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do that until they cease to be de-

MINOR MENTION.

The impression is with some that

public sentiment on that question,

proved very responsive. The "Sound

Money League," of New York, has

also been sending out feelers. But

neither Mr. Benedict nor the "Sound

Money League" nor Comptroller

views) makes any suggestion as to

would mean if their demand be com-

They will not consent to replacing

ace to the gold reserve is true, but

ing the greenbacks in gold when there

is no law requiring that, and when

selves make them so. There are two

ways to prevent the greenbacks from

being a menace, the first of which

and the best, is to redeem them in

silver when that would be more con

venient than gold, or if they persist

in redeeming in gold, pass a law re-

quiring that a certain percentage of

customs duties be paid in gold, and

thus provide a way of supplying the

Treasury with gold without issuing

greenback it is because those in

charge of it have voluntarily adopted

a policy which causes the embarrass-

policy is pursued.

ment and will continue it while that

The gold organs call attention to

the figures which show that about

nine-tenths of our foreign exports

go to Europe, to gold standard

to China, India, Japan and other sil-

ver countries. They therefore de

clare that we should remain upon a

gold basis and keep our monetary

system in harmony with the gold

standard countries. In this conten-

tion they take too much for granted

and make too little allowance for

their trade. But in drawing up the

countries and with Europe.

Main W

There seems to be some founda-

machine shops of the Illinois Cen-

tral Railroad which showed that the

ra crop of 10,000 bales, is quoted | the greenbacks are a constant mensaying that he made more money hen prices were low than when they | this is because under the practice of ne high because he was then the Treasury they persist in redeem ced to study all the economies d make the crop do all it possibly old do. But Mr. Richardson had they may be redeemed in silver. I eadvantage of the average planter the greenbacks are a menace to the this plantations are mainly, if not | Treasury it is because they themin the Mississippi Delta, he is althy and can carry out his plans cultivation, employ all the labor wants at cash prices, in addition which he has factories to spin and eave the cotton, oil mills to get the from the seed, and utilizes every at of the plant for which there is commercial or other use. Thus gets all the benefit and all the of there is in the crop.

That is the true secret of success nd profit in cotton culture, and ery planter who can should adopt In proportion to the number of anters there are not many who mafford to do that, for doing it hould necessitate the command of msiderable capital, but where many dividual planters might not be able do it it could be done by combition on the co operative plan if the anters within a given radius would termine so to do, and thus put countries, while only one-tenth goes emselves in a position to get the benefit and make all the profit ere is in the crop. Unless this be one the profit in the business must spend altogether on the cost of proaction and that will vary, according the soil, the men who cultivate it id the methods employed.

other things which have kept down Some Texas planters claim that ey can produce it for three cents a our volume of exports to the silver and. Some in the rich lands of countries. They assume that the y in other States, but these are our exports to the gold countries, exceptions. On the average it which does not necessarily follow by about twice as much to pro- any means. What would be to preoce cotton, and it follows that if vent them from buying our food Price keeps down anywhere in stuffs, which constitute the bulk of eneighborhood of eight cents bet- our exports, and paying for them in and cheaper methods will be a our own money? It would be six tessity with the average cotton one way and a half dozen the other lower, if he expects to make any- to them whether they paid by growing it. He certainly in gold on a gold basis or in anot afford to cultivate three acres | silver on a silver basis. They buy land to get one bale of cotton, but wheat and beef from Argentina, a work to get from two to three silver country, and wheat from ales from one acre of land, and India, another silver country, and Incresse, 44,781 bales. study his plant, too, so as to the difference in money doesn't seem the best, most prolific and most to have any influence whatever on

This is one of the things that Mr. contrast they make no allowance for chardson does. He "breeds" cotthe distance between this country and China, Japan and India, the conashe expresses it, that is he closewatches the different varieties of sequent cost of transportation, and e plant, experiments with them, the little effort made to find a market livates them separately and mixes in these countries for our exports. Give us a shorter soute to reach elects his seed for planting, just as them, recognize silver money, make becareful corn grower tries to iman effort to expand our trade in that Tore the seed he plants and setes from the best for that purpose. show a decided change in the rela-That cotton may be immensely tive proportions of trade with these aproved by careful selection of the has been too often demonstrated be a matter of question, and yet is farely the case that proper attion for the reported discovery of that proper age the lost art of tempering and weldlanter gathering and planting ing copper which was in use among the same seed year after year, the ancient Mexicans, whose weapthen judicious selection might give ons, mechanics' tools, etc., were a seed that would yield a third made out of tempered copper. The ore and command a third more, if discoverer is Albert E. Lytte, of t more than a third in the selling Chicago. Tests were made in the

