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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The Progressive Farmer is the recognized organ of the Farmer's Alliance of this State. Its editor is Col. Polk, President of the National Alliance and Industrial Union, which fact, in addition to the fact that it is. the organ of the Alliance, gives its utterances more than ordinary significance. We recognize the fact that the editor has a somewhat difficult role to perform in playing the part of a non-partisan editor while party advocate and one of the looming possibilities for a Presidential or Vice-Presidential nomination from that party. But as editor of the Progressive Farmer he has concluded

that the line must be drawn some-

where, and that we musn't have any

third party in North Carolina in

State or county matters. The rea-

sons given for this are so similar to

those urged in discussing that ques-

tion in these columns that they sound familar to us. In an editorial in the issue of this week advising Alliance men as to tional," this counsellor says. True. the course they should pursue, after paying its respects to the National Democratic and Republican parties, both of which it throws a brick at,

figuratively speaking, it says: "However, it is different in North Carolina. While our State government, under twenty years of Democratic rule, has not been all it might have been, has not been perfect, and we need never expect perfection in politics; yet the contrast has been so great between Republican rule from 1866 to 1870, and Democratic rule since, that our people are loth to let loose and risk worse things. Many people will vote the ticket on account of the name, so we want to give them a chance. Another thing: complaints are mostly national, hence we can afford to divorce State and National politics.

"Now we want to reason a little more with our Republican and Democratic Alliancemen who may not fully agree with this plan. Had any other policy been pursued, it is almost certain that a 'straightout' Republican ticket would have been elected in this State, including members of the legislature, and in many cases county officers. Anybody with half sense knows that this would not better things, and possibly would make them vastly worse. No true Allianceman, be he Republican or Democrat, wants to see things any worse. On the other hand a 'straightout' Democratic State ticket might have been elected. This would have been no improvement. Really it would have been making things worse. But if the people will turn out to the primaries and send honest, brave men all through to the State Convention, the State will be saved from both misfortunes and we will get as much reform as through a new party.

"When it comes to selecting Congressmen and Senators and National officers it will be different. We expect it will be absolutely necessary to elect them on a new party platform. At present we see no other chance. But until this State matter is disposed of we ask every man favoring reform to keep his mouth closed, be he Republican or Democrat. Let's do one thing at a time and proceed cautiously.

and not run the risk of losing all chances.

Some will say to former Democrats who are now favoring the new party that The Progressive Farmer is trying to pull them back into the Democratic party, and to Republicans they will say that it is trying to rope in Republicans and induce them to vote the Democratic ticket. Don't be influenced by them All who have read this paper know that we have no more confidence in the National Democratic Party than we have in the Republica

We would vote for Harrison or Blaine as quick as we would for Cleveland or Hill. We have no more confidence in many of the Democratic leaders is North Carolina than we have in the Republican leaders in Maine, But it is a condition and not mere sentimer that confronts us here in North Carolina. We cannot afford to risk negro supremacy here. We must do the best we can-choose the lesser of two evils as it were. If our people will rally to the primaries we will get all we want. Remember that nothing more will be said about your favoring the Ocala or St. Louis platforms. The politicians are sick of that. Go and insist on getting what you want. It is your duty.

In some respects this is wise and patriotic, for which we commend that much of it, and in some respects otherwise and inconsistent. Admitting that North Carolina has been as well governed within the past twenty years by the Democratic party as could be reasonably expected (as perfection is not to be looked for in politics) it says it wouldn't be safe to oppose the Democratic party because that would have resulted in the "almost certain election of a 'straightout' Republican ticket including members of the legislature and in many cases county officers.' This would have made the condition no better and possibly vastly worse." It might have omitted the "possibly" here after admitting that the Democratic party had ruled the

State for twenty years as well as

could be reasonably expected, and

have the same object in view, to pre-

vent our lands falling in large bodies

into the hands of foreigners, and

especially of foreign syndicates,

which buy them at a nominal price

and hold them for speculative pur-

poses. Texas has such a law, which

prescribes the conditions upom which

aliens may become land owners.

Arkansas, California, Connecticut, In-

diana, New Hampshire and Tennessee

require aliens to become residents of

land owners. Delaware, Georgia,

Kentucky and South Carolina re-

quire aliens to declare their inten-

tions to become citizens before they

can become real estate owners. The

object of this legislation is not so

much to prevent foreigners who

come to this country in good faith

to make it their home from buying

land as to cut off the foreign syndi-

cates some of which have secured

titles to immense tracts. The fol-

lowing are a few of the holdings, to

which many more might be added

showing the extent to which this

land-grabbing has been carried on

by foreign syndicates: A Scotch

syndicate in Florida owns 500,000

acres; M. Ellerhausen, Halitax,

600,000; B. A. Evans, London, 700,

000; Anglo-American syndicate, 750,-

000; German syndicate, 1,000,000;

