauga and Durham Railway. This morning 180 convicts in camp No. 9 at base of Lookout Mountain, mutinied fourteen miles from Chickamauga, and refused to go to work Suards to the number of sixteen fired over their heads, subdued and placed them in irons. A short time ago Capt. A. J. Day was discharged because was consided too lenient and very neglegent. Capt. T. B. Agerton was placed in command. To this the convicts objected, as he was known to them as a strict disciplinarian. The men still refuse to go to work and the plan of starying them into submission will be

A special to the Times from the scene of the convict trouble says that all is quiet. The prisoners are in the stockade and well guarded. Col. Jones, principal warden of the State penitentiary, s on his way to camp, accompanied by S. F. Parrett, agent for the lessees. further trouble is anticipated. Of the 180 convicts, all are colored but three.

THE KEELEY CURE. Young Man Who Had Tried it Twice Attempts Suicide.

y Telegraph to the Morming Star, St. Louis, April 16.-Henry Lee, son of prominent banker at Wheeling, W. Aa., and nephew of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, attempted suicide here ast evening, at the Hotel Barnum, by swallowing three ounces of laudanum. He is expected to die. He is a "graduate" of two Keeley institutes at Blair, Neb., and Leavenworth, Kansas, and he has been often heard to say he would give much if he had never tried the cure. He is 28 years old, and has been a hard drinker, and for that reason sought the cure. His reasons for tempting suicide are not known, though letters were left by him in the hands of friends, who refuse to divulge contents.

A NEW RAILROAD.

Preliminary Survey Begun on a Line from Chattanoogs to Evansville, Ind. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, April 26 .- A preliminary survey was begun on the Chattanooga, Chicago & Kentucky railroad, a
proposed line from Chattanooga to
Evansville, Indiana, via McMinnville,
Tenn., and Bowling Green, Ky. The
proprietors assert that money arrangements have been made in England, and that work will commence at once at this end of the lines, opening up the im-mense coal fields of Walden's Ridge.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Raleigh News and Observer News reached here last night that heavy hail storm passed over Henderson late yesterday evening. The hailstones were very large and fell in bucketfulls. - Raleigh Visitor: We hear that a fatal disease of a very peculiar nature is raging among the horses in Warren county and some parts of Vance. Several gentlemen have lost valuable animals. The disease resembles epizootic somewhat, the animals refusing to eat, become weak and die apparently with-

out pain. - Rocky Mount Argonaut: The whole town has gone through a course whole town has gone through a course of measles, but it has disappeared; it has become epidemic at the Falls and a large number are down with it.

On Monday morning R. W. Dallas, of Reidsville, who has been engaged in the tobacco business in Wilson for the past two years, while crossing the railroad track in front of the post office, was run over by the shifting engine and instantly killed, the wheels of the engine passing over his body. Mr. Dallas was about 75 years old. He was visiting Mr. Green with a view to engaging in the tobacco business here. He was buried in the cemetery here on Tuesday.

- Weldon News: Mrs. Martha Cotten, an aged and highly respected lady of Scotland Neck, died at her home in that place on Friday night last. She was seventy years old. — Mr. J. J. Allen, a prominent Republican politician of Northampton county, and an ex-member of the State Legislature, died at his home in that county last week of paralysis, within a few hours after he was stricken down. the case of Dred Francis and Jack Jordan, the two negroes sentenced to be hung for committing rape in Northampat work on the other side. There is ton county, and appealed to the Su-hardly any question that Rockwill has preme Court, that tribunal decided that there was error, and ordered a new trial. A motion was made at the present term of Northampton Superior Court to remove the trial to Warren county.

- Charlotte News : Last-Sunday morning Charles Atkins, a man fortytwo years old who lives in the northwestern portion of Rutherford county, was drunk and became enraged at his nineteen year old son, who had also been imbibing oft and freely of new corn whiskey. The boy left home in the forenoon but upon receiving a message from his father to return, came back in the evening, whereupon Atkins so beat him with a chair and kicked him mercilessly. The boy escaped from his grasp and ran, and when being closely pursued. seized a stone with which he fractured his father's skull, causing congestion of the brain. from which Charles Atkins died on Monday night. The boy fled immediately after the fight and has not been captured.