As reducing the cost of production be one of the essentials of suc- metal treated by Mr. Lytte's pro- sary.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1895.

cess, this will necessitate a reduction | ces while being planed, bored and of the acreage cultivated, and with turned acted very much like steel, City it involve the necessity of diversi- although somewhat easier to cut. fied farming, for the ordinary plant- Tests of strength made in the Washer cannot afford to raise low priced lington navy yards with a bar fourcotton, and out of the proceeds buy teen inches long and one inch in dihis household and farm supplies. He ameter showed an elongation of 32 must raise his home supplies-his inches and an ultimate breaking bread, meat and feed for his stock, strength of 37,800 pounds, while the and thus have his cotton as an un- ultimate strength of a similar bar of encumbered money crop. When he cast copper was 24,781 pounds. It has no supplies to buy out of the cot- is claimed that no alloy is used to ton, no advances and no debts to produce the hardness, and that the pay out of it, he will be in a pretty metal may be worked in any way good condition to stand it if prices that steel can be, and that it may be should be low and be in a condition drawn into wire cold. also to hold it if the prices should be too low. As a class, the planters would then be in a condition, too, to other man who, like Secretary Hoke

Gov. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, is anform combinations to hold back the Smith, didn't know what he was docrop to force prices up as has been ing a few years ago. He was a so frequently suggested within the Representative in Congress then, and past few years. But they can never voted seven times for the free coinage of silver; and he boasted of this pendent upon cotton as the sole when a candidate for Governor two years ago. Now he is a candidate for the United States Senate, and is a gold man. But, whatever may be the fate of free silver, O'Ferrall will not be known in the race with John Mr. Benedict's utterances on retiring the greenbacks were sent out to feel

The opinion is entertained by some scientists that a subterranean sea underlies Kansas, Nebraska and a part of the Indian Territory, which accounts for the disappearance of large sections of land, leaving in their places bottomless ponds, and also for the wells in many places in which the volume of water rises and falls as if influenced by flowing and ebb-

Gen. Von Hannekin, who had something to do with the Chinese army while the Japs were mauling it, is now in Berlin, where he is being could fall lower than there is any more opposed to State banks than lionized, but where the lion comes in to silver, and consequently the only we fail to see. Perhaps he is con-In James Richardson, of New substitute for the retired greenbacks sidered some of a lion in escapheans, who is one of the largest | would be interest bearing certificates | ing being gobbled up by the other non growers in the world, productor bonds. Their contention that fellows, as the Chinese Generals and Admirals were.

The Durham Sun is growing older and bigger. It reached its seventh year the other day and celebrated it by putting on a new suit of clothes and adding a column to each page. It has always shined brightly and promises to do so with increased lus-

Some of the farmers of Florida are catching on to raising their home supplies. In some counties corn is now being sold to the merchants in stead of being bought from them as

Our impression is that as things look now Benjamin Harrison, Mr. Allison, Mr. McKinley, Levi P. Morbonds to get it. If the Treasury is | ton, Thos. B. Reed, and even the embarrassed by the presence of the dark horses, will be very polite towards Matthew S. Quay.

Bishop Potter, of New York, has forbidden the priests of his diocese from officiating at monster weddings. That's right. Monster weddings shouldn't be encouraged.

This week the Chatham Record reached its eighteenth year and is healthy and vigorous. Brother London writes for a good section of the State and gives it a good paper.