Phillips, Marshall & Co., London

1,300,000; Marquis Tweedale, 1,750.-

000: English syndicate in Mississip-

pi, 1.800,500; Sir Edward Reid, 2,-

000,000; English syndicate No. 3,

Texas, 3,000,000; Holland Company,

The People's party, of Maine, held

a convention last Wednesday, nomi-

nated a State ticket, endorsed the

St. Louis platform, and in addition

to that added a few planks of their

own, one of which was a demand for

law making eight hours a day's labor,

the other demanding protection for

"That Congress shall enact a law that

any person, firm or corporation who em-

ploys the labor of foreigners not natural-

ized shall pay into the United States

Treasury one dollar per day for every

or such a sum as shall be equal to the

ly dominated by the Industrial Union,

foreigner out of the labor field. There

is a conflict here between the interest

of the employer in all the industries,

and of the farmer especially, which it

would be very difficult to harmonize.

There are antagonistic elements in

the third party make-up which cannot

Congressman Newberry, of Chi-

cago, who has been recently feeling

the pulse of Illinois, is quoted as

saying on his return to Washington

that four-fifths of the Democrats of

that State wanted Cleveland nomi-

nated while Palmer was almost unani-

mously the second choice. With

Cleveland in the lead he regards

him take hers in his usual way.

of the House of Representatives, it

is said, have listened to the plead-

ings of the merchant tailors of this

buy abroad and bring home free of

duty. The high tariff Republicans

who buy their clothes in Europe will

The Mississippi river has been

rising for several days. At New

Orleans it is within a foot of high

water mark in 1890 and still rising.

the past few days the probabilities

are that it will go above the 90 mark

not like this.

possibly work long in concert.

day such foreign labor is thus employed

labor which reads as follows:

New Mexico, 4,500,000.

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between this rule of twenty years alien ownership of land in this counand the years of Republican rule that | try. Some time ago we in referring preceded. The editor of the Progres- to this called attention to the fact sive Former knows that there is little if any difference in the make up of the politicians who run the Republican party now and of those who ran it in the days when it was on top, that they are all of the same stock. schooled in the same school and accomplished in the same devil-

On the other hand it says a "'straightout' Democratic ticket might have been elected which would have been no improvement, but would really have made matters worse." The Alliance men are told that the election of a 'straightout' Republican ticket might "possibly" have made matters worse, while here the writer does not hesitate to say that the election of a "straightout Democratic ticket,' would, without any modifying "possibly,"' "really" be making things worse, from which it is to be inferred that the writer, who advises his readers to stick to the Democratic party fears the "straightout" Democratic party, which had governed North Carolina well for twenty years, more than he does the "straightout" Republican party, whose return to power would prove a calamity which he is on the stump an avowed third no man with "half sense" should de-

Dismissing these little incongruities we come to the inconsistency which draws the line between the Democratic party of North Carolina and the National Democratic party, which would tomahawk the National Democratic party, which for twentyfive years has contended that the South should have all the rights, privileges and kindly recognition that any other section has in the administration of the Government. "Our complaints are mostly na-

And we maintain that the Democratic party is not responsible for the causes which give ground for these complaints, which the writer of the extract which we quote knows as well as he knows the color of his hair. There isn't any difference, isn't there, between the National Democratic and the National Republican party? Did it take the gentleman who said this twenty-five years to discover it, and then not discover it until the third party bantling which talks about nominating him for high office was incubated at that St. Louis conference?- The discovery is somewhat belated and somewhat absurd since while the Republican party was making the history which is the foundation of the complaints, the Democratic party, even when in a hopeless minority, and when there was but one State North of the Potomac or Ohio rivers Democratic, was bravely and patriotically opposing it. Had the Democratic party been in power instead of the Republican party all these years there would have been none of that monstrous legislation which has given cause, and just cause, for these complaints. The writer is inconsistent in advising against a contest with the Democratic party of the State and encouraging a fight against the National Democratic party against which

there is no just cause of grievance. MINOR MENTION.

Several days ago we published some resolutions passed by the Buck sub-Alliance of Chatham county, expressing its opinion of certain features of the St. Louis platform and condemning the effort of a few Alliance men of this State to commit the Alliance of North Carolina to it. The following resolutions passed at the last meeting of Grimesland Alliance, Pitt county, which we find in the Greenville Reflector, are outspoken on this point and also on the arbitrary course pursued by President Butler in calling his conference and practically instructing that .each County Alliance should send delegates to this conference pledged to that platform:

Resolved 1st, That we find no warrant or Alliance action in regard to the St. Louis demands, as the State Alliance has not adopted them and we have seen no official action of the Executive Committee of the State Farmers' Alliance towards adopting such revolutionary measures.