- Greenville Reflector: On Sunday night, just before 9 o'clock, J. J. Moore, a white man confined in the jail, died in his cell. He had been sick more than a week, and realizing that his condition was becoming dangerous, Sheriff Tucker on Saturday wrote to Gov. Holt, setting forth the circumstances and petitioned for the pardon of the prisoner. The Governor telegraphed Monday had been mailed and that Moore could be released at once, but death had already released him. Sheriff Tucker had we ask is a fair hearing and vote," said the body shrouded and moved to one he. "We will neither antagonize considafter death. Monday the remains were taken home for burial. Mr. Moore was serving a three months' sentence from January term of Pitt Superior Court for assault with deadly weapon. He was about 48 years old, and was post master of Farmville. His wife and a few friends were with him when he died.

> - Charlotte Observer: The 20th of May celebration and the musical festival have got confounded somewhat, it being reported in various parts of the State that the former has fallen through for lack of a sufficient guarantee. This is a big mistake. The 20th celebration is a dead certainty, and to that end the business men of Charlotte are working mightily. The committee are meeting almost nightly, and everything points to the biggest celebration on the 20th the city has ever known. Let everybody come and enjoy the many attractive features of the celebration. - Mr. Richard Capps, of Steel Creek, died in this city last evening, at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Capps was a witness in the Boyd-Youngblood case on trial yesterday. While in the midst of his testimony in the court house he was suddenly taken ill and had to be carried He was taken into the sheriff's office, and was afterwards moved to Mr. R. P. Chapman's office, where, although given every medical attention, he died at 7 o'clock. Heart disease was said to be the cause of his death. It was brought on by the excitement of the trial. Mr. Capps was apparently in his usual good health when he drove into the city yesterday morning.

- Monroe Enquirer: The cold snap of Saturday and Sunday was very severe upon the fruit. The reports that have reached us indicate that it has about all been killed. Some apples may have escaped, but not a great many. Irish potatoes, beans, peas and other garden truck, also suffered severely.

— Mr. Uriah Walters, who lives in the Euto neighborhood of this county. is another one of our Union county farmers who has his corn crib and smoke Louse at home. Mr. Walters is 65 years old, and has been married 86 years. He has never bought but 200 pounds of flour and 12 bushels of corn in his life, and not a pound of meat. He has nearly always had a surplus these articles for sale to his neighbors who raise all cotton. Willis Miller, a South darkey, is 19 years old, 6 feet 31/2 inches in height and weighs 165 pounds. Willis' arms are extremely long. Extending them out he measures from tip to tip of his index fingers 7 feet. Reaching up, he measures from the end of his fingers to the ground 8 feet 81/2 inches. Mr. Jack Ramsay is 65 or 70 years old, and lives eighteen miles east of Monroe. Notwithstanding the fact that he has lived in this county all of his life, he has never yet paid a visit to Monroe.

- Goldsdoro Headlight: Deputy Collector Grimsley, on Friday night raided the illicit distillery of W. H. Creel, of Sampson county, near the Wayne line, and put the operator to flight. All the implements were broken up, and the "moonshine whiskey" was made to moisten the ground. finest lot of home raised cows, six in number, ever seen in this section, were exhibited on our streets yesterday morning by Mr. T. B. Parker, o township, who has justly earned the reputation of being the champion stock raiser in this section. -Two brothers named William and John McMillan, colored, while under the influence of liquor, fought desperately at the former's home in "Little Washington" Monday evening. Everything in and about the house was demolished, even the cooking utensils didn't escape the wreck. —A colored woman named Ella Coor, living in Brogden township, loaded a piece of cheese with arsenic to kill some animal that was troubling her chickens at night. With the extreme caution that characterizes the average darky, she left it where her four-year-old child got hold of it Tuesday. Medical aid was called in and by hard work the child's life, was saved. — A young colored man named Warrick Braswell, who about two years ago, near Fremont, killed Doll Coley, colored, without provocation, and immediately after made his escape, has just been discovered at a Norfolk hotel where he is Baron Fava has received orders to reto his next at the Italian Version and the Norfolk authorities ordering turn to his post at the Italian Legation his arrest, and will at once secure the

requisition papers.