The cranberry crop of this year estimated at 230,000 bushels more than last year. Jersey did her level

Bleetrical Bicycle Bell. Two of Wilmington's young men, Mr Anson W. King and Mr. H. C. Howard, have invented a novelty in the shape of a bicycle bell. The bell is rung by elec-USSISSIPPI claim that they can do adoption of the double standard by trical power, the push button being in at, and it has been done occasion- this country would operate against the end of the handles. The wires connecting with the button are concealed inside the tubing, making a complete circuit. Altogether the invention is a novelty of its kind, nothing in the shape of an electrical bicycle bell ever before being brought before the public. A wheel with the electrical bell ap

lied is on exhibition at Mr. C. E. Gor-

End of the Cotton Year. The receipts of cotton for the month of August, 1895, were 88 bales; receipts same month last year, 118.

Receipts for the crop year to Sept 1st, 1895, 284,621 bales; last year, 189,840

The total exports for the year are 285,-647 bales, of which 88,377 were to domes tic ports and 209,270 foreign. Last year, total exports, 190,205 bales, of which 22,801 were domestic and 167,404 foreign Stock at this port, 349 bales; stock ast year at same date, 1,875.

Welcome Week.

A STAR reporter called on a number of prominent business men yesterday, and in reply to inquiries regarding an 1895 Welcome Week they seemed to be unanimously in favor of some exhibition direction, and coming years would to attract country merchants and farmers here this Winter.

The STAR wishes to say that with present indications Wilmington could not make a better move than to begin at once to get up the W. W. W. and push it through with a vim.

Painfully Hurt,

Miss Annie Benton, employed at the City Electric Laundry, was painfully hurt yesterday morning while at work in the laundry. While passing sheets through the mangle her right hand was caught in the machine and the fingers | the A. C. L. conductors, formerly of this were badly mashed. Miss, Benton was taken to her home on Dock street and surgical attendance was soon secured; but it was found that while the injury was severe, amputation was not neces-

A SILVER CONFERENCE

to be Held to Organise and Push the CRATIC PARTY.

next week for the purpose of organizing a stock company to build two asphalt race tracks (one for erses and the other for bicycles) and Cycle Club will make the first move by holding a meeting to appropriate a sum from the club funds and agree to raise so horses and horse racing will then meet to perfect their arrangements and subscribe stock. The base funds which with what can be se will make a thorough canvass of the town, and decide where the tracks shall be built. It is the aim of those interested to make these grounds and tracks the finest in the State, and equal to any in the South.

Yesterday a meeting of a committee from the horsemen, cyclists and base ballist met and decided to get right to work and get facts and figures to place before the various meetings to be held to perfect the arrangements. Some fi-nancial backing has been promised and in large amounts.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

What a Prominent and Popular Democra Thinks of the Situation.

Col. John A. McDowell, as gallant a Confederate officer as ever unsheathed sword, and who was desperately wounded in one of the series of battles around Richmond, was in the city yesterday.

As Col. McDowell is one of the best known and most popular Democrats in this section of the State, a STAR representative asked him what he thought of the political situation in North Carolina. He said he was greatly interested in the matter, but that he saw no hope for success in North Carolina next year unless the National Democratic platform favored the free coinage of silver. He did not believe that the incorporaform alone would be sufficient; but that with both platforms for free silver he thought the Democrats would carry the State and elect their National ticket

Col. McDowell says the feeling throughout the country districts in favor of free silver is intense; that the Democrats of his own county (Bladen) are almost unanimous for it; and that he believes this to be true also of adjoining

Col. McDowell is apprehensive that it the National Democratic Convention fail to endorse the free coinage of silver, a free silver Presidential ticket will be placed in the field and that it will be supported by thousands of Democrats who have never before voted any other than the Democratic ticket.

WILMINGTON'S TRADE OUTLOOK.

The Prospect Is Encouraging-The Farm ers Will Have More Money to Spend Than Usual.

Indications are highly favorable to decided improvement in the trade of Wilmington during the Fall and Winter. Chief among the causes is the agricultural outlook. Farmers will be in much better condition financially than they have been, and this is attributed to a reduced cotton crop, at much higher prices, and the largest corn crop, probably, ever in the South.