Resolved 2nd, That we deplore and denounce the arbitrary and dictatorial stand assumed by President Butler in making the support of the St. Louis demands a test of good fellowship in the Alliance by proscribing all such as will not stand by the St. Louis demands in the conference at Raleigh on the 17th of \$100 limit on the amount of cloth-May.

Resolved ad. That we regard such ac tion as officious and culpable in the extreme, as well as prejudicial to the best nterest of the order, and question Mr. Butler's authority in this presumptuous and overbearing course. Resolved 4th, That we commend the action of Pitt county Alliance in de-

manding representation in this confer-

ence in defiance to this proscription and

in opposition to the St. Louis demands The men who framed and adopted these resolutions are men who do their own thinking, comprehend what the Alliance was organized for, and that no one man or handful of men, with axes to grind, or ambi- and cause great destruction. Thus tions to gratify, have a right to un- far there has been no serious break dertake to arbitrarily rule it or to in the levees. use it for their own selfish ends.

The St. Louis platform demands year, and this accounts for the that there was such striking contrast | the passage of a law prohibiting | strength Cleveland has developed.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1892.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat, Republican, remarks that the Democratic party in Louisiana has capthat such a law was passed by Contured the colored brother, with fair gress during Mr. Cleveland's adminprospects of doing the same thing in istration, which prohibited alien several other Southern States, and ownership of lands in the Territories wants to know what will become of the color line in politics then. Why of the United States. There are such then the Republican party, if it hangs laws in force now in a number of States which, although differing together that long, will be drawsomewhat in phraseology and scope,

The last report in reference to Blame's candidacy for the Presidency, comes in a Washington dispatch to the New York Sun, to the effect that his family have withdrawn their objection to his running, and now there is nothing to prevent him from going in, as it is said this was the chief obstacle.

New York is a city of tenement dwellers, only twelve per cent. of the the State before they can become families living in houses by them-

APPOINTMENTS.

Delegates to the Democratic State and Congressional Conventions from New Hanover County.

Mr. Geo. L. Morton, Chairman of the Democratic County Convention, has appointed delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions as follows:

TO STATE CONVENTION. Delegates-Junius Davis, John H. Daniel, H. L. Vollers, E. L. Pearce, E. 6. Latimer, A. G. Ricaud, Daniel Quinlivan, Sol. C. Weill, Marsden Bellamy, Pembroke Jones, John D. Bellamy, Jr., Frank H. Stedman, George Rountree. Alternates-D. G. Worth, J. M. Cronly, A. D. Brown, A. L. Scott, John H. Sweeney, F. A. Montgomery, M. C. S. Nobles, E. G. Parmele, E. W. Manning, C. W. Yates, W. R. Kenan, J. I.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION. Delegates-Mike Carroll, J. M. Crony, Isaiah West, W. C. Craft, Martin lewman, William Genaust, H. P. West, H. Sweeney, E. G. Polley, J. P. Flynn, . T. Skipper, B. R. Moore, Frank Maunder, J. W. Jackson, A. L. Scott, S. H. Fishblate. Frank Meier, Walker Taylor, E1. Daniel, J. M. McGowan. Robt. Bordeaux, D. M. Williams, B. F. wann, Gerritt Walker, W. P. Oldbam, U. M. Robinson, B. F. King, G. W. Westbrook, S. J. Ellis, Mike Cronly, Jr., W. H. Bernard, E. A. Northrop, J. J. Fowler, J. W. Hewett, Miles F. Costin, Preston Cumming, J. W. Reilly and

osh T. James. Alternates -J. G. Love, B. A. Mc-Clammy, J. G. Oldenbuttle, Albert Gore, D. H. Russell, W. S. Hewlett, J. F. Craig, J. H. Durhsm, Chas. Ganzer. H. H. McIlhenny, John Silva, Sam Blossom, R. E. Branch, G. M. Altaffer, G. Boney, W. H. Biddle, A. Adrian, Villiam Otersen, Jos. H. Hanby, William Otersen, Jos. J. T. Newsome, B. S. Montford, W. H. Yopp, W. C. Jones, G. A. Warren, G. W. Chesnutt, F. W. Ortmann, J. W. Hansley, John Maunder, J. D. H. Klander, Willie Bates, Chas. Schnibben, Chas. Schulken, T. J. Pratt, C. B. Mallett, Thos. Mason, P. B. Manning, W. L. DeRossett, Jr., H. McL. Green,

According to resolution authorizing highest average protection to capital emthe chairman to appoint delegates to the ployed in the various industries of this various conventions, he becomes a member of each delegation. We don't know how the farmers of The members of the Executive Comthe country would fancy a law which would prohibit them from employing

mittee for the Senatorial District composed of New Hanover and Brunswick a farm hand, or in harvest time, counties will be announced later. On hands to help them save their crops this committee Brunswick is entitled to one and New Hanover to two delegates. without first having proof that these hands, if foreigners, were "natural-State Dental Society. ized." This convention was evident-