The farmers will have more money than usual to spend with the merchants. Not only is cotton selling at good prices, but it has been produced this season at less than the average cost. There was a greatly reduced use of fertilizers, advances from merchants were materially curtailed, and the consequence is that the producers are in better shape, financially, than they have been at any time for several years. This means, of course that they will have more ready money, and that means more cash trade for the

It is a fact that the farmers have been cultivating habits of economy for a number of years. Necessity has compelled them to dispense with the luxuries and they have not been able to supply themselves with many of the comforts of life. But with an abundance of corn and bacon, and remunerative prices for cotton, they will now be able to indulge more freely in the enjoyments of life. Taken altogether, the outlook for Wilmington business men is very encouraging, and if they will make the proper effort they will be rewarded with the best trade they have had for many

Desirable Acquisition. The people of Wilmington welcome to their borders Mr. Frank McNeill, a talented lawyer who has removed here for the practice of his protession. He is well known in this section, having been Solicitor of the Seventh Judicial District a number of years, and having been prominent as a civil practitioner in many counties of our Congressional District. Mr. McNeill has opened an office in the Smith building on Princess street. Killed by Lightning.

Mr. Charlie H. Young, section master in charge of the fourth section of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad, was killed by lightning yesterday afternoon. He was standing on the piazza of the section house, at South Washington, when he was struck by the electric cur-rent and died instantly. Mr. Young was about 28 years of age, and had many friends in Wilmington, who will regret to learn of his sad death.

- Capt, Chas. W. Gasque, one of city, was happily united in marriage last Thursday evening to Miss Mabel Grace. of Walterboro, S. C. They will arrive here this morning en route North and visit old friends for a few days.

OF PROMINENT MEN, IN THE DEMO-

Suit For Damages Against the Seaboard Air Line - Freight Train Wrenked -The Arrington Investigating Con -Tobacco Breaks-Schools Opening Up. [Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, August 29. There will be a conference of promient silver men in the Democratic party are present happened in the city, and for a meeting. Senator Jarvis rolled in the city this morning from the West. Ashely Horne came during the day Edtor W. C. Dowd of the Charlotte News, Editor London, Chatham 'Record, Congressman Lockheart, came in on the noon train, Cam. Day and Ed. Chambers Smith, Mayor Russ and others are in the Yarborough chatting. The conferevening. Others may come in on the trains from the East, North and West. Mr. Josephus Daniels, of the News and Observer, Mr. Greek O. Andrews, of the Press-Visitor, and others have been

Mr. Abe Morris, who runs a clothing store on Wilmington street, has retained the services of Col. T. M. Argo in a suit against the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Morris has just returned from New York. On the return trip between Washington and Georgetown, while passing under a tunnel, a flying object struck the window of the smoking car on the vestibule, breaking out several window panes and severely injuring Mr. Morris' arm. Mr. Morris says his elbow was resting on the sash at the time of the accident. His arm was fractured and badly bruised, which he claims necessitated his taking to bed. The amount of damage which he claims is

The vestibule on the Seaboard train rom Washington was delayed four hours this morning on account of a wreck about 20 miles beyond Raleigh. It seems from what can be "caught flying around" hat a freight train broke loose and that the rear section overtook the front sec-tion, crushing into it with tremendous force. Cars were derailed and wreckage piled up in a big mass. It is not learned whether any one was injured. The wreck was not cleared from the track in time for the vestibule to pass and a transfer was made.

National Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. J. Y. McRae and Mr. M. T. Leach, who have been to Denver where the Association was in session, have returned to the city. "Little Billie" Bryan, member of the Arrington Investigation Committee, arrived in the city to-day to meet with the

tribunal. As on yesterday, the commit-tee failed to connect. The whole thing is a ridiculous farce. Old man Camp-bell's friends should take him away. He has gone to drinking again.

The lease of the N. C. Railroad to the

Southern was recorded to-day in the Register of Deeds office. It is printed in pamphlet form, and consists of nine large pages, 14,000 words in all.

Royall & Borden will open a new furniture store here soon.

Good breaks continue at the tobacco

Mr. Ernest Martin, of this city, an employe of the S. A. L., and Miss Cade, of Franklinton, daughter of Rev. Baylus Cade, will be married Septem-

Within-a week all the schools will be opening up. The prospect for attend-ance at all the schools and colleges is given out as very high.

[Special Star Telegram.] It was practically agreed by the Democratic silverites present at the meeting here to hold a convention in accordance with the call recently issued. There was some opposition, but it was overcome It was decided not to appoint a National committeeman until after the convention meets. Probably about October

Third Vice President Baldwin, of the Southern Railway, in company with several officials, came here to-day on a special train. They made a quick trip to Selma, carrying Col. Andrews. It was given out that the officers were on a tour of inspection.

The Arrington committee met this afternoon. The sheriff of Nash county was examined. There were no important developments.

LARGE TRADE INDICATED.

Business Men in New York Predict Heavy Fall Trade-Some Even Tall About a Genuine Boom.

The New York Herald of Monday prints the opinions of several business men in that city concerning the outlook for a prosperous Fall trade.

While some of the gentlemen interviewed do not consider the prospects as exceptionally bright, they all say that there is no longer any danger of a return of hard times, and several believe that the conditions are favorable for a genuine "boom."

One noticeable feature is the state ment that the number of clerks and assistants in some of the retail houses already as large as it usually is in October. Such an early opening of the campaign is an important indication of the ble course of husiness, for the fact that buyers are already in the markets six weeks before the usual time shows that the active season will be spread out over a longer period that in recent years. There is little room to doubt that aside from any buying that may be due to a more cheerful feeling than that which has prevailed for several years,

The Race Tracks Project. there is one reason why a large increase of business this Fall is inevitable. Peoyears and have made their old things last as long as possible. The natural re-sult has been to leave consumers with wornout stocks of all kinds of manufactured goods. Merely to replenish the actual waste of one year causes a large increase in trade every Autumn; but now we are practically making up for the wear and tear of three years.

Besides this necessity, a healthy growth of public confidence is a contributing cause of renewed business activity. The approach of better times is felt to be in the air. It is so universal that—to use an old illustration—it gathers force as a snowball gathers snow as it rolls. This is a sentimental reason, of course, but it is none the less potent on that account. Facts are rarely as powerful as sentiment, because their effect may be interpreted in many ways; but when a community once becomes imbued with a belief that prosperity is coming there are few who reason out the result. The majority hasten its advance by taking it for granted.

OCTAVIUS W. COKE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Died at His Home in Raleigh Yesterday All Public Buildings Closed-Funers This Afternoon [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., August 80. Octavius Coke, Secretary of State, assed away at 8.40 o'clock this evening. The change for the worse occurred at here to day. It is said that those who twelve o'clock. All the public buildings were closed immediately. The Governory of the Secretary, and decided to attend the funeral in a body. The family declined to grant the request made by the council to have the remains lie is state in the Capitol building. The tuneral occurs to morrow alternoon at 5

o'clock in Christ's Episcopal Church. Secretary Coke was born in Virginia in 1840. He was Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Commutee in 1880; State Senator from Chowan, and was appointed Secretary of State by Gov. Fowle in 1891; was elected to succeed himself in 1892.

The Governor has offered a reward for Arthur Tucker-one hundred dollars. He is wanted for murder in Montgomery county.

Justice Phillips says the Arrington tribunal will conduct the examination behind closed doors. The Governor honors a requisition

from South Carolina for Charles Lloyd, under arrest at Sanford, He is wanted for murder in Lancaster county, S. C. By United Press.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 80 -Octavius Coke, Secretary of State, died at his ome here this afternoon, after over five weeks' illness of typhoid fever, during nearly all of which time he was delirious. He was born at Williamsburg, Va., in 1840, his father being a wealthy planter there. At the beginning of the war he entered the Confederate service, and served gallantly throughout the war, attaining the rank of captain. He was severely wounded at Sharpsburg. He became a lawyer soon after the war and located at Edenton, N. C., where he married Miss Elizabeth Wood. 1876 he was elected State Senator. In 1879 hs married Miss Kate Fisher, of this city, and made Raleigh his home, becoming a planter as well. In 1880 he was elected Democratic State Chairman. and thereafter was always a leading figure in State politics. In April, 1991, on the death of Wm, L. Saunders, Governor Fowle appointed him Secretary to fill the vacancy, and the following year he was unanimously nominated by his party and elected. He was a brother of Senator Richard Coke, of Texas, J. A. Coke and Alexander Coke, prominent attorneys of Richmond, Va., and Dr. L Coke, of Martin county, N. C. He eaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. He was one of the finest orators in the State.