Dr. J. H. Durham, of this city, is the essayist for the eighteenth annual meetwhich is interested in reducing the ing of the North Carolina State Dental number of laborers by keeping the Society, to be held at Winston May 24th. His subject is "The North Carolina State Dental Society," and it will be treated in a strong and practical manner. Dr. J. E. Matthews, also of Wilmington, will read a "voluntary essay" on "Sixth Year Molar," and as he is one of the finest mechanical dentists in the State; he cannot fail to handle his subject in a

Pitt County Democratic Convention. A special dispatch to the STAR from Greenville says that the Pitt County Democratic Convention which met yesterday was harmonious throughout Delegates elected to the State Convention were uninstructed, and no resolutions were adopted. The dispatch adds, Democracy need have no fears for the Pitt delegation.

Wisconsin as sure for the Demo-G. Caterpillar Welsh, cratic party in November as Ken-In another column will be found the tucky, which is putting it strong long-deferred official report of Capt. George Caterpillar Welsh, of the "Karolina Sentral.' The delay is excusable, Deeming, the Australian fiend, to for it takes time to manufacture 9,463,201 be hanged for the murder of four dead and wounded caterpillars, and wives and several children, is writing when George gets up his "little hatchet" stories he's nothing if not artistic. Arhis biography to be given to the ter Captain George Washington Caterwoman he was last engaged to, but pillar Welsh's frank admission that he who didn't marry him in time to be is "somewhat of a prevaricator" himself, killed like the others. He fears that the reader will make due allowance for she may not take it. She will doubtless all his little "anecdotes." much rather take his life in this way,

Congressional Districts. now that she knows him, than have Under the new arrangement the Sixth and Third Congressional Districts are now constituted as follows, viz: The Ways and Means Committee

Sixth district-Anson, Brunswick, Columbus, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Robeson and Union. Third district-Bladen, Cumberland, country, and will recommend a Duplin, Craven, Harnett, Jones, Moore, Onslow and Sampson. ing which the American tourist may

CATERPILLAR WELSH.

Card of Explanation-Partial the Slain.

Editor Morning Star: "Caterpillar Welsh" desires to state in reply to the STAR, and also to apologize for the delay in sending in a full report of the slain and wounded. This is due to the returns not being all in. However, ninety-four precincts heard from give a With the unprecedented heavy rains grand total of 9,468,201. But as the writer once remarked to the sporting reported from the northwest within editor of the STAR, I am somewhat of liar myself. After he had written up the evening before a full, complete and elab-orate account of the Frank Cunningham Concert at the Wilmington Opera House during the last encampment-showing during the last encampment—showing how the audience applauded—begging them to come again, &c.—he, the said s. e. went in pursuit of game. The poor printer, supposing all O. K., printed it in great shape. N. B. The concert has not taken place up to date. The people are in politics this

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Illicit Whiskey Distillers Fined and Imprisoned-Other Violations of Internal Revenue and Lottery Laws.

At yesterday's session of the U.S. District Court sentence was passed on prisoners convicted Wednesday, as fol-

Thos. B. Darden, charged with violation of internal revenue laws-having in his possession a barrel of unstamped whiskey-was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and be imprisoned in Sampson county jail for nine months.

Walter McDraughon, convicted of illicit distilling, \$1000 fine and six months in Sampson county jail.

Henry Lee, convicted of working in an unlicensed distillery, \$100 fine and two months in Sampson county jail. Other cases, tried yesterday, were disposed of as follows:

J. W. Hodges, sending a postal card through the mails concerning a lottery. Guilty. Judgment that the defendant pay a tine of \$100 and the costs.

B. L. Jones, charged with retaili liquor without license. Not guilty. Jennie Kelly, a colored woman from Robeson county, charged with retailing

guilty. M. P. Smith, charged with resisting

liquor without license. Verdict, not

an officer. Verdict, not guilty. The case of the First-National Bank of New York vs. George Rosenthal, was argued on a motion for judgment by plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Sol. C. Weill, and Jas. C. McRae, Esq., in reply for defendant. The case was continued.

The case of W. S. O'B. Robinson, receiver of the First National Bank of Wilmington, vs. The City of Wilmington (to restrain the city from collecting tax on stock of the bank) was argued on demurrer by defendant, The grand jury returned not a true

bill as to Sam'l E. Mintz and Ashley Townsend. The Court ordered that the jury list be revised by the clerk and jury com-

The grand and petit juries were discharged for the term and the Court took a recess until 8 o'clock this morning.

BAD FOR TRUCKERS.

Damage by Drought in the Charleston and Savannah Sections-Wilmington as Yet Unaffected.

The truck farmers in the Wilmington section have as yet suffered no loss from the effects of prolonged dry weather, Their crops are in fairly good condition, but a little rain would be by no means an unwelcome visitor. In other sections, however, particularly in the neighborhood of Savannah and Charleston, the drought has worked havoc with the The Charleston News and Courier,

commenting upon the bad season, says t is one of the worst on truck that the armers have ever had to contend with. The late cold winter began by giving the vegetables such a backset that fine weather during the past six weeks was imperatively necessary to bring the vegetables back to a fairly good condition, but so far from the recent weather being propitious it has been even more disastrous than the frost and cold snaps were. The indications now are that unless rain-and heavy, continued rainfalls very soon the injury sustained by the truck farmers from the drought will be incalculable. Cabbage and potatoes are the most important crops, and both of these have already been greatly dam-

Several farmers were yesterday asked to estimate roughly what had been the njury already sustained, for every one with one accord admits that there has been injury done. Estimates varied pretty widely, as estimates under these circumstances always will do. Several gentlemen, whose knowledge and experience in such matters entitle their opinion to a considerable degree of importance, said that the cabbage crop of Charleston and vicinity had already been cut short fully 50 per cent. by the drought. More conservative estimates place the injury at 25 per cent.

The potatoes have been seriously inured, but it is impracticable to give figures regarding them yet awhile. Another seven or ten days without a good rain will produce in that crop results equally as disastrous as those already apparent in the cabbage fields. Inquiry among the shippers and transportation companies developed the fact that shipments this season already show decided falling off from those of the same period of last year. A 50 per cent, decrease in the cabbage crop is an important matter. Had the crop been a good one something like 550,000 crates of cabbages would have been shipped from Charleston this season. To scale those figures 50 per cent., in addition to the enormous loss to farmers, would be a very important matter to the railroads and when a similar decrease in potato shipment appears to be imminent

the matter becomes serious indeed. In the meantime, to add to the unpromising outlook, the markets continue apparently to be based upon the assumption of a big crop. Strawberries are a partial exception to the above general statements about vegetables. Though injured to some extent both by the cold and the drought that crop has been unusually large this year, and the indications are that this year's crop will greatly exceed that of last season.

ROBESON COUNTY DEMOCRATS. Maxton Township Meeting Pledges Sup-

port to All Democratic Nominees-No Third-Partyism-Delegates to County [Special Star Correspondence.]

MAXTON, N. C., May 7 .- The Democratic Convention of Maxton township assembled here to-day at 11 o'clock and was called to order by Chairman Wm. Black. There was a full turnout, and after a heated discussion, resolutions "renewing our fealty to the Democratic party and pledging our support of all Democratic nominees in county, State and national conventions," adopted. The resolutions were lintroduced by Col. M. McRae, and heartily espoused by Mr. J. F. Payne.

tel. was in the city vesterday.

The following delegates were elected to the County Convention, viz.: J. F. Payne, H. C. McNair, Col. M. McRae, E. S. Lathrop, J. W. Carter, and James McBryde. You can safely put it down in your little book that there is no Third party-

ism in this delegation. Count on Maxton for the old and true Democracy. ONE OF THE BOYS. - Mr. S. R. Townsend, of Red Springs, manager of the Townsend Ho-

FAST MAIL SERVICE.

Its Importance to the Southern Seaboard Cities-It Should be Continued.

The fast mail service is probably disadvantage to many Southern newspapers, but they all favor its continuance for the general good. Wilmington is interested, along with her sister cities of the Seaboard, and her business men may read with interest the following from the Savannah News .

authorized to urge its immediate con-The House Committee on Postoffices sideration by the Senate, and this he and Postroads did wisely when it inwill do at the first opportunity. Secrecluded in the postoffice appropriation tary Tracy in a letter to the Committee expresses the opinion that the bill is bill an item of \$196,000 to cover the expense of the Boston and Tampa fast Appropriation bill, and urges its pasmail, against the recommendation of the Postmaster General. It is hoped the House will act as wisely and pass the laid before the President to-day and he appropriation. had a conference with the Attorney It seems wholly unnecessary to dilate General in regard to it. The latter ex-

upon the importance of the service. No argument is necessary to show that any service which brings twenty-odd cities, two of which are among the argest in the world, into close commercial relations, is of great and increasing benefit to the section thus provided for. In this instance that section is the whole Atlantic seaboard, from Massachusetts to Florida. Boston, New York and Brooklyn are on the line as well as Jacksonville, Savannah and Charleston, and the service is of benefit to the former cities as well as the latter though possibly not in as great degree. Traffic between the first named cities might be cared for by other schedules of quite as high rate of speed if the fast mail should be discontinued; but the main purpose of the service is to afford the Northern cities quick mail communication with the cities of the South and the Southern cities a continuous fast service over the southern seaboard trunk ines which otherwise could not be main tained. From Washington south the tide of travel fluctuates with the season to such extent that at times the travel does not demand the high rate of speed required and maintained between the arge cities to the north and northwest of Washington. The amount asked by Congress is not large, but the results to be obtained will be most valuable in continuing a legitimate outgrowth of the postal system, which has become indispensable to Southern business interests

SHOOTING SCRAPE.