The Council of State was convened by Gov. Carr this afternoon, and the amily was requested to permit the remains to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol. The family declined the request. His funeral will take place rom Christ Episcopal Church, of which e was a member, to-morrow afternoon The Council of State adopted the folowing resolution: "That in the death of Octavius Coke we, his associates in the Executive Department of the State of North Carolina, have lost an able counsellor and a warm friend, and the state a faithful and distinguished officer, and we tender to his family our sincere sympathy in their great afflic-

feeting of the McRaes. It is announced that an interesting gathering somewhat out of the regular order of conventions will be held in Atlanta during the Exposition this Fall. It has been proposed by prominent Mc-Raes in seven States to meet at the Exposition on a given date and have a conention of the name, which is quite a numerous one in Georgia, South Caro-lina, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, and the name convention was first suggested by Dr. K. G. McRae, a prominent resident of Hope, Arkansas, in a letter to A. H. McRae, of McRae, Ga., and it has been eft with the latter to select the date for the meeting and make the necessary

There is some interesting history consected with the name McRae in Scotland and this country, and no doubt an interchange of reminiscences at such a convention will prove to be very interesting and profitable to those in at-

THE FALL TRADE WEST.

Incouraging Indications-Country Mer chants Laying in Great Stocks.

The St. Louis Chronicle says: "Encouraging indications are to be seen on all sides that the trade in St. Louis during the coming Fall will be a recordbreaker. Manufacturers and wholesale establishments are increasing their working forces to fill orders pouring in from the South and West and from all the circumjacent territory North and East. Great stocks of all kinds are being laid n by the far-sighted country merchant. He sees an unprecedented Fall trade at the doors. A consideration of the depression in 1893 in connection with the present condition of trade is interesting only historically. The Spring of 1894 saw recuperation. The Fall of 1894 saw a normal condition of things, and the Fall of 1895 will see unexampled activity."

The committees on race tracks and days since) are hard at work and have met with much success. A large number of citizens are interested and a general meeting will be called one night this week to consider plans and select a place where the tracks will be built. Enough money has already been subscribed to guarantee a thousand dollar combination track and grounds; but the aim of the "sports" is to surpass anything in the South, and they will make strenuous efforts to get capital enough to have a Fair ground also. The committees will begin work in earnest tomorrow and see the merchants and business men generally. ness men generally.

- Mr. Washington Biggs, of Vineand, visited the STAR office yesterday. He is engineer on Capt. Van Richardson's Short-line railroad, which is kept busy hauling cypress timber to the big shingle mill owned by the latter,

NEGRO CONVENTION. Called to Meet in Raleigh September 11th to Give Expression to Their Desires.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 29 .- A call or a negro State Convention has been issued, the date being September 11th. It says that the negroes have certain things they desire to say to the people of the State generally, along the line of industrial, educational and political welfare, and believe the present to be the most opportune time to give expression to their desires, it being between elections and a time free from political excitement. It is asserted that it will be the most portant gathering of negroes that has taken place since their freedom. They desire to say to the politicians of the State what they should do for the negroes, who compose three fourths of party. The call says, we desire to use that voting intelligently so that the results of our voting may redound in benefit to the whole race, rather than to a few men who attempt to lead our race to get places for themselves. We want a large appropriation for colored schools. We want a colored man appointed or nominated to some office of dignity and honor in the State. We want an equal distribution of the smaller offices among colored and white alike. We realize that if we leave this matter to the average politician we can never get the recognition demanded. Now is the time to speak in no uncertain way, so those who expect our votes will give us consideration. We have been voting thirty years, and although the men we vote for get elected we are not benefitted. The only way of remedying this evil is in union and the expression of the best sentiment of our people in the State.

MINISTER RANSOM

Took the Oath of Office-Will Leave fo Mexico in a Week or Two. WASHINGTON, August 29,-Hon? Matt W. Ransom arrived in Washington last night, and bright and early this morning appeared at the State Department, where he took the oath of office before a notary public to enable him to resume the duties of the Mexican mission, Mr. Ransom's suspended salary will be resumed from the date of oath. He will remain in Washington a day or two and then go to North Carolina, whence he will take his departure for