An Old Negro Shot by His Son-Escap of the Would-be Murderer. Information was brought to the City Hall last night that John Lee, a colored man about 22 years of age, had shot his father, Thomas Lee, at their home on Eighth and Brunswick streets, in "Brook-

lyn." Policemen hurried to the scene

of the shooting, but before they reached

there John Lee had made his escape. The story told by the old man is that he and his son got into a dispute, upon the father rebuking him for spitting on the table, and as a result of the quarrel his son drew a pistol and shot him. The weapon was discharged four times, but only one ball took effect, striking old of the creditors of the People's National man Lee in the face, breaking the bone of the nose and the cheek-bone and glancing upward, lodged near the centre of

the forehead. The shooting occurred about 7 o'clock, and Dr. Potter was called to attend the wounded man at 10 o'clock. The doctor examined and dressed the wound. and said that he hardly thought it dan-

The story told by John Lee, before he "took to the woods," is that his father was beating his (John's) mother, and he shot him to keep him from killing her.

AT ST. MARY'S.

Ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone the Catholic Cathedral. The excursionists who went from this

city to St. Mary's in Gaston county, to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Cathedral at that place, returned yesterday morning, arriving at about five o'clock. There were about thirty in the party. - The corner-stone was laid on Wednesday, and in accordance with the ritual of the Catholic Church for such occasions. Rev. Father Felix was master ot ceremonies, and Bishop Haid delivered the sermon. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bernard, of Minnesota; Very Rev. F. Willibald, of Richmond; Very Rev. F. William, of Savannah, and a large number of priests, among whom was Rev. Father Dennin, of this city. The corner-stone is a large granite block with a cavity 8 by 8 inches, in which were placed interesting papers, coins, etc. The most important document was that which contained the names of the reigning Pope, the Bishop of the Diocese, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State and the names of the assistant prelates and priests.

The Ulrich Injunction Case. The injunction case of Mr. Wm. Ulrich, Jr., against the city authorities ot Wilmington, was argued before Judge Winston at Clinton vesterday by Hon. A. M. Waddell for plaintiff and Col. T. W. Strange and Ino. D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq., for defendants. Judge Winston announced that he would make known his final determination in the matter at Goldsboro on Saturday next. The lawyers, Mayor Ricaud and others who went up to Clinton vesterday returned

A Confederate Veteran Dead.

Mr. Isaac H. Brown died at his residence, corner Eighth and Chesnut streets, in this city yesterday morning, in the 55th year of his age. The funeral services were held in the afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. McClure of St. Andrews' Church, and the remains were Brown was a gallant Confederate soldier. He was a member of Company K, Third N. C. Infantry, and lost his right arm in battle early in the war. His remains were escorted to the railroad depot by some of his old comrades in arms-Cols. E. D. Hall. Wm. L. De Rossett, John L. Cantwell, and Messrs, Peter Smith and J. D. Orrell.

- Mr. J. R. Maxwell, a former Representative in the Legislature, from Sampson county, and a "true-blue" Democrat, was a visitor at the STAR office

- Mr. J. C. Daniel, of Bladen, is another old subscriber to the STAR who made us a visit yesterday. He reports the present crop outlook very favorable in his neighborhood.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Salisbury Herald: Davidson county was at one time the home of Daniel Boone, the great North Carolina pioneer. Ten miles from Lexington is a cave once occupied by Boone, and near this his primitive cabin stood though the latter is now almost entirely obliterated. But the hearthstone is yet preserved. An effort will be made to NO. 25 have this exhibited at the World's Fair. - Statesville Landmark: Green

goods letters continue to flood the mails and have become a chesnut. Hardly a day passes but some of our citizens receive these humbugging propositions. - Mrs. Tirza Parks, mother of Mr. D. and Capt. J. M. Parks, of Statesville. whose death near Rocky River Church. vote, decided this morning to report fa-Cabarrus county, was noted in the vorably on the bill granting American Londmark last week, was 84 old on the register to certain foreign-built ships of 3rd of April and died on the 25th.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Washington, May 5 .- The Senate

Commerce Committee, by a unanimous

tonage of not less than 8.000 tons, and a

speed of not less than 20 knots, which

passed the House Monday. Senator

Fry, Chairman of the Committee, was

second in importance only to the Naval

The "act to prohibit the carrying of

Chinese persons into the U. S." was

plained the matter carefully and in-

formed the President that it was a very

grave question whether all existing res-

trictive legislations did not expire to-

morrow. In order, therefore, to avoid

any possible legal complications that

might arise on that point, the President

affixed his signature to the bill and it is

CHEATED THE GALLOWS.

Prisoner Convicted of Murder Commit

SAVANNAH, GA., May 5 .- Elijah Sher-

man, who was convicted in Bryon county

Superior Court last night of the murder

of a young man named Butler, commit-

ted suicide in his cell after sentence

was passed. He broke his skull by but-

ting his head against the wall and drank

poison. Sherman's three sons, who

were tried with him, were acquitted.

They proved that they were compelled

to kill Butler by their father, who threat-

ened to kill them if they did not shoot

Butler. Sherman was over fifty years

old and the worst character in the county

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

ROANOKE, VA., May 6 .- It was 8

clock this morning before the Repub-

lican State Convention adjourned. A

Mr. Mahone stated that if the

Mr. Harrison he would not obey the in-

ANOTHER DIVIDEND

To the Creditors of the People's National

Bank of Fayetteville.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

troller of the Currency has declared a

FLOODS IN THE WEST.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

figure, no estimate of which can be made

s a scene of veriest desolation. Floor

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

Raised for the Centennial Mission-A

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., May 7.-At the South

ern Baptist Convention to-day a resolu-

tion was introduced by Dr. Carroll, of

North Carolina, looking to a change in

the basis of representation so as to re-

duce delegations. This was opposed

and a good deal of discussion resulted

Call for the regular order then side-

Dr. Carter, of Raleigh, spoke on the

moral basis of missions. An unique scene

was enacted after this. It was announced

that there were present in the con-

vention six brethren who had been

present in Augusta forty-seven years

ago when the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion had been organized. They were

Dr. S. G. Hillyer, Atlanta; Dr. W. H.

Robert, Miss.; Dr. A. W. Mahoney, Sr

Dr. Erwin, Dr. T. S. Smith, Sr., and Dr.

Convention at Atlanta-\$14,000

WASHINGTON, May 7 .- The Comp-

ourned sine die.

ing to \$114,353.

move out.

wo miles wide

Remarkable Scene.

tracked the resolution.

the tear of emotion.

centennial mission.

by visiting Baptist clergy.

Suicide in His Cell.

the law of the land from to-day.

- Norwood Vidette: We have conversed with many of the leading Alliance Democrats of this county and find that they are fully awake as to the political situation and we believe that when they are called upon for action, wisdom and discretion will guide them. - Mr. Joseph Dunn, the young employee of W. A. Marks, while working at a rip saw last Saturday, had the misfortune of getting his left hand badly mangled. One finger was amputated and the remaining ones were severely torn by the teeth, which will disable him for several weeks. - Some one attempted to murder Mr. Ed. Sweanington near Norwood last Friday. A load of buck shot was fired at him, which tore through his coat in several places, and glazed his person; but no severe injuries were sustained. The person was not recognized, nor can his motive be understood for attempting such a crime.

- Greensboro Record: F. F. Smith of this city, has ten acres in peach trees in the southeastern part of Guilford county, and a visit to the orchard yesterday discovered that his trees were loaded with fruit. He has given us a twig-three prongs-about ten inches long, which contains 34 well formed peaches, all larger than a buckshot. We hope there are many such orchards in Guilford. - It don't seem reasonable that in a Southern town-where so many of our best and bravest men bared their breasts and lost their lives in defence of the Southern cause—that there could be found a human being so thoughtless or debased as to mutilate the monument which marks the last resting place of more than a hundred Confederate soldiers. We blush for our town while we make the statement; yet it is a lamentable fact that two balls of about 82calibre have been fired into the life-sized copper statue of a Confederate soldier which stands sentinel over the sacred dust of these dead soldiers.

- Goldsboro Headlight: A number of farmers are complaining of bad stands of cotton, and some will have to plant over. They planted much earlier big fight was made on the question of than usual, and the cotton either did instructing delegates to Minneapolis to not come up or has died from the effects vote for Harrison. Messrs. Mahone and of the cold weather. - A prominent Langstone opposed this, and for a while farmer of this county was in our office it looked as though a dead-lock would yesterday, informed us that there is ensue. A vote was finally taken and more corn planted in this section this Mr. Mahone won by a vote of 3921/2 to year than any heretofore. - While Chas. F. Lombard, a New Hope town delegates were instructed to vote for ship negro, was chopping brush in the woods Saturday morning, a branch struck structions. The Convention then adhim in the left eye, bursting the ball - A young colored woman named Hattie Everitt, in Brogden township, was handling a pistol Monday which had not been used for some time, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering her left cheek and coming out on the back of her neck. — At the primary convention held in Grantham's township Saturday the Democratic platform of 1890 and the Ocala demands were voted down and the St. Louis platsecond dividend of 15 per cent. in favor form adopted in its stead. And all this was done in a Democratic convention and its members claiming to be Demo-