Mexico a week or ten days later. A rumor was current about the Department to-day that Mr. Ransom's hysicians had advised him not to return to Mexico, but the Minister himself stated to a reporter that this was untrue. He expected, he said, to go to Mexico this time in far better physical condition than he was last Spring, and that he would experience no ill effects from his stay there. The story probably had its origin in the fact that Dr. Bray, Superintendent of the American Hospital in Mexico, who attended the late Minister Gray in his last illness and who was also called in by

Mr. Ransom, advised the State Department that Mr. Ransom could not stand the climate of that place. Dr. Bibb, surgeon general of the Mexican Central Railway, who also attended the Minister, differed from Dr. Bray, and he told Mr. Ransom that if he would return to the United States and recover his wonted health he could then go to Mexico with as much assurance of main-

taining his health as any one. It was learned to-day that when the question of Mr. Ransom's right to hold the office of Minister to Mexico was raised in the Treasury Department, he at once forwarded his resignation to the President, in order that the latter might not be embarrassed. It is understood both the President and Mr. Ransom believed that the appointment as Minister to Mexico was not completed until the latter accepted the position and qualified, which was not done until after his term as Senator had expired. The fact that Mr. Ransom resigned the office disposes of all speculation regarding the manner of payment of his salary from July 1 to August 24, the date of his re-appointment. It will not be paid at all.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Cholera Bayaging the City of Nankin-The Anti-Poreign Spirit Spreading-More Outrages on Christians.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 81,-The steamer Coptic arrived from China and Japan shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, a day ahead of time. Cholera s committing terrible ravages in the city of Nankin. At first only the central part of the town, but now the plague is everywhere, and the mortality is very great. Cheng-Tu has been decorated with placards accusing the Japa-nese of stirring up Shen Chuen riots in order to embarrass the Pekin Government, and promising the Christians that if they will worship idole and conform to the customs of the multitude they shall be spared. In spite of all that has happened the officials suffer these placards to remain exposed. The anti-foreign spirit seems to be spreading. A riot occurred at Fat Shan, or August 7th, and the mission was attackd, but no particulars are known. The rench mission at Huyen in Kiang Chang was also attacked by a mob, but its inmates made a stout resistance with

**COTTON WORMS** 

Doing Serious Damage to the Crop in Mi insippt.

firearms and beat off their assailants.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. JACKSON, August 81 .- M. L. Jenkins, Manager and Superintendent of the State's immense farming interests, more than 15,000 acres, being cultivated by convict labor, is just back from a tour of inspection through the counties of Washington, Holmes, Sunflower and Issaquena, and talks like a calamity howler about cottes worms. He says the boll age and that caterpillars have begun to web in alarming numbers,

ILLINOIS LYNCHERS Poiled in an Attempt to Lynch a Murderer,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. IONESBORO, ILL., Aug. 81 .- A mob of over one hundred men gathered here at one o'clock for the purpose of lynching

demanded that Jones be given up. The sheriff had kept himself posted, and Jones was early in the night driven to Dongola, ten miles south of here, where he wis placed on a train and taken to Carriel for safe keeping. The mobwell oot disperse until a committee has pen allowed to search the jail. This is the sixth murder in Union county in the last fourteen months.

NO. 45

Ex-Coogressman Henderson was in

the city last night. He conversed with well-known silver men while here. There is no doubt that the man killed at Wilson was Scanlan, who was under arrest here. He lived for a time in Dor-

FUNERAL OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE

mines of the State Alliance to Session The Cruiser Baleigh Fund-Palot Cotton

Mills-Walter Renry-Democrats Op posed to Helding the Silver Conven-

[Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 81, 1895.

Walter Henry is very much wrought up over a comment made by a Fusionist

which appeared in a paper in this city. The Pilot Cotton Mill Company is msking several new additions to the factory. They are erecting a cotton storage warehouse 50 by 90. It will be built of brick. Three nest cottages will be

completed at an early date. An effort is being made to supplement the fund to procure a testimonial for the cruiser Raleigh. The ladies have the

matter in hand. The members of the Presbyterian Church will at no distant date build a handsome place of worship. The edifice will be one of the handsomest in the State, and one that will be an ornament to the city. While the matter has not definitely taken shape, it is the opinion of most of the members that a new church should be built. To this end, a number of gentlemen, prominent in the church, held a meeting last Monday night and adopted unanimously resolu-tions favoring the building of the church. Further action will be taken

to-morrow. Dr. Simpson, the President of the National Pharmaceutical Association, received high praise in Denver for his administration. He made recommendations in his address which were very favorably received.