Bank, of Fayetteville, N. C., making 35 per cent. on all claims proved, amount-- Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Mary McNeely, aged 88 years, died Wednesday evening at her home near Derita. Mention was made a few days ago of a secret Alliance meeting in this city. Freat Destruction of Property-Towns It may have been a third party meeting and Farms Flooded-People Homeless. instead. News has leaked out from this or some other secret meeting that the Alliance-or third party-ticket for the WARSAW, ILL., May 7.-Alexander Legislature, in part, is as follows: For Mo., located just opposite here, has been the Senate, T. L. Vail; for the House, flooded by the breaking of the Egyptian Nick Gibbon and H. K. Reid. Register Cobb and Treasurer McClintock are levee, which skirts the Des Moines marked for decapitation but it has not river. Local rains caused a heavy rise been learned who their successors are to in that turbulent stream, and despite all - Disquiet and unrest prevailed efforts to save it the waters broke over, in Paw Creek Wednesday night. About doing incalculable damage to farms. Reaching Alexander it was soon flooded, and people were driven from their MORRIS, ILL., May 7 .- Rain has been falling with such persistency here for the last four days that great damage has been done to crops. Illinois river has isen to a height which has compelled the people of the lower part of town to PEORIA, Ill., May 7. - Rescuing parties

9 o'clock some colored people living near Mr. M. M. McCord's place descried a peculiar looking object in the field. Every now and then it would rise from the earth and remain in the air a few minutes, and then "flop" back again. It was too dark for any one to tell the size or manner of being of the remarkable thing, and the negroes soon became alarmed and began to raise a terrible commotion. All were ordered to arm themselves that together they might venture forth, and fathom the mystery. who have been out in Lamarch Drainage Several starts were made, but one by one all night have found six of the twenty they fell back, and no two were braye endangered jamilies. They have been enough to go forward. In the meantime over the entire district and do not know the object began to move toward the whether the remaining families are sate crowd, and that routed the entire armed or not. Damage will reach a very large force. Finally the white people learned of the "sperret" and went out to the et. Destruction is complete and there field to see what the thing was. It turned out to be a balloon—the one sent was due to the giving way of the great Marsh Dike fifteen miles long and a up a Belmont Tuesday afternoon, and which had landed in the field in Paw protecting strip of bottom land about - Weldon News: Mr. George B. Hackett, of Littleton, has in his posses-

sion a pair of brass andirons which were

the property of George Washington and were used by him in camp. He gave them to one of his aid-de-camps, who was an ancestor of Mr. Hackett, and they have been in possession of the fami-ly ever since. When Mr. Hackett moved to Littleton from Maryland he brought these relics of other days with him. Their history is authentic. - The excavators at the Great Falls canal unearthed a large number of Indian curiosities last week, consisting of pottery, needles, arrows, bones and numerous other evidences of a once Indian camp on the banks of the Roanoke river. A large skull with receding forehead, in a re-markable state of preservation, was taken out; also leg and arm bones. The needles were exhibited here Saturday. They are made of bones, and are thought by many to have been made from the tusks of the wild boar. -At Ridgeway, which is. by the way, becoming a fruit growing locality, an enterprising farmer cultivates blackberries as he would other fruit, and has several acres which ought to yield a T. Spark; weak and tremulous and good crop this year. They are set out in rows several feet apart and are cultivated with hoe and plow. For some years the blackberry crop has been an important one in some sections of the State, but this is the first in-stance we know of in this part - On Friday morning about three o'clock the house of Sam Johnson, colored, about four miles from Halifax, took fire and burned to the ground. All its contents were also destroyed. Johnson was away from home at the time being employed upon another farm. His wife and two children were in the house at the time. She was awakened in the night by the report of the gun which was exploded by the heat of the fire, and when she realized what was the matter she ran out of the house in her fright and excitement, leaving the two children. After getting out she remembered the children and went back for the purpose of rescuing them, but the house was filled with smoke and she could do nothing. She saw one of

white-headed old men, ready all of them were, and as they stood up, hand in hand, before the Convention, by the side of the President, the audience, led by a strong-lunged preacher, arose as one man and sung that old time hymn, How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." It was a remarkable scene, the

of ten minutes \$14,000 had been raised. To-morrow almost every pulpit in the city and surrounding towns will be filled A Minneapolis dispatch says: The them wrap himself in a balanket to proplant of the Northern Car Manufacturtect himself from the flames and crawl

Josephus Levering started it with a con-tribution of \$5,000, and added another \$5,000 for his brother, Eugene. Inside

like of which has seldom been witnessed, and many an eye was moistened with Dr. John A. Broadus delivered an able address on "How best to utilize the Dr. H. C. Mabie, of the Foreign Mission Board, reviewed the work of the Board at length. The Centennial Mission Fund was then started. Hon.

ing Co., at Robbersdale, a suburb of this city, was burned yesterday. Loss \$100,-000; insurance small. Between 150 and bodies of the two children were almost 200 men are thrown out of employment. I completely consumed.

You owe it to your country and to your