Boys are on one side of Fayetteville street distributing circulars announcing that Rev. Mr. Phillips, of the Arrington Committee, will preach to-morrow, while the Rev. Phillips is wobbling all over the opposite side as drank as a fish. While the spectacle is almost blasphemous, it also has its ridiculous side. Phillips kept straight until to day. "Chief Justice" Campbell is jaggier than usual. Bryan has gone home. There was a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which three witnesses testified. Attorney Purnell is as good as conducting the whole examination. Mrs. Arrington says she is opposed to the meetings being secret.

At the Capitol to-day no business was transacted. The Department of Secre-tary of State was draped. The flags on the capitol were at half-mast. The greatest sympathy is expressed for the dead Secretary and family. The funeral State and city officers attending. The funeral was conducted from Christ Episcopal Church by Dr. M. M. Marshall. assisted by Dr. Pittinger. The pall bearers were Armistead Jones, Fied Saunders, C. H. Belvin, A. B. Andrews, O. H. Day, T. S. Kenan, J. W. Wilson, B. P. Williamson. The procession to the grave was very large.

The executive committee of the State Alliance was in session here to-day. No business has been transacted so far. The opponents of holding the silver convention among the Democrats in conference here yesterday were Congressman Lockhart and Editors Daniel and Dowd. They did not think it advisable to hold the convention at this time. The majority of those present, including Mr. Smith, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Horne and others favored it. Mr. Smith says he is getting a number of responses to the call. It is his intention to have a monster mass meeting rather than a convention. He says he expects the meeting will occur about the first week in Oc-

An ex-Democratic Congressman has written Mr. Chambers Smith endorsing his course. Mr. Smith says his letter is the most pointed article on the question Wake Forest has 170 students en-

BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R. The Proposed Connection With the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley and Roancke &

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. BALTIMORE, August 31 .- When President Mayer, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, returns from Europe next week, a proposition will be submitted to him by Second Vice President King, of the Baltimore & Ohio, and Gen. John Gill, receiver of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road, providing for an extension of the Valley Branch from Lexington to Roanoke, and for bringing the Baltimore & Ohio into close alliance with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley and the Roanoke Southern Railroads, Messrs. Gill and King have just returned from a trip through the Virginia valley, and they re-port that a general desire was shown by

the people to have the Baltimore & Ohio make the proposed extension. By reaching Roanoke and having close affiliations with the Roznoke & Southern and the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley lines, the Baltimore & Ohio would secure an entrance into a wide area of territory, with the possibility of close rela-tions with the Norfolk & Western at

ARRESTED CUBANS

Charged With Violation of the Neutrality Laws and Held Under Bond for Trial. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, DEL., August 31.—The wenty Cubans arrested at Penn's Grove. N. J., yesterday, were arraigned before Acting United States Commissioner McAllister this morning. The court room was crowded. The Commissioner read to each man separately the charge, and each pleaded not guilty. Ralph DeSoto, of this city, agent of the Cubans here. acted as interpreter.

The charge against the men was violation of the neutrality laws, under section 5287, United States Revised Statutes. At the conclusion of the hearing Commissioner McAllister held the accused in \$300 bail each for court. It is expected that they will get bail. Ralph DeSoto, who was one of the leaders in the expedition, may be held by the Commissioner on Monday.

MICHIGAN MINE STRIKERS - Used.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star ISHPEMING, MICH., August 81 .- Four crews of men to operate as many steam John Jones, wito beat and kicked to shovels will reach Ishpeming to-night, death Mrs. Mendenthal, on the Fair and on Monday morning will begin the grounds, yesterday afternoon. The mob secured a rope and went to the jail and piles of the Lake Superior. Cleveland. and on Monday morning will begin the work of loading cars from ore stock piles of the Lake Superior, Cleveland, Lake Angeline and Buffalo mines. They will be furnished protection by local deputies, and if these are not sufficient to resist the opposition of the strikers the military will be called upon. The strikers are parading in Ishpeming this afternoon, Neganumee men joining with those from this place. The strikers claim they will fight the deputies or militia if the steam shovels are